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# PrideFest Looks to Increased Attendance with Headliners Taylor Dayne and RuPaul

## Others Take Up Reins on Pride Parade

By Holly Grey

Performers, entertainers, beer drinkers, skin bearers, posers, rainbow paraphernalia wearers, dance tent participants, mullet modelers, children in strollers, protesters, couples holding hands, drag queens and kings, GUPPIES, PFLAG moms and people of all ages, colors and sexual orientations are anticipated to swarm the Maier Festival Grounds, June 11 and 12, to celebrate LGBTness at PrideFest 2005. Nearly 15,807 did so last year and organizers hope to attract 18,000 or more to the two-day event next month.

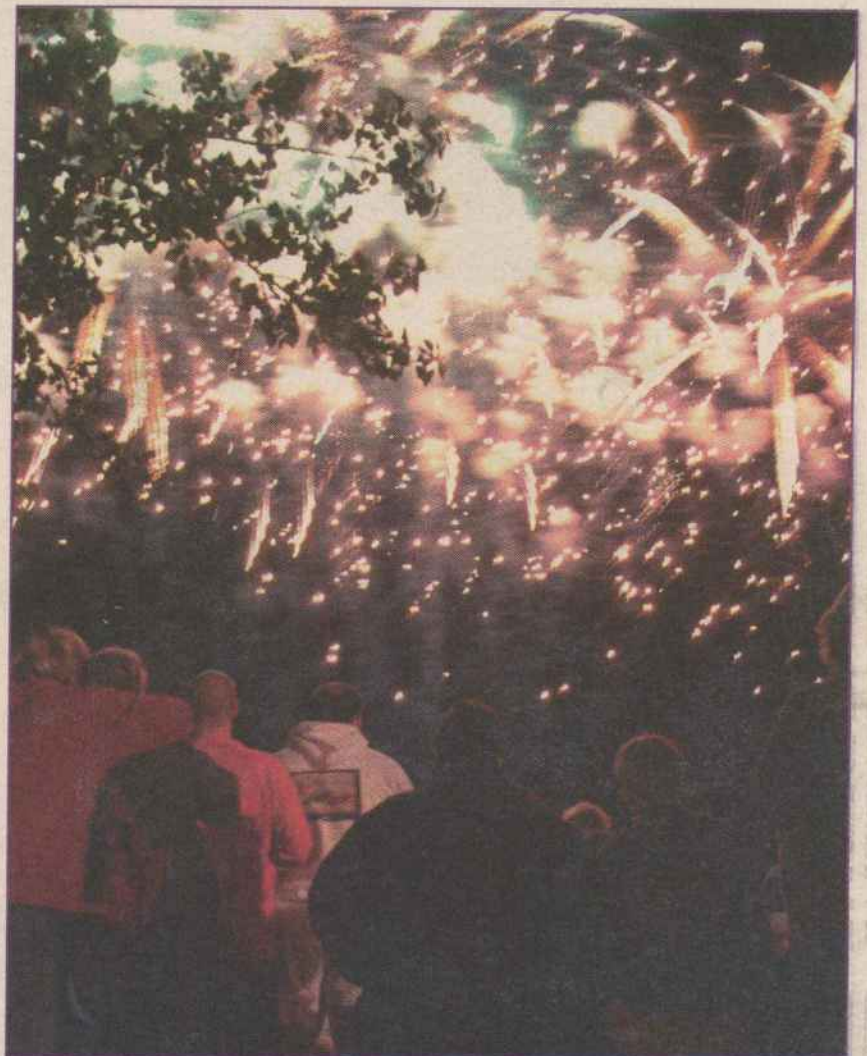
### Dealing with Debt

Allegations of mismanagement and debt have hounded this celebration over the past couple of years. Yet despite these tribulations, the LGBT community and its supporters have come out in droves to celebrate. "We have been able to garner additional sponsors and to attract diverse entertainers at very reasonable prices to PrideFest 2005," explained Scott Gunkel, president of the PrideFest Task Force. "All this helps toward paying off our debt while, we believe, providing a top-notch event."

Unwilling to give the exact current debt amount, Gunkel claimed the debt is being managed "well" in conjunction with The Milwaukee World Festival. Arrangements for reduced payments over the next three years have been made and cash flow from PrideFest sponsors is being used to pay the debt. According to Gunkel, the six-member PrideFest Task Force has been hypersensitive about checking and re-checking their spending against cash flow. "Everything is reviewed and re-reviewed and our budgets are on target for this year," he explained.

"In addition to our debt, we feel the management structure of PrideFest has been confusing and not accessible to people," claims Paul Williams, secretary of the Task Force. To assist the Task Force in addressing these issues a Transition Adviser team, made up of experts in non-profit management, has been created to help the Task Force in their outreach efforts. They have also been asked to provide assistance in recommending and creating a sustainable and well-functioning infrastructure to be used in the years to come. "PrideFest started as a grassroots organization years ago that just grew and grew and it's still a work in progress. The Transition Adviser team will assist us in moving forward," reiterated Williams.

Along with balancing the books and restructuring management, the Task Force and its army of volunteers have been concentrating on ways to attract more visitors to PrideFest this year. "We are hoping the diversity of the entertainment will draw a larger crowd. We spent a lot of time looking for a wide range of entertainment to attract folks to the event," explained Gunkel. "We are extremely happy we were able to procure the entertainers we have on the lineup and I am confident there will be a little bit for everyone."



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— Scott Gunkel

### Festival Highlights

PrideFest 2005 will feature Taylor Dayne, RuPaul, Jason Stuart, Sophie B. Hawkins, Jade Esteban Estrada and Pamela Means among other performers.

In addition to the onstage entertainment, an all-new Sheep's Head Tournament will take place. Organizers are hoping this tournament will attract more people from across the state. Another addition this year is a new-

ly created video greeting recorded by comedian, writer, actor and producer John McGivern. This recording will be used as people enter the Festival grounds, welcoming them and giving directions and instructions.

"All the food vendors are back, along with the Plymouth Church-sponsored Children's Area, the recorded interviews and discussions by the Milwaukee History Project in the Stonewall Area. The community rally will be held on Saturday featuring politicians Russ Feingold, Tammy Baldwin, Tim Carpenter and Gwen Moore," said Gunkel.

### Raining on the Parade

One major difference this year is the PrideFest Task Force decision not to be involved in coordinating a Pride Parade in conjunction with the event. "This conclusion was reached after analyzing last year's survey respondents' statements and from the feedback we were given during consultations conducted with other pride event and parade organizers in other comparably sized cities," explained Karen Gotzler during a recent PrideFest Town Hall

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## Gay Arts Center Targeted by Homophobic Zealots

By Sura Faraj

The sidewalk outside the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, which was the featured gallery for Gallery Night and Day, was the stage used by right-wing Christian homophobes to showcase their ideology. On Friday, April 15, during Gallery Night, a handful of members of Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) — all men — set up a protest on the corner of 2nd and Pierce Streets.

Carrying signs that said, "Homosexuality is a sin" and "Christ can set you free," four men stood outside unsuccessfully trying to persuade gallery attendees to take biblical tracts entitled "What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality."

Paul Masterson, curator of the Gay Arts Center, took some quick photos while gallery visitors enjoyed the art. Masterson had a concerned but creative attitude and noted that the protest helped to call attention to the Gay Arts Center and LGBT issues. He said, "It keeps us aware, it makes people aware that we're not accepted and that we have to confront the reality of those who are trying to deny us rights."

One of the protestors, armed with a bible, insisted that "Jesus said, 'Marriage is between one man and one woman.'" He tried in vain to find the nonexistent verse. (What Jesus actually spoke out about, and against, was divorce. — Matthew 19:3-12)

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## Homophobe Watch

These "Christians" have targeted the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center twice in the last month. They are not willing to listen or engage in dialogue. Their mission is only to preach that homosexuality is sinful. Jesus called the fundamentalists

of his day "hypocrites," because they followed the letter of the law, while missing the spirit. The same applies today to those who selectively obsess on bible verses, while missing the simple, "Judge not, lest ye be judged."





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**PRIDEFEST** *continued from page 1*

meeting. Gotzler is with Urban Strategies, a Milwaukee-based company hired by the PrideFest Task Force to conduct the survey, analyze the results and provide recommendations to the Task Force based on these findings. "We found that in most cities with successful parades, the number of volunteer hours and parade budgets were similar to the total investment made in Milwaukee's PrideFest event," said Gotzler.

Gotzler advocated that the PrideFest Task Force focus stay concentrated on the actual PrideFest event even though the survey results indicated that 60 percent of respondents felt it was important to have a parade in conjunction with PrideFest. "We felt, based on Urban Strategies' findings and recommendation, that the Task Force spend its time, energy and resources on creating the best PrideFest event possible," said Gunkel. This decision has created the opportunity for others to organize a parade.

**Others Take Up Parade Reins**

In March, roughly a dozen local business owners convened to begin discussions about coordinating a Pride Parade to be held PrideFest weekend. According to James Kuchta, local businessman and Pride Parade organizer, a route has been secured for the "Laverne & Shirley"-themed parade on Sunday, June 12, with step-off beginning at 2 p.m. The route will start on 1st Street at Greenfield Avenue, proceed west to South 2nd Street, then head north on South 2nd, ending at Seeboth Street. Kuchta stated that he intentionally procured this route to "encompass as many bars as possible."

"To date, area bars have raised \$1,200 towards the estimated \$9,314 needed to fund the parade," explained Kuchta. "\$2,314 is needed for a City of Milwaukee parade permit and \$1,000 or so is needed for miscellaneous expenses. \$6,000 is needed to cover insurance

costs." The City of Milwaukee requires the organizers to carry \$1 million in liability and property damage insurance before they will issue a permit. Kuchta is currently working on securing financial support from a major beer company sponsor to help cover these costs and is looking to the LGBT community at large for additional financial support.

Organizers hope to make the Pride Parade held the weekend of PrideFest a tradition in Milwaukee.

**'Laverne & Shirley' themed parade kicks off Sunday, June 12 at 2 p.m.**

To this end, a meeting has been scheduled for August 2005 to create a nonprofit organization that will manage and coordinate future Pride Parades. "Once the nonprofit organization has been established, our intent is to begin planning for the 2006 Pride Parade in September. We want to start planning early to ensure a well-organized and successful

event," said Kuchta.

"I am concerned this planned 2005 parade does not represent the entire LGBT constituency. This is not to say we don't wish them success, but we are concerned with what is best for the community in the long run," commented Scott Gunkel.

Gunkel hopes that with the assistance and recommendations of the Transition Adviser team the Task Force can, with time, begin again to concentrate on issues and events other than PrideFest that are important to the community — including the parade. "In the meantime," states Paul Williams enthusiastically, "I'm all for a parade. It gets us out into the streets and that, in the end, benefits PrideFest."

Volunteers are still needed for each event over the June 11 and 12 weekend. For more information on getting involved with the Pride Parade, go to [www.prideparademke.com](http://www.prideparademke.com) or call 414-915-3806. For information about getting involved with PrideFest, go to [www.pridefest.com](http://www.pridefest.com) or call 414-272-3378.



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Masterson says, "This isn't the message of Christ. If anything it's totally contradictory to it. If you're actually living a Christian life, you're out there loving others and not judging them."

The tract that protestors were handing out was slick and professional, printed on glossy paper with a stylized design. It's clear at first glance that it is coming from a well-funded organization, yet it contains the unpolished rhetoric and out-of-context quoting of selected verses from both the Old and the New Testaments typical of extremist Christian literature.

The tract, written by the self-titled Pastor Ralph Ovadal, who heads both WCU and the unlicensed Pilgrim Cov-

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enant Church in Monroe, Wis., calls for recriminalizing homosexual acts.

A search of WCU's Web site gives an unambiguously clear understanding of what this group believes. One piece, "Is Someone You Know a Bigger?" argues against using the terms "gay" and "lesbian" and for the use of "sodomite" and "bugger." Ovadal's reason? He wants to "frame the debate," and so he gives definitions: Bigger: One guilty of the crime against nature. A vile wretch. Buggery: That unnatural and detestable crime of carnal intercourse of man or woman with a beast; or of human beings unnaturally with each other. Sodomy.

Another tract is entitled "A Little Discrimination Can Be a Good Thing." In it, Ovadal compares homosexuality to bestiality. "Almost no one would condone a law which would force landlords to rent to those who engage in bestiality or a statute which would require employers to hire drug addicts." He continues with over-the-top claims comparing gay people with Jeffrey Dahmer.

In "Rape, Murder and Homosexuality," Ovadal compares "sodomites" to cannibals. He credits the conqueror/oppressor Cortez (referring to him as an "explorer") with writing that "the blood-encrusted Aztec priests who spent their days brutally murdering human sacri-

fices to the Aztec gods were sodomites who found time to engage in a few other pursuits such as cannibalism." He asks, "Why on the average do homosexuals tend toward violence so much more than the rest of mankind?"

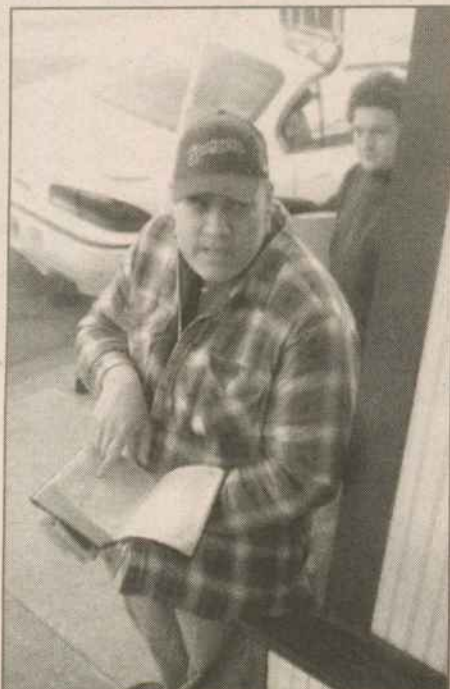
Ovadal doesn't limit his protests to gay people. His targets include abortion, the Catholic Church, and nudists. On the recent death of the Pope, Ovadal wrote, "That the pope and his church are evil is an understatement."

Undaunted by ineffectual protests, the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center will continue with the present show through May. The show highlights three Milwaukee-specific panels of the AIDS quilt and art by Steve Slaske, Maureen Kane, Ross Johnston and Jef Raasch in diverse media exploring loss, remembrance, compassion, passion and life.

A Pride Art show will open on PrideFest eve, Friday, June 10, and will showcase the work of Christine Taylor, photography; Joe Simon, acrylic paintings; Ross Johnston, three-dimensional tiered constructions; and Greg Jacobson, multimedia painted images.

Also, in June, RSVP Productions brings "Twilight of the Golds" to the stage, and in August, Uncommon Theatre presents "Naked Boys Singing."

In addition to art shows, the Gay Arts Center is the location of Monday night yoga classes, the "check-in" location for the LGBT Center's Rainbow Tour of Homes on June 18 in the Walker's Point neighborhood, and the host of various other events of interest to the queer community. The Gay Arts Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# Gay Dancer Treats Coming Out as Just Another Stage

By Tim Grair

Ballet dancer Ian Grosh is a voluble young man whose self-assured attitude belies his 22 years of age. He recently moved back to Milwaukee after a two-year apprenticeship with an east coast ballet company. I met up with him on a rainy day at Lava Java during a break from rehearsals for the upcoming performance of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" to discuss the evolution of his career.

We began by exploring the roots of his interest in dance. Grosh's younger sister took dance lessons as a child, and Grosh was intrigued enough to try dance himself. In fourth grade, he began taking jazz and tap lessons, quickly graduating to ballet. Both Grosh and his sister were performance-oriented, "We loved to put on shows in our garage," he said.

It was in high school that Grosh became serious about dance and decided on ballet as a career. He took lessons at the Milwaukee Ballet School throughout the school year and took six-week intensive summer programs with the Joffrey Ballet in New York and Chicago as well as with the Boston Ballet.

Grosh had a hectic schedule throughout high school. He would go to one class in the morning at West Bend East, head to the Milwaukee Ballet School for training, return to West Bend for four more classes, then back to the Ballet for more dance, finally rounding off the day with homework. "It was almost like college, only earlier," Grosh explained, "It was a fast-forwarded world," that forced him to become more professional, mature and grounded during his teen years.

This early maturity saved him a lot of hassle when he came out between his junior and senior years of high school. Although he doesn't remember "ever really not knowing I was [gay]" and says, "Growing up I didn't compartmentalize my personality," coming out was another story. According to Grosh, "Dancers have to be very self-aware." This self-awareness led him to treat coming out as "probably just like a stage in my life."

The only thing that made him hesitant was the reaction of others. He wasn't worried about rejection as his family was "very supportive." He also had a strong group of friends. What concerned Grosh was taking something that was his issue and making it everyone's issue. In the end, he decided that coming out was better for all concerned. "My being out made it a lot easier for them to deal with" the various pressures of having a gay friend or family member. He attributes this to the attitude he adopted. "When I came out, I didn't make being gay who I was," he said, but rather a part of who he always was.

Again, the ballet offered him support. He knew various gay dancers at the ballet school and in the ballet company, although he is quick to point out that, despite the stereotype, in his experience "the majority of dancers here are straight, the same as in Boston." Yet, the ballet world is very accepting. Grosh joked, "It would probably be different if I was an accountant."

He met other gay people once he came out, including friends from grade school and middle school. He started one of the earliest support groups for gay teens at West Bend East High School, which was similar to the more recent Gay/Straight Alliance. Grosh felt relieved and excited

as he found a new sense of power. "I was very happy and I wouldn't change [being gay] if I could." The smile on his face confirmed this.

After exploring several programs, including one now defunct at Julliard, Grosh jumped at the chance when he was offered a position as an apprentice at the Boston Ballet where he studied and performed for two years.

On a trip home to visit his parents over Easter, he met Michael Pink, who had recently joined the Milwaukee Ballet. Pink offered Grosh a job so he has returned to Milwaukee. Grosh has danced several leads in the two years that he's been back. Last season he performed as Johnny in Paul Taylor's "Company B" and "red boy" in Lila York's "Celts." This season he was seen in two roles in Michael Pink's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and is looking forward to his role as Monostatos in Mark Godden's "The Magic Flute."

