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BAR	2:30-CL Tu,W,Th F 6 pm - CL Sat	MWJPGE
LEATHER	MON-SAT 4 - CL SUN 3 PM - CL	MLPV
RESTAURANT	LUNCH / DINNER	
LEATHER	7 PM FRI / SAT	MLJG
VIDEO DANCEBAR	10 PM - CL	MWDVEK
DANCEBAR	4 PM - CL	MWDGE
BAR & GRILL	M-S 4 PM - CL SUN 2 PM - CL	MWDJPGF
BAR	2 PM - CL	MWJPG
BAR	MON-SAT 6 PM SUN 3 PM	
BAR	6 PM - CL	MWJPGE
DANCEBAR	THU-SAT 9 PM	MWDJG
DANCEBAR	MON-SAT 1 PM - CL SUN 11:30 AM	MWDJPG
DANCEBAR & GRILL	MON-FR 3 PM - CL SAT/SUN 1 PM	MWDJPGF
VIDEO DANCEBAR	3 PM - CL	MWDJPG
VIDEO DANCEBAR	7 PM EXCEPT THU,FRI,SUN 5 PM	MWDJVP
BAR & GRILL	MON-SAT 4 PM NOON SUN	MWFJG 1 PM - CL MWLJPG
BAR	11 AM SAT/SUN	MWJPG
BAR	1 PM - CL	MWJPG
BAR	1 PM - CL	MWJPGE
WOMEN'S DANCEBAR	TU - THU 6 PM FRI - SUN 5-CL	WMDJPG
DANCECLUB MOVIE THEATRE	6PM EVERDAY	MWDJPGFVE westtheater.com
LOUNGE	7 PM TUE - SAT 3 PM SUN	MWJPG

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BAR & GRILL	7 AM - CL	MWLJPGF
BAR	MON - FRI 2 PM SAT/SUN 11 AM	MWJPG
CAFE	8 PM - 4 AM	MWJF
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DANCEBAR & SHOWBAR	5 PM M-F STRIPPERS & IMPERSONATORS 4PM SAT/SUN	MDJGVE
VIDEO DANCEBAR	8 pm	MWD
DANCEBAR	5:30 PM - CL	WMDG
LOUNGE	4 PM-CL SUN 2 PM	MWJPG
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RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	11 AM - CL	MWFEK
DANCEBAR	5 PM - CL	MWDGV
BAR	2 PM - CL	MWJPG
BAR	3 PM - CL	MJPG
BAR	5 PM - CL	MWDJGK
LOUNGE	3 PM - CL	MJPG
VIDEOBAR	NOON - CL	MWPGV
BAR	4 PM - CL SAT/SUN 2 PM	MJPG
DANCEBAR	8 - Close	MWDJPGE
DANCEBAR	TUE - SAT 7 PM 3 PM SUN	MWDJPGE
BAR	7 PM -CL	MWJPGE
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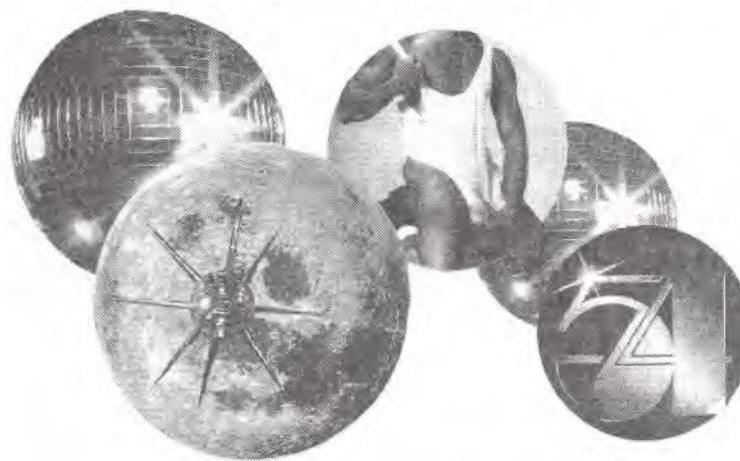
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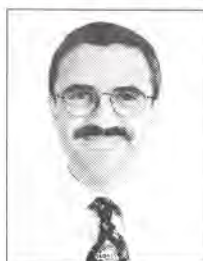
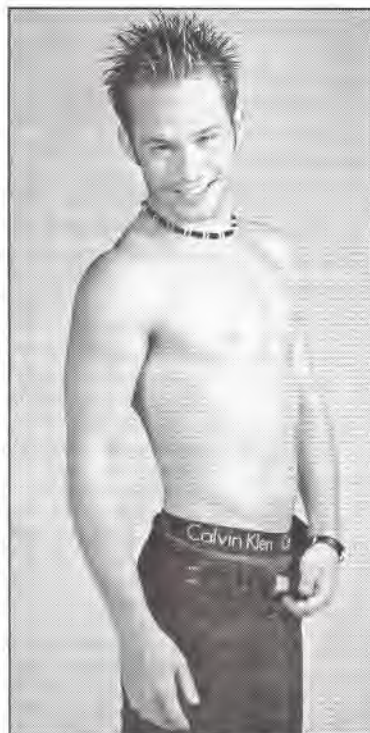
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On Our Cover...

Ryan is this issue's cover. The 20 year old hails from the home of Tombstone Pizza (Medford), but he has been around a bit. He lived in Texas and also both Phoenix and Tuscon Arizona and more recently Madison, Wisconsin. He now calls Green Bay his home.

Ryan is a "CSR" for Washington Mutual Bank, but when not working you'll find him out enjoying life. In addition to "boy watching" he loves to go out dancing and have fun with the new freinds he's made in the Fox Valley. He's also into gymnastics, singing, acting and as you can tell, modeling. Ryan has a zest for life that's refreshing.



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ISO simple pleasures of life, a soul mate. Am an older man seeking younger friends; 48, 6'1", 200 lbs., **Minneapolis.** E-mail ralphfouquette@aol.com

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6', 28, br/bl, 180, 7" cut, tight hairy ass, seeking single males for friendship or more, 18 to 60. E-mail Mike at sievelark@yahoo.com for more info. [2]

Bob, 34 y.o., SWBiM truck driver, 5'10", 175 lbs., 7", into oral, anal & sexy womens clothing. ISO women w/ open minds & men, 25-35, w/ special interests. Include phone no. to: RCH, PO Box 652, **Oconomowoc**, WI 53066 or rchrkn@pocket-mail.com [2]

Married male in the **Fox Valley** lkg for slender nice lkg, married or single Black or Asian males, 18-50, for discreet, confidential enjoyment. Must be clean & disease-free, even where mate or wife would like to join. PleaserC@netscape.net [2]

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DJ TOP 15 DANCE HITS

Club Xpress--Escanaba, Mich. DJ (& an owner) Wm. A. Popp

1. Mutiny....."The Virus"
2. Sunscreen....."Who Will Love Me" (Push)
3. AMP....."Forever Now"
4. Da Buzz....."Love Me Tonight" (RMX)
5. Olive....."You're Not Alone" (RMX)
6. RMB....."Horizon"
7. Lonnie Gordon....."He Lives In You"
8. Madonna....."Paradise" (White Label)
9. Missy Elliot....."Freak On" (White Label)
10. Vanessa Mac....."White Bird"
12. Information Society....."Running"
13. Q&K Session....."Hardsync"
14. Stevie Nicks....."Planets of the Universe"
15. Per QX....."Out Tonight"

DJ Cameron (Orbit)

How old a track is shouldn't matter if it's a good song. There are those tracks that should become classics, staples in your collection to be occasionally played for years after their release because they are just that good. These are my top 10 all time picks:

