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## DOYLE BUDGET INCLUDES DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS, INCREASED AIDS SERVICE FUNDING HISTORIC 40% INCREASE IN HIV/AIDS SERVICES FUNDING PROPOSED

**Madison** - Governor Jim Doyle has proposed offering group health insurance benefits to domestic partners of all state employees as part of his state budget proposal formally made to lawmakers February 13. The benefit package is broader than his 2005 proposal to offer domestic partner coverage to University of Wisconsin employees, later rejected by the then Republican-controlled legislature. Democrats now control the Senate and the Republican majority in the Assembly has been narrowed.

Doyle said in a February 9 press statement that such benefits have become commonplace in other states as well as for many of Wisconsin's largest private employers. "They do it because it helps them recruit and retain employees who will add value to their businesses," he said. "Including this benefit will help ensure that state government agencies and the University of Wisconsin System can continue to attract the best and brightest into public service."

The state's only openly-gay Assembly member Mark Pocan (D-Madison) praised Doyle's move. "I think it's great that the governor is recognizing



the state needs to be as competitive as private businesses in attracting and retaining the very best employees," Pocan said. "And this is one of the best ways to show you appreciate an employee's work."

As could be expected Republicans were opposed to the benefits expansion. Bob Delaporte, a spokesman for Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch (R-West Salem) claimed the domestic partner proposal is was

proof that the governor is "heading in completely the wrong direction." Delaporte tied Doyle's reported plan to increase taxes on hospitals in an attempt to get more federal Medicaid funding to the GOP response. "Assembly Republicans will not support the governor's policies that drive up the cost of health care for everyone in Wisconsin," Huebsch's spokesman said. "By taxing the sick and forcing taxpayers to pick up the medical costs for the boyfriends and girlfriends of state employees, affordable health care will soon be out of reach for anyone in Wisconsin that isn't getting their health care paid for by the government."

Megan Sapnar, a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union seeking

domestic partner benefits for state of Wisconsin employees, told the Associated Press that being able to cover her partner under the state's health insurance program would make a tremendous difference in their lives. "We absolutely need these benefits," Sapnar said.

According to Sapnar, her partner currently pays roughly \$2,000 a year for benefits that her colleagues can get for their spouses free of charge. "It doesn't feel like the university is supporting all of our graduate students and staff and faculty equally," she told the Capital Times.

According to the ACLU's Paul Cates, the lawsuit is on hold while the state Supreme Court decides whether to hear an appeal by state legislators who want to intervene in the lawsuit.

The same day as Doyle's budget message Fair Wisconsin announced that it had updated its list of public and private sector employees offering domestic partner benefits to same-sex couples.

"Our report demonstrates that offering domestic partner benefits is a mainstream business practice," Interim Executive Director Joshua Freker said. "Whether it's Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. in Plain, or Kimberly-Clark in Neenah, Wisconsin companies from diverse sectors understand there's nothing controversial about trying to attract and retain the most talented and innovative workforce."



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The Fair Wisconsin report listed 130 employers with a presence in Wisconsin offering domestic partner benefits. According to a similar study done by the Human Rights Campaign, over 9,000 employers including 265 of the Fortune 500 companies offer such benefits.

Longtime Madison activist, UW employee and former Action Wisconsin president Dan Ross first began gathering benefit data in 1999 as a personal initiative. Though it has been unchanged for years, Ross' richly detailed Domestic Partner Benefits in Wisconsin and the Midwest remains one of the most visited gay websites in Wisconsin, according to Alexa web tracking. Like Ross, Fair Wisconsin updated that list with information from employees, company human resource representatives, and from descriptions of company benefit programs in job listings and on corporate websites.

On February 13 Fair Wisconsin also sent out an email to its list of over 50,000 marriage ban foes urging support for the governor's domestic partner benefit proposal, directing recipients to the group's link on the national Equality Federation grassroots support project. There activists can generate emails to the elected legislators in their voting districts. In addition to an equality with the private sector argument, the standardized message sent to lawmakers - which can be altered by the sender - argues that "a state employee who married his wife last week can share his health insurance with her, yet a gay couple together for over 30 years cannot."

Doyle's budget message also included a significant increase in funding for HIV/AIDS. As part of his "Growing Milwaukee" series of initiatives, Doyle included a \$1 million AIDS initiative that was developed by ARCW to support the agency's Medical Center and increase its capacity to provide health care for all HIV patients regardless of their ability to pay. If passed, the AIDS initiative would increase the historic AIDS Life Care Services grant from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million, a 40% increase in the annual grant that supports health and social service programs for all AIDS service organizations throughout the state. The Doyle proposal would be the largest increase ever made during the 18 year history of the grant. Need for the increase funding became apparent with the stunning 9% increase in new HIV infections diagnosed in 2006, also announced the same day as Doyle's budget message.