Monostatos is "emotional all the time, he's jealous and always trying to one-up" the other characters. According to Grosh, the treatment of "The Magic Flute" is "contemporary but with a strong ballet vocabulary; it's a collage of styles." Speaking of styles, the costumes will be, "sixties campy: fur vests and velvet smoking jackets." In a rarity for a ballet, it will be presented with vocals. (For those who know Mozart only from "Amadeus," "The Magic Flute" was the "peoples" opera.)

"The Magic Flute" is a Milwaukee premiere and this is possibly the first time that "Flute" has been presented as ballet. "I like being in new works," said Grosh enthusiastically. "You feel like you're creating something." He was particularly happy to dance in a new piece from John Utans as part of the Pabst series this past winter. As for warhorses like "The Nutcracker," "It's a challenge to take something existing and make it your own."

Grosh likes the direction of the Milwaukee Ballet. He said Michael Pink strives to "make ballet accessible and human, to make the emotion true and the acting real and honest." This takes hard work. The physical labor is obvious, but there is emotional work as well. Grosh quoted dance legend Martha Graham, "Dancers always bare our necks." This means a dancer is not just physically on display, but emotionally naked as well. "Dancers are always in a vulnerable place," he elaborated. "We have to be emotionally open. If you aren't comfortable in your own skin, you can't play some-

one else."

But the ballet offers its own balm for this. Not only is there the rush of performing for an audience but also there is a "bond with the other dancers, a very specific camaraderie" that comes with shared experience.

Ballet is a physical art and there is a real fear of injury. "Thankfully I haven't had any serious injuries. One of my best friends just broke her foot." Grosh said that she seems well on her way to recovery but, still, it's frightening to know that a career in dance could be "impossible the next day."

"I can't see myself without some ballet in my world, it's in my blood," Grosh said. He referred to dance as "an inextricable facet of my personality. You have crazy highs and lows and it's frustrating when you have a bad day because you're very self-critical, always wanting to be better, do more, always moving. But I had to realize that perfection is unattainable. You have to suffer the madness. Most of the time it evens out."

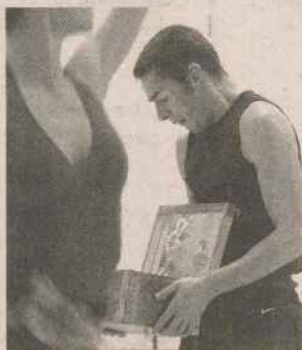
As for body-image pressure, as always it's worse for women, but Grosh says that Michael Pink is more concerned that the dancers are "on top of their game and in shape, always working hard" than a particular weight or size.

Beyond "The Magic Flute," Grosh is looking forward to "Wide Sky Dance Project," a collaboration of DanceWorks with a cast of about 30 dancers from various backgrounds. This will be performed in May or June with the theme "What Moves You."

"The Magic Flute" will be performed May 12 to 15 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. For ticket information, visit [www.milwaukeeballet.org](http://www.milwaukeeballet.org) or call 414-643-7677.



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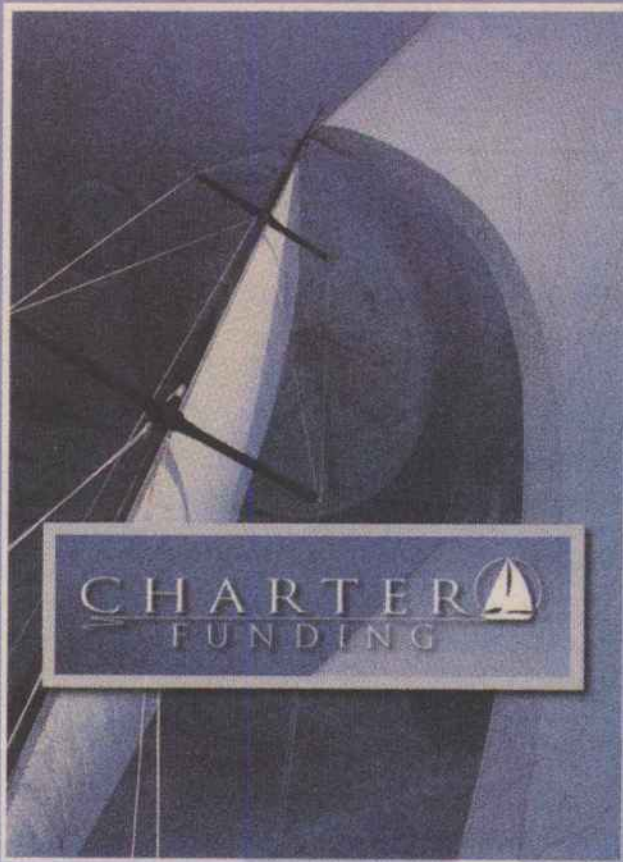
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# MPD Launches Expanded 'Cultural Competency' Training LGBT Leaders Pushed for Expanded Program

By Jamakaya

Testimony by lesbian and gay police officers and firefighters before the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission in 2003 has led to the creation of a comprehensive new "cultural competency" training program within the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD).

With renewed concern about police-community relations in the wake of the beating of Frank Jude Jr. and the police shootings of Wilbert Prado and Tou Yang, community leaders say the expanded training comes at a critical time.



Captain Mary Hoerig

"There's clearly a lot of work to do, but we've made a good start in establishing more professional and long-term training for all levels at the police department — from recruits to the command staff," said Gary Hollander, a gay community leader and training consultant to the Fire and Police Commission.

"The chief and the command staff set the tone for the entire department," Hollander noted. "Now more than ever, they are committed to improving and enforcing professional standards throughout the department."

The origins of the new training lie in the Sobczak Commission Report of 2003, named after openly gay Fire and Police Commissioner Leonard Sobczak. Sobczak, a businessman and

community activist, was appointed to the Commission by Mayor John Norquist.

In 2003, Sobczak invited LGBT members of the fire and police departments to testify before the Commission about the climate they face in the workplace. The hearing included compelling stories about harassment and homophobic and racist jokes on the job, particularly within the police department.

Sergeant Louise Schaefer testified at the time: "If this is how police officers treat each other, then how do they treat citizens when they go to a call for service?"

"It really felt like a turning point," Sobczak said of the hearing. "All the members of the Commission really understood that something needed to be done."

## The Sobczak Commission Report

The Commission empowered Sobczak to head an ad hoc committee made up of representatives of the fire and police de-

partments, the unions representing fire and police department personnel, and members of the LGBT community. They drafted a set of recommendations which were adopted by the commission and, according to Sobczak, "enthusiastically" endorsed by the newly appointed Milwaukee Police Chief, Nannette Hegerty. Hegerty is required to report regularly on implementation of the plan.

## Among the recommendations were:

1) "Gender expression" should be included as a protected category in the departments' diversity statements, and domestic partner and survivor benefits should be made available to LGBT employees.

2) A "climate survey" should be administered to gauge the attitudes of personnel toward fellow workers who are LGBT and/or of various racial, religious, ethnic and age groups.

3) The importance of diversity should be addressed during the application process for recruits, and professional training on all aspects of diversity should be presented during recruit training and to command staff, with additional inservice diversity training provided to all ranks.

4) Personnel policies must include explicit statements that forbid discrimination and outline reporting and investigative procedures for violations of the policy; the reporting process should be streamlined and measures must be taken to protect complainants from retaliation.

5) An "early warning system" should be set up to monitor and remediate the performance of employees who exhibit intolerance toward LGBT or other minority colleagues.

6) Chiefs and command staff must model proper behavior, language and attitudes toward LGBT and other minority personnel, and a new category on "Leadership in Diversity" should appear on supervisors' evaluation forms.

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Hoerig is a 14-year veteran of the department who worked for six of those years as a beat cop. She says she has seen attitudes change considerably over the years, to the extent that she feels comfortable letting colleagues know that she's gay.

"I've never really hidden who I am," she said. "At the same time, I don't want to be seen as a 'poster child' or 'the gay woman' on the force. I really want to be judged by the work I do."

"I don't expect everybody to accept who I am but I want to be treated like a normal human being. I don't want anyone to treat me differently because of who I am, and I think that's what everyone wants. If we treat everyone the same, with fairness and dignity and respect, then we're doing our job."

Hoerig brought together a core team within the department to work on redesigning and strengthening its diversity training. The first step was the climate survey which was developed with assistance from the Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Administered last year, the climate survey gauged the feelings of MPD personnel toward their jobs, relationships with colleagues and attitudes toward diversity. Results of the survey were used to develop the materials and subjects to be included in the new training. In addition, Hoerig said, "The climate survey was a way for us to judge where we are internally so that 18 months from now we can re-survey and measure if we've made any strides."

Rather than bringing in representatives of community groups to talk to officers, the group decided to "train the trainers" within the MPD first. Experts from the Law Enforcement Foundation in Texas came to Milwaukee and conducted a weeklong training on issues of cultural competency for police agencies. Gary Hollander supplemented that with additional training techniques.

"We had a really diverse set of people from all ranks and backgrounds involved," said Hoerig. "We did a lot of soul-searching, looking at tapes, looking at ourselves; it was powerful." This core team then determined what the training syllabus and goals would be for the department as a whole.

In January, the newly minted MPD trainers conducted training with MPD supervisors.

"Deputy chiefs on down had to attend this eight-hour block of cultural competency training," said Hoerig. "We talked a lot about supervisory responsibility as it pertains to stopping unprofessional behaviors when you see them, taking quick action and doing the right thing. So it goes beyond just teaching about diversity."

The department then held the first of four annual inservice trainings for all sworn personnel. This 90-minute "foundational session" included an overview of the climate survey results, the changing

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demographics of the city and the MPD, professional standards, and what to expect with diversity training in the future.

## 'Making Good Decisions'

"This isn't just a training that's going to take place over eight hours and then it's done," Hoerig said. "The training is going to be continuous and infinite. Every inservice we hold is going to have a component of cultural competency training. Sometimes it may focus on LGBT issues, other times it may focus on Islamic or African-American issues. We'll try to deal with overall attitudes about culture, and deal with some of our own cultural biases."

"We try to make clear that we're not telling you how to feel or what political or religious view to hold. We're telling you that there are a set of behaviors that have to exist in this police department and here's how we can help you get to that point, where you act professionally and with respect toward your co-workers and to the people you serve. We're giving you this information to help you avoid conflict and so you can make good decisions out there in the street."

"I've been pleased with the response in the police department thus far," Hoerig said. "I went through the training in the early '90s and there was a lot of tension, people arguing and sometimes even mocking the presenters. This time everyone was working together and trying to problem-solve."

"We mirror the city's demographics much better today than we did in 1990," Hoerig said. "We've made leaps and bounds. The numbers of men and women of color in the department and in rank have gone up. Women are now 19 percent of the force and growing. The pool of applicants is more diverse. Recruitment efforts are broader."

Hoerig wants to see community groups more active in cultural competency training down the line, "but we're not at that point yet. We have to get our people to the point where they are culturally aware enough that they will have open minds and listen respectfully to the message."

"This is going to be a steady, ongoing process," Hoerig said. "Chief Hegerty is more committed than ever to building a professional police force that reflects the diversity of our community and that earns the respect of everyone in Milwaukee."

**'There's clearly work to do, but we've made a good start in establishing more professional and long-term training for all levels at the police department.'**

— Gary Hollander



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## Q Life Hits the Field Swinging

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## Community Focus on Police Brutality Continues

Various communities within the City of Milwaukee continue to discuss police brutality in open forums, public meetings and small group circles.

On April 16, about 120 people met in the auditorium of North Division High School at a Justice for Jude rally. Alderman Michael McGee Jr. moderated the meeting and panel members included Alderman Joe Davis; Doris Jude-Porter, Justice for Jude member and Jude's aunt; Judges Russell Stamper and Louis Butler; and members of the Rapid Response Team. According to their brochure, the Rapid Response Team is open to all citizens and has been organized to "monitor the performance of law enforcement agencies as well as civilian activities," among other things.

Frank Jude was present and spoke briefly about how his beating at the hands of the police had affected his life. "I know I look OK now, but inside it's a struggle." He spoke about still having flashbacks at night and the recent nose surgery he had: "I can finally breathe through my nose again." He described briefly what the police did to him and put the racism into perspective. "This isn't the '60s, this is 2005." Jude said he was committed to fighting the cause saying, "I don't want this to happen to my son."

At that meeting a letter was circulated calling for District Attorney E. Michael McCann to prosecute all 13 officers involved in the beating of Jude or face a recall. The letter did not identify who authored or endorsed it.

On April 23, the Community Brainstorming Conference at St. Matthew's Church was filled well past standing-room-only into an overflow capacity. The monthly forum, entitled "Crisis in the Criminal Justice System," attracted 250

people.

Members of the panel were Police Chief Nan Hegerty, District Attorney McCann, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission Eric Johnson, and talk show host Henry Hamilton.

Each panel member gave a brief talk about his or her efforts and perspectives on police brutality and the Frank Jude case, and members of the community followed with comments and questions. With a couple of dozen people in line, Vel Phillips, moderator of the event, asked the long-winded McCann on several occasions to "stop giving speeches" and allow community members to speak.

In addition to these events, regular meetings of a thus far unnamed "metro Milwaukee neighborhood coalition," a racially diverse group of people from all over the city, have occurred biweekly at the offices of the NAACP to discuss police brutality and other police/community relations. Members of the group have expressed disappointment over lack of timely action against racist police officers in the Jude beating and in regard to the recent ruling in favor of white police lieutenants who filed a lawsuit alleging reverse racism against the city in promoting police to commanding positions.

Other community groups continue to meet. Connexus, an LGBT people-of-color group which formed in part around issues of police brutality has now started a list-serv (Connexus-subscribe@yahoo.com). Wisconsin Citizen Action and MICA are holding a Summit on Police Violence and Brutality on May 12 at the Free Spirit Baptist Church. There will also be a three-part series on police/community tensions at the 4th Street Forums at Turner Hall in May. Please see Events Calendar.

## McGee and Pennington at Standoff



Almost three months have passed since Alderman Michael McGee Jr. made a slur against the LGBT community by using the term "faggots" in referring to the police officers who brutalized Frank Jude Jr. Efforts by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to meet with McGee have gone unrewarded. James Pennington, executive director of the Center said, "I've made a few calls to McGee and I stopped by his office to invite him to visit the Center."

As Q Life goes to press, there has still been no response from the alderman.

## Alliance School Hosts Performance Fundraiser

On May 13, from 7 to 10 p.m., The Alliance School of Milwaukee will host an evening of music, dance and comedy at Bucketworks. Comedian Tanya Atkinson, All Girl Power Trio - Skexies, singer/songwriter Ripley Cain, the Miltown King, flag dancer Sura Faraj, the Capoeira Dancers and others will perform for the event in support of The Alliance School.

Bucketworks is located at 1319 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The suggested minimum donation for the evening is \$10 at the door.

Another opportunity to support Alliance School happens on May 26. Many local restaurants and businesses are teaming together to host an evening of dining out for this good cause. Check the Alliance Web site, [www.allianceschool.org](http://www.allianceschool.org) for a list of participating businesses.

Come out, have some fun and see how you can help make this school a reality.

## ACLU Seeks Health Insurance and Family Leave for Lesbian and Gay Wisconsin State Employees

Madison — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit April 20 against the state of Wisconsin on behalf of six lesbian employees and their partners seeking domestic partner health insurance and family leave protections.

"I worked as many hours and just as hard as my straight colleagues and co-workers. I shouldn't be denied the ability to provide my family with health insurance solely because my partner of 29 years is another woman," said Virginia Wolf, a minister and retired English professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Married employees of the State of Wisconsin are permitted to include their spouses and children on the state insurance plan. The lawsuit filed today charges that it violates the state constitution's equal protection guarantees to block lesbian and gay employees, who are barred from marrying in the state, from access to the same coverage for their families.

"This is a matter of basic fairness — of whether gay and lesbian employees should be compensated less than straight employees for doing the same work," said Larry Dupuis of the ACLU of Wisconsin, who noted that along with actual salary, health insurance is an important portion of how employees are compensated.

Diane Schermann, who works for the

Wisconsin Department of Transportation, is a plaintiff in the case with her partner, Michelle Collins. Because they can't afford an individual health insurance policy for Collins, she doesn't have a regular physician, exacerbating health problems she suffers from a back injury.

"Instead of seeing one primary care doctor, Michelle has to rely on a patchwork of free clinic visits, worker's compensation coverage, and emergency care visits. It's difficult to watch my partner live with physical pain, and it makes it more difficult to know that the only thing preventing me from covering her is the fact that we're lesbians," said Schermann.

The lawsuit also seeks equal access to family leave protections provided by the state. Eloise McPike works for the Department of Corrections at a jail in Milwaukee. When her partner of 20 years, Janice Barnett, was severely injured in an out-of-state car accident several years ago, McPike wasn't allowed to leave to be with her as any other state employee would have been able to do.

Instead, she had to submit a formal vacation request and then wait and worry for five days, hundreds of miles away, for it to be approved before she could be by Barnett's side. Though Social Security covered some of Barnett's medical care, the couple now

has to spend \$260 per month on private insurance and prescription drugs because Barnett's injuries only allow her to work part time and she doesn't qualify for insurance.

Jody Helgeland, a research specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Jessie Tanner celebrated their 10th anniversary in December. The couple can't afford private insurance for Tanner, who suffers from severe asthma and allergies. Her medications, which total over \$600 per month, would only cost \$75 per month if she were covered under the state health plan.

Today's lawsuit comes as governments, universities, companies and other employers increasingly extend benefits to employees' domestic partners. The University of Wisconsin is now the only Big Ten university that does not offer domestic partner benefits.

The couples are represented by John Knight and Rose Saxe of the ACLU's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project, Larry Dupuis of the ACLU of Wisconsin, and cooperating attorneys Linda Roberson and Christopher Krimmer of the Madison law firm Balisle & Roberson.

Biographical information for all of the couples is available at [www.aclu.org/lgbt](http://www.aclu.org/lgbt). The case is Helgeland v. Department of Employee Trust Funds.



## Maryland Legislature Passes Medical Decision-Making Act of 2005

Washington — The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) lauded the Maryland Legislature for passing the Medical Decision-Making Act of 2005. The measure, passed April 6, creates a statewide life partnership registry for unmarried couples and extends 11 rights to registered couples, including the rights to hospital visitation, to make medical decisions on behalf of a partner, to make funeral arrangements and to share a room in a nursing home.

