



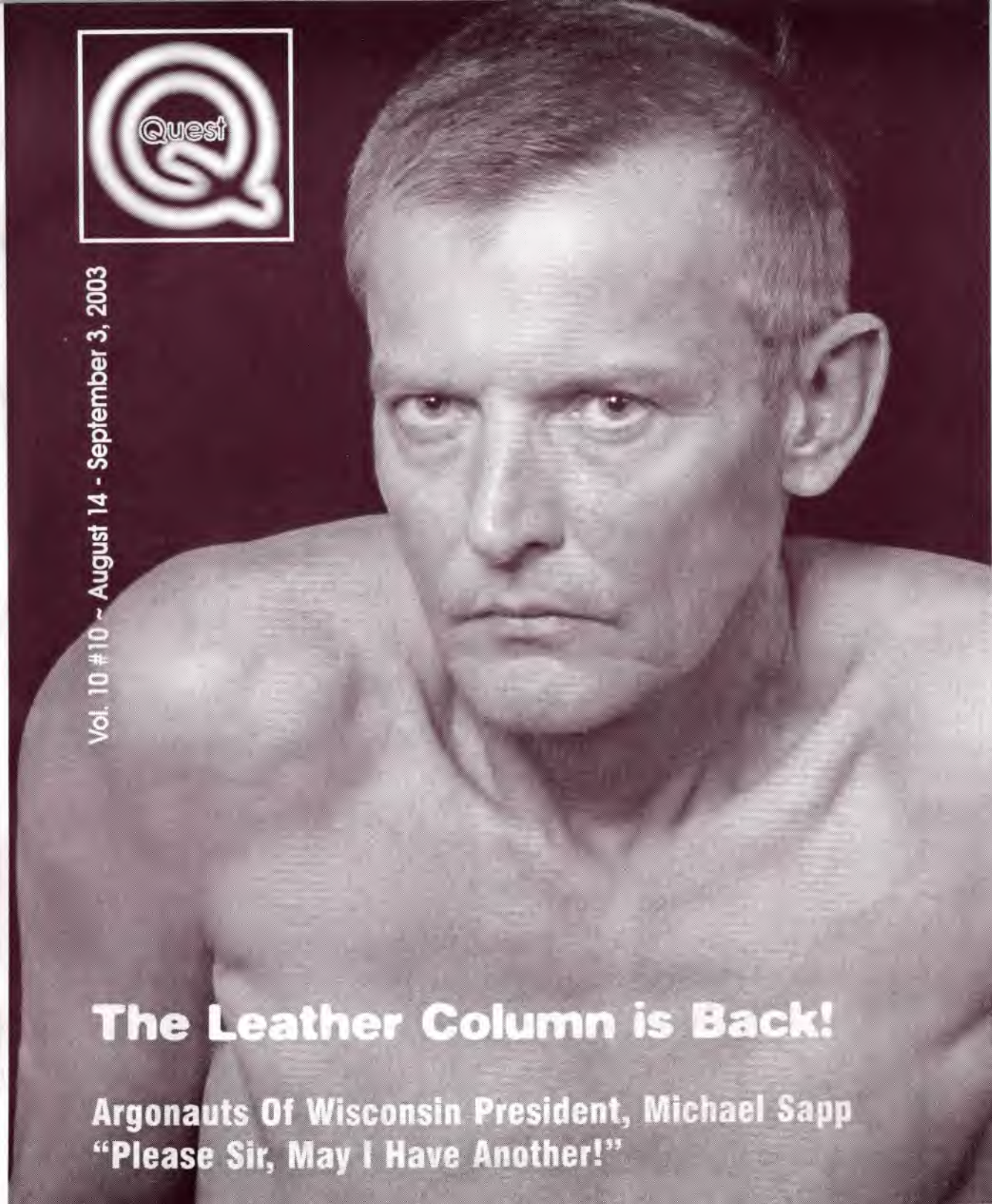
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## God is going to crap on your head and PS, your cat is dead.

By Joel Dossi

Steve Guttenberg gets no respect. Like his character in the film *PS, Your Cat is Dead* (being released on video and DVD this month), someone might have told him that God is going to crap on his head. But, sitting at his kitchen table in Pacific Palisades and grooming his newly adopted cat, Guttenberg doesn't seem to care.

He's been called the "unabashed Hollywood nice-guy" by Knight-Ridder Newspapers' Cheryl Levenbrown, who headlined her story with "nice guys finish last." Critic Leonard Maltin was particularly nasty in his profile on him for the book *Movie Encyclopedia*, calling Guttenberg an unrealized potential.

And even *People Magazine*, who named him one of Hollywood's "do-good dozen" in 1991, recounted Guttenberg's charitable, yet tardy, meal delivery to Santa Monica's homeless. "One morning I came at 11:30 instead of 11," Guttenberg confessed to the magazine, and one of the people in line snapped, "It's about time!"

Guttenberg believes that in Hollywood "you can be known as a good boy or a bad boy - or a little of both. But I just want to be known as contributing to the world."