- 1 SM Trax....."Got the Groove"
- 2 Plasmic Honey....."Ride the Trip"
- 3 Spunky....."Hyde & Seek"
- 4 Andrea Martin....."Share the Love" (Remix)
- 5 Johnny Viscious feat....."Lula-Ecstasy"
- 6 Luminaire....."Flower Duet"
- 7 Vengaboys....."Superfly Slick"
- 8 Multi....."Pussycat" (Remix)
- 9 Darude....."Sandstorm"
- 10 French Affair....."My Heart goes Boom"

The Main Club--Superior, WI DJ Ed

- 1 Janet....."Someone to Call My Lover"
- 2 Abigail....."You Set Me Free"
3. Barryless....."We Come One"
- 4 Bette Midler....."In These Shoes"
5. Stevie Nicks....."Planets of the Universe"
6. Barry Harris....."I Got My Pride"
7. Smash Mouth....."I'm a Believer"
8. Geri Halliwell....."It's Raining Men"
9. Eddie Grant....."Electric Avenue"
10. Thalia....."It's My Party"
11. Dido....."Thankyou"
12. Depeche Mode....."I Feel Loved"
13. Jennifer Lopez....."I'm Real"
14. Lucrezia....."Live to Tell"
15. Basement Jaxx....."Romeo"

DavidE's Dish...

Well hello children, the Queen of ClubLand is back. Once again a week at the fabulous Betty Ford has put all my bits and pieces back together again. Nothing like detox to make you feel like a whole new homo. Who needs Club Med when I have Club Medication! But let me tell you, I so enjoy spending time with Liza and Whitney over having to bunk with Ben Affleck and that horrible A.J. from the Backstreet "alley" Boys. Those two rookies had no idea how to properly conduct themselves at rehab. I mean really! Ben was trying to snatch Liza's Zolofis and A.J. kept begging Whitney to "let it snow in August." Us old timers were so over it. Finally the queen bee herself, Liz "pass me the gravy" Taylor, had to step in and set those two straight. Now I've spent my fair share of time lunching with Betty Ford and there's one thing you learn from day one. Don't fuck with LIZ! Simply put, I don't think we'll see either of those two men making a return engagement at the House of Ford.

So here I am back in Milwaukee ready to shake, rattle and roll. Word has it that while I was gone quite a stir developed from my last article. Well honey, that was then and this is now. DavidE speaks his mind and then moves on. Let's just hope Milwaukee's club scene can do the same. Now speaking of moving, there is a ton of faboo music out there to keep all of us moving on the dance floor. I love COX and the biggest Cox, Deborah, has a fierce new song out, "Absolutely Not." I was at the M&M Club on a Thursday night and heard this one along with a slew of other fresh jams. Big hats off to M's for keeping the music new and upbeat. Now if only I could get a dance floor put on top of that damn piano we could shake our groove things while enjoying double bubble!

Recently at Club 5 I heard DJ Tony playing some crazy tune featuring the theme from "The Price is Right." Of course I HAD to know what the hell that kooky mess was. Ms. Ritschard informed me that it was Crystal Waters' new one, "Come on Down." Well I instantly fell in love with it and just the thought of Bob Barker jamming out with Crystal Waters is enough for me to scream, "Remember to get your pets spayed or neutered." Well alrighty then... Now in the "do I like it or do I hate it?" category comes Amber's latest attempt, "Yes." The Hex Hector mix is ok while the Illicit mix is better but overall the song is stupid. Amber babbles on about "putting her arms around him, yes and drawing him near so he can feel her breasts." Eeeceek! Boobies! Not what I want to hear about.

So now that I'm light headed from all this mammary gland talk I think I'll be signing off. I hope everyone has a super duper Labor Day Weekend. My sister in sin, Messie Bessie, is organizing a huge softball tourney in Milwaukee for Labor Day so keep your eyes out for flying bats and balls. I may just have to put in some hard labor over at the Midtowne Spa! Pray for sun, fun and horny ball players... *smooches*

Congratulations..DavidE on winning Best DJ in queer Wisconsin as published in In Step.

DJ Cody Wild's Top 15 (Milwaukee)

1. Fragma Que....."You Are Alive"
2. Rockell....."What You Did to Me"
3. Barry Harris/Peppee Nashay....."I Got My Pride"
4. Abigail....."You Set Me Free"
5. Jana / DJ Skribble....."More Than Life"
6. Tamia....."Tell Me Who"
7. Da Buzz....."Let Me Lover You"
8. Ultra Nate....."Get It Up"
9. Kim English....."Jumpin' & Bumpin'"
10. N'Sync....."Pop"
11. World of Shoes....."I Am Strong"
12. Kim Zassi....."Feelin' You"
13. Ashley Ballard....."Hottie"
14. Paul Oakenfold....."Ascension"
15. Karmalidelic....."Nothingness"

Club 5--Madison, WI DJ/VJ Tony Ritschard

1. Crystal Waters....."Come On Down"
2. Madonna....."What It Feels Like for a Girl"
3. Destiny's Child....."Bootylicious" (remix)
4. Tamia....."Tell Me Who"
5. Pusaka....."The Worst Thing for Me"
6. C.A./L.K./Mya/Pink....."Lady Marmalade"
7. Vanessa Amarosi....."Absolutely Everybody"
8. Janet....."Someone to Call My Lover"
9. Nsync....."Pop"
10. Rockell....."What U Did 2 Me"
11. Mandy Moore....."In My Pocket"
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Sincerely, To Shy Charleston, WV

Dear To Shy,
Pumpkin, shyness is about the your minds fear of being rejected. So, change your mind. When I go out I always play what I call the "Rejection Game." I play with being rejected by as many hot men as possible. Some ignore me and some adore me. But eventually I trap my beast... I mean... I find happiness, to say the least. And I only need one man each night... I mean... one man to love forever. So play the "Rejection Game." Face your fear and watch it disappear.

Big wet kisses, Trinity

Dearest Trinity,
I'm not saying that I'm an animal about dating and sex but... oink, oink! Is it wrong to have unspeakable amounts of dating and/or sexual encounters? Or should I spend more time in the waiting room?

Oink Oink Queens, NY

Dearest Oink,
You should always do what feels right. Although, a life of lust may get boring and lonely after a while. But if your animalistic lifestyle works remember,

Trinity's Waiting Room



Dear Trinity,
Many issues back you printed a top ten list for how to be the perfect house guest. But what about how to be the perfect host. Thanks, Hosting Tips Las Vegas, NV

Dear Hosting Tips,
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7. If fresh, CLEAN LINENS is not on your list then expect friends to say, "Your house is not missed!"
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5. "Please wash your own dishes and not make a mess." are words to be uttered BEFORE you get stressed!
4. DISPLAYING MONEY and jewels for all to admire, is stupid, unnecessary unless your insurance covers more than just fire.
3. A guest is a friend and a gift, exciting and new. A guest is also NOT someone to force your troubles on to!
2. Being HELPFUL, polite and appearing at ease, is good TO A POINT but shouldn't bring you to your knees.
1. Lastly, MAKE TIME to spend with your guest, for life is too quick. Finding quality time with friends is too often a magic trick.

DATING FAUX #19

Hey Trinity,
After nine months of seeing the same man he suddenly informs me that he's removed sex from the menu. And I can't even TOUCH him below the waist. He says he loves me. But what about sex? Do I break up with him or wait? Yours, Needing Touch Santa Rosa, CA

Hey Needing,
Boy, that's the type of news that makes chasing polar bears, naked at the North Pole sound enjoyable. I want to say so much but... in the end, life's a game. Dating is a game. Love is a game. And sometimes you have to just keep playing the game to see what happens. If you must have sex then... go have sex, for now. Needing sex is as basic as needing to pee. And you don't have to feel guilty about not telling him that you took a leak. So hold out... I mean... or try to put it away, for a while. If after a few months, he still treats you like a porcupine and you still love him then either join a monastery or an escort service. Big hugs, Trinity

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Drag It Out Of Me!