"This bill protects couples when they're most vulnerable," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "Banning a same-sex partner at the hospital room door does nothing to serve the greater good. We commend Equality Maryland for its work in getting the bill to the governor's desk. We strongly urge Governor Ehrlich to sign this critical piece of legislation into law."

"The number of stories of individuals who could not be with their partners during times of sickness, childbirth, and surgery is appalling," said Equality Maryland Executive Director Dan Furmansky.

Gov. Robert Ehrlich, a Republican, has not said whether he would sign the bill into law. He has 30 days to act on this bill. He has three options: sign it into law, veto it or do nothing, in which case the measure becomes law.

Maryland would become the seventh state to confer statewide rights on same-sex couples. For other states, visit [www.hrc.org/staterelationshipmap](http://www.hrc.org/staterelationshipmap).

## Establishing Legal Protections for Personal End-of-Life Decisions

By Kathleen E. Hume

The national media's fascination/obsession with the Terri Schiavo case points out a situation that could have ended very differently had Terri's spouse been of the same sex. In that case, her parents would have had all rights before the law to make her healthcare decisions and plan the visitation and memorial services.

The local and national battles the LGBT community is currently fighting with regards to spousal rights and protections for each individual's family of choice make our end-of-life concerns critical. Members of the LGBT community must heed the call to protect themselves and their families.

It is imperative now more than ever that as we create or continue our families we must seek the legal documentation that will enforce and protect our true wishes. Having these documents not only protects our wishes for ourselves and our families in writing, it also provides the necessary tools to the members of our families of choice in dealing with the difficult decisions they will make on our behalf.

In a recent case in Green Bay, a gentleman had listed siblings, with whom he had little contact, as his healthcare agents and personal representatives. When this individual slipped into an unexpected, irreversible coma, the family members refused to allow visitation by the patient's friends and colleagues. The family arranged for a funeral, with limited input from his family of choice or friends within the LGBT community.

It is critical that an individual's desires regarding end-of-life issues be specifically documented. It is also important to list the names of individuals who may call a hospital to check on the status of a patient. These names should appear either on an Addendum to the Medical Power of Attorney

or Declaration to Physicians. New HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) constraints on the sharing of medical and healthcare information have made most healthcare providers, particularly hospitals, more reluctant to provide any information on a patient without the patient's expressed permission.

Finally, individuals should distribute copies of these documents to designated members of their family of choice or friends.

The Schiavo case has focused public attention on end-of-life options. It has heightened our awareness of the necessity of specific documents to avoid a costly and protracted legal battle.

You can get answers to some of your questions on Legal Night at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. Legal Night takes place on the second Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. This program is open on a first come, first served basis.

For those living outside the Milwaukee area, Action Wisconsin ([actionwisconsin.org](http://actionwisconsin.org)), in collaboration with local LGBT groups or organizations, can provide workshops on legal issues for same-sex and nontraditional couples.

Additional national resources include Lambda Legal ([lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)) and the National Center for Lesbian Rights ([nclrights.org](http://nclrights.org)). A Power of Attorney for Healthcare form can be found at [www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/forms/AdvDirectives/POAHC.pdf](http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/forms/AdvDirectives/POAHC.pdf).

Kathleen Hume, an attorney, will be participating in Legal Night on May 12. If you have questions or ideas you would like to share, you can reach her at [HumeLaw@yahoo.com](mailto:HumeLaw@yahoo.com).



## Republican Governor Signs Civil Unions Law in Connecticut

While Wisconsin Republicans Seek Constitutional Amendment to Ban Them

The Republican governor of Connecticut, Jodi Rell, recently signed a civil unions bill into law that grants lesbian and gay couples all the state-conferred rights and responsibilities of marriage. At the same time, the Wisconsin Legislature's Republican leadership is advancing a proposed constitutional amendment that would go far beyond banning gay marriage to permanently forbid Wisconsin legislators from creating civil unions, a popular middle-ground alternative for Wisconsin voters.

"We know from our Equality Knocks campaign, talking to voters one-on-one about gay couples and the proposed amendment, that Wisconsin voters find civil unions an appealing middle-ground option that lets gay and lesbian couples legally protect their families," said Patrick Flaherty, Center Advocates director. According to a poll conducted for Action Wisconsin, a Madison equal rights organization, 60 percent of Wisconsin voters support some form of legal recognition for gay couples.

Meanwhile, Julaine Appling, the ex-

ecutive director of the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin and a major proponent of the ban on civil unions said, "Connecticut has undermined the foundational institution of marriage by allowing pseudo-marriage, called in this instance 'civil unions.' They [are making] a mockery of marriage." Appling told Q Life during a previous interview that once gay civil unions and marriages are deemed unconstitutional, she wants to work next on changing the no-fault divorce law.

Oregon, Connecticut, California, Hawaii, Maine and Maryland all have created or are moving toward providing some level of legal protections for gay and lesbian couples. In Oregon, which passed an amendment last November banning gay marriage but not civil unions, Gov. Ted Kulongoski said last week that he would push for civil unions to give same-sex couples civil rights similar to those available to married couples.

## Head of 'Office of Inquisition' Elected Pope

Vatican - The College of Cardinals in the Roman Catholic Church elected Joseph Ratzinger as the next pope. Ratzinger chose for his name Pope Benedict XVI.

Before becoming pope, Benedict served as a close advisor to Pope John Paul II. Officially he was the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, formerly known as the Office of the Inquisition. In both roles Benedict worked to support and to enforce the teachings of John Paul II.

Benedict's close association with John Paul II and his role at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith most likely mean that the Vatican's approach to LGBT issues will not change anytime soon.

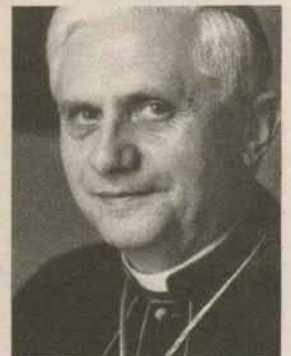
According to the Human Rights

Campaign (HRC), in 1986, as cardinal, Joseph Ratzinger delivered a Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the

Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. He said, "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil."

HRC also noted that the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith

Web site, directed by Cardinal Ratzinger, includes the following statement: "Those who would move from tolerance to the legitimization of specific rights for cohabiting homosexual persons need to be reminded that the approval or legalization of evil is something far different from the toleration of evil."



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# You've Come a Long Way, Baby!

Or have we? Remember when this line was used to convince women that the right to smoke cigarettes was a sign of how far we'd come towards equality with men? Perhaps it's time to reexamine this message. Smoking is now the leading cause of preventable death among women, and many lesbians face a tough fight to kick the habit.

Existing research suggests that lesbians are more likely to smoke than heterosexual women. In fact, data from the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine indicates that lesbians are more likely to report being "heavy" smokers than heterosexual women. In the Women's Health Initiative study, only 25 to 33 percent of lesbians reported never smoking in comparison to 50 percent of heterosexual women.

Why the difference? Stress may be a factor since women are more likely than men to smoke as a means of regulating mood. It certainly could be argued that sexual minority women face more stress in their lives than heterosexual women because of homophobia and discrimination.

Then there's targeted advertising by the tobacco industry. A review of ad campaigns developed since the 1980s suggests that the industry set its sights on gays and lesbians through both marketing and the sponsorship of LGBT events. Conversely, most lesbians have probably never seen an anti-smoking advertisement or public education awareness message targeted to them.

Here are a few additional sobering facts: About 30,000 more women die of lung cancer than breast cancer every year, and women who smoke are at increased risk for other cancers, heart disease and stroke according to data from the American Cancer Society. Not only are smoking rates higher for adolescent and adult lesbians than in the general population, but smoking among lesbians increases with age even though smoking among women in the general population decreases as they get older.

So what's to be done? Certainly, a starting place is learning more about the harmful effects of smoking and how to recognize when we're being manipulated by tobacco companies and ad agencies. But this is just a first step. According to a survey conducted by Harris Interactive/Witeck-Combs Communications, LGBT participants were most aware of health risks but still had the highest rate of tobacco use.

Finding ways to support friends who are trying to quit and advocating for smoke-free environments can also be part of the solution. The bars, known as relatively safe places for lesbians to congregate, are also associated with smoking. In some communities, bars are being asked to sponsor smoke-free nights, despite the possible loss of revenue from regular patrons. The toxicity of second-hand smoke makes this an issue for everyone who likes to go out, even if they personally don't use tobacco.

The good news is that some lesbian health organizations are attempting to address concerns about smoking. Recognizing that lesbians are more likely to respond to messages from people they trust and identify with, the Mautner Project in Washington, D.C., has designed an innovative counter-marketing ad campaign. Known as the "Delicious Lesbian Kisses" campaign, it reaches out to lesbians — particularly those over 40 — with helpful smoking cessation information and support.

Milwaukee was chosen as a pilot site to test out the new campaign, and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the Lesbian Alliance in partnership with the Mautner Project sponsored a kick-off event in April at Out N About.

It seems clear that there is no easy answer as to why so many lesbians continue to smoke when they know the health risks and consequences. Nor is there a simple solution for quitting. But the recent health research cited here proves that this issue should concern us all — smokers, ex-smokers and non-smokers alike.

Two brochures, one with tips for quitting plus a list of smoking cessation programs and the other with facts about lesbians and smoking, are available by calling the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

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### LESBIAN HEALTH

By Kathy Herbst and Lesley Salas

Kathy Herbst is the Director of Programs at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and a Lesbian Alliance board member. She has a long-standing interest in women's health issues.

Lesley Salas is a Cuban-American lesbian with two children. She is currently pursuing her main interests: writing, dance, Scrabble and a variety of social justice issues.



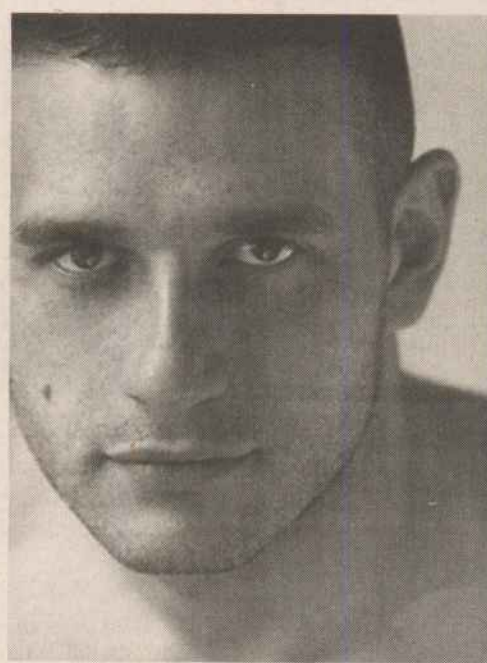
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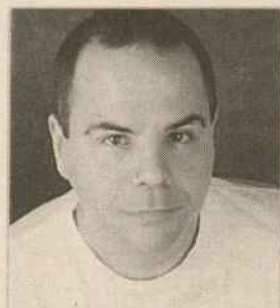
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# Queer Comics — London Calling



Christopher Wilde (cwilde@queerlifeneews.com) is a co-founder of QZAP, an artist, DJ, and Mac tech support specialist building community in Riverwest.

Queer comics are an analogue of the underground comix style as exemplified by Trina Robbins (www.trinarobbins.com). In response to the misogyny she found in the San Francisco comix scene in the 1960s, she used her work to portray women as more than just the objects of the desires of traditional heterosexual male comic characters. In the mid 1990s, a wave of queer zines emanated from London with two zines produced in comic style defying the traditional narrative text and cut 'n' paste graphic style of queer zines.

## Bent Bi Humor

Assumptions rarely go unchallenged in the pages of **Red Hanky Panky** (Issue 4, 1996, 36 pages) and few parts of the queer spectrum are spared from commentary. Rachael House ("It's not my zine name!" she exasperatedly exclaims in a later RHP issue) sported a shock of bright pink hair back in the day, quite apropos for work that is fairly unique. Unabashedly bisexual,



she rips apart, through humorous commentary and healthy cynicism, those awful stereotypes which bisexual people of any gender must endure from the unenlightened. The centerfold "Who is the best bisexual?" shows "exciting new hierarchies of oppression" in a tongue-in-cheek

fashion. Rachael's bent humor shows through in "First Time." Each panel slowly pulls back on the scene as we absorb what the character is saying, until *wham!* the final panel reveals an unexpected, laugh-out-loud punchline.

Rachael's artistic style is playful with pains-taking attention to the bits and bobs which appear throughout many panels. In the queer zine world, there is a kinship with **Liliane** comics out of Montreal (<http://liliane.keenspace.com>). Artistically, some drawings bear a resemblance to **Venus of Willendorf**, others link stylistically to Keith Haring. The art direction is as full of joy and as humorous as the text.

## Quirky and Gifted

Drawn in his late teens as a "naughty baby fag," Sina Shamsavari creates his illustrated alter-ego in **Boy Crazy Boy** (Issue 1, 1993, 16 pages, [www.boycrazy-boy.com](http://www.boycrazy-boy.com)).

It's delightful and contemplative while completely avoiding "navel gazing" or a self-pitying attitude. Highlights of this premiere issue include "My Dick Comick" where Sina reclaims for men the ability to admire their penises without being labeled militantly phallogocentric. In two "Li'l Queer and Straight Sis" comics, he sets up cute interplay with his (real life) straight sister. A number of themes



**When your boyfriend brings his inhaler to your place ... it's serious.**

cross over between each comic, mostly about hairstyles, but not in the angsty way one would expect a teenager to write about hair or clothes. The foundation upon which Sina successfully builds comics is his quirky sense of humor. Take one panel from "Sunday 31st October ~ c. 5pm" in which his alter-ego works up the courage to drop by unannounced at the hostel room of a boy he fancies only to discover the boy already has a boyfriend who is there. Flustered, he subtly searches the room to discover possible topics of conversation. When he spies the boyfriend's inhaler, he muses to himself, "I'm asthmatic myself so I know ... when your boyfriend brings his inhaler to your place ... it's serious."

Sina's amazing drawing talents shine throughout this issue even in the whimsical way he draws mundane things like leg hair. The lines, use of shading, and composition of the panels point to an extraordinarily gifted illustrator. His work is reminiscent of Robert Kirby's queer comic **Curbside**. From **Boy Crazy Boy** Sina went on to draw **Atomic Love**, which employed queer superheroes as protagonists.

Next month: Hometown Heroes, the Queers Who Made Milwaukee Famous! Q Zines looks at **fuh cole** and **Mutate**.

These and other zines can be viewed at the recently updated **Queer Zine Archive Project** online at [www.qzap.org](http://www.qzap.org). Log on and check out the new look and improved functionality!



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## PrideFest and the Pride Parade: A Time to Celebrate, Organize and Bury the Hatchet

As our cover story shows, according to PrideFest organizers, preparations for this year's festival are moving along swimmingly, with success in the driver's seat and worry and sick stomachs in the rearview mirror.

However, a word of caution.

Anyone who's been around this festival or who's lived in Milwaukee and follows this annual Pride celebration knows it never seems to go off without a hitch, and those placed in leadership roles are often tarred and feathered.

Point of contention this year?

While the PrideFest committee spent a great deal of time and money accumulating information from community surveys — and promised a more open and accessible organizing process for the festival — that wasn't exactly the way things went. There are many factors that appear to have led to this situation. However, most of the blame lies in the lap of relying on a full volunteer force to organize a festival of this magnitude. It's simply too much to expect of volunteers. That is why many other ethnic and cultural festivals that also share the Summerfest grounds have a paid staff that runs the show.

That being said, kudos must go out to all of the folks that stepped up to the plate and are doing their best to make sure PrideFest happens this year. Imagine how you would feel working hundreds of hours as a volunteer, doing your best and hoping for two days of no rain... all while under the umbrella of debt and the constant fear that if the festival is not a success, your reputation will be publicly dragged through the mud.

Can someone spell Prozac?

The bottom line is that the community must get behind this festival and unite with one mission in mind. We must move PrideFest in the direction of a professional festival run by capable, paid organizers with no one's best interest in mind other than the community's.

We must also figure out a way to ensure that the Pride Parade (which PrideFest's own surveys show is wanted) happens in conjunc-

tion with this festival each year. So much gossip and conjecture has surrounded this year's OutBound Pride Parade. That's unfortunate. Jim and James deserve a pat on the back for realizing that a parade is a part of the Pride celebration Milwaukee has grown to love.

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that the straight community doesn't know the difference between PrideFest and the Pride Parade. That is why both of these important celebrations need to happen in a transparent, organized fashion, able to pass a smell test.

We must also do our best to stop the infighting that has appeared to be so prevalent between PrideFest and some of the gay bars. In order for this celebration to be successful, all members of the community must feel welcome, accepted and important. PrideFest must continue reach out, and the bars should accept their offer to join the fold. After all, who better than a bunch of bar owners to show those celebrating queer Pride here in Milwaukee a good time?

PrideFest and the Pride Parade are opportunities to find what we all share in common and celebrate it. Let's not take the easy way out with bickering and backbiting.

Both of these events appear to be on the right track. Let's work together and support each other. Because ultimately we're all in this together, sink or swim.

### 'Christians' Onstage

You know you've really made it when, on your opening night, a clan of bible-thumping zealots fills the sidewalk in front of your space with literature, chanting and picket signs.

So explains the very dramatic opening of the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center.

Now we have to admit the opening show had quite a catchy title, "Gay Broadway." But who would have thought a small, out-of-the-way storefront in Walker's Point would be staging grounds for such hatred and animosity?

And to make it even more fun, our visitors didn't stop with just one night; our friends returned, this time at Gallery Night with more

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members in their posse. Although they made a noble attempt to stop people from entering on both occasions, it appeared that their presence actually catapulted individuals through the door, often leaving a trail of verbal lashings from both sides. All of this begs the underlying question, "Why?"

In the year 2005, you'd think that a name on a building, especially an art gallery with the word "gay" in its title, wouldn't incite a demonstration of disdain and anger. After all, when was the last time a painting or a piece of pottery committed a crime?

But these zealots can't reason. These types of misguided and ineffective demonstrations are as much a part of them as the hatred they spew. These actions on their part are not listening sessions — they're organized hate rallies with one outcome in mind: to shame the God-given identity each of us was born with.