Thinking philosophically about his critics, the Herbert Berghof-trained actor says, "Acting isn't an athletic exercise where you can see how fast you run or how high you can jump. I want my whole body of work to be appreciated."

Named Hollywood's busiest actor in 1988 by *Variety*, Guttenberg's body of work includes four film franchises: *Cocoon*, *Three Men and a Baby*, *Police Academy* and *Short Circuit*. As a result, his box-office grosses total well into the billions, an amount reached by only a few Hollywood superstars.

Guttenberg told the *New York Daily News*, "Being a filmmaker is more thrilling than scary. Scary is doing nothing. The greatest risk of all is doing nothing at all."

So, two years ago, he followed a friend's advice and took a risk. "I found a piece of material that I loved and made it mine." That material was *PS, Your Cat is Dead*. Guttenberg also ended up taking the story's major theme close to heart: "that it's never too late to stop and turn your life around." As a result, he delved into areas of filmmaking he never tried before: financing, co-writing, producing and directing the film.

Based on the book and play by James Kirkwood, one of the Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of *A Chorus Line*, the story centers on Jimmy Zoole. An out-of-work actor played by Guttenberg, Jimmy is losing the game of life. His best friend died a few months ago. His girlfriend has a new boyfriend. His one-

man show, a puppet version of *Hamlet*, closed after one performance. His soon-to-be-demolished apartment has been robbed twice. And now his cat is dead. To top that off, the pesky robber (Lombardo Boyar) breaks into his apartment one more time - on New Year's Eve. The robber turns out to be a cute, gay Latino, and Jimmy gets his revenge by hog-tying him to the kitchen counter.



"Two desperate men thrown together one New Year's Eve when their lives have crumbled, willing to kill each other," wrote Guttenberg in his production diary, "until they discover that each is the other's only salvation."

The film's co-author, Chris Vogler, wrote years before, "to get to heaven, you have to go through hell." He was outlining the journey a hero takes in classic Greek mythology. That outline has since become famous in film theory as "the mythic journey," and is considered key to a film's successful storyline. Guttenberg firmly believes *PS, Your Cat is Dead* follows Vogler's mythic journey. "You've got the ordinary world inhabited by Jimmy," Guttenberg says. "That world changes (with the appearance of the gay burglar) and Jimmy enters that new world. He has to survive it. He does survive it. Now, he must decide if he should stay in that new world, or return to the old."

Maybe the film's journey also represents the road to building a bond between the gay and straight communities. "Friendship between gay men and straight men is kind of rare," Guttenberg says. "I guess it's because most straight men are afraid of gays - afraid they just want to screw them, or something. But gay men and straight men can be friends, just like blacks and whites can." Perhaps it's just a matter of respect.

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Bottom GWM, 33, long blond hair, bl eyes, HIV neg, looking for friendship or possible LTR; love fishing, hiking, camping, etc. ISO masculine male 18-40, any race, black a+! I'm a long term kind of guy, last relationship 10 yrs. Send

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Madison - Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus 1st rehearsal for the season, 7 pm, Grace Eoisopal Church (just off capitol square on W. Washington Ave.) Welcome! (see news article this issue of Quest)

**Wednesday, August 20**  
LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley, 510 S. Farwell St. (Eau Claire) Seminar/Workshop on Safeguarding Our Lives Together: Doors open at 6 for social, 6:30 seminar with an attorney answering legal questions on same sex couples, etc. No charge. [chippewavalleypride.org](http://chippewavalleypride.org)  
Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) LEO sign birthday @ Touche, 9 pm, \$7/10

**Friday, August 22**  
LGBT Community Center of Chippewa Valley (Eau Claire) Drop In Nite 7-10 pm Free!

**Saturday, August 23**  
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**Tuesday, August 26**  
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**Saturday, August 30**  
Windy City Gay Naturists (Chicago) Cookout @ Maneuvers, 4:30 pm, w/ overnight stay @ Motel 6. FMI (773) 764-1204 before 8/29

**ORBIT's Final Weekend Bash & Private Party Sept. 5-6-7 .... and 10**  
Orbit (Milw.) Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 5-6-7; Private Party on Closing Night, Wed., Sept. 10 (see Orbit ad and news items in this issue of Quest)

**Saturday, Sept. 6**  
FORGE (Milw) meeting at LGBT Center, 315 Court St., 7-10pm; subject this evening is Depression and Mental Health Issues. FORGE is a national organization working on behalf of transsexuals & transgenderists. (414) 278-6031 or e-mail [info@forge-forward.org](mailto:info@forge-forward.org)

**Thursday, September 25**  
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## Saturday, September 27

Madison AIDS "Walk, Roll & Stroll" - Brittingham Park; Thelma Houston appearing at opening ceremonies and a walk benefit concert this evening

## Sunday, September 28

AIDS WALK WISCONSIN (Milwaukee)

## Governor Doyle and First Lady Jessica to Lead AIDS Walk Wisconsin - Sun., Sept. 28

Governor Jim Doyle and First Lady Jessica Doyle will lead the 14th annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin on Sun., Sept. 28, as Honorary Co-Chairs.