By Miss Lilly White

Girrrrrl, Here I am again ladies, ready to quench your unending thirst for as much cross-dressing scandal as you can guzzle. It has certainly been a fun-filled month of pageants, benefits, and shows. So, par for the course, I have quite an engulfment of luxurious, gender-bending drama to report.

The first of August had quite a few queens in the midst of a National Pageant, as almost every queen in Wisconsin trekked to Louisville, Kentucky for the annual Miss Entertainer of the Year pageant. This year, Nova D'Vine and Shannon DuPree were the Dairy State's representatives, showing the other girls from all around the country what Wisconsin has to offer. Nova headed south with visions of being a top ten finalist, unfortunately that never came to pass. Everything seemed to be going along without a hitch, until around the south side of Chicago when Donna Mae, "The Divine One's Dresser", left her purse sitting on top of the van at a mini-mart. Just as they merged onto the freeway Ellen Diamond had turned around to get another beer, and happened to glance out the back and see something flying by the window. What happened next was something that had all people on the Illinois tollway wondering why 10 queens were running up and down the ditches of Interstate 94 looking as if they had lost a 10 carat diamond from Van Cleef and Arpel. "I don't think they even sell plastic stones do they?" Everyone did reach the ultimate destination, greater Louisville, with time to spare, and immediately started hot gluing. Kandi Barr, Kyllie West and I joined the troops a few days later after the first 2 nights of preliminary festivities, just in time to be there to witness Nova in her amazing Bob Mackie Barbie recreation for

evening gown competition.

Shannon DuPree did a great performance of "His Eye is on the Sparrow" that definitely wowed the audience, she sparkled and shined like a 60 watt light bulb. Unfortunately, they spelled her name wrong in the pageant program, so for a week everyone kept calling her Sahannon. Final night was what all the dolls had been waiting for, as they call off the top 10 finalists and crown the winner at the end of the evening. It was a gorgeous venue at the Louisville Convention Center, and as the names were called, faces were cracked, and girls started packing up U-Hauls. The final placement goes as follows: 10-Dominique Shapelle 9-Jasmine Night 8-Kitty Litter 7-Asia 6-Taylor St. James 5-Anjila Richards 4-Tasha Long 3-Nichole Love DuPree 2-Ashley Krui and the winner is...Raven "The Fire Goddess of Atlanta." Raven was unparalleled in every category and definitely deserved the stunning tiara. When she comes to town for the next Miss Wisconsin Entertainer of the Year, don't miss her, she is truly amazing. Our girls did find out their scores when they were posted online the next day. Out of 29 girls Shannon placed 24th and Nova came in an embarrassing 27th place. I personally thought that both girls did the best they could, and with all the new fabric Nova bought while she was there it was definitely not a wasted trip. Check out all the photos and score sheets for yourself at www.eoy.net.

On a sad note, former Miss EOY from last year Stephanie Bofill has died. I am not completely clear on the details, but it apparently happened the day before final night.

Just another warning to all the girls in Wisconsin please watch all of your things carefully when you are doing a show. It seems the cat burglar is at it again, as more dresses and jewelry has come up missing lately. If anybody knows anything about the thief or thieves please feel free to report it to the right people, and I will be happy to expose the culprit in my column. It is very sad that you can't trust your own drag sisters with things that we all work very hard for.

Another frightening story about a certain former first runner-up having another drunken run-

in with the long arm of the law. This time it seems she may be spending a little time in Waupun picking up the soap in the showers. Hope it isn't true girl, and if it is, my only desire is that you can get off on a technicality.

Recently, there has been quite a plethora of gorgeous trans-gendered divas. Talent night at the Club 219, every other Thursday, is becoming quite an event. The last few talent nights have seen no less than 9 contestants vying for the prize. With so many talented and beautiful new girls such as, Val Curry, Mya Lynn, Nanette Medved and Alexis Winters, just to name a few, it is definitely the place to check out on Thursday nights in Milwaukee.

Blowing off the Wisconsin drag scene will be the big and beautiful, large and lovely, Jarica Jordan. Apparently she has been offered a job in California to work on the television show

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Sesame Street. "I didn't even know they were looking for a replacement for Mr. Snufalupagus." Best of luck to Miss Jordan and her 1967 Classic Corvette Convertible in sunny California.

Baby Jane Hudson and Chi Chi LaRue recently returned from a whirlwind tour of Las Vegas, where Jane hit every nickel slot on the strip. I am sure she was hoping to hit the jackpot so she could replace "The Broach." I was informed that they both had a lovely time, saw lots of fascinating shows, did a ton a shopping, twirled through the Liberace Museum and only had one fight all week. Congratulations to both of them on surviving. Miss Hudson will soon be hosting her 44th birthday in style, on September 16th with the festive day of events culminating with a celebratory drag show at the M & M Club. She is sure to have the champagne flowing for all in attendance.

Another festive occasion to look forward to is the benefit show for Debby Fox and Desire Triumph. The girls will be bringing out the big guns and many fabulous stars in order to raise enough money to send them to the state pageant with enough food money for Taco Bell each night. It should be quite an evening full of love, as these girls really know what the true meaning of sisterhood is, when they aren't threatening to beat the hell out of each other. The true test of their love will be when they have to share a room in Green Bay for a weekend. "Good Luck to both girls!"

A special thanks to Color Stay lipstick spokes-model Gina Delicious from Rockford. I was truly inspired by the thoughtful message that was sent to me, and I would love to respond personally if you would be so kind to leave me your e-mail address next time. Thanks honey!

Apparently there are no drag queens in the Duluth/Superior area that were at all interested in winning a crown. The Miss Northern USofA pageant that was to be held was a bust, with no entries. I guess Taylor Vaughn should have made the 7 hour trip up to the great white north. It would have been her easy shot to the state pageant.

Also new this month is the opening of a new drag night. Club Lick is located on 17th Street and Chambers Street, and will be having shows every Sunday night. I'll soon be dropping in to see my girls Sierra De La Fuente, Valencia D'Vine, and Gia. "Good luck to all the girls, and if you have an opening, I think 60-watt Shannon is looking for a new place to perform where she can attract the right crowd!"

I am still waiting to hear how Miss Eau Claire turned out, so if anybody has some info on the winners please e-mail me!

This weekend is the fabulous Continental Pageant in Chicago; a limousine load of girls will be making the trip on Labor Day. I will let you all know all about how our representatives Eileen Dover, and Cass Marie Domino did in the next issue.

Don't forget to see Hedwig and the Angry Inch!! Definitely the best drag queen movie since Priscilla Queen of the Desert! It is truly sensational! Rumor has it it will also be shown at Historic West Theater in Green Bay soon.

That's all for now girls! Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions, comments, or a little bit of dish, at my web site www.misslilywhite.com.

I'll be back in three weeks with all the grease. Stay fierce girls!