## NEW WISCONSIN HIV CASES ROSE 9% IN 2006

**Madison** - More Wisconsinites are getting the AIDS virus. The February 13 announcement by the state's Department of Health and Family Services said there were 408 new HIV cases last year, a 9% increase from 2005. More than half the new cases were in southeast Wisconsin, with over 200 in Milwaukee County alone. Almost half the state's new cases involve minorities. The new state report shows 49% of new HIV cases occurred among minorities, primarily African-Americans and Latinos.

A significant portion of the new cases also occurred in people under the age of 25. The state report showed 11% of the 2005 cases in Wisconsin were diagnosed in adults between the ages of 20-24. That figure may underreport the number of young adults being infected during those four years. The largest age demographic for new diagnoses - 71% of all cases - begins at age 25.

A recent report in the Madison blog Dane 101 noted that the city's AIDS Network had "enrolled several HIV+ gay/bisexual men under the age of 25 within a short time period." The blog also reported that many of the men had coinfections with other STD's besides HIV, significant because individuals who are infected with STDs are at least two to five times more likely than uninfected individuals to acquire HIV if they are exposed to the virus through sexual contact. "In addition, if an HIV-infected individual is also infected with another STD," Dane 101's Shane Wealti wrote, "that person is more likely to transmit HIV through sexual contact than other HIV-infected persons."

More than 9,500 HIV cases have been recorded in the Badger State since the DHFS first began tracking cases of the disease in 1983. In Wisconsin, the total number of HIV/AIDS cases has levelled off since peaking in the early 90's. However, two out of three HIV cases have thus far progressed to an AIDS diagnosis, which signifies significant compromise of the body's immune system. Of the total AIDS cases, nearly three-fourths reportedly were infected through male-to-male sex.

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## ANGLICAN WORD SUMMIT: SNUB BUT NO SCHISM

**Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania** - As leaders of the world's 77 million Anglicans gathered here amid fears of a split in the church over divergent views on gay bishops and same-sex unions, a spokesman said the opening day of discussions was characterized by "intense listening." A day later, a public snub of the top U. S. prelate reminded the leaders just how deep the wounds in the church body are over gay issues.

"There has been no talk of schism in the meeting at all," said Australian Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, who briefed reporters after the closed-door sessions on February 15.

Aspinall had told reporters that the leaders spent much of the first day of the six day conference discussing the church's troubled American wing, the Episcopal Church, whose presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, is under pressure to reconsider her support for ordaining gays and blessing same-sex couples. Jefferts Schori, the first woman chosen to head the U.S. church, is attending the meeting, as are leaders of the communion's 37 other national or regional churches.

Despite the claims of dialogue, seven African archbishops a day later publicly snubbed Schori by refusing to take communion with her. Seven conservative Anglican leaders refused to take Communion with the head of the U.S. branch of the church, who supports ordaining gays and blessing same-sex unions, as the fellowship struggles to avert a split. "We are unable to come to the Holy Table with the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church because to do so would be a violation of scriptural teaching and the traditional Anglican understanding," the archbishops said in a posting on the Church of Nigeria website.

The primates, or Anglican leaders, belong to a group known as the Global South - theologically conservative bishops from Africa and elsewhere who have joined forces to expand their influence within the communion and counter liberal-leaning Anglicans. "This deliberate action is a poignant reminder of the brokenness of the Anglican Communion," according to the statement from the group.

Schori is not the first Episcopal leader with whom conservative archbishops have refused to share Communion. At a 2005 summit in Northern Ireland, more than a dozen archbishops would not attend daily Eucharist with then-Presiding Bishop

Frank Griswold.

Divisions among liberal and traditional church members in the United States and abroad have been growing for years, but a crisis point was reached in 2003 when the Episcopal Church consecrated its first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Jefferts Schori's selection last year to lead the U.S. church has further exacerbated the tensions with conservative Anglicans who are opposed to women serving as priests.

But in a report to the conference here, a committee of senior Anglicans, including the church's spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, said the U.S. church recently had taken some key steps to address concerns about the contentious issues it faces. The committee has been monitoring the U.S. response to a 2004 Anglican commission report, which called for a moratorium by the Americans on consecrating gay bishops and blessing same-sex unions.