"We are proud to have the governor and first lady leading AIDS Walk Wisconsin this year," said ARCW President Doug Nelson. "They have always been strong supporters of the fight against AIDS and the governor has walked the walk several times in the past."

"This year is very special," said Governor Doyle. "Jessica and I are thrilled to be the Honorary Co-Chairs offering our leadership so that AIDS Walk Wisconsin can continue to raise millions of dollars for AIDS prevention, care and treatment throughout Wisconsin."

The governor emphasized that "the reported number of new HIV cases increased 16% last year. Our work to defeat AIDS is far from over--that is why AIDS Walk Wisconsin is so important."

Funds raised will be distributed to eleven Wisconsin organizations that provide AIDS prevention and education services, health and social services and HIV drug trial research.

To register for AIDS Walk Wisconsin, call 800-348-WALK or register online at [www.AIDS.WalkWis.org](http://www.AIDS.WalkWis.org).

## Huge ORBIT Bash Set for Fri.-Sat.-Sun, Sept. 5-6-7 Major "Private Party" Wed., Sept. 10 Club to Close After Private Event!

"It's been a great three years, but our building has been sold and we are out!" says owner Mike. "We're going to have one heluva three day party Sept. 5-6-7 and a final night private party (you're invited) on Wed., Sept. 10."

Six DJs -- RX, Chad, Desiree' Triumph, Sol Goode, Steve and Reed - will be featured at the Sept. 5-6-7 weekend event, and we'll have free munchies and lots of extras, says Mike.

He adds, "To build a successful business and then to have to say 'good-bye' is certainly not what we planned, but we will prevail. We tip our hats to the folks of Milwaukee for their wonderful support."

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## Madison's Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus Welcomes You to Join!

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus, Madison's chorus for gay, bisexual and gay-friendly men, will begin rehearsals for its eighth performance season on Sunday, August 17, 7 pm, at Grace Episcopal Church, located just off the capitol square on West Washington Avenue. Perfect Harmony is a non-audition chorus.

New members are welcome and encouraged to attend this rehearsal as the chorus begins work on its 2003 holiday concert.

The chorus rehearses from August to May, performing two major concerts each season as well as numerous community events.

Regular weekly rehearsals are held Sunday evenings 7-9p.m at Grace Episcopal Church. [www.perfectharmonychorus.org](http://www.perfectharmonychorus.org)

## Rainbow Gathering Youth Group Teen Club Green Bay! Meets First 3 Mondays of Each Month

A relatively new teen club for members of the GLBT community (and their allies) meets the first, second and third Mondays of each month (7-9pm) at Angels of Hope MCC Church, 3607 Libal St. It is not a religious group, is only for support, kindness and friendship.

Stirling Moss (pen name) and his partner, Ben, are the group leaders. Says Stirling, "our group is a safe haven from the outside world for the kids to meet; the young people are thrilled that their 'leaders' are mnonly gay, but a happy monogamous couple

to whom they can look up...the kids' words, not ours. The time together offers companionship, support, and mentoring. We can honestly say that definite relationships are forming, positive relationships, between all of us."

Stirling and Ben say WELCOME! And, for the record....rainbowgathering.tripod.com

## Gill Foundation Awards More than a Half Million \$\$\$ in Grants to National & Non-Urban Organizations

The Gill Foundation, a \$200 million-endowed organization committed to securing equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, recently granted \$590,545 to 44 organizations and programs supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender initiatives and HIV/AIDS programming.

"We are pleased to be able to support these organizations so they can continue to do important work," said Rick Jung, senior program officers for the foundation. "The economy is still struggling, and economic resources are tight, but the need for the services these programs provide is as great as ever."

\$14,000 went to the National Association of People with AIDS, based in Washington, DC; \$320,000 in grants to seven LGBT initiatives, and \$152,000 to LGBT non-urban programs.

The University of Wisconsin, LGBT Youth Development Workshops, at Superior, WI received \$2,200.

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## "Please Sir, May I Have Another!"

I'm pleased to join the Quest staff as the new leather columnist. For those who don't know me, I live in Green Bay, and I am the current President of the Argonauts of Wisconsin, the state's oldest leather-levi social club. Originally from Georgia, I've lived all over the country. I moved to Wisconsin in 1997, and I have been actively involved in the L/L community here since then.

In addition to sharing an occasional personal view, I am mainly interested in making the column a forum for exchanging your views and information.

I would appreciate it if you would help by making it a HABIT to send me information about your group's upcoming events. I would also be pleased to share your letters and photographs about other events that you have attended, or general topics that might be of interest to the L/L community. I will try to attend more of the functions myself, but obviously I won't be able to get to them all, and I can't possibly get to them if I don't know about them. (Grin)

I welcome and even encourage your feedback and suggestions for improvements (i.e., "shit-sliding") for the columns that do appear.