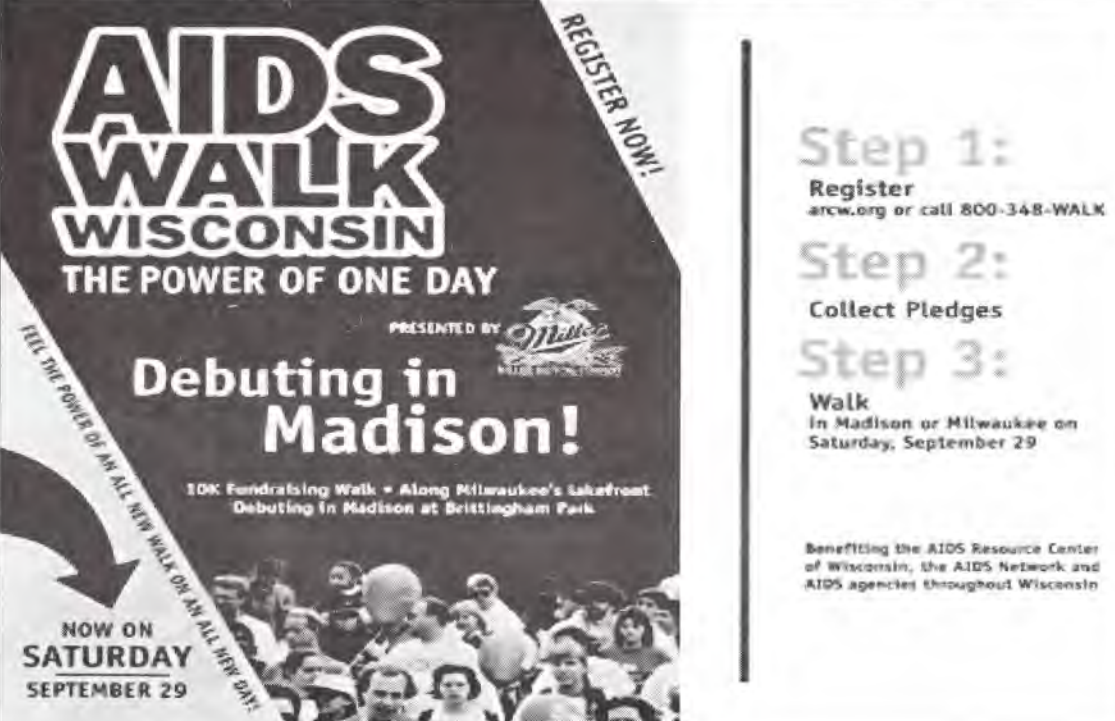
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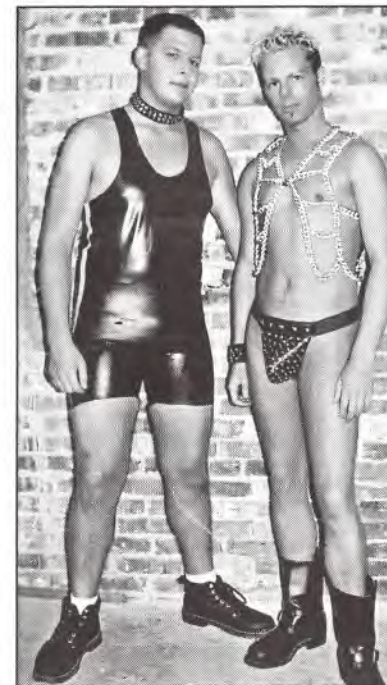


PHOTO GALLERY



The second annual Primping 4 Perversion at
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Right: JC, manager of Midtowne Spa checking paperwork,
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PAST/OUT

by Rawley Grau

Who Was George Platt Lynes?



In the 1930s, the photographs of George Platt Lynes could be found in all the major fashion magazines, but today the photographer is most remembered for pictures he never published - his male nude photography.

Born in 1907, Lynes attended boarding school in Massachusetts, where he developed a keen interest in contemporary literature. So after graduating in 1925, he went to Paris to meet Gertrude Stein. Stein took an interest in Lynes, and for the next eight months, he was hobnobbing with some of the leading lights of the French avant-garde.

In 1927, he met the young novelist Glenway Wescott and his lover, Monroe Wheeler. Lynes began a passionate affair with Wheeler, to which Wescott assented.

The next few years saw Lynes traveling back and forth to France, where Wescott and Wheeler lived. Lynes thought he might like to be a writer, but in 1929, a wealthy dilettante offered Lynes her photographic equipment, and he discovered his career.

The young man had already shown flair in the pictures he took of such literary friends as Stein and Jean Cocteau. By 1932, his photographs were being exhibited in major New York art shows.

Wescott and Wheeler moved back to New York in the early '30s, and the three men set up house together. Lynes embarked on a career in fashion photography and became the official photographer for the American Ballet Company.

During this period, Lynes lived comfortably amid swank society. The young photographer, himself strikingly handsome, was surrounded by beautiful men, and he usually didn't have trouble persuading them to take off their clothes for his camera.

For these pictures, Lynes used dra-

matic lighting, simple props, and minimalist settings to reveal the male body as fleshly, sensual, and desired. Though he usually arranged his models in stylized poses, his photographs often express a profound yearning for erotic intimacy. Many are discreet, with no genitalia on view, but others clearly focus on the models' genitals, while yet others present male couples in tender embrace.

One of the men who modeled for Lynes was 20-year-old George Tichenor. Lynes became infatuated with Tichenor, but it was apparently an unrequited love. When Tichenor was killed during World War II, Lynes was devastated. Although he soon became involved with Tichenor's younger brother, Jonathan, this death marked the beginning of an emotional and professional decline for Lynes.

Lynes had always been prone to extravagant spending, but now it increased to dangerous levels. He grew less interested in photography that paid and spent more and more time on his male nudes. The affair with Jonathan Tichenor soon unraveled, and Lynes became increasingly promiscuous.

In 1946, Lynes became chief photographer at *Vogue* art shows. In Los Angeles for two years, during which time he sank ever more deeply into debt. His financial woes worsened after his return to New York. Finally in 1951, because of unpaid taxes, the government padlocked his studio and auctioned off his equipment, forcing Lynes to declare bankruptcy.

Lynes relied heavily on family and friends, though some money came in from sex researcher Dr. Alfred Kinsey, who purchased over 600 prints of Lynes' male nude photographs as examples of homosexual eroticism for his institute's collec-

tion.

In 1955, Lynes was diagnosed with lung cancer. Worried about his reputation, he destroyed a large number of his homoerotic prints and negatives before he died that December. It would be another quarter-century before Lynes' most passionate and innovative work - preserved at the Kinsey Institute and in private collections - could finally be shared with the public.

Who are the Radical Faeries?

At first glance, the Radical Faeries seem to be holdovers from the counterculture of the '60s - though with a light-hearted camp sensibility that is unmistakably queer. But their central concern is serious: they believe gay people are a special tribe with a unique role to play in the evolution of human consciousness.

The roots of the Radical Faerie movement date to the mid-1970s, when a number of gay men became frustrated with the urban gay community. They criticized the banality of a culture based in bars and bath-houses and saw the rise of the "clone" look - mustache, flannel shirt, and tight Levis - as pandering to heterosexual ideas of masculinity.

Faeries were on the mind of Harry Hay, the pioneering activist who in 1950 had founded the first major U.S. gay rights group. In 1970, he and his partner, John Burnside, had moved from Los Angeles to northern New Mexico. It was around that time that Hay began using the word "faery" - the slur bullies had used against him as a child - to describe the peculiar "otherness" of gays, the quality of being neither masculine nor feminine. "Only now that I'm grown up and have become a proper queer, I gussy up the spelling to make it *f-a-e-r-i-e*," he later explained.

Gayness, Hay argued, was a necessary factor in human evolution, and gay people belonged to a special, separate "tribe." Rather than assimilate into heterosexual society, they were called to heal it.