The panel found that the Episcopal Church was taking the commission's recommendations "extremely seriously" and had complied with its requests for a moratorium on consecrating gay bishops. It also said the U.S. church had responded adequately to a request that it express regret over the strained relations with other Anglicans after Robinson's elevation.

But the panel said it was not clear whether the U.S. church had complied with a request that priests refrain from blessing same-sex unions, saying the widely varying practices within the church mean the question "needs to be addressed urgently" by Episcopal leaders.

A spokeswoman at the Manhattan headquarters of the Episcopal Church called the tone of the report encouraging. "I think it's very positive that they saw past some of the rhetoric and looked at what the church is doing," the Rev. Jan Nunley said. "It's clear that there's still work that has to be done and conversations that need to continue, but it's very encouraging that they're dealing with us squarely."

However a statement by a group representing conservative Episcopalians criticized the report for minimizing or ignoring evidence that the church had not complied with the requests for change. The leaders meeting at a seaside resort here were scheduled to discuss the report more fully in their sessions over the weekend.

## NEW JERSEY HONORS OUT-OF-STATE GAY MARRIAGES

**Trenton** - Gay couples who are married in Massachusetts, Canada or other places around the world where same-sex marriage is allowed have all the rights of married people in New Jersey as of February 19. Same sex couples married in Massachusetts, Canada, the Netherlands, South Africa and Spain will be recognized as civil union partners, as will couples who have entered into civil unions in Vermont and Connecticut. Domestic partners in California - where domestic partnership works much like a New Jersey civil union - will be considered as civil unions, not marriages.

Civil unions, which also became available in New Jersey that date, grant all the benefits of marriage, but not the title. The state Attorney General's Office announced its decision the Friday before the ruling took effect.

Attorney General Stuart Rabner's decision was included in his opinion for the state Department of Health and Senior Services, which is responsible for registering civil unions. "In the nick of time before next week, the attorney general has given peace of mind to a lot of families," David S. Buckel, the director of the Marriage Law Project for Lambda Legal told the *Associated Press* February 16.

Other gay rights activists noted that not recognizing marriages from elsewhere is unfair and possibly discriminatory. "New Jersey should not be in the business of stripping individuals and couples of rights they already lawfully obtained," Ed Barocas, the legal director of the New Jersey American Civil Liberties Union said.

Couples who have domestic partnerships with lesser obligations and benefits than marriage, such as those in Maine and Washington, D.C., are now considered domestic partners in New Jersey, where they are offered only a handful of the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

Steven Goldstein, the executive director of Garden State Equality, said he expected that litigation would be filed over the issue.

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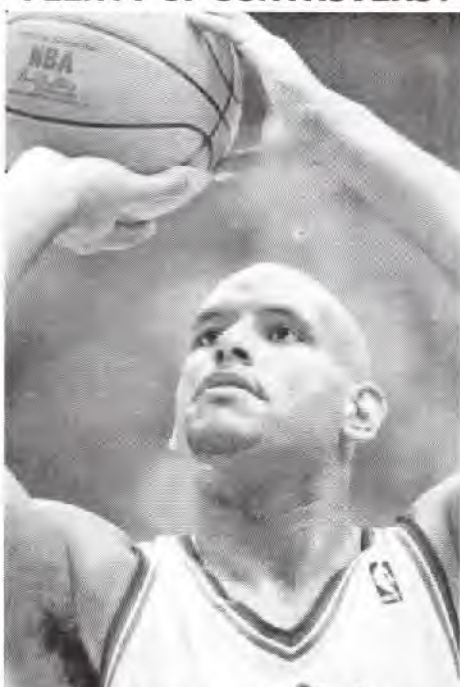
## \$75.8 MILLION INCREASE IN RYAN WHITE PASSES CONGRESS

Washington, DC - The United States Senate has passed a continuing resolution to fund the government for the remainder of fiscal year 2007 that included an increase of \$75.8 million to Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act. The House of Representatives had passed the same continuing resolution on January 31. The legislation went to the President for his signature February 15.

"We applaud the Senate for approving this critically needed new funding for the Ryan White CARE Act," Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said. "The CARE Act is nothing short of a lifeline for over half a million Americans with HIV/AIDS, and we are optimistic that this new funding is just the first of many efforts by the new Congressional leadership to adequately fund this vital program. After six years of cuts and flat-funding, each title of the CARE Act must receive increases as the new Congress begins the 2008 appropriations cycle."

Last December, a carefully crafted compromise bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act was passed and signed into law by the president. The ability of the compromise bill to succeed was predicated upon an increase of \$70 million to the Title II base of the program in fiscal year 2007. The Human Rights Campaign actively lobbied for Congress to appropriate this funding in the 2007 continuing resolution.