Gregg (from the Harbor Room) writes: "Best news I have heard in a long time.... Glad to have you writing the column."

Ed Lehman (President of the Milwaukee Knights) writes: "It's great to finally have someone as close to the leather groups as Papa Joe doing the article."

Papa Joe (former Quest leather columnist) writes: "Glad to see someone with substance is taking over the column. Many happy years of giving the outside (non-leather) world a look inside our subculture."

I appreciate these kind words of encouragement. I will do my best to live up to your expectations and to live up to the caliber of commentary that our community deserves.

So sorry to have missed the Castaways M. C. Pig Roast at the Triangle on July 19! With those rowdy boys, I can only wonder how they decided WHICH pig to throw on the spit.

After the Castaways' shindig, Sir Steven Seefeldt (Mr. Wisconsin L/L Daddy and Mr. Wisconsin Leather Sir 2003-2004) hosted a fund-raiser at the Harbor Room. The event was in support of Steven's upcoming bid for Mr. Great Lakes Leather Sir, a contest being sponsored in association with the Great Lakes Leather Alliance in Indianapolis (August 22-24).

Sir Steven had the following to say: "The fund-raiser went very well!! .. Had a great time. Saw some of the club brothers from Green Bay and



Milwaukee. The emcee (Chad) was great!! A lot of gay businesses donated items like mulch, trees, shrubs, and landscaping items.... Thanks to Switch, M & M, and the Harbor Room for all the donated items and special thanks to Gregg, the owner of the Harbor Room, for the time he gave me to use his bar. Last, but not least, thanks to the more than 200 people who came out and supported me."

Steven, it sounds like a great time and I wish I could have attended. I am always up for a good mulching.

The Mr. Harbor Room contest was held Saturday, July 26, in Milwaukee and I was honored to serve as one of the judges. Rounding out the panel of judges were Head Judge Andy Schaidler (Mr. Northwoods 2002-2003), Ed Lehman (President, Milwaukee Knights), Bob Pfeiffer (President, Castaways M. C. of Milwaukee), Steve Rose (Wisconsin L/L boy 2003-2004), Steven Seefeldt (Wisconsin L/L Daddy & Wisconsin Leather Sir 2003-2004) Paul Milakovich, chief legal counsel for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, and Wayne Peterson (currently of Kenosha), former multi-titleholder from the Twin Cities.

Since Alvin York took this title last year and blew away the competition at MAL in January, a lot of people realize that these local leathermen titles can be pretty serious business. Any title is nothing more or less than the winner chooses to make it. I think the audiences appreciate that some competitors are more serious than others. It's great to see everyone having fun, while recognizing and respecting that each guy onstage is an individual who entered the competition for his own personal reasons.

Congratulations to Ross Katzman (of Burlington), the new Mr. Harbor Room. WOOF and WELL DONE! 1st runner up was Michael P (of Green Bay), and 2nd runner up was Wes L (of Milwaukee).

It was a great contest and a most entertaining

## DIFFERENT SPIRIT

Editor's Note:

*I get submissions for publication all the time. Too many in fact. I discard most after reading them. Many are about Gay Marriages which I personally do not support. I think we should be fighting for domestic partner benefits that are essentially what our government awards married couples. Marriage in my opinion is really a religious based concept and should not be connected with our government. That said, the most recent fight brought on by a wise decision by our supreme court leaves the LGBT Community being blamed for the downfall of family and ethics in general. Gay Marriage is possibly the last big fight we will have to win in order to be treated as equal. Since the religious intolerant have started a war, I can no longer sit back and be silent. I am breaking from this silence to share this writer's viewpoint.*

## PREACHERS, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE POPE MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

By Robert Buchanan

Some very diverse leaders have spoken out against legalization of gay relationships recently. One is Pat Robertson who speaks in



tongues and says he hears words from God about people being healed of ailments while watching his television program. Another is Jerry Falwell who thinks these ideas of Robertson are at best foolish and at worst satanic. Yet Falwell is foolish enough to slide down a water slide on national TV raising funds to take over another evangelist's television network. Both Robertson and Falwell think it is heresy that the Pope believes dead saints can intercede to God for live saints.

The Pope believes he sits on the throne in place of Christ at the Vatican and rules the one true apostolic church. Yet they all agree on one big lie - that gay marriage is a threat to society.

President Bush has also decided this week to take an anti-gay marriage position and get his administration's lawyers to block attempts at legalizing same-sex relationships. It is difficult to find a religious ideology or ethical position of the President's to compare with that of the other leaders who believe the same lie. I don't think anyone really believes that legalizing gay marriage is going to turn heterosexuals into homosexuals, so I can only understand the President's position in terms of his need for a domestic enemy to scapegoat and gain votes next election. However, most Americans have come to expect our politicians to be scoundrels so it's no surprise.