In 1978, Hay and Burnside became friends with two other men

who thought along similar lines: Don Kilhefner, a 39-year-old activist from Los Angeles, and Mitch Walker, in his mid-20s, who was studying Jungian psychology at Berkeley. Together, the four men set about planning the first "spiritual conference for Radical Faeries," as it was described on their flier.

Over 200 men came to that first Faerie gathering, which took place over Labor Day weekend in 1979, at a Buddhist retreat center in the Arizona desert. As they grew comfortable with one another, they began to shed their inhibitions, as well as their clothes, donning feathers, bells, beads, and body paint. Inspired by the success of the first gathering, a second was held a year later in a mountain meadow above Boulder, Colo.

Since that time, several Radical Faerie "sanctuaries" have been established, from Oregon to Ontario, where Faeries live off the land, host gatherings, and welcome visitors.

As with any loosely organized group, there have been problems. In the early '80s, for example, Kilhefner and Walker left the Faeries over what they considered Hay's domineering leadership style. And on another level, some complain that gatherings have become more about style than spiritual revelation.

Nevertheless, as gays and lesbians become more deeply enmeshed in mainstream consumer culture, the Faeries' vision of an enlightened tribe, close to nature and endowed with special gifts for humanity, continues to offer an intriguing alternative model.

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SIDETRACK ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR 9TH ANNUAL "NIGHT OF 100 DRAG QUEENS" BENEFIT

Auditions/performance consultations for the 9th annual "Night of 100 Drag Queens" benefit will be held on Saturday, September 22nd from noon until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sidetrack, 3349 N Halsted. "Night of 100 Drag Queens-9" will be presented on Wednesday, October 24th. Performers wishing to audition and/or have a performance consultation should call Chuck Hyde at Sidetrack, 773-477-9189 between noon and 6:00 p.m. or leave a voice mail at 773-477-1113, for an appointment.

Performers (queens or kings) auditioning will be asked to bring a photo of themselves "in character", a cd or tape of the number they would like to perform, and, if possible, a video tape of a past performance. It is not necessary for

performers to audition in costume or make-up. The producers are seeking performance pieces with over the top humor or drama. The show's emphasis is on high camp. A new facet of this year's show will be a set of performance "suites" built around themes. Performers should be prepared to present a variety of performance ideas at their audition/consultation "Night of 100 Drag Queens" includes performances by both amateur and professional entertainers and will benefit Equality Illinois. In conjunction with "Night of 100 Drag Queens-9", a costume contest will be held. Participants will be judged in the following categories: "Best/Biggest Hair", "Most Outrageous Drag", "Best Duo or Group" and "Most Outrageous Make-Up".

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WHO: Cross gender performers.
WHAT: Auditions for "Night of 100 Drag Queens-9".
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WHEN: September 22nd and 25th.
WHY: To benefit Equality Illinois.

Society's Double-edged Sword

by Bradley Wooten



There's something that's been bugging me about the gay community lately—our need for separation when we're fighting for inclusion. Everyone's crusade these days is for equality: equal rights, respect, escape from discrimination, etc.

In our fight for inclusion within our neighborhoods, we separate ourselves from the worldly community. The other day, I was talking to a buddy of mine about "flamers." The conversation was more of a debate.

My take: I think the flaming aspect is a choice, to a degree, and can be controlled. A lot of society judges us by the more "obvious" gays and has predetermined disgust because it's different. (Now, don't get me wrong here, I find "flamers" to be hysterical—everyone should know at LEAST five).

His take: It's not anything to be controlled to any degree; "It's just that some people are more flamboyant than others. You shouldn't dis' our people, man."

The phrase that got me? "Our people." What the hell is this "our people" crap? The fact that I like men is about one percent of WHO I am. Out of the blue I am classified into a separate category of people? I thought a person is a person no matter what their age, sex, skin color, or sexual orientation, now — all of a sudden - I'm an "our people?"

True, there are queens (gotta love 'em); flamers; buff, ripped,

strong, straight acting... (sorry, my personal favorite); those who are androgynous; bisexuals (the best of both worlds); and transsexuals (hmmm...), but those are different types of personalities, not different categories of people.

Now, I'm not a gay crusader (props to those who are, but it's not my deal). I'm not about the rainbow garb or clear announcement of my sexuality wherever I go. To me, it's a part of who I am, a very small part, but still a part of me. I don't like to make a big deal about it, because to me it isn't a big deal. Personally, I think homosexuality would be much more accepted if we, the gays, didn't make it out to be such a big deal. Clearly, if we didn't classify ourselves as an "our people" or parade around like it's the most shocking, earth-shattering, groundbreaking news that NBC has at ten o'clock, society may just say, "Who cares?"

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For guidelines, entry forms, e (541) 348-4373 (fax 541 / 346-4400) e-mail qff@darkwing.uoregon.edu Roger Adkins is the festival coordinator.

Queer "B" Movies Find Niche

Queer themes have tickled the underbelly of Camp "B" movies going back to the dawn of cinema...and the 'trend' continues with the soon-to-be-released *The Brotherhood 2: Young Warlocks and Voodoo Academy 2*

'Brotherhood' is due in video stores Sept. 25; it pits another

"innocent" young man (Sean Faris of *Pearl Harbor*) against a warlock who seduces the young men of a boarding school into his all male coven usually while swimming in their underwear and licking soulful tears from each others' faces.

For more info, contact Rapid Heart Pictures (818) 980-3897.

Margaret Cho's *I'm the One That I Want* to Air Oct. 5

Margaret Cho's concert film *I'm the One That I Want* makes its U.S. premium cable premier on the Sundance Channel on Friday, Oct. 5, at 8 pm, Wisconsin time.

Based on her experiences as the first Asian-American to star in her own sitcom, "All American Girl," *I'm the One That I Want* chronicles Margaret Cho's experiences in Hollywood, her relationship with her mother and her struggles with her own

personal demons.

Cho received GLAAD's first-ever Golden Gate Award -- honoring her as an "entertainment pioneer who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity." Her film was the highest grossing movie of 2000 at the Nuare Theatre in Los Angeles and in May of this year became one of only three films in history to gross one million dollars with fewer than ten prints.

Sundance Channel's website address is www.sundancechannel.com

Latest News from TLA Releasing!

TLA Releasing, the new distribution label of TLA Entertainment Group, has just released two very interesting and very different films on VHS and DVD: the Scottish coming-out drama *Forgive & Forget*, and the American psychological thriller *Surrender Dorothy*.

2001 Milwaukee LGBT Film & Video Festival Schedule

This year's festival opens on Oct. 4 at the Oriental Theatre on Farwell Ave. with *Trembling Before G-D*, a film celebrated at Sundance, Berlin Film Festivals, and spotlighted as the Milwaukee opener. It is an emotionally powerful documentary about lesbian and gay Hasidic Jews.

The balance of the festival will be staged at UW-M's Union Hall, Oct. 5-7 & 11-14.

Here is a schedule of the rest of the showings:

Fri., Oct. 5: Union Theater at 7 pm; *Fever in the Archive* Program #1: *First Personal Singular* (Free) A Historical survey of AIDS activist videos. at 9:30 pm *Julie Johnson*, Lili Taylor & Courtney Love star in this tale of a New Jersey housewife's pursuit of long-closeted dreams, including her education and romancing her best friend.

coming up in the Midwest. For a more exhaustive list, check out the Leather Journal at your favorite bar. When bad things happen to good people.... The highly anticipated and heavily promoted Kenosha Fetish Party was a no go. The exact details aren't currently available, but the host bar for the event, The Filling Station, apparently closed its doors for good. Condolences go out to Milwaukee's Gene and Joe who put so much work into organizing the event. Good luck to the staff of The Filling Station. Inside sources indicate the event will be rescheduled for sometime in October.