These visitors proved why a place like the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center is so important. This fine arts gallery and performance theatre space is a place in which we can feel safe.

It's that safety that most threatens these bible bullies.

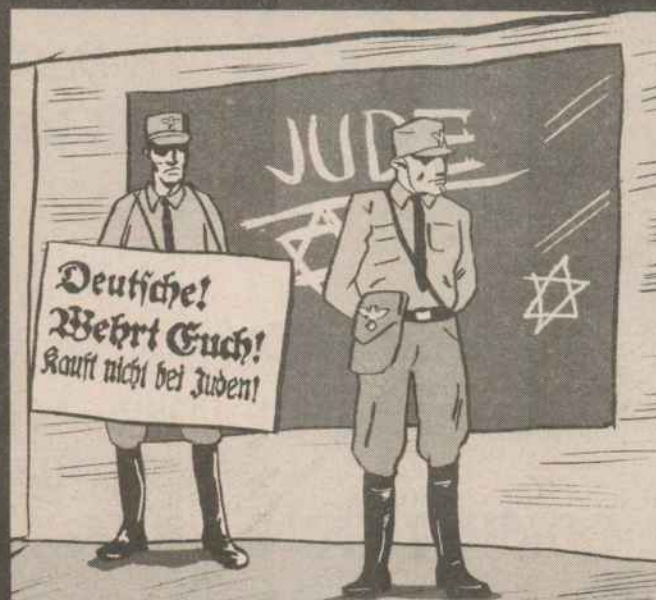
### MPD: More Police Drivel?

We would really like to believe that the proposed changes and latest sensitivity training within the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) highlighted in this issue are more than fictitious fodder. However, because of the very public and disturbing actions by the MPD in recent months, we'll take a "wait-and-see" approach.

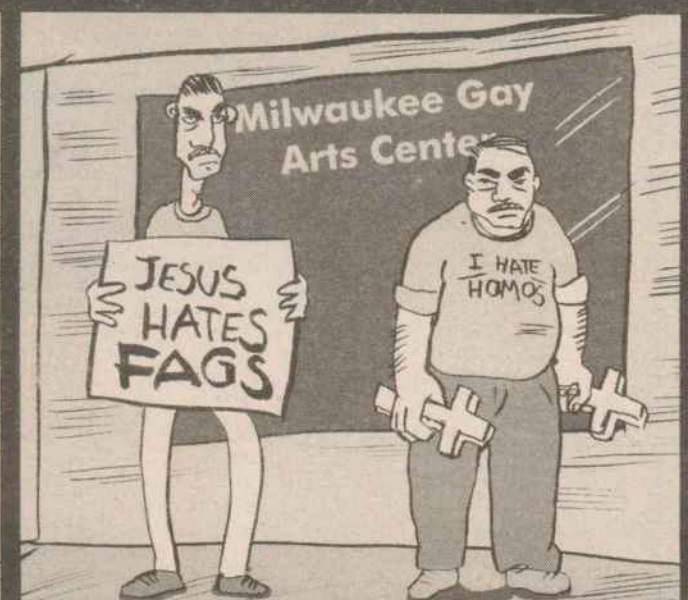
Captain Mary Hoerig, as well as other MPD administrators and community leaders, is making a noble

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**McGee's Homophobia Is More Serious Than Name-Calling**

I disagree with the folks who suggest that we should ignore McGee's "name-calling." His comments suggested a lot more than name calling and reflected deep-seated prejudice in many quarters. Straight Black women in the community assured me that they mean nothing when they call folks "fags" or "faggots." Straight White men insisted that those cops "must have had perverted homosexual inclinations" or were "acting out their low masculinity identity" as studies show that cops and firemen suffer from this problem. (And that made them "similar to gay men"!)

These types of prejudice must be addressed in every situation where they arise. Young McGee embodies values of many "well-meaning" folks in both the Black and White community.

As adults we must teach the youth (and adults) that, yes, it DOES mean something hateful to call others fags/faggots - even when used casually. And McGee was not just using the term casually or accidentally. He meant what he said. Those white guys must be gay to use sexual humiliation and violence against a man.

For those who, like McGee, harbor psycho-babble explanations for the cops' use of violence and sexual humiliation against Jude, we need to remind them that combining violence with sexual humiliation is a tactic successfully used by European colonizers against their victims across the globe for hundreds of years - and it is still being practiced by American colonizers right now in Iraq. U.S. history is drenched in this combination of violence and sexual humiliation used by Whites against enslaved African Americans and later during the lynching of Black men (and women).

This ugly heterosexual oppressors' tactic will never be stopped while it is mixed up with homophobia. Somehow McGee has forgotten the White heterosexual man's bloody history. We need to educate junior McGee and his defenders, while demanding that daddy McGee stop invalidating and endangering the lives of thousands of gay and lesbian African Americans in this community.

- Pat Gowens



**Tread Lightly with McGee**

Please tread lightly with Michael McGee. Tragedies present an interesting crossroads: you can use them to learn and move forward, or you can exploit them with giddy enthusiasm. The lesson I draw from the Frank Jude Jr. beating and its aftermath is that all of us - cops, civilians, blacks, whites, gays, straights - need to check our self-righteousness and try to understand each other's world. My appeal to both McGee and the LGBT community is for a unified call for justice, not one diluted with in-fighting and mistrust.

I'd also like to commend the LGBT Center for its wise maneuvering in this delicate political situation. I was volunteering at the center the day after McGee made his inflammatory comments. I saw the staff refusing to manipulate Jude's beating for their own advantage. McGee's comments opened a window for building bridges, not lashing out. Let's stop the grandstanding competition and help carefully unfold a relationship between our communities. Together, we have a lot of work to do.

- Hale Sargent

**Q Life - Different and Positive**

I just read your latest copy of Q Life. I have to say I was surprised and very pleased. I thought it would just be another paper full of meaningless articles and the local drama. I am so pleased to see articles about self-esteem, spirituality, boundaries, the youth, etc. This is what the gay community needs - not more gossip and drama.

I am proud of this publication for being different and attempting to make a positive change.

God Bless and Best of Luck!!!  
- Germono Toussaint Bryant

**Gay Games Registration Parties Held Worldwide**

Chicago — Chicago organizers kick off the Official Gay Games VII Worldwide Registration Drive in May, with a weekend of Registration Parties scheduled for May 14 and 15. Already more than 50 parties have been scheduled on five continents. James Simmons, Gay Games sports and events marketing manager, said they range "from small home parties to public events with hundreds of attendees." Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival will take place July 15-22, 2006, in Chicago.

Anyone is welcome to host an Official Gay Games VII Registration Party. Those who host will receive an official registration party kit, including tips for party hosts. Contact the Chicago Gay Games at 773-907-2006. Athletes, artists and their supporters earn great gifts in return for hosting parties and getting people signed up. All party hosts receive a free T-shirt, collectible Gay Games pin, and a DVD with a montage video of archival Gay Games footage and Chicago travel information. Hosts who successfully register five or more people are eligible for other incentives including international airline tickets. All party-goers will save \$25 on their Gay Games registration, greater than 10 percent off.

Suzi Arnold, a co-chair of the Chicago board, reiterated the need to register now. "Those who procrastinate may find their favorite sport filling up. Many sports will reach capacity this summer," she said.

**Tony Kushner Helps Center Advocates Raise \$26,000 to Fight Amendment**

Center Advocates, the equal rights arm of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, raised more than \$26,000 to fund local organizing efforts against Wisconsin's proposed constitutional ban on civil unions and gay marriage at an April 15 fundraising reception with Tony Kushner. Kushner is the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of "Angels in America."

"The success of this event shows how serious metro Milwaukee is about keeping discrimination out of our constitution," said Advocates Director Patrick Flaherty, who noted that about half of the funds raised were from straight allies who are appalled at the cynical use of the constitution by politicians.

One couple, Janet Osborne and Melissa Beaström, were so moved by Tony Kushner's comments that they contributed \$5,000 to the effort. Leading sponsors of the event include Julilly Kohler, Marie Kohler, Doug Nelson, Jacqueline Boynton, and the Argosy Foundation. Cranston, Milwaukee's premier home goods retailer, donated the space and catering for the event.

Added to the \$25,000 lead gift from Robert Starshak and Ross Draegert and to contributions received at several recent fundraising house parties, Center Advocates has raised more than \$56,000 to fight the amendment in the last two months.

Center Advocates has organized a "No on the Amendment" coalition that includes more than 35 ministers and rabbis, as well as civic organizations and community leaders.

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effort to push for change within a system rife with a history of insensitivity and sometimes outright brutality. This latest foray, headed up by this out lesbian, comes at a critical time when community trust is at an all-time low. While it appears that these training sessions are in place to at least ensure cops are taught department protocol and procedures on how to handle situations within Milwaukee's diverse communities, it's still unclear whether they'll have any effect at all on how the beat cop will react when thrown into the

middle of a very precarious situation.

The bottom line is that when attempting to change any type of negative action you must send a clear message of expectations and repercussions from the top.

One without the other is futile.

If the Milwaukee Police Department is truly committed to upholding justice within its ranks, they must not just plan and develop trainings, they must also be prepared to act swiftly when department protocol is tossed out like a broken billy club.



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**Not being able to offer domestic partner benefits hurts the ability of the university to attract and retain the best and brightest.**

# The Light Goes Out at UW

Modern Wisconsin was founded by some pretty serious people. Many were refugees who had fought repressive governments for a better world and lost in the 1848 revolutions across Europe — and were determined not to make the same mistake in their new land.

Under a state motto of "Forward," generation after generation of Wisconsin progressives created new firsts: first to establish worker's compensation for injured workers (1911) and unemployment insurance (1932), first to ban discrimination against women (1921) and lesbians and gays (1982), first to establish a progressive income tax (1911) and first to limit the power of party bosses by establishing direct primaries (1903).

Many of these Wisconsin precedents were ideas first cultivated in the University of Wisconsin, the pride of the state built and supported by ordinary people with the conviction that the pursuit of knowledge was noble, and the pursuit of knowledge for the public good, nobler still. The UW system adopted its own motto, *Lux sit*, "Let there be light."

The light is looking a little dimmer these days at the UW. The system is the last in its Big Ten conference to deny employees with domestic partners the same health and other benefits that its married employees get. Not being able to offer domestic partner benefits hurts the ability of

the university to attract and retain the best and brightest, testified UW leaders in late March.

In fact, this looked like a problem on the verge of a solution. Gov. Doyle had included a million dollars for domestic partner benefits in his latest two-year budget, finally providing to the Madison Teachers Assistants union (TA unions being another Wisconsin first) and the Milwaukee Graduate Assistants Association the willing tango partner the two bargaining units had sought for more than 10 years. But alas, a grand university system once given to developing transformative solutions for deep social problems, like saving families from the devastation of joblessness, cannot match a willing buyer (the UW) with a willing seller (the TA unions) because of that new confounder of market relations — the Wisconsin Republican Party.

Wisconsin Republicans have actually been quite busy thwarting economic growth lately, from trying to restrict high-tech bioresearch involving stem cells at the UW (no firsts wanted there, apparently) to opposing a business-supported statewide raise in the minimum wage, even though business fears the patchwork of different local wage minimums that are inevitably rising up in its place.

Apparently unsatisfied with their own orneriness, Republican Speaker

John Gard et al. have moved on to monkeying with the American tradition of free collective bargaining with boasts that the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee will strip the budget of domestic partner benefits faster than you can say "lights out."

"This is a fiscal issue, plain and simple," said Assembly Co-Chair of Joint Finance Dean Kaufert (R-Neenah) in his own press release. "It is impossible to think of extending employee benefits to a whole new demographic of people at the same time we are watching the UW system struggle to cover their current set of bills."

Huh? The UW system has a \$3.9 billion annual budget and Kaufert is worried about \$500,000 (one year of domestic partner benefits) that the state has budgeted for and that the unions want? The equal benefits represent about one-one-hundredth of one percent of the total UW budget. Kaufert might just as rationally require that no UW employee get married next year because the university health plan can't afford any more family plans.

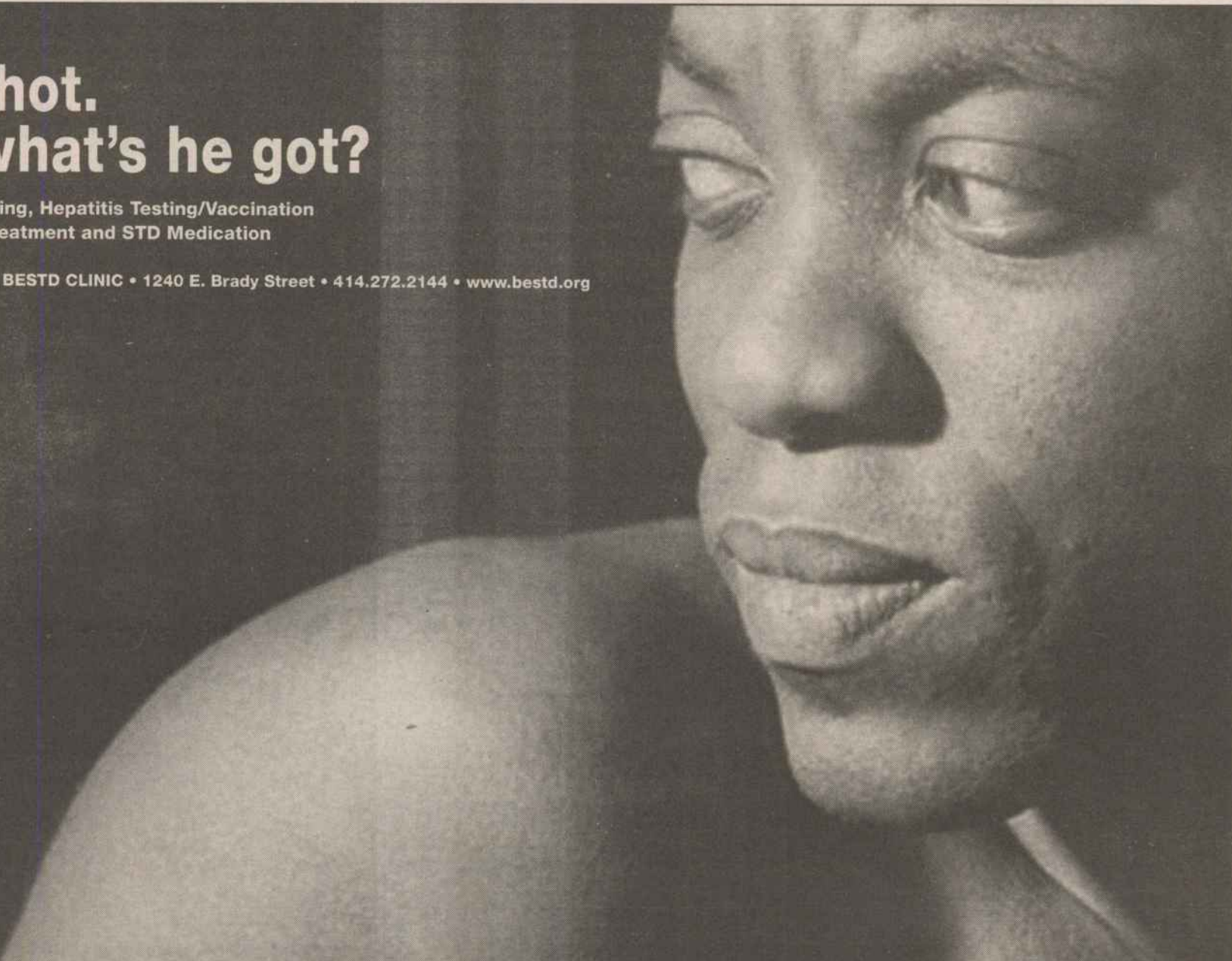
But rational thought and good economics are apparently not what the current Republican leadership in Madison wants, even with the prized University of Wisconsin system, a fading beacon to the rest of the country of progressive public problem-solving. Too bad.



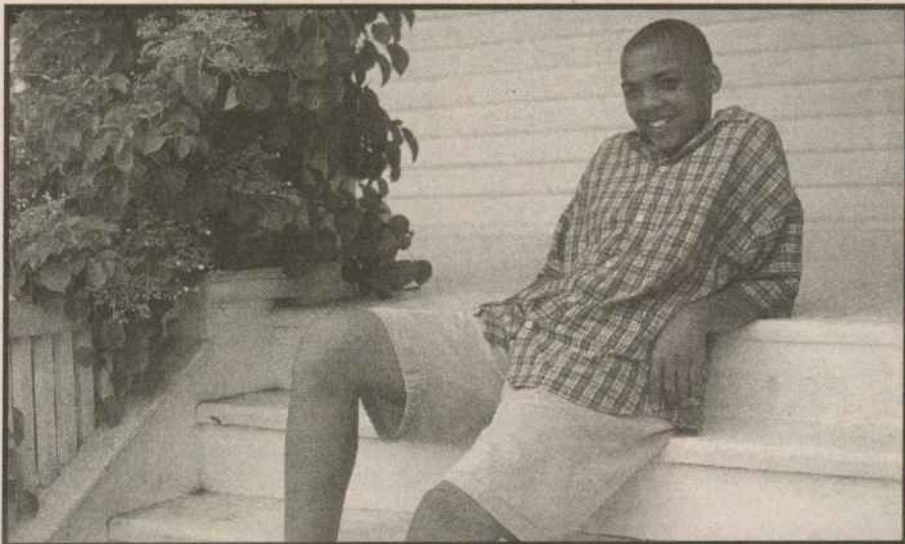
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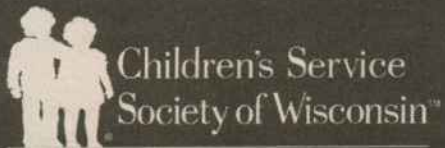




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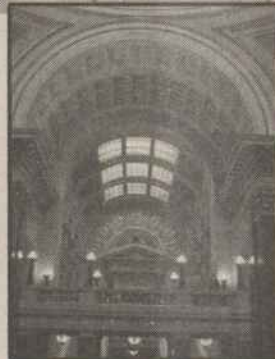


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**Ad Astra Per Aspera**

When was the last time you cheered for the phone company — one of those telecommunication giants that seem to rule the world and make complaining about their service a sport? I think three very loud hip, hip hoorahs and a pioneering "Ad Astra Per Aspera" spirit award should be given to Sprint and SBC.

lesbian employees in January. SBC employs 2,400 Kansans and 160,000 people nationwide and has been offering domestic partner benefits for same-sex and unmarried opposite-sex couples since 2000.