Similarly, the Vatican, Falwell, and Robertson need a common danger to preach against so they can scare people and gain power and wealth. Robertson has been asking people to call in to his television program and pledge prayer to replace the Supreme Court,

even though this is the conservative court he helped get there. When you call to pledge, you will begin getting mail asking you to give money so he can continue the fight against the threat of gays and lesbians. The truth is there is no threat, marriage is in enough trouble from heterosexuals, and homosexuals will not change that fact. Falwell is famous for sometimes sending mass mailings as much as three times a week pleading for money to fight such things as the little purple dolls on TV. They must be gay you see because Falwell said so.

The problem is that all of these leaders claim to be followers of Jesus. Interestingly, the Gospel tells of a Roman Centurion coming to Jesus because he was concerned about his young lover. His lover was sick and near death. (Most modern Bibles translate the word servant but scholars agree that lover is more appropriate.) Jesus simply did as the man requested. He saved the Centurion lover's life. No fire fell from heaven. No earthquakes came. No scare tactics were used nor mass mailings printed. All Jesus did was bring healing and blessing to this couple. He didn't condemn their relationship or try to warn anyone against such a relationship. He simply brought wellness and blessing into their lives. Why can't church and government leaders today do likewise?

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TLA Releasing, has been very busy this past year releasing to theatres first and then to video a slew of new films aimed at the LGBT market. In another review in this issue is the upcoming "PS Your Cat Is Dead". Here, are two smaller releases you may not have been aware of.

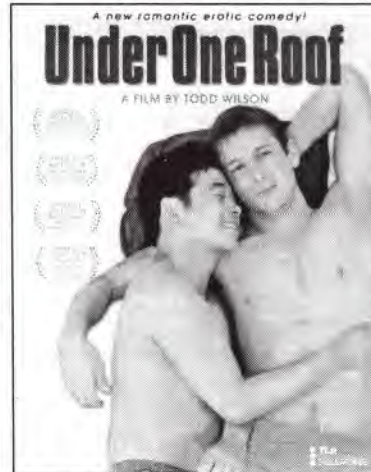
**The Wedding Video** stars some of the people you already know from MTV's *The Real World*. It was shot on video instead of film, but that only adds to the "Real TV" look. The film takes you behind the scenes through the camera's eye as a wedding photographer goes around collecting moments before during and after a gay couple get married. This is a spoof, however and takes a sarcastic stab at what we put value on in our society. It is cheesy and fun to watch. Oh, and there are some scenes shot right in Upper Michigan and Wisconsin!

**Under One Roof** is billed as a romantic erotic comedy. I don't agree with the erotic part, at least it is more tasteful than the late night Skin-a-max we get on cable. The story centers around a boy moving into the downstairs apartment of an Asian widow who lives



with her elder mom and gay son in San Francisco. The boy turns out to be gay too, and the two 20 somethings begin an affair. The rub is Mom doesn't want to know her son is gay and keeps trying to hitch him up with a nice girl.

This film is very low budget and shows it in the acting mostly. *Think less quality than say a made for TV movie.* If you can forgive the low-cost production end of things, you will be able to enjoy



an otherwise well written script. Of special interest is the cultural differences this film highlights. Minorities often have a harder time with parents accepting them being gay. There is also the inter-racial thing going on here.

Both films are available now on either DVD or (yuck) VHS. I hope the quality continues to get better for these independent productions for and by gays.

Mr. Harbor Room	Medical <b>R O S</b>	Thanks to all my
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evening! I congratulate Harbor Room owner Gregg, Emcee Karen Valentine, Mr. Northwoods Andy S (who helped pull it all together), the Harbor Room staff, and of course the contestants and winner Ross K. All three contestants did an outstanding job. I was particularly impressed with their good-natured willingness and ability to field spontaneous questions from the judges, some of which were pretty far-fetched.

By the way, Ross, in case you ever need to give a more correct and complete answer to Sir Steven's question about the symbolism on the Wisconsin state flag, here is some information I found on the Internet: "Starting at the top of a shield on a dark blue field is the state motto 'Forward'. Below it is a badger the state animal. A sailor and miner show that the people work on water and land. The shield in the center shows Wisconsin's support for the United States. In four sections surrounding the shield are representations of the states main industries: Agriculture, mining, manufacturing and navigation. The cornucopia and pile of lead represent farm products and minerals. The flag law was amended in 1979 to include the name of the state and the date of statehood." Might want to clip this and tuck it in your jock strap at your next competition.

Be sure to check out all the photos from the contest in this issue. It was a HOT night to remember! Thanks again, Gregg.

I heard a rumor while I was at the contest- that Male Hide Leathers of Chicago is going out of business. NOT TRUE- at least according to Dave who was working at the store when I phoned on July 29. It's great to hear that this Midwestern icon of macho couture will be with us for a while (a LONG while, I hope).

From boy jeff of Milwaukee, WI  
(Milwaukee Knights & BadgerboysofLeather)

"Sir, I have heard that some Castaways are miffed at the Argonauts for having female members who might attend the run (Argonauts-Castaways Joint Run 2003). That would be their loss. One of the best players at the 2001 Mid-Atlantic Leather Saturday night dungeon play was a bio-female. If bigotry is their focus, perhaps they don't belong in the Leather scene."