There is, however, an upcoming event that may quench your thirst for another fetish-Speedos. A Tropical Heat Wave is coming Friday, Sept 21st to the Harbor Room. Before old man winter comes a knocking, slip into your favorite pair of Speedos (or something equally as revealing) and come down to enjoy tropical drink specials, 50/50 drawings, and The Battle of the Bulge. Various prizes will be awarded, including one for "best bulge". It'll be like an episode of Baywatch, but without all the silicone. Things that make you go mmm...

The gay community must fascinate anthropologists and Sociologists, as much as we rely on symbols for communication. The thought crossed my mind during the Argonauts/Castaways run. Numerous men were walking around with colored handkerchiefs stuffed in their back pockets, which as many of you know signifies their sexual interests. Something as simple as a hanky can really tell you a lot about a person.

Anyone see the film *Cruising*? In *Cruising*, Al Pacino plays a "heterosexual" cop who goes undercover into the world of S/M & leather. He doesn't realize the red hanky in his backpocket indicates a preference for fisting. Someone in the bar gets really ticked off when Al shows no interest in his advances. To avoid any future confusion, his character seeks out a crash course in the protocols of flagging colors. Boy was he embarrassed!

It is actually pretty logical to communicate through discreet symbols, especially when for so long the gay community couldn't be as out and proud as we are today. Gay bars used to be almost non-existent, and when you did find one, people weren't too keen on talking for fear of being outed. The only other option was meeting people in public places, a situation that made the use of quick non-verbal communication even more critical. Somethings are apparently difficult to relinquish, whether it be to cruise or to show off your gay pride.

In today's noisy and distracting bar scene, a system like the hanky code is still very useful. The trick, however, is knowing what the colors mean. Here follows a sampling of the Hanky Code. wom on right" color "wom on left"

Heavy SM bottom - Black - Heavy SM Top
Bondage bottom - Grey - Bondage Top
One for two - Gold - Two for One
Boy for daddy - Hunter Green
Daddy Likes men in suits-Gray Flannel-Owens a Suit
Likes tattoos - Leopard - Has Tattoos
Safe sex bottom- Black/White Check-Safe sex Top

Obviously nothing should replace actual verbal communication with a potential playpartner, but at least with the hanky code, you know whether you're barking up the right tree. For a full list, checkout www.hankycode.com Please do so before you stick a brown hanky in your back pocket, just because it matches your shoes.

In memory of... SpitShine would like to again offer our deepest sympathy to Steve W. for the loss of his partner, Fred. The 1100 Club hosted a gathering in his memory on Aug 26th that several friends and club brothers attended. I'm sure Steve wishes to thank everyone who was there to remember Fred.

Missed Connections The Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) bowlers organized a successful fundraiser aboard the Edelweiss (a big boat) recently, and seeing Milwaukee at night from the water was almost by itself worth the price of the trip. A friend of SpitShine wanted to put a message out to one of the Edelweiss passengers. Jeffrey (bald, goatee), if you read this, contact us so we can get you two reconnected. And finally....

Greetings from the Milw Knights
We will be out in milw the next two weeks with tickets to the anniversary dinner/pvt party if anyone is still intrested. The cutoff date for the dinner is sept 10th. Price for the complet pack-

age is \$30.00 or \$15.00 for the pvt party. Applications can be picked up at the 1100 club or the Harbor Room. This is a party you wont want to miss. Ideas, comments, concerns, or whatever, can be sent to: waukeebay@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 9 BootCamp's 17th Anniversary Congratulations Sy!

Sept 15, Milwaukee Knights' 1 year Anniversary Dinner and Private Party Cocktails and Dinner at M&M's, followed by a private party at Midtowne Spa. Get an application to attend

Sept 30, Folsom Street Fair, San Francisco

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Sat., Oct. 6: At 3 pm, *Activism to Radicalism* Tina Machida in Zimbabwe ...two lesbian activists, one a young woman bravely fighting for acceptance of lesbians and gays in her native Zimbabwe, *OUT: The Making of a Revolutionary*, a veteran militant serving time in a federal penitentiary for bombing the US Capitol; At 5 pm, *Tales from Africa*, *Dark and Lovely* an artfully told story of the struggles of two women to escape the condemnation of their village. *Forbidden Fruit* about LGBT life in African villages; a tour of gay hairdressers in rural South Africa; At 7 pm, "Personal Declarations: An Evening of Girls' Shorts" followed at 9 pm by "Bodies in Motion: An Evening of Boys' Shorts"

Sun., Oct. 7: Starting at 2:30, *Herr Schmidt & Herr Friedrich* and *Companions: Tales From the Closet* films about elderly gay men and lesbians recounting their histories, testifying to triumphs in a more oppressive time.

At 5 pm by *My Left Breast*, and *Sea in the Blood* true stories of negotiating illness - frank, defiant and strikingly funny personal accounts about breast cancer and one's meditation on both his sister's disease and his lover's HIV status.

Adventures of Felix



At 7 pm, *Adventures of Felix*, (French with subtitles) a singularly effervescent comedy-road move that follows an unemployed ferry worker as he hitchhikes across France, creating a family along the way. Also *Red Chewing Gum*.

Mon., Oct. 8: Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. *Fever in the Archive* Program:2 *Desperate Measures* This evening's presentation is free, 7:30 pm,

Wed., Oct. 10: UWM Union Theatre (time to be announced), *Fever in the Archive* Program:3 *How to Have Sex in an Epidemic*

Thurs., Oct. 11: 7 pm at Union Theatre, *Transanimals* a menagerie of short stories and short documentaries featuring personal testimony about intersex identity and gender transitioning, an animated cartoon featuring a lizard and a fly, savvy kids asking the right questions, dogs wanting to be cats and vice versa; At 9 pm *Gaea Girls* (Japanese with subtitles) another gender-exploring doc revealing the brutal, flinch-inducing world of full-contact Japanese women's fighting.

Fri., Oct. 12: At 7 pm UWM Union Theatre, *Love is a Battlefield*

(French with subtitles) a film about a med school dropout facing an ultimatum from her girlfriend to come out to her parents before the men land on the moon,

At 9 pm *Come Undone* (French with Subtitles) a seductively melancholy film which unfolds the tale of two beautiful boys, their summer romance and its turbulent aftermath.

Sat., Oct. 13: (Union Theatre) 4:30 pm *Fever in the Archive*, Program 4: *Voice in the Hood* about constructing community in the Age of AIDS; At 7 pm, *Manji* (Japanese with subtitles) a film featuring lesbian love affairs, blood oaths, blackmail, faked miscarriages, suicide pacts and more; At 9 pm, *Iron Ladies*, an irresistible sports comedy about a mostly drag queen volleyball team whose coach leads them to victory.

Sun., Oct. 14:

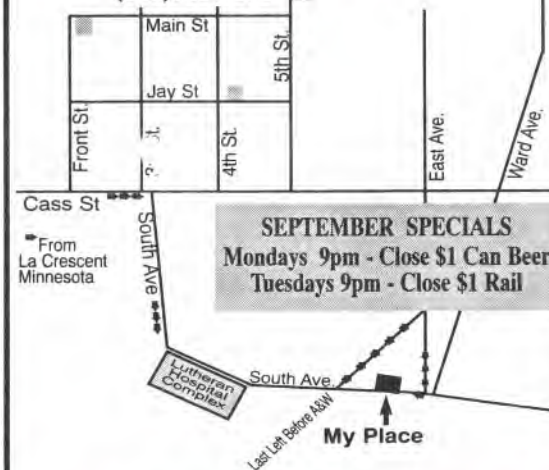
(Union Theatre) 1 pm *Metrosexuality*, from the folks who brought us "Queer As Folk," an electric confusion of sexualities, races, genders, generations, and attitudes centered on teen-aged Kwame's attempt to reunite his separated gay dads.