Two hundred fifteen Fortune 500 companies offer domestic partner benefits. I hope other companies with employees in Kansas will follow SBC and Sprint's pioneering lead. However, I am concerned these companies, along with Sprint and SBC, could face lawsuits by traditionalist groups. This leads me to wonder how many "big name" companies offering domestic part-

**Three very loud hip, hip hoorahs should be given to Sprint and SBC.**

ner benefits won't risk litigation, but will leave the state, taking their employees with them and sending the Kansas economy on a downward spiral faster than a tornado can take down a barn.

I am also concerned, over the long haul, about Kansas state dollars being tied up in possible litigation and the effects this could have on their local economy.

I truly hope folks in my adopted state of Wisconsin will closely follow the aftermath of this amendment and its effect on Kansas. I hope they see why this amendment or anything closely related to it is not for the "Forward" state of Wisconsin, a state which is spending thousands of dollars to attract new business to its fold, create more jobs and stop the brain drain. I hope in the end Wisconsinites will remind me why I am not in Kansas anymore.

By a 70-30 margin Jayhawk voters passed an amendment to the Kansas constitution banning same-sex marriage. This amendment defined marriage as between one man and one woman and stated, "No relationship, other than a marriage, shall be recognized by the state as entitling the parties to the rights or incidents of marriage."

Sprint and SBC made it very clear they will continue to offer the benefits not only to their employees in Kansas, but also nationwide. Sprint, based in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, is one of the largest employers in Kansas, with approximately 16,000 employees. Sprint began offering domestic partner benefits to gay and

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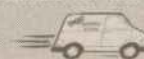
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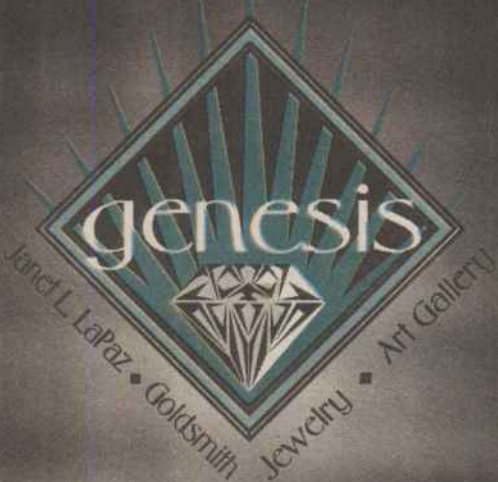
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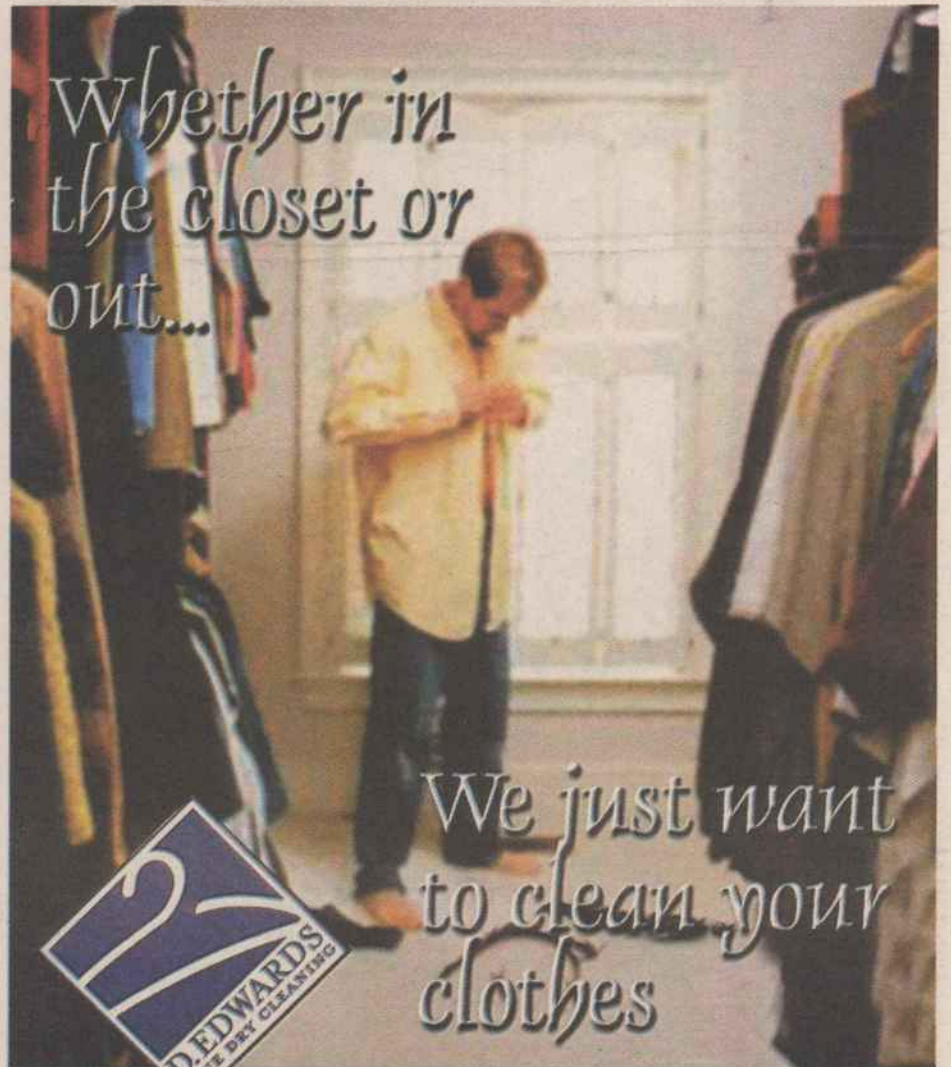




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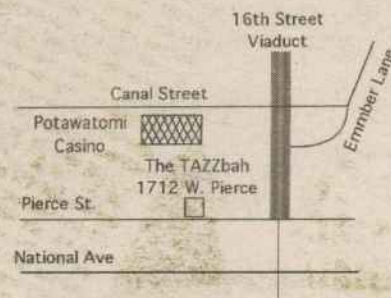
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# Q

## PETS

Tricia Klos is an intern at Q-Life. She is a sophomore and attends Conserve School, a boarding school in the Northwoods of Wisconsin

# A Mother Before My Time

**Now it was a life-or-death situation for the kittens — and my responsibility to make it life for them.**



Growing up on a farm, I've experienced the deaths of many loved cats, but also the births of kittens and the discovery of strays. I'll always remember May 2003 when the three blended together.

I was 14 and in the midst of the dramas of middle school, as well as the accompanying low self-esteem. A stray tiger cat started calling our barn home and, to judge by her increasing girth, apparently claimed it home for her kittens also. Like mother cats normally do when kittens are born, she hid them as her secret treasures. Although my dad and I went on quite a few hunts, we never could find them.

Things took a drastic change two weeks later when I found the kittens' mother dead alongside the road, only a few feet from the driveway. Now it was a life-or-death situation for the kittens — and my responsibility

to make it life for them.

By following the sounds of hungry mewing, I came across four little balls of fur, each small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, curled up in a rotten cardboard box. With supplies from the vet, I embarked on the task of keeping my "babies" alive. I can distinctly remember waking up at two in the morning to heat their bottle of milk and then holding them against my skin to keep them from the spring chill. During the day, I would clean their box, give them baths, and take them out to play when I got home from school. At 14, I was a mother and proud of it.

Out of the four, only Runt, the smallest, did not make it. However, I'm proud to say that the other three (an orange tabby and two twin tigers) grew up strong and healthy and continue to be that today. As for myself, I left the experience with a new appreciation for life and confidence in my abilities.

## Ask the Vet

Dr. Jane Pohlman is a veterinary manager at the Wisconsin Humane Society. She has been employed with WHS for eight years.



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The best way to protect cats is to have them spayed or neutered, keep them indoors and urge others to do the same. The only known way to decrease the population of feral cats is a program called trap, neuter and return, which allows the population to decrease over time. This comprehensive solution requires communitywide

Humane Society's Web site at [www.wihumane.org/endcruelty/wildcats.html](http://www.wihumane.org/endcruelty/wildcats.html) for more information.

Certainly, any free-roaming animal risks picking up diseases, being victimized by human cruelty, being attacked by other animals or injured in a variety of ways. Free-roaming animals can be infected with diseases communicable to humans or other animals. You can protect your cat or dog by making sure that you regularly visit your veterinarian and keep your pet up-to-date on all of his or her vaccinations. In addition, be careful not to handle animals that you do not know and never expose them to your own family companion animals.

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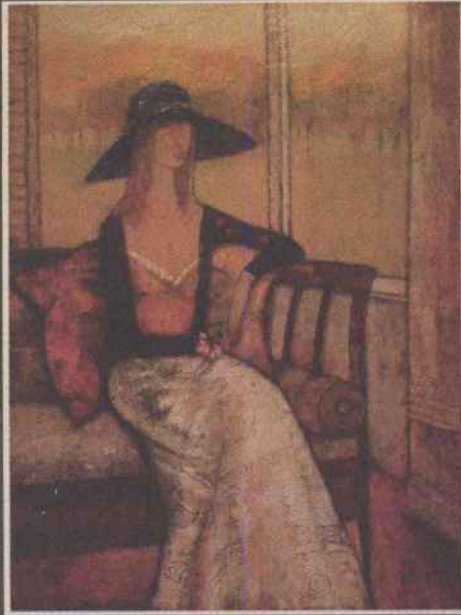
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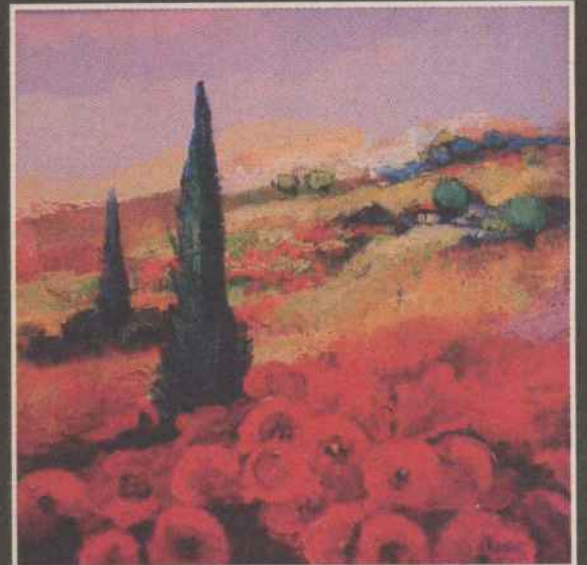
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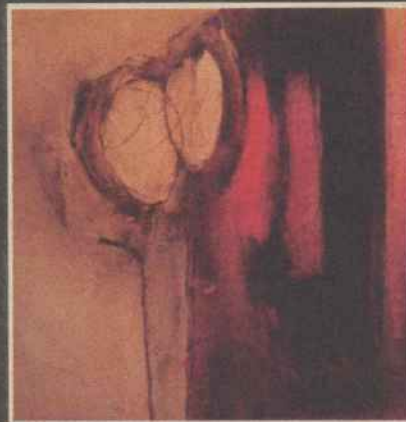
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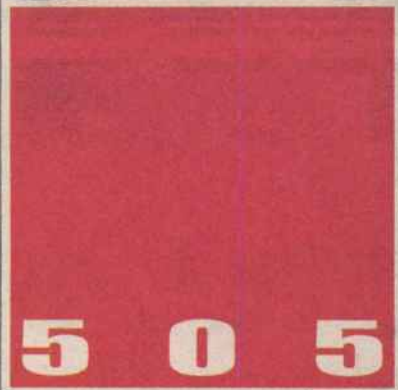


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# Q

## Rediscovering Islam

RELIGION



Rev. Andrew Warner (awarner@queerlifeneews.com) is a pastor at Plymouth Church UCC on the East Side. He lives with his partner Jay and their two children in Whitefish Bay. Your questions about LGBT spirituality are welcome.

Islam, present since the early days of American history, is now the fastest growing non-Christian movement in America. Islam began in Saudi Arabia through the revelations of God to the prophet Muhammad in the seventh century. Very quickly the faith spread throughout the Arabian Peninsula, west through Africa and east towards India.

There are two main branches of Islam — Sunni and Shi'a. There are also multiple smaller sects. In the United States, Islam remains rather diverse. This is reflected in the unique traditions Muslims bring from their countries of origin. The diversity of American Islam is further strengthened as Muslims engage in redefining it in an American context.

Saad Akbar Khan, field director for Action Wisconsin in Madison, is one of those American Muslims who is reinterpreting his faith in interesting ways. Saad grew up within Wahhabism, a religious movement which incorporates a strict interpretation of Islamic law. The faith Saad learned at home was focused on mercy, justice and equality. "In Islam a gardener might pray next to a king. Everyone is equal, everyone is welcome." Further, his parents emphasized that Islam originally raised the status of women. Reflective of this, Saad remembers his father teaching him to always respect women.

But perhaps the most important lesson Saad learned growing up was that Islam condemns hypocrisy. It bothered him to see the hypocritical way some Muslims would treat each other.

Worse, when he came out, Saad felt like a hypocrite because of Islamic condemnations of homosexuality. Many Islamic countries punish homosexuality with the death

penalty. "Eventually I felt like I had to choose either to be gay or Muslim — I chose to be gay." This began a long sojourn away from Islamic observance.

Recently Saad began to rediscover Islam. Through the support of an online community of LGBT Muslims, Saad learned of times and places when homosexuality flourished in some Muslim societies. He began to question the Wahhabi ideology of homophobia, wondering if the strict approach to homosexuality was a reaction to western colonialism instead of a heartfelt manifestation of Islamic teaching. In rereading the Qur'an he found that Qur'anic injunctions against homosexuality could be interpreted in different ways, much as LGBT Christians have come to reinterpret the story of Sodom.

Saad's rediscovery of Islam is guided by a conviction that one's conscience is the best judge of what is right or wrong. It was God speaking in the conscience of the prophet Muhammad that led him to take a stand against the idolatry and hypocrisy he condemned at the beginning of his ministry. And it was that same voice of God in the conscience that led Muslims in Spain and Morocco to establish a tolerant, pluralistic state even as Christians were engaged in the Crusades.

Saad's journey back into Islamic observance is just beginning. But all good spiritual journeys begin with the leading of God in our consciences. While each of us may have different challenges in reclaiming our spiritual heritage, we can all affirm with Saad the importance of listening to the voice of God speaking in our consciences.

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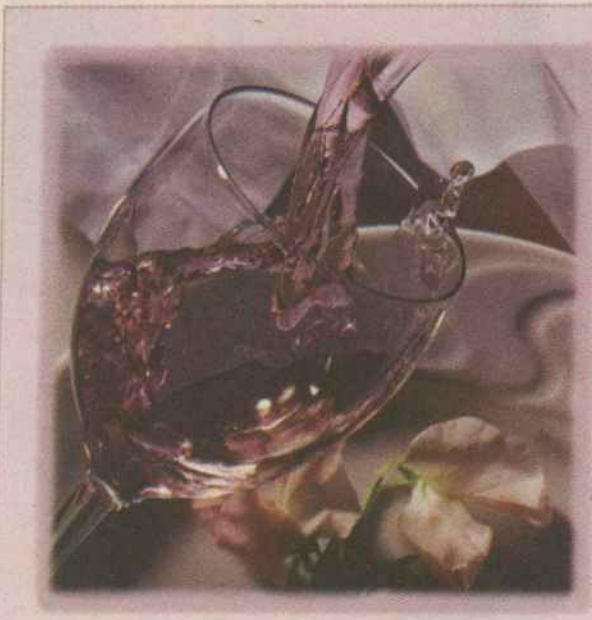
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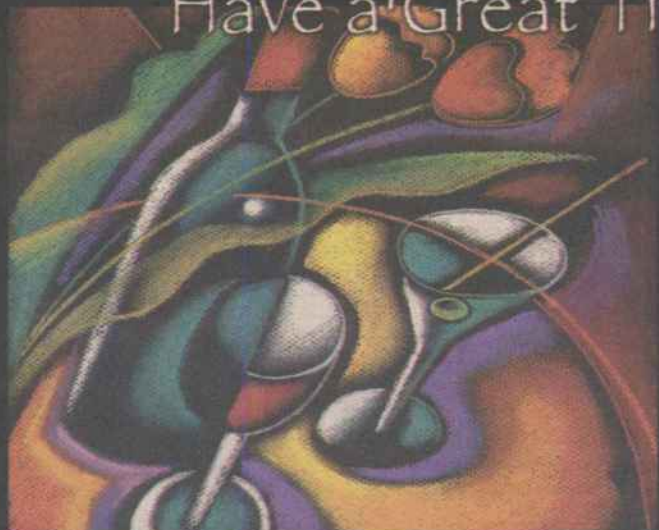
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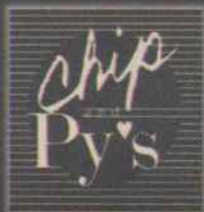
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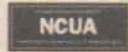
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The questions surrounding Terri Schiavo's fate polarized our nation, awakening millions of Americans to examine their moral, ethical and logistical choices — their preferences regarding exactly what they wish to have done with their bodies.

It may appear that the issues trans people face regarding our bodies have nothing to do with Terri Schiavo, but the parallels are staggering. The ability to choose what happens to our bodies and the barriers constructed to prohibit trans people from aligning our bodies with our spirits may not be deemed as important as end-of-life concerns, but they are no less compelling or socially significant, even if they are less public. In fact, the obstacles encompassing choice for trans people impact far more than the last year (or 15 years) of a person's life. For many trans people, barriers to choice may impact 25, 50, or more years of our lives.

Unlike Terri Schiavo — who may or may not have thought about her body and her advanced directives before she slid into a persistent vegetative state — most trans people think about our bodies every day. We are acutely aware of the areas where we have choice and are painfully sensitive of the roadblocks we face when trying to align our internal identity with a visibly external reality.