**Michael responds:**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, boy jeff.

I agree completely. I have also attended leather functions where women were major contributors to both the FUN and the SUCCESS of the events. For gay men, especially gay leather men, to harbor such prejudices seems a little ridiculous.

It isn't just a "Castaways" prejudice, however. Some of the Argonauts members are uncomfortable with the idea of having women at the run too, and I'm sure you have experienced similar prejudices elsewhere in the leather community. I know I have, and it's a shame.

The Argonauts currently have a female pledge (Duggie; pronounced "doo-gee"). She is doing an awesome job of supporting the club AND creating a niche for herself where there was never a niche before (Let's don't visualize too much here). I know she will be attending the run, and I am also certain there will be several other women at the run this year.

I am excited about that, and looking forward to seeing them there. As members of the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC), both the Argonauts AND the Castaways are committed to that conference's governing policies which prohibit discrimination. In fact, the Vice-President of MACC is Threasa Rushing, an extremely active



Photographs of the Harbor Room anniversary event provided by Robert Naffier, Jr., of San Francisco. A native of Milwaukee, Robert is co-owner of the LoveShack in Frisco: 502 14th St., (415) 552-5121... e-mail Loveshack502@hotmail.com

Thanks, Robert; we heard you had a faaabuloous time covering the Harbor Room anniversary!



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Performers including T.C. Hammond, C.C. Domino, Alexis St. James, Toast, Miami Richards, Lisa Tachmeyer, last years winner Marilyn, Nicholas James, Barb and Glamourama, Katrina K. and the founder of Guernsey the ever lovely Miss Elsie Bovine herself. All performers donated their tips that night along with door money collected to ARCW on top of the money raised by the Guernsey contestants. They deserve a big thanks! Napalese Lounge won again this year with the most "dollar" votes raising over three thousand dollars. The other five bars all came in a close second raising between seven hundred to seventeen hundred dollars. All the bars and contestants did a great job. It is predicted that in total this years Guernsey raised about nine thousand dollars for ARCW.

Seems that this will be the year with no finale numbers for some of our preliminary winners. After Miss Domino gave her title back as talked about before, rumor has it two people with titles will

be having them removed due to improper behavior and conduct. I will be reporting more on this as details become available. Stay tuned.

Last week I had the pleasure of seeing one of my favorite queens from Milwaukee, Miss Nova Divine out in Green Bay. Girl, I would have believed you drinking water out of your water bottle if it was not for the fact that I saw you pouring vodka in it! Just kidding. You need to e-mail me sweetie, I am hearing rumors of you switching life partners and going "international" and sleeping in front of old stomping grounds after bars are closed. But I do not want to print such things until I hear it from you.

Two things coming up is another show put on by the Drag Kings. Last time they were in town it was a show not to be missed. From what I hear this one will be even better. They will be bringing in performers from all over including Minneapolis and of course the Green

Bay Drag Kings for another great show. If you missed the last one be sure to make it to this one. It will be held at The Historic West Theater on August 23rd. The show begins at 9pm. All proceeds will be going to the IDKE.5 charity. Do not miss it!

Also join me in the start of falls gay bowling tournament. It will start Wednesday September 4th at 9pm. It is being held at Riviera lanes on University Ave. In Green Bay. It is three person teams and they meet every Wednesday. All are invited! Hope to see you there.

Well, that is it for this issue, keep those e-mails coming and giving me the dirt that I may have missed. Also e-mail me with any other comments or anything you think I should know.

**Til next time • See ya at the shows**  
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lft - rt. Winner Mr. Harbor Room Ross K.; 1st runner up Michael P.; and 2nd runner up Wes L.  
**Way to go Guys!!!**

leatherwoman who also happens to be a member of the Cornhaulers (Des Moines, IA).

Of course, we all know the official position of any organization rarely reflects either the rich diversity OR the petty prejudices of its members. The more we focus on the strength in our diversity and the more we set aside our prejudices, the stronger we will be and the more fun we will have.

Don't forget about Harley Davidson's 100th anniversary celebration coming up Labor Day weekend! Here is some information from the Great Lakes Harley Riders:

"In less than 5 weeks the City of Milwaukee will be rumbling with the thunder of about 250,000 Harleys. All the stops have been pulled to make this town sing the praises of Harley Davidson and those who ride the icon of American pride.

Things are shaping up for the Gay Bikers also. Change of Venue: Due to the closing of South Water Street Docks, the host bar and headquarters for Great Lakes Harley Riders (GLHR) has been moved to Pulse, 200 E. Washington Ave. Pulse will host the official meet and greets on Wednesday and Friday evenings (cocktail hours). The public is invited.

While in Milwaukee the updated information about activities planned for the Gay Bikers will be posted at Pulse. You can also

post messages there.

Great Lakes Harley Riders will provide a guidebook of events happening in the Gay community. GLHR web site (<http://www.gayharleybikers.com>) has been updated to include information pertaining to the 100th celebration. You can even get a T-shirt for the event by ordering at <http://www.geocities.com/imandys>.