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Spit Shine

by Mark C.



Hilbert, Wisconsin probably doesn't see itself as a playground for the gay community, but once a year men from all over the United States make their way to a little farm in the country. No, the guys aren't coming for the cow tipping...the draw is the Castaways and Argonauts joint run. The run is special for several reasons. You don't often find leather clubs collaborating on projects, so to witness these guys working so hard and so well together was a treat. The layout of this particular run also makes it unique. If you have never attended one, a run is basically a weekend long party hosted by a leather club, held most often in a hotel. Hosting a run in a hotel makes sense for logistical purposes, and regardless of the weather, participants are guaranteed a good time.

The Argonauts and Castaways choose to throw caution to the wind by putting together an outdoor run, and the risks definitely pay off. The bulk of the run takes place in a renovated barn, which includes a DJ booth, dining area, two bar spaces, sleeping quarters, a dungeon, showers, and a kitchen. Each year new renovations are made, and the end result is nothing short of amazing.

The majority of the guys (150+ this year) bring campers, trailers, & tents, taking full advantage of the Kamke farmland. Unfortunately, due to a little rain, some campers ended up with lakefront property. The wet weather may have put a damper on the outside sleeping arrangements, but it brought everyone inside together, allowing for additional bonding.

The run package includes all the beverages (liquor, beer, soda, water, and coffee) and food one can consume, entertainment, and a leather contest. Michael and Mark of Milwaukee, with the help of several assistants, kept everyone's tummy happy with baked and fried fish, baked chicken, pork tenderloin, pizza, and a delicious brunch on Sunday. Hmmm...any

chance you guys are available for weddings?

GaryToons of Neenah provided the music for the weekend. No matter if your tastes ran from country, polka, or pop, Gary had it covered. The fact that Gary is easy on the eyes & has a beautiful voice was a bonus.

One of the best things about the weekend was the amazing lineup of talent. The vocal stylings of Ric Sullivan, Michael Sapp, T.J. of Mr. Northwoods 2000 fame, and Gary of Garytoons, were well received by the appreciative crowd. On top of the singers, some of the Castaways (and Andy S.) showed off their feminine sides with a few drag performances. Once you looked past the facial hair, and closed your eyes really really tight, you almost thought Cher was actually there. In addition to singing, T.J. did a great job as Master of Ceremonies for the "Mr. Northwoods 2001" contest. Ten men competed, showing off their jocks and leather. Woof! Mr. Northwoods 2001: **Winner: Marc T. of Milwaukee** **1st Runner-up: Andy S. of Milwaukee**

There's no question that Marc will represent the Mr. Northwood's title just as well as his predecessor, T.J. Be sure to keep an eye out for events hosted by Marc as he works his way toward being an IML contestant in 2002. A quote from the new Mr. Northwoods: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable (Helen Keller)". Thank you Andy & Brian, Darrell & Niko for their faith in me and support, as well as to all my friends (too many names to mention) as well as the Argonauts & the Castaways. What I plan to do with the title: To promote love & unity in the gay community regardless of our particular preferences. To

promote STDS/AIDS awareness, safe sex, testing, support & fund raising that benefits not only our community but all of humankind; to breakdown the stereo types the rest of society has towards our life style.

Without meaning to sound too much like a commercial, the Argonauts/Castaways' annual run should be experienced at least once. Special thanks also need to be given to the clubs that hosted cocktail parties throughout the weekend, including: the Milwaukee Knights (what exactly was in "Boy Punch"?), Nimbus, Gateway, Blue Max, and Black Guard. Apologies to anyone left out of the kudos. Additional thanks to Richard M. for supplying some of the run photos.

Spit Shine will try to keep everyone abreast of the upcoming runs/events in the area, and of runs outside the Midwest. If you need to get your runfix, here are a few to look forward to: *Gateway M.C. presents "Show Me 28: the X-rated Run". **Where: St. Louis, MO** **When: Oct 26-28, 2001** What to expect: Lady Bunny & Hugh, Porn Stars & ho-bags, Halloween & a porno movie, and Gateway's "Queer as Fu*k". For more info: www.gatewaymc.org/ <http://www.gatewaymc.org/> *Castaways M.C. of Milwaukee presents "22nd Anniversary Dinner at the Italian Conference Center". Not exactly a run, but a great party nonetheless. **Where: Milwaukee, WI** **When: Nov 3, 2001** What to expect: Cocktails at 5 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., followed by.... *Application must be received by Oct 28, 2001.

FMI: call Carl at (414) 271-9577 *Blue Max C.C. presents "Arabian Knights". **Where: St. Louis, MO** **When: Feb 22-24, 2002** What to expect: Bar crawls, after hours parties, used leather sale, games, banquets, and an awards ceremony.

FMI: Fred Willman at (314) 421-1354; email boot@aol.com *Black Guard of Minneapolis presents "Black Frost 25". **Where: Minneapolis, MN** **When: April 5-7, 2002** What to expect: Food, fun and frolic. This is just a sampling of what's-

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DIVERSION of the DAY

Friday, Sept. 7

BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, Midtowne Spa, 9-mid.

Milwaukee Rep Theatre (Stackner Cabaret): "The Sounds of the 70s" opens this evening, and continues thru Nov. 4....a flashback of good times with this musical revue

SAGE/Milw. meets at the LGBT Center, 6:30 pm - Marvin Martin will present a slide talk on Michaelangelo, followed by an hour of informal chat We'll order pizza.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Ten Percent Society (Madison) Welcome Back Dance for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgenders & friends, at Great Hall - Memorial Union, 8-12:45, \$3 admission, DJ, cash bar
Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) 5:30 pm swim at JAC Pool, 32122 N. Broadway, \$10

Sunday, Sept. 9

AIDS QUILT Songbook Concert (Madison), Wisconsin Union Theater, 4 pm, a benefit for AIDS Network

Milwaukee Film Classics semi-annual Movie Collectible Show, Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham St., West Allis, 10 am-4 pm, \$2. FMI (414) 466-1877
Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) Body Tenderworks Massage, Melrose Park (708) 338-1992

Wed., Sept. 12

Borderland GLBT & Friends (Iron Mountain), meets 6:30 pm. in media room (2nd floor) at Chippewa Club, N. Carpenter Rd., for a discussion, followed by social hour. FMI (715) 696-6629
Commonbound Live concert (Milw.) at Alverno College's Pipeline, 3400 S. 43rd St., 7:30 pm - FMI (414) 382-6317, or www.commonboundmusic.com

(also appearing in Madison Sept. 16; see calendar entry below for details)

Friday, Sept. 14

SAGE/Milw., 6:30 pm, LGBT Community Center - card & game nite...sheepshead, canasta, other?

Saturday, Sept. 15

BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, Outwards, 2-5 pm; also at Harbor Room, 10pm-1am

Fluid (Milw) Warm up Party for 'Tea by the Sea' - come in beach attire & warm up for Sun. PFLAG fundraiser. Tickets avail. now
Madison Gay Video Club, 8 pm. "Queer as Folk" (episode #19), "Wonder Boys" and "Berlin." FMO (608) 244-8675 eves.