Our challenges to attain our right to do with our bodies as we see fit never make it to the Supreme Court. When we are captured in the media, we are often portrayed as Jerry Springer-type freaks, not people with the same inalienable

right as others to choose how we want to inhabit our bodies. For this, we battle on our own, either by ourselves or with loved ones.

The barricades that imprison trans people in bodies that we may abhor delay us from living a full life of congruence, and often lead to our early death from suicide or inadequate health care.

The walls constructed around us may be as simple as society verbally challenging our choice: "You want to be/do what?" We usually face many more consequences for pursuing our choice to alter our bodies or live in a gender we weren't assigned at birth. Our families might lose their housing. Some of us might find our jobs are in jeopardy.

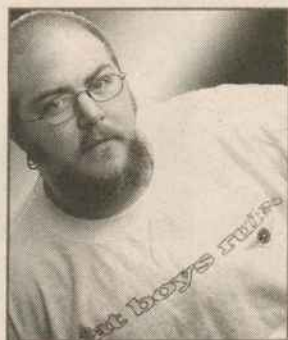
Our choice to be true to our gender may cost us our safety, or even our lives, due to violence on the streets. Some of us may lose our marital benefits (financial and other) or the custody of our children. More of us face extraordinarily high medical expenses, since insurance companies refuse to pay for even routine medical care, let alone therapy, hormones and surgery.

While millions of people rallied for Terri Schiavo's rights, only a handful of activists take on transgender people's right to choose our bodies' destinies.

What we ask for and what we deserve is the right to choose what we do with our bodies,

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without moral, religious, legislative or other barriers. Wouldn't it be a better world to live in if we could support — or at least honor — each person's choice, even if it differs from our own?



Michael Munson is an emotionally intense, transgressively gendered, passionate social agitator who strives for inclusion and harmony by focusing on our human similarities and strengths. He is lovingly committed to his partner and their 10-year-old son.



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**If we are to become better advocates for our own health, we will need to be realistic and honest about our healthcare workers.**

These statements — and a multitude of others like them — are regularly hurled around at casual gatherings of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people as we talk about our doctors or doctors in general. These views however are largely ill-informed, incorrect and debilitating to us as participants in our own health care.

These statements serve to scare us and to make the system and its care providers seem even more remote than they are. These words reflect our fears and our sense of hopelessness about our health and our power to manage it. Too often, they are born of past hurts and of our cultural misinterpretations of our struggles with pain and worry.

If we are to become better advocates for our own health, we will need to be realistic and honest about our healthcare workers.

I have learned important things about doctors from more than a dozen years in the healthcare system, many of which were devoted to the selection and training of residents and resident instructors.

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Second, they are interested in learning. Most of the doctors whom I have met go to educational sessions, nearly weekly, all year, every year. They read journal articles and listen in their cars to CDs about health problems.

Third, much of what patients see as distance in their doctors can be explained by a single point: Doctors struggle with the desire to free us from hurt. They hate causing pain.

Fourth, the systems in which doctors work are pretty much out of control. Those lab results often don't get back on time. The insurance companies really do want more information or refuse to pay. Their office expenses really are that steep; malpractice costs are crippling them. Their contracts with insurers do result in 15 minutes or less per patient.

Lastly, doctors are human.

I'll grant that they need to fix the gown problem. Still, most are waiting for us to show up — out of the closet and assertive about our needs.



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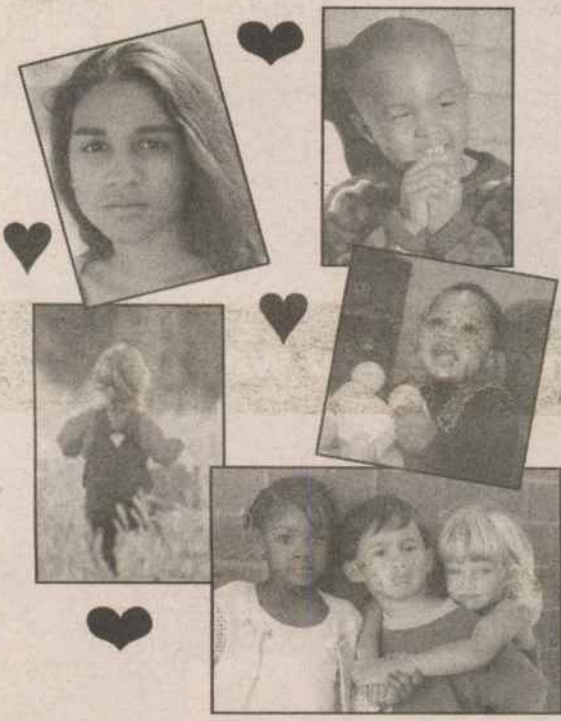
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martha wainwright - 6/2**

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## Out Now

### Franz Kafka's The Trial

The Post Romantic Theater  
Bucketworks  
1319 N. MLK Dr.  
414-241-0396  
Through May 8

### Metals!

Annual Juried Student Exhibition  
Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts  
2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.  
6-8pm. Free  
414-229-5070  
Through May 12

### Get Happy: The Music of Judy Garland

Skylight Opera Theatre  
Studio Theatre  
158 N. Broadway  
414-291-7800  
Through May 15

### Chaps!

A rollicking 10-gallon hit musical  
Milwaukee Repertory Theatre  
108 E. Wells St.  
414-224-1761  
Through May 29

### Sarah's Spirits

Broom Street Theater  
1119 Williamson St.  
608-244-8338  
Through May 29

### **PICK** Gallery 505

Contemporary fine art by more than 25 international artists using various types of media and subject matter. Featuring Emilija Pasagic, Maya Eventov, Pietro Adamo, Joro Petkov and Ludmila Curilova.  
507 E. Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay  
[gallery-505.com](http://gallery-505.com)  
Through May 31

### La Poesia Visiva: Visual Poetry

Haggerty Museum of Art  
530 N. 13th St.  
414-288-7290  
Through July 24

## Wednesday, May 4

### Aqualung

Pabst Theater  
144 E. Wells St.  
8pm. \$10  
800-511-1552  
[pabsttheater.org](http://pabsttheater.org)

## Thursday, May 5

### **PICK** Proud Theater R Evolution

Bartell Theater  
113 E. Mifflin St., Madison  
7:30pm. \$7  
608-255-8582  
[commrel@outreachinc.com](mailto:commrel@outreachinc.com)  
Through May 7

## Friday, May 6

### **PICK** You Should Be So Lucky

Uncommon Theatre  
When a young gay man accidentally electrocutes an elderly client during an electrolysis treatment, he becomes the unwitting recipient of a fortune, and the ghost of his client moves in. Picture Cinderella and Blithe Spirit all rolled up into one with a gay twist.  
Plymouth Church  
2717 E. Hampshire Ave.  
7:30pm. \$10  
414-248-6481  
[uncommontheatre.net](http://uncommontheatre.net)  
Through May 22

### How I Learned to Drive

kopper bear productions  
Sunset Playhouse  
800 Elm Grove Rd., Elm Grove  
8pm. \$16  
262-782-4430  
Through May 21. Call for times.

### **PICK** Boston Marriage

Windfall Theatre  
Village Church Arts  
130 E. Juneau Ave.  
8pm. \$15  
414-332-3963  
Through May 21

### Music from Almost Yesterday International Improvisation Festival

Woodland Pattern Book Center  
720 E. Locust St.  
7pm. Free

### Sister Calling My Name

Acacia Theatre  
Concordia University  
Todd Wehr Auditorium  
12800 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon  
8pm. \$15  
414-744-5995  
[acaciatheatre.com](http://acaciatheatre.com)  
Through May 15

### El Vez

Latino Arts Auditorium  
1028 S. 9th St.  
10:30am and 7pm.

## Saturday, May 7

Iberian Spanish Dancers  
Club Timbuku  
520 E. Center St.  
7:30pm. \$5  
414-265-7000  
[clubtimbuku.com](http://clubtimbuku.com)

## Tuesday, May 10

### Chris Pureka

Bremen Café  
901 E. Clarke St.  
8pm. Free  
[chrispureka.com](http://chrispureka.com)

## Thursday, May 12

### **PICK** The Magic Flute

Milwaukee Ballet  
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts  
929 N. Water St.  
414-643-7677  
[milwaukeeballet.org](http://milwaukeeballet.org)  
Through May 15  
See related story on pg 4.

### Electro-Acoustic Music Center Salon 18

The Arts Center  
Music Building B60  
2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.  
7:30pm. Free

## Friday, May 13

### **PICK** Alliance School Fundraiser

Comedian Tanya Atkinson, All Girl Power Trio - Skexies, singer/songwriter Ripley Cain, the Miltown Kings, flag dancer Sura Faraj, the Capoeira Dancers and others will perform.  
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### Student Film and Video Festival

UWM Union Theatre  
2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.  
7pm.  
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## Saturday, May 14

### Jerry Grillo Fever Band

Café Lulu  
1165 S. Howell Ave.  
10:30pm. Free

## Sunday, May 15

### **PICK** The Little Books That Could: Celebration of Women

Kunzelmann-Esser Lofts  
Skyline Gallery  
710 W. Mitchell St.  
414-383-8805  
2-4pm.  
Through June 15

## Tuesday, May 17

### **PICK** Hairspray

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts  
929 N. Water St.  
7:30pm.  
888-612-3500  
[marcuscenter.org](http://marcuscenter.org)

### Mary Chapin Carpenter

Pabst Theater  
144 Wells St.  
8pm.  
800-511-1552  
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## Thursday, May 19

### A Tribute to Malcolm X

Gorilla Productions  
Club Timbuku  
520 E. Center St.  
414-265-7000  
[clubtimbuku.com](http://clubtimbuku.com)

## Friday, May 20

### The Mikado

Skyline Opera Theatre  
158 N. Broadway  
7:30pm.  
414-291-7811  
[skylightopera.com](http://skylightopera.com)  
Through June 12

## Friday, May 27

### Wonder of the World

In Tandem Theatre  
Walker's Point Center for the Arts  
911 W. National Ave.  
7:30pm.  
414-444-2316  
Through June 12

### Experimental Film/ Video Series

Woodland Pattern  
720 E. Locust St.  
7pm. \$2  
414-229-4758  
[woodlandpattern.org](http://woodlandpattern.org)

## Thursday, June 2

### Martha Wainwright

Pabst Theater  
144 Wells St.  
8pm.  
800-511-1552  
[pabsttheater.org](http://pabsttheater.org)

## Sunday, June 5

### **PICK** 7th Annual Milwaukee Short Film Festival

Dirty Job Films  
Times Cinema  
5906 W. Vliet St.  
7pm. \$10  
[dirtyjobfilms.com](http://dirtyjobfilms.com)

## Coming Soon

### June 8:

Fine Arts Quartet, Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts

### June 10:

Jason Stuart, Taylor Dayne, and RuPaul, PrideFest

### June 11.

Pamela, Jade Esteban Estrada, and Sophie B. Hawkins, PrideFest

### June 16.

Twilight of the Golds, Off the Wall Theatre

### July 17

South Shore Frolics Festival of Art, Lions Club

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Tina Turner  
DVD



Roxanne Kupfer (rkupfer@queerlifeneews.com) has a lifelong love for movies and books which started in Paris decades ago. The mother of two creative children, she lives in Milwaukee and Cape Cod.

Pop artists, like the general population, are living longer. At 57, David Bowie gave over 100 concerts last year and underwent heart surgery. As critic Sacha Frere-Jones recently wrote in The New Yorker, older performers "perhaps owing to experience, new sobriety, humility, or all three — improved their repertory ... in ways that their juniors can't."

Tina Turner, 60, remains the pop and soul icon she was when she exploded on stage as the lead of Ike and Tina Turner's Revue. Born Anna Mae Bullock in Nutbush, Tenn., the daughter of a sharecropper, she began singing professionally when she joined the group of well-established R&B bandleader Ike Turner.

While their musical relationship flourished with hits like "River Deep Mountain High" and "Proud Mary" (both featured in this DVD) and opening for Rolling Stones concerts, their personal life descended into a quagmire. Tina fled with two children and no money. Dire predictions of a future without Ike's musical weight to carry her proved wrong. Not that it was easy climbing back. But slowly she made her way, doing single night stands in small clubs and less than memorable movies before regaining the limelight.

The DVD is a real sight and sound treat, featuring 20 classic Tina hits and a few new songs, as well as an unforgettable duet with David Bowie. A fiery and lavish performance, a glittering fashion show, a dazzling display of male sensuality by her handsome musicians, a mise-en-scene worthy of Cirque du Soleil — what more can one wish for? Highlights include

"What's Love Got to Do with It?" and "Let's Stay Together" as well as an interview filmed at her home in Switzerland.

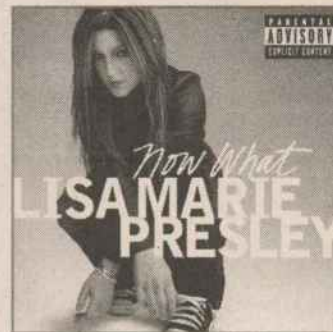
The DVD is a companion to her double anthology "All the Best," which made its debut at number two on the Billboard 200.



So What?

"Now What"

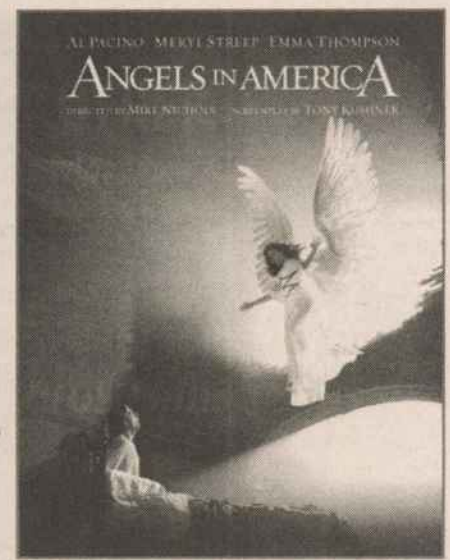
Lisa Marie Presley  
CD



Her name opens doors and she readily admits it. "With reality shows like [Nicole Ritchie's], it's easy to become a celebrity now, isn't it? It doesn't take much work," she expounds in a recent Time magazine interview.

She is right. Her new CD reflects how little talent it takes when you ride the coattails of a music legend. Despite a strong backup team and solid songwriters, the album is limp. Perhaps in her next release Ms. Presley will be able to carry her weight musically and spare us the countless appearances she has been making on the talk shows.

Until then, I'm tempted to echo the CD's title, "Now What?" with "So what?"



A Cautionary Tale

"Angels in America"

directed by Mike Nichols  
TV adaptation by Tony Kushner  
DVD

How does one explain the contradiction between Tony Kushner — homosexual, socialist, activist playwright — and the angels in his epic "Angels in America"? God and gays? Angels in the blue states?

Is there a way to fit the pieces together? The opening scene may give us a clue. Over the credits, the camera glides on the wings of eagles from the Golden Gate Bridge, across the continent, to the Manhattan skyline where it makes a beeline descent to the angel's statue atop Bethesda Fountain in Central Park. As we peer into the angel's face, the face lifts and gazes heavenwards.

In angelic hierarchy there are four angels: Gabriel, Michael, Raphael and Uriel. In the scriptures, there are also angels with no *continued on page 31*

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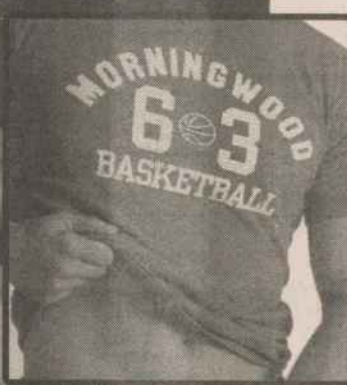
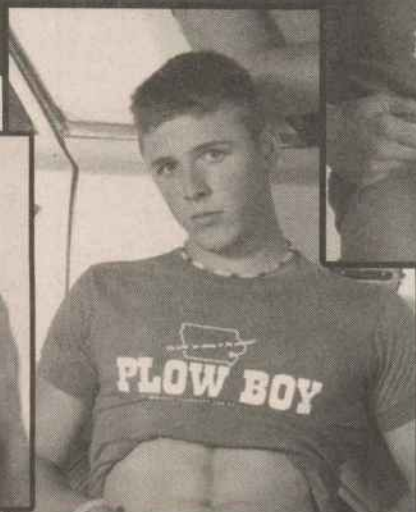
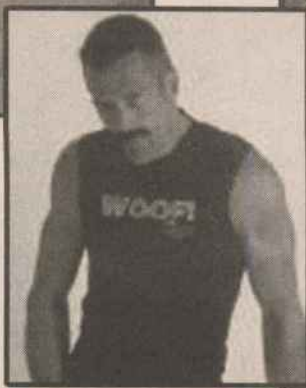
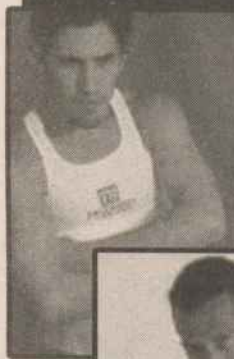
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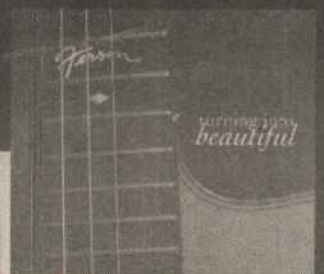
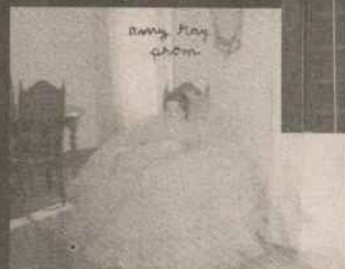
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**ANGELS** *continued from page 30*

names, no personal character; they are the divine messengers. In the Sinai desert, when Moses comes upon the burning bush, it is with a messenger that he communicates. The bush is ablaze but the flame consumes neither the bush nor Moses; it is in fact when the blaze shines at its strongest that Moses sees the angel.