Responses from local hosts to house gay bikers has been such that there are still vacancies. If interested, contact GLHR housing coordinator at [Jakonabike@aol.com](mailto:Jakonabike@aol.com).

Thanks for the information, Papa Joe!

GLHR member (and Mr. Northwoods) Andy Schaidler adds the following details concerning what some of the gay bars have planned for that weekend:

-Harbor Room will be the headquarters bar for the Kansas City Biker Group all weekend and will host a HOT ASH Cigar party Saturday night!

-M&M club will have an 80 ft tented bar and grill all weekend, with light food, full bar service, and even a traditional fish fry on Friday!

-Midtowne Spa will have locker and room specials all weekend!

-Pulse (which is the headquarters bar for

GLHR all weekend) will offer free secure, off-street motorcycle parking all weekend as well as a Rock'n'Roll dance party and BBQ on Sunday!

-There is also a large street party planned for Saturday afternoon in Walker's Point at the corner of 2nd and National, where many of the gay bars are located.

Also coming up, August 15-17, in Hilbert, Wisconsin: Castaways M. C. of Milwaukee and the Argonauts of Wisconsin Joint Run 2003, "Barn Dance!" Coverage to follow!

Here's a few other upcoming events to keep you busy or planning until the next issue:

Friday, August 8: Argonauts Club Night at the Napalese Lounge; 9:00 p.m. Green Bay  
Sat-Sun, August 9-10: Northalsted Street Market Days; Chicago, Illinois (The CELL BLOCK would be a great place to visit for this!)

Fri-Sun, August 15-17: Argonauts/Castaways Joint Run 2003; Hilbert, Wisconsin

Fri-Sun, August 22-24: Leather Alliance Weekend; Indianapolis, Indiana (<http://www.greatlakesleather.org>)

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I have heard rumors of a shopping trip gone wrong in Chicago. Miss C.C. Domino, Alexis St. James, Jerica Jordan, Kylie West and hubby all headed south for a little drag shopping. From what I am hearing, all went well except for two things. One, they forgot to stop for cocktails, (if I would have been there it would have been, one store, one bar and repeat). Second, Alexis thought she knew where this one store was she had visited before, they spent quite a long time looking for it. However, she kept forgetting what street it was on, each time she thought she was on the right track, they kept pulling into the same pet store. I am sure they could have made an outfit from the wares inside.

Mr. And Miss Rainbow Over Wisconsin was held at the always entertaining Napalese Lounge. This was one of the biggest contests I have seen in a while. Two guys, Kevin Michael Scott and Nicholas James ran for the sash. This one I thought was going to be a tough call considering the boys did a lot alike. So, it was up to the judges and Kevin took the top spot. This was a first time for both and since they will be competing at state, I am sure that it will be interesting. There were five girls running including Gi Gi Lexus, Miami Richards, Jennifer Aleese, Lauren Phillips and Brandy Whine. Talent was very entertaining with numbers from Dolly to an old seventies song to Liza. Then came evening gown. All I can say is except for one it looked like a fashion show from the Salvation Army. In the end Miami won with Jennifer first runner up and Brandy second runner up. T.C. Hammond mc'd the evening and under pressure from a certain columnist finally came up with some new toasts for the crowd. Many celebs were in the house including Kelli Jo Klein, Michael K., Sasha of Ms. Fame, Justine D'zire, Emir C.C. Domino and Nova (drinking water) (at first). I am just kidding girl, if I remember right you were a boy and by the end of the night I drank enough to the point I thought you were starting to look hot.

Turns out we have a Mr. Gay Wisconsin who seems to be a little shy, just like the last one it seems we will have to wait til the end of the year before he takes his clothes off. Too bad, he is kinda hot. Speaking of the Mr., he brought a friend of his John,



to Green Bay for the festivities. I was introduced and he seemed like a very nice guy until he learned that I was a columnist that loves to write about the nasty little things people do but do not want in print. After this he avoided me like the plague. Do people not realize I at least wait til the second meeting before I write about you?

Now for a little news on the title front. Miss C.C. Domino who won this past years Entertainer of the Year title has graciously turned in her crown. Seems that the national people were very slow in getting information to Domino as to when, where and how. When all was finally figured out, time was so short to get the money together along with setting up benefit shows and getting time off from her job. Instead of going down not prepared it was decided with her promoters to step down and not go. Miss S. Suzie S. went in her place being her appointed first runner up and all who went with her had a great time.

Now on another note, I have heard one person say "that if they knew C.C. was not going to go to nationals, they would have ran and beat her" at the state level, problem is, when others found out she was running, they backed out. As far as the one who said the above quote, and you know who you are, you could not beat her when you competed against her at the state level so maybe you should think back to why you did not win that year and shut the hell up! Your not kidding anyone!