Milwaukee Knights 1st Anniversary Dinner - pre-cocktail party 6:30 at M&M, dinner at 7:30; private party at Midtowne Spa (clothes optional) 10:30-2:30. (door closes at midnite)

Sunday, Sept. 16

Commonbound Live concert (Madison) at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St., 2 pm - FMI (508) 257-7888

Monday, Sept. 17

Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) Birthday party, at Touche', 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Fluid (Milw) Shaken & Stirred w/ DJ John Murges

Friday, Sept. 21

SAGE/Milw. 6:30 pm at LGBT Community Center - movie nite. "Trick"

Saturday, Sept. 22

BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, Midtowne Spa, 10pm-1am
Club Boom (Milw) Anything But Drag! - w/ the best & worst of female impersonators. Prizes!

Friday, Sept. 28

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C'est La Vie, 9-mid. Windy City Gay Nudists (Chicago) Theater Party w/ CANS to see *Naked Boys Singing*; actors & audience will be nude, \$30. Tickets are \$25 if purchased before Sept. 20 (773) 379-7003, Joe; or Earl (773) 764-1204

Saturday, Sept. 29
AIDS Walk Wisconsin (Milw.) For more info, (414) 271-0378.

Club Xpress (Escanaba) Studio 54 Party, featuring The Portfolio Men and fabulous DISCO, \$5 - Music by William A. Popp
Windy City Gay Nudists (Chicago) 7th Anniversary dinner @ Ann Sather's

Wednesday, Oct. 3
BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, Midtowne Spa, 9-mid.
Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) Club nite at Touche', 8:30 pm, \$10

Thursday, Oct. 4
BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, La Cage, 10pm-1am

Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival (Oct. 4-7 & 11-14, at UWM Union Theater. Opening nite tonight at Oriental Theater - "Trembling Before G-d"

Friday, Oct. 5
Boulevard Theater (Milw) David Lindsay-Abaire's *Fuddy Meers* opens this evening, & runs Th. thru Sun. thru Nov. 11. FMO (414) 744-5757
SAGE/Milw meets 6:30 pm at LGBT Center (**NEW LOCATION is at 315 W. Court St.**). Gay couple (Sheldon & Keith) will facilitate a discussion of "What makes gay relationships work?"

Saturday, Oct. 13
Chamber Theatre (Milw., 158 N. Broadway): "Medea" opens this evening, runs thru Oct. 28
Pioneers (Richland Center) lesbian & gay alliance "Come Out to the Country" bash. (see news story this issue of *Quest* fmo)

Friday, Oct. 19
BESTD (Milw) HIV testing, Midtowne Spa, 10pm-1am

Men's Voices (Milw) Gets Cream City Foundation Grant

Men's Voices Milwaukee is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Cream City Foundation in support of its 2001-2002 premiere season.

Men's Voices is in rehearsal for its first concert offering - "A Holiday Premiere" - to be presented on Sat., Dec. 1, 8 pm, in Centennial Hall of the Milwaukee Public Library.

FMI (414) 765-9198 or mvmchorus@prodigy.net

Wis. Census Figures Follow Trend of Increased Openness Among Same-Sex Partner Households

Census figures for Wisconsin show a 311% increase in the number of households that comprise same-sex partners, but most likely continue to undercount the actual number due to continued anti-gay bias, the Human Rights Campaign asserts. "Gay and lesbian families live in every corner, of every county in Wisconsin," said David M. Smith, HRC's communications director and senior strategist. "As these families are counted, policy makers will have to take note that the law at every level of government does not treat them equally or fairly."

Basic family policy such as hospital visitation rights, inheritance rights, state income tax law, and the right to inherit pension benefits are not available to gay and lesbian families as most states do not recognize same-sex relationships in any way.

In Wisconsin, there are 8,232 same-sex partner households; 3,862 male couples and 4,370 female couples.

More info on gay families can be found on the web at FamilyNet, www.hrc.org/familynet </familynet/index.asp>.

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Training Session for Professionals Working with the Elderly Announced by SAGE/Milwaukee

A half-day training session for professionals working with the elderly - "Working with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual Seniors" - has been announced by SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment). The training session is by reservation only (\$10); reserve by calling (414) 271-0378 by Sept. 17.

The event, funded in part by The Milwaukee County Department on Aging, will be held Friday, Sept. 21, at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Carolyn Altman, CSW, associate director and director of clinical services for SAGE/New York, will conduct the training session. She's had many years experience working with the elderly in all walks of life, with an emphasis on the special needs of LGBT elders.

Cream City Chorus 15th Season!

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus' exciting 15th anniversary season begins with their annual holiday concert - "Ice Crystals: Through Winter's Window" - on Sun., Dec. 16, at Plymouth Church on Milwaukee's east side, 3 pm.

The concert, directed jointly by artistic director Kristen L. Weber and associate conductor Chuck Ellington, will feature WCCC favorites from the past fourteen seasons plus two new songs for this year.

The spring concert - "Diamonds in the Heartland" - a benefit for Camp Heartland, will be presented Sunday, April 7, 2002, at the Milwaukee Public Library Centennial Hall,

733 No. 8th St. "WCC on the Crystal Set," final concert of the season, will be presented in June. For more info, including joining WCCC, phone (414) 276-8787.

Wisconsin Gay & Lesbian Artists Sought for Midwest Express Center Exhibition

The First Annual Gay and Lesbian Art Exhibition will be held on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 10-11, at Milwaukee's Midwest Express Center. The exhibition marks a first in Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian history, offering professional and emerging LGBT artists the opportunity to come together and present their best work to the estimated 2,500 national visitors to the conference, as well as art lovers across the state.

Timothy Cobb Fine Arts, Milwaukee, is sponsoring the exhibition. Artists are invited to participate upon submission of photographs or slides of their work. Interested artists should contact Cobb at (414) 271-4150 asap.

Congrats to Green Bay Karaoke Contestants!

Jeff Jennings, Michele Collins and Kris Fisher all took first place spots in their respective categories at the recent Talent Quest Karaoke Competition in Mattoon, IL. All three advanced to nationals in Laughlin, NV, being held this week (thru Sept. 8).

Pioneers Throw Come Out to the Country Bash

The ninth annual southwestern Wisconsin Pioneers annual bash, designed for GLBT folks, will be held Sat., Oct. 13, at Richland Center. The evening begins at 8:00 at the Blue Highways Building, 165 N. Central

Ave., Richland Center. The beautiful ballroom of the historic Masonic Temple has plenty of room for dancing and intimate conversation. There'll be music, food, drinks, prizes and fun, fun, fun!

Donation is \$8. Tickets: (608) 987-4451, or PO Box 53, Richland Center, WI 53581 or on line at PioneersWI@aol.com or come and pay at the door.

New Gay Icon "Appointed"

Gay columnist Marc Acito has appointed the first truly gay male icon...himself!

In the current issues of *Just Out* and *Letters From Camp Rehoboth*, Acito bemoans the fact there have been no male celebrities who "inspire the kind of fanatical worship that puts gay men on a first-name basis with their divas." As a "Barbra/Liza/Judy man myself," he says, "I understand the impulse [but] the greatest gay male icons have always been women who give voice to our secret selves...in much more fabulous evening wear." Since no gay man has been willing to assume the mantle of gay icon, he sees no choice but to appoint himself. "That's right, he says, 'From now on, just add 'Marco (first name only, please) to that list of women's names.'"

Madison Volleyball Says 'Thanks'

Although belatedly, the Madison Volleyball Group calls their NAGVA Memorial Day Weekend tournament an "enormous success" - 90 teams, over 650 players participated.

Spokesman Bret Dougherty says its "success can be attributed to the generous support we received from local businesses and volunteers from the community."



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Tuesdays - 2-4-1 6pm-close; Domestic beers & rails

Wednesdays - Reggae Night; 8pm - close \$ Red Stripes

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