Like angels who remain in constant transition, descending and ascending to deliver their messages, characters in "Angels in America" participate in relentless change: The death of Ben's grandmother and the discovery of his lover's AIDS occur within minutes of the movie's beginning. Nichols and Kushner place transition at the core of the television work; there are changes in the lives of individuals and there are shifts in historical events. In the 1980s New York scene, executioner and victim are brought together in the guise of Roy Cohn and Ethel Rosenberg. (As assistant U.S. attorney in Manhattan, Cohn played a prominent role in the 1951 prosecution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were later executed. Cohn then moved on to Washington to carry on Sen. Joe McCarthy's investigations of communist infiltration and to ruin countless innocent lives.)

**Angels in America demonstrates that television is a magnificent visual medium**

The four major characters possess the irresistible aura of the four angels as they carry the message of humanity and to humanity. Like their counterparts, these individuals descend into

despair and sometimes cowardice only to soar to redemption.

They are messengers, perhaps modern-day translators of prophecies; they are carriers in a symbolic and literal sense (of HIV).

"Angels in America," which originally aired on HBO, demonstrates that television is a magnificent visual medium. Filmed over two years at a cost of more than \$60 million, it may encourage risk-taking directors like Frank Coppola to consider television for future projects. The six-hour production is nothing short of spectacular. The acting cast is very impressive, including the doubling (Meryl Streep has four parts). Most memorable is the villainous Roy Cohn, played by Al Pacino. "He's so human, so charming, so funny, so endlessly interesting, as the devil is," observed critic Hugh Hart.

"Angels in America," a most modern work tackling major contemporary issues, is steeped in history. It is a grand scale production that manages to be ineffably tender and brutally frank at the same time about our present as well as our past.

**Modern Day Salon****"Arts and Letters"**

Edmund White

Imagine a scintillating gathering of celebrities from the realms of literature, poetry, photography, cinema and fashion graciously arranged by one of America's most original minds. Almost every guest is an intellectual, a thinker ... how cool is that!

"Arts and Letters" is a rendition of just such a splendid happening, a modern version of the salon, a fashionable assemblage held at the home of a prominent host in the 18th and 19th centuries, and where the synergy of intellect, repartee and talent had free rein. This modern salon belongs to Edmund White, best-selling novelist, biographer and essayist. His vivid writing and witty sensibility capture the essence of 37 notables he has been interested in over the past two decades. Among the rich cast of characters are Marcel Proust, Elton John, Jean Genet, Catherine Deneuve, David Geffen, Yves St. Laurent, Andy Warhol and Vladimir Nabokov.

White himself is a most interesting figure. Currently the director of the creative writing program at Princeton University, his journey "out of the closet" came very early in life. In the mid '70s he and six other gay writers founded the Violet Quill, a forum for gay literature in New York.

A prolific writer, he has authored 17 books including a trilogy of autobiographical novels, "A Boy's Story," "The Beautiful Room Is Empty" and "The Farewell Symphony." A resident of Paris for many years, he wrote "The Flaneur" and "Our Paris," the insider's guides to the city. He has written a biography of Marcel Proust, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for his monumental "Genet: A Biography" and is a regular contributor to The New York Times and numerous national publications.

Included in "Arts and Letters" is the essay "Writing Gay." Originally delivered as a lecture at his alma mater, the University of Michigan, it is a succinct biographical retrospective as well as an overview of gay writing: "Prejudices against homosexuals can be said to begin by ignoring many gay writers or relegating them to playing minor roles in the lives of supposedly more important heterosexuals. A figure like Oscar Wilde was ... too scandalous, too quotable, though at first he was turned into a tragic fop, a witty epigrammatic Pagliacci.... [F]ew biographers were prepared to take him seriously as everyone took even such an incompetent heterosexual as Nietzsche."

White repeatedly contrasts the gay world before and after Stonewall and points to the 1970s as a pivotal era in the arts, leading to

what he sees as a dominant force today in gay art, identity politics. Whatever one may think on the subject, White's arguments have a flowing logic and his writing is always quotable.

White is a writer who steers clear of fawning, even when he writes for slick publications like Vanity Fair (where some of the essays first appeared). When he profiles those who have been extensively covered in the press and the media, such as Andy Warhol, Robert Mapplethorpe or Elton John, for example, he brings fresh angles and new insights.

The collection also introduces less celebrated figures with the same compelling blend of solid research, analysis and anecdote.

One of the figures that stands out is German photographer Herbert List (1903-1975), whose images of young men taken in the 1930s combine a powerful eroticism with an avant-garde sensibility. "Compared with photos that were snapped in the '50s and '60s — especially the oiled, spear-wielding commercial Hollywood-studio shots of guys in posing straps," White says, "List's pictures look more natural, unassuming, intimate."

Once a textbook ghostwriter, Edmund White brings to his readers in "Arts and Letters" an opportunity to become immersed in a creative community in which conventional restrictions are dissolved in favor of individuality and pluralistic expression.

Exclusive to Q Life

**Outwords Books "Top 5 Picks for May" SPRING 2005 HOTTEST LGBT MUSIC RELEASES!****For the Boys:**

1. **Mark Weigle, "SoulSex"** Weigle's fourth release, "SoulSex," showcases songs from the deeply personal to the surprisingly sexual, just in time for his upcoming PrideFest appearance.
2. **Soundtrack, "Queer as Folk: Club Babylon"** For QAF's final season's soundtrack, Tommy Boy has created a two-disc set with the hottest tracks from show's infamous Club Babylon.
3. **Scissor Sisters, "Scissor Sisters"** The Sisters' sensational debut reveals influences ranging from glimmers of vintage Bowie and Elton John to Pink Floyd.
4. **RuPaul, "Red Hot"** The fabulous RuPaul is back and headlining for PrideFest. You can have her now with her sizzling CD, "Red Hot."
5. **DJ Brett Henrichsen "Masterbeat White Party 2005"** This year's musical highlights plus "I Am" by Taborah. Sure to be one of the biggest gay anthems!

**For the Girls:**

1. **Amy Ray, "Prom"** Indigo Girls' Amy Ray dons taffeta in her second solo release, "Prom."
2. **Tret Fure, "Anytime Anywhere"** Strong and sexy, poignant and playful, Tret Fure takes the listener on an emotional ride with "Anytime Anywhere."
3. **Cris Williamson, "Real Deal"** Cris offers love songs, reflections, ancient words and new beginnings in her latest release.
4. **Soundtrack, "The L Word: Season 2"** Another diverse selection of music from the hit Showtime series, with songs from many surprise artists performing live throughout the second season.
5. **Lea Delaria, "Double Standards"** In her second CD, Delaria offers a brilliant selection of rock classics given her unique jazz styling.

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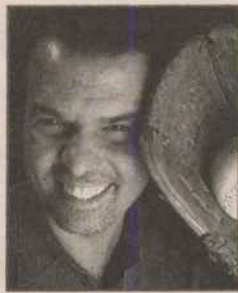
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Brian Reinkober (breinkober@queerlifeneews.com) is the commissioner of SSBL (Saturday Softball League) for three years running. He is also involved in the bowling league and the tennis league.

## Bring On the Boys and Girls of Summer!

Now that spring has firmly taken hold in Milwaukee, all of us can get outdoors and enjoy some serious summer sporting activities! What an exciting month this is going to be for organized gay sports in Milwaukee. There is excitement and anticipation around every corner.

### Softball

The Milwaukee Kosmos took their winning ways to the southwest to compete in the Saguro Cup over the first weekend in April. With temperatures in the 70s and bright sunshine, the Kosmos fought their way to a second seed in the "D" Division after beating the San Diego Gamecocks 7-3, the Los Beach Enervators 7-1, and the Phoenix Apollo Vox 7-5. The Kosmos did not fare as well in the first round of the actual tournament, losing 13-7 to the Stallions of Phoenix.

The Kosmos started the day out on Sunday as on Saturday, by beating the Chicago Hydrate and the Mad Dogs to get into the third place game. The Kosmos' martini glass ran dry, though, as they lost to the San Francisco F-Liners and secured a fourth place finish.

SSBL (Saturday Softball Beer League)

made its return to the diamonds in Milwaukee kicking off its 29th season with more teams and more excitement than ever before. Teams are still forming but already there are some monumental accomplishments. Madison, which last year brought the Rough Riders into the SSBL fold, has added a second team this year, the Easy Riders. This paper, Q Life, is also putting on the cleats and the gloves and getting involved. Other new teams coming into the league include Out N About and Switch, with still more teams trying to get organized. At press time, there is a definite possibility that there could be more than 13 teams in SSBL this year. Contact players@ssblmilwaukee.com if you are still interested in getting on a team.

Games for SSBL will be held again at Mitchell Park Domes every Saturday, starting May 7, from 12 to 5 p.m. Concessions will be available for a donation as always. Come down and relax on the hill and enjoy some gay softball!

SSBL is also working at Miller Park for the Milwaukee Brewers. All proceeds that are raised by our volunteers working in the concession pods go to support the league in all of its endeavors. These include the Dairyland

Classic over Labor Day weekend, SSBL Hall of Fame, the Milwaukee Kosmos, and the NA-GAAA World Series team, which Milwaukee will be playing in this August in San Diego. Contact concessions@ssblmilwaukee.com if you care to volunteer to help work these events.

Finally, SSBL will be holding its Talent Night at 219 on Saturday, May 21, at 6 p.m. There is a \$5 cover with all proceeds going to SSBL. Please come on down and support this extremely fun event!

Visit [www.ssblmilwaukee.com](http://www.ssblmilwaukee.com) for all this information and more.

### Tennis

MMTC (Milwaukee Metro Tennis Club) had its first registration sign-up at Switch on April 17. You can still sign up by picking up a brochure at any of the local bars and contacting the MMST organization.

Do not miss the Tennis Draw Party. The party will be held at Walker's Pint May 15 at 4 p.m. The first day of tennis will be Sunday, June 5. Start times for the league are 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Visit [www.milwaukeeatennis.com](http://www.milwaukeeatennis.com) for more information.

### Team Wisconsin 2006

I told you it was coming and it's finally here! Team Wisconsin '06 will be competing as a team in the Gay Games in Chicago next year. Registration parties are springing up all over the state with the first two in Milwaukee and Madison on Sunday, May 15. The Madison Registration party will be held at Shamrock Bar May 15 at 12 p.m. You can sign up there for any of the Gay Games sports competitions. The Milwaukee Registration party will be held at Walker's Pint on May 15 at 4 p.m. in conjunction with the Tennis Draw Party.

Look for more information on Team Wisconsin's upcoming Web site, [www.teamwisconsin2006.com](http://www.teamwisconsin2006.com), or visit [www.chicago2006.org](http://www.chicago2006.org) for a complete list of sporting competitions or other Gay Games information.

### International Gay Bowlers Association 2005

Lastly, do not forget to get your teams signed up for IGBO 2005 taking place in Milwaukee over Memorial Day weekend.

Until next month, sports fans, keep raising that bar (or that glass or mug).

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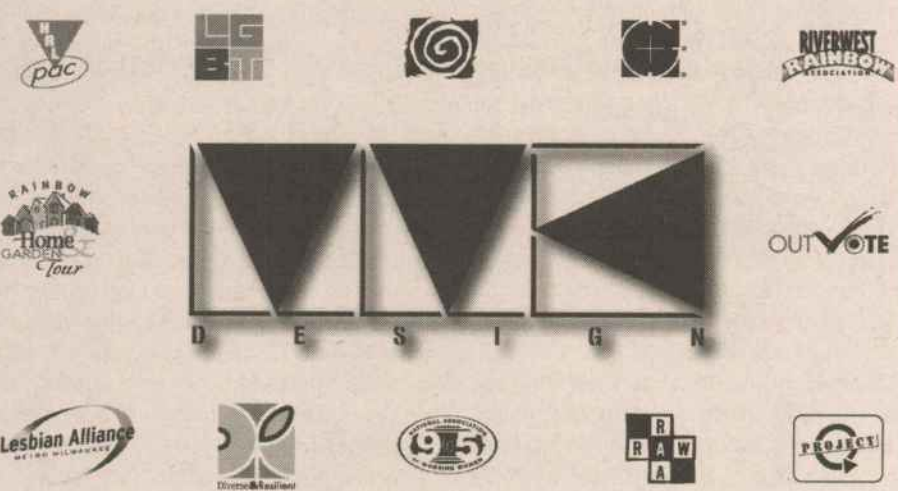
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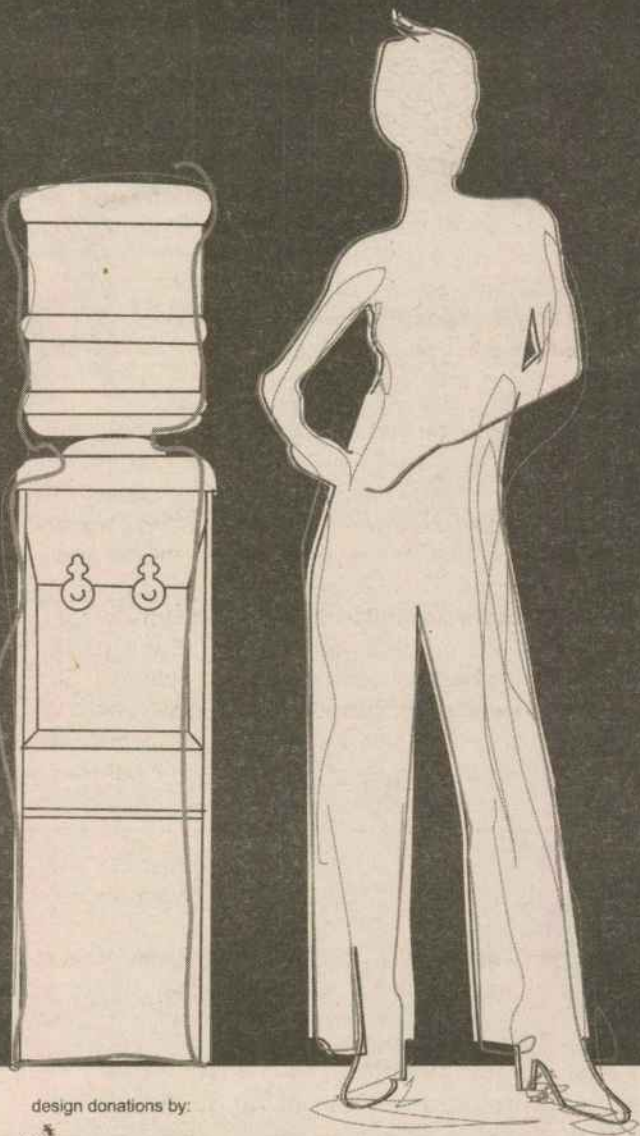


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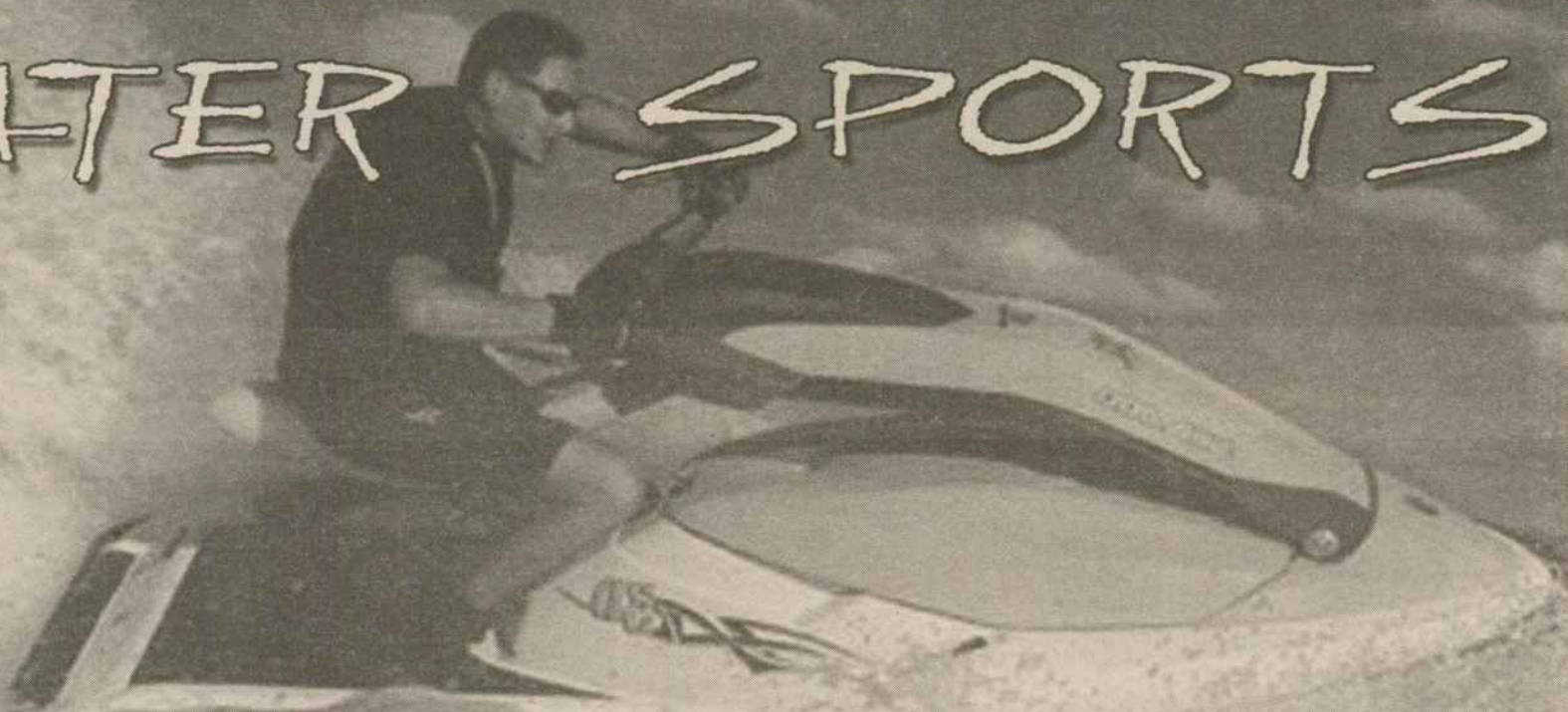


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# Hairspray and Highlights Sparkle the 2005-06 Season!

Don't flip your wig. As I told you in the very first issue of Q Life, "Get out your hairspray and head to the **Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.**"

"Hairspray" the musical is finally here!