I wanted to give a quick shout out to Miss Dee Dee Winters. For those of you who do not know she has been going through some radiation treatments to rid parts of her face from cancer that had been found last year. I saw her the other night and she has told me the treatments are going just fine and they seem to be working. I can tell she looks better and better each time I see her. I told her next time she performs, she will not need any stage lighting, with all the radiation treatments she will glow herself!

This past weekend were a few shows that went on, one being the third annual benefit show for the late Sage La Rue. Special guests included Sabrina White, Duwanna Moore, and Larinda Kelly. I was a able to stop by The West and catch part of the show. The bar was packed almost to capacity. They were able to raise over five hundred dollars that will go to Sage Milwaukee. This is one of the non-profit organizations that Sage La Rue had raised money for when she was still with us.

Next we go down to Kenosha for the Miss 94 North at large pageant. There was two contestants working there large frames for the crown. The contestants were, Miss Amanda Love and Lilly Delight. Both did a wonderful job with Amanda taking the honors.

Bact to The Historic West Theater for this years Guernsey Gala closing ceremonies. This was held this past weekend. A really great show was put on by Rainbow Over Wisconsin's Jeff Connor including almost all the current state title holders.

## Searching for love, truth and the killer of a lounge Singer in Unconditional love

Entertainment by Joel Dossi

"A life lived in fear isn't much fun," says British singing sensation Victor Fox, a character in the upcoming film *Unconditional Love*, premiering on STARZ! cable network this month. Ironically, the crooner, who's extremely popular with the blue-haired crowd, is slain by a homicidal maniac called "The Crossbow Killer". And just moments before his untimely demise -- dressed in a sequined suit -- he cruised a Chicago alley in search of anonymous gay sex.

To avenge Fox's death, one of the star's middle-aged fans teams with the lounge singer's lover, known to the public only as the star's faithful valet. Together they journey from the Windy City to the British countryside and back again in an unforgettable adventure. An adventure gay-film lovers almost didn't get to share.

Four years ago, New Line Cinema green-lighted the production with director P.J. Hogan, straight from his box office successes *My Best Friend's Wedding* and the ABBA-esque *Muriel's Wedding*. Along with his wife and collaborator Jocelyn Moorhouse, Hogan convinced Kathy Bates, Rupert Everett, Lynn Redgrave and a slew of other celebrities to sign up for the project.

Scheduled for a Valentine's theatrical release in 2001, New Line postponed that date, citing an overcrowded film season. During the following years, New Line continually "pushed back" the film's release until last October, when it was reported that the distributor would nix a North American theatrical release in favor of home video. This May, STARZ! came to the rescue and announced its plan to showcase the off-beat comedy.

Hogan doesn't shy away from combining gay and straight themes. The Los Angeles Times even described *Muriel's Wedding* as a metaphor for a gay man's life. Like Muriel, the gay man moves away from his small home town (where he's considered a freak) to a big metropolis and joins the gay community. In the city, the gay man reinvents himself and adopts a surrogate family of friends who accept him. And they party until one of them gets a terrible disease. Rhonda's illness in the film becomes a metaphor for AIDS. But just like the gay community, Muriel and Rhonda brave their adversities and become better human beings by escaping the repressiveness of their home town -- all with Abba's Dancing Queen blaring in the background.

Hogan's concept of life is just as uplifting in *Unconditional Love*. Heroine Grace Beasley



(Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Kathy Bates) is married to a modestly successful lawyer (Academy Award and two-time Emmy Award nominee Dan Aykroyd) and lives a safe, non-exciting existence. One morning, life comes to a screeching halt when her husband announces he is leaving her because he "misses the excitement of life."

Grace is dealt another devastating blow upon learning her beloved idol, lounge singer Victor Fox (played by two-time Tony Award winner Jonathan Pryce), has become the most recent victim of a serial murderer.

Lost and confused, she packs her bags and travels to England to attend the funeral. Upon arriving, she stumbles upon a very big secret: Victor's valet Dirk Simpson (two-time Golden Globe nominee and out actor Rupert Everett) was really his lover, a fact Victor's family (led by Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Lynn Redgrave) desperately tries to hide from the public.

Together, Grace and Dirk give each other the



courage to embark on their madcap adventure and fight for justice.

*Unconditional Love* is highlighted with cameo appearances by talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael, singer and songwriter Barry Manilow and the legendary Julie Andrews. The production features Pryce singing over a dozen "top-10" songs from the 70s and the cast even joins Manilow in singing the movie's big finale, *Can't Smile Without You*.

Critics -- and perhaps even New Line Cinema executives -- judged *Unconditional Love* "destined for instant obscurity in video store bins," despite its star-studded cast. They hinted that lounge music and overweight, middle-aged and heterosexual female characters don't mix with the fast-paced, beauty obsessed requirements of gay cinema. And that visa versa, the film was too gay to be embraced by straight audiences.

Perhaps they're right. Maybe they're wrong. Possibly they don't realize the increasing convergence of gay and straight themes in today's media, thanks in great part to Hogan's films. For that, we should admire him and his movies unconditionally.

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