## Another Opening, Another Show!

That classic **Cole Porter** song is from "Kiss Me Kate," the musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew." Two theatre companies will perform "Taming" by **William Shakespeare** next season. **Sunset Playhouse** will stage "Kiss Me Kate" this summer. Ah, if William Shakespeare only got royalties.

Actors are children playing hide and ego seek. I love the "Drama" of theatre life. My very first musical was "Mame," and I can still hear that applause! I was in the chorus and found my place in life... the "Arts."

## Artistic and Alternative Shows

It takes a group like **Chamber Theatre** to bring us "Take Me Out" by **Richard Greenberg**, opening April 2006. This show centers on a gay baseball player.

**Cornerstone Theatre** will present "Art" by **Yasima Reza** in November. **Boulevard Ensemble** brings the exciting musical "Jacques Brel" to life in October. **Windfall Theatre** presents the seldom seen classic **Sondheim** "Anyone Can Whistle" in May 2006. The camp classic thriller "The Bad Seed" comes to **Bialystock and Bloom** April 2006.

Now for you Marx Brothers fans, the **Skylight Theatre** will have the holidays jumping with "Animal Crackers." The **Russell Crowe** movie "The Sum of Us" comes to the stage at **R.S.V.P. Productions** in June 2006. Next year **Uncommon Theatre** presents "Bell, Book and Candle." The **Off the Wall Theatre** will mount the huge, massive "Lost Horizon."

## As the Season Ends

The season is closing with many May productions.

The **Skylight** will present the popular "The Mikado." **Acacia Theatre** has "Sister Calling My Name." **Windfall Theatre** welcomes "Boston Marriage" by **David Mamet**. **In-Tandem** brings us "Wonder of the World." But starting a new season is **Uncommon Theatre** with "You Should Be So Lucky" at the **Plymouth Church** location. I wish to thank all the companies for a season of live theatre "Magic!"

## OK, Let's Talk Business

Looking at schedules for the upcoming season, one wonders why more companies don't get together to discuss shows. There are two companies doing the popular but overdone "Charlie Brown." There are two companies doing "Taming of the Shrew."

Will they both do it modern day, or will one actually do the classic as a period piece? These days we see fewer classics done in period — it may be because of set and costume costs. But young people need to see the classics as they were performed originally.

I am glad to see a professional "Richard II" coming. But why another "Richard III" so close to the exciting **Milwaukee Rep** production?

## As We Look Around This Theatre Town, We See "Stars"

**Gladys Chmiel** at **In-Tandem**. **Jason Powell** and **Paul Helm** at the **Skylight**.

**Mark Hagen**, fresh from **OffTheWall** prepares for "Twilight of the Golds" at **R.S.V.P. Theatre**. **Jim Skiba** appears at **Broadway Baby Theatre**. **Linda Stieber** at **Broadway Theatre Center**. "GOD" is appearing on **Wells Street**. And the **Bay Players** will hold open auditions for "Oklahoma" May 9 and 10.

I loved "Gay Broadway" at the **Milwaukee Gay Arts Center**.

The new **Gay Arts Center** is located perfect for going to the gallery, or theatre, and then going out to the many area bars.

## Last Month's Trivia Answer

**Gene Kelly** was first hired for the movie "Easter Parade" and had to drop out.

## New Trivia Question

Was **Ricki Lake** in the original Broadway version of "Hairspray"?

My Aunt **Blanche** wants me to do "The Full Monty," so she can audition the men — privately!! See you soon — with "Pride" as always!



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## Saturday, May 7

**Beyond Pink or Blue** A conference for anyone wanting to learn more about the nature and challenges of gender-variant childhood and adolescence. Speakers include Edgardo Menvielle and Catherine Tuerk. 9am-3:30pm. WCTC Pewaukee, 800 Main St. [wctcpe.waonline.org](http://wctcpe.waonline.org) or 414-278-9322 ext 2006.

**Future Green Eco Fashion Trunk Show** Top Designer Bi Li, from Earth Speaks Fashions, will come from New York to Future Green to do a trunk show of her latest organic creations. 2352 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. 414-294-4300.

## Monday, May 9

**Bay View Arts Guild Meeting** A monthly networking meeting of local artists to plan events such as the Spring Show, Frolics, and the Annual Tour. 6:30pm. Bay View Library, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic. Contact [bayviewarts.org](http://bayviewarts.org) or Linda Beckstrom at 414-482-1543.

## Wednesday, May 11

**Perspectives from the People** 4th Street Forum's three-part series: Police/Community Tensions. How do we view the police? What can we expect from them? And what obligations do we have to the police? Moderator: E. Marie Broussard. Bring a lunch or money to buy. 12 noon. Milwaukee Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th St.

## Thursday, May 12

**Perspectives from the Police** 4th Street Forum's three-part series: Police/Community Tensions. How do the police grade their own performance? How do they view the diverse communities they are sworn to serve? Moderator: E. Marie Broussard. Bring a lunch or money to buy. 12 noon. Milwaukee Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th St.

**Summit on Police Violence and Brutality** Sponsored by Wisconsin Citizen Action and MICA. Free Spirit Baptist Church, 1234 W. Juneau. Contact Eddie Perez at 414-476-4501, ext. 218.

**Business and Professional Women of Wisconsin State Convention** Working to achieve equality for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave. [bpw-wi.com](http://bpw-wi.com) or 262-352-4617. Through May 14.

**Legal Night** Free legal consultation with LGBT-friendly attorneys. First come, first served. 6-8:30pm. Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St.

**Mix 'N Mingle** The Milwaukee LGBT Center requests the pleasure of your company for an evening of fun! Mingle, appetizers, cash bar, buffet dinner at Out 'N About. \$25 LGBT Center members, \$30 nonmembers. Space is limited, RSVP by May 6 with Angie Guerra at 414-271-2656, ext 121.

## Saturday, May 14

**Gemini Gender Group** Support and social group for cross-dressers and transsexuals. 6-9:30pm. LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. [gemini\\_gender\\_group@hotmail.com](mailto:gemini_gender_group@hotmail.com)

## Sunday, May 15

**Open Space** A lesbian drop-in discussion group for real talk and new friends. 6-8pm. Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038

N. Bartlett Ave. Please be prompt. Door locked at 6:15. Contact Cheryl at [groups@execpc.com](mailto:groups@execpc.com) or 414-271-2565.

## Thursday, May 19

**Rainbow U Lecture Series** "The Art of Conflict Resolution." Learn how mediation can help to resolve differences and disputes at work, at home, and in personal relationships. 7pm. LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St.

**Novel Ideas** Women's reading group. The book for May, "Solitaire" by Kelley Eskridge, is available at discount at Room of One's Own Bookstore. 7pm. OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Madison. Contact Cris at [crismoon@tds.net](mailto:crismoon@tds.net) or 608-255-8582.

## Saturday, May 21

**BWMT (Black and White Men Together)** Open to all members, guests and visitors. 7-9pm. LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. [bwmtmilwaukee.org](http://bwmtmilwaukee.org) or 414-540-9437, ext. 3.

**Rainbow Families Milwaukee** Support and social group for LGBT parents and kids. 3-6pm. [mkerainbowfamilies@otmail.com](mailto:mkerainbowfamilies@otmail.com) or 414-447-0251.

**WI Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf** Meeting and socializing for deaf and hearing-impaired LGBT people. 6-10pm. Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court St. [www.wiscrad.org](http://www.wiscrad.org) or [sgaray@uwm.edu](mailto:sgaray@uwm.edu)

## Thursday, May 26

**Out or Not in the Workplace** This event will be an evening of connection, conversation and community for more than 100 young lesbians ages 21-30 that work in a professional environment. Following the panel discussion, a brief Q&A will take place. The evening will feature light fare, cash bar, raffles from local LGBT and allied businesses, networking opportunities, and access to community resources. 5:30-7:30pm. Bucketworks, 1319 N. MLK Blvd. 414-305-1324.

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## Friday, June 3

**Radfest 2005** Annual weekend conference for progressive activists, organizers and academics. Focusing on economic justice, equality, democratic participation, global justice and peace, education and the environment. George Williams Campus of Aurora University, 350 Constance Blvd, Williams Bay. [radfest.org](http://radfest.org) or 608-262-0854. Through June 5.

## Saturday, June 4

**FORGE (For Ourselves: Reworking Gender Expression)** How did we figure out that we were trans? How did we come to accept our trans family member? The process of self-discovery can gradually emerge or rapidly surface. The unearthing and road to understanding is clear and obvious for some, while for others it is muddled with questions and uncertainty. [www.forge-forward.org](http://www.forge-forward.org) or 414-278-6031.

## Sunday, June 5

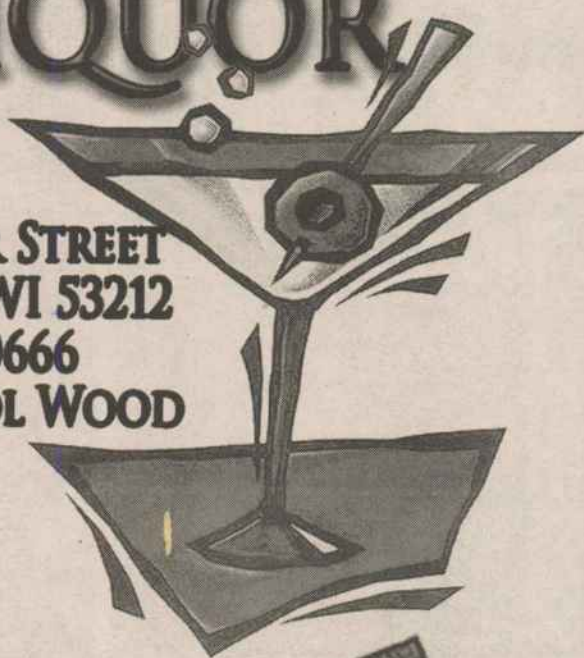
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# GLF and a World Re-Eroticized

Milwaukee Gay Liberation Front (GLF) deserves to be more than a footnote in our community's history. Flourishing for only a few months from 1970 to 1971, GLF's brand of radical politics linked our city to an international and revolutionary gay liberation movement.

Milwaukee GLF was a splinter group of the Gay Liberation Organization (GLO), a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee student organization that advocated for gay and lesbian civil rights.

The split was foreshadowed in May 1970, when the more radical members of GLO joined thousands of students, activists and hippies to protest U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. The action shut down UWM and prompted Chancellor Klotsche to declare a state of emergency. Not everyone in GLO was comfortable with such radicalism or supported involvement in issues not directly related to homosexual oppression.

In fall 1970, the more militant members withdrew and aligned themselves with the Gay Liberation Front, a revolutionary organization that had formed in New York following the Stonewall Riots.

Milwaukee GLF was a mixed-gender, gender-bending group of radicalized men and women rebelling against practically everything. Prior to their participation in GLF, these individuals had been active in the protest movements of the 1960s, including the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, and the women's movement. They brought to GLF a passion for social justice and social change.

Drawing on the work of contemporary feminist and Marxist theorists, GLF dismissed the "sexual revolution" of the 1960s as mere hype, and characterized the United States as the "most anti-erotic and anti-life culture in the world." It believed that the sexual revolution had resulted only in the further distortion of female and male sexuality. "The so-called sexual revolution has meant that women are further manipulated and degraded by the advertising world" and that men are encouraged through "the Playboy Philosophy to treat women and gays as nothing more than sexual objects."

To truly liberate human sexuality, GLF proposed dismantling the capitalist state and establishing in its place "a re-eroticized world. A place where people

can live and love free from all the oppressive role-playing imposed on us in the past. We want not only freedom for ourselves — an end to the daily brutality and harassment that we face — but freedom for everyone to express himself and herself in a way that is consistent with his whole humanity."

What GLF's philosophy lacked in subtlety, it made up for in vision. GLF refused to make the struggle for civil rights the ultimate goal of the gay liberation movement. While admitting that repealing unjust laws and ending persecution were important goals, GLF argued that homosexuals had a larger contribution to make: the liberation of all human sexuality from capitalist exploitation.

GLF promoted the transformative power of "coming out" and organizing. In a decade when *most gay men and lesbians* remained in the closet, GLF advocated public visibility. GLF members demonstrated openly as gay men and lesbians alongside other groups and complained bitterly when the media refused to acknowledge them. GLF also embraced organized resistance as a means of social change. It declared Milwaukee's first pride event in January 1971, announcing a week-long series of events that included "parties, dances, cultural events, and demonstrations" as well as "wig care and make-up classes held for the Queens."

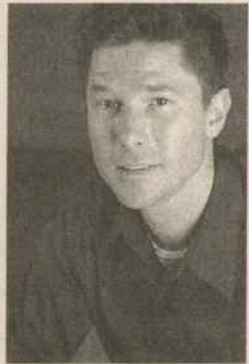
The history of Milwaukee GLF parallels that of other gay liberation groups across the country. By 1972, the brand of radical politics practiced by GLF was already waning. Nationally, the activist style of gay liberation was being replaced by the more moderate politics of the gay and lesbian rights movement. Acceptance into mainstream American society replaced revolution as a political goal.

Does the eclipse of the gay liberation movement make GLF historically irrelevant? Hardly. GLF and gay liberation left an important legacy, one in which "coming out" is charged with political meaning and "pride" represents a new possibility for self-understanding. In GLF's radical politics — its insistence that the struggle for civil rights is not the final aim of sexual liberation — we may also find a legacy yet to be realized.

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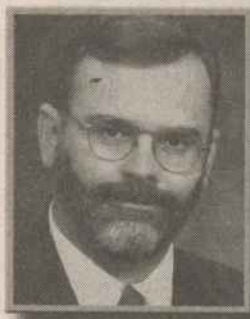
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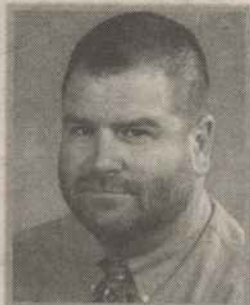
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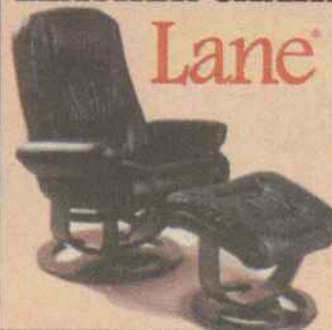


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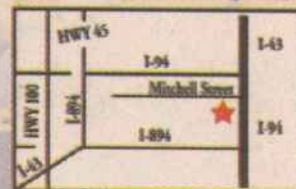
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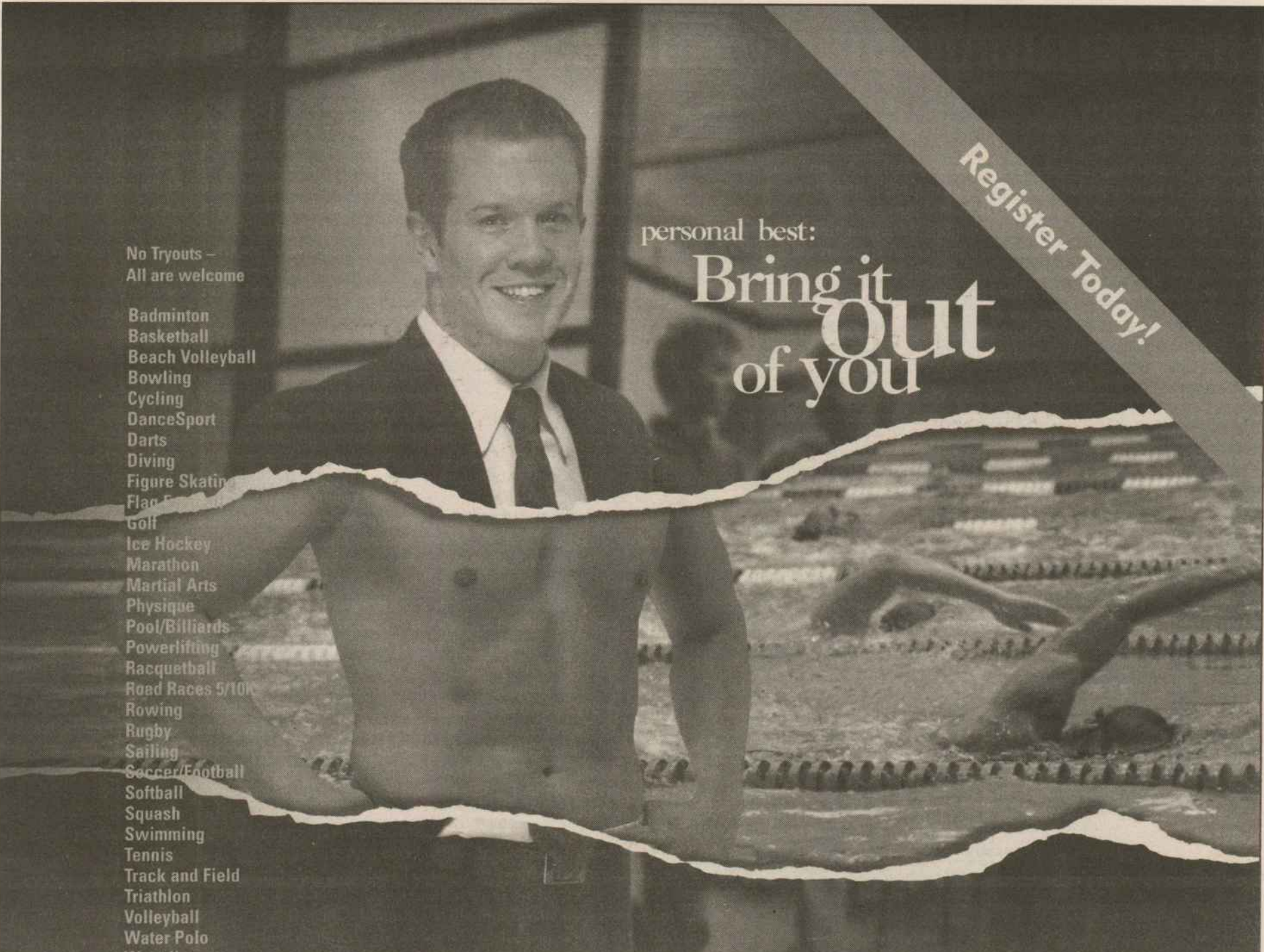
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