## FORMER NBA SUPERSTAR AMAECHI'S COMING OUT SAGA INCLUDES BOOK, SPOKESMODEL JOB AND PLENTY OF CONTROVERSY



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year old former NBA center John Amaechi has become the first in professional basketball and the sixth male player in one of the four primary U.S. pro sports - which also include baseball, football, and hockey - to publicly come out of the closet as gay.

Amaechi joined the ranks of men like Esera Tuaolo, David Kopay, and Roy Simmons in his announcement February here 8. Though he retired from the NBA in 2004, he remains active in British professional basketball. However, like his fellow play for pay jocks, Amaechi waited until after her retired to make his revelation.

Amaechi declared his sexuality as part of a press conference announcing the February 14 publication of his autobiography, "Man in the Middle."

In the book he reveals his introduction to sports and many of the hardships he endured as a closeted gay man throughout his time with the professional teams that he played with.

As might be expected, controversy began immediately following the announcement on both sides of the Atlantic. Some players, such as Shavlik Randolph and Steven Hunter of the Philadelphia Sixers, stated publicly that they were okay with gay players in the NBA in general, "as long as you don't bring your gayness on me." Others, like former Retired Warriors and Miami Heat guard Tim Hardaway said that he hated gay people.

"You know, I hate gay people, so I let it be known. I don't like gay people and I don't like to be around gay people," he said while a guest on Sports Talk 790 The Ticket in Miami February



14. "I'm homophobic. I don't like it. It shouldn't be in the world or in the United States."

Hardaway bragged that if he did find out that a teammate was gay, Hardaway said he would ask for the player to be removed from the team.

But, as typical when the reactive hue and cry became a full fledged din, less than a news cycle later Hardaway claimed he regretted the remarks. "Yes, I regret it. I'm sorry," he said during a telephone interview with Miami Fox affiliate WSVN. "I shouldn't have said I hate gay people or anything like that," he said. "That was my mistake."

That didn't sit well with the suddenly publicly-tolerant NBA brass. The NBA banished Tim Hardaway from an All-Star weekend February 17-18 in Las Vegas because of the anti-gay remarks.

Hardaway, who played in five All-Star games during the 1990s, had already been in Las Vegas to make a series of public appearances this week on behalf of the league. But after Hardaway's radio interview, commissioner David Stern stepped in.

"We removed him from representing us because we didn't think his comments were consistent with having anything to do with us," Stern told reporters February 15 at the opening of a fan festival at a Las Vegas casino, part of the NBA's All-Star weekend.

However, the same day Hardaway spewed his hate speech, Amaechi's former Orlando Magic coach Doc Rivers told the *Washington Blade* that he had heard whispers about John Amaechi's sexuality when they were both in Orlando. But the only thing that the former Magic coach care about

was Amaechi was a good scorer, a decent rebounder, a little bit of a defensive liability and "a fantastic kid."

"He's better than a good kid; he's a fantastic kid," Rivers said. "John Amaechi, when I was coaching him, was a great kid. He did as much charity work as anybody in our city, and he's still doing it. That's what I wish we focused on. Unfortunately, we're talking about his sexual orientation, which I couldn't care a flying flip about."

Rivers was a rookie head coach when he took over the Magic in 1999-00, a team that finished .500 despite starting four undrafted players. Amaechi was one of them, and Rivers subsequently was chosen as the NBA's coach of the year. Merit wins out over man-on-man love every time.

Now that he's come out, Amaechi's future career is assured: as an equal rights spokesmodel, of course. Just days after his press conference, the Human Rights Campaign crowed that Amaechi would serve as a national spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign's Coming Out Project, a program designed to help gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people come out and live openly.

"John is making history this week, becoming the first NBA player to ever come out and talk about his life and experiences as an athlete and a gay man," HRC President Joe Solmonese said. "In sharing his story, our great hope is that John will pave the way for more LGBT and straight athletes to openly support fairness and respect on and off the playing field."

"John is going to give a new face and a thoughtful, heartfelt voice to openly gay athletes in this

country," Human Rights Campaign Coming Out Project Director Mark Shields added. "Young athletes - LGBT and straight - will now have a new role model to help show them the importance of competing openly, honestly and respectfully."

Some gay pundits looked askew at the seemingly sudden announcement. "HRC either has the reflexes of a cock hungry john or they knew about former NBA player turned author John Amaechi's book/coming-out way before any of us, because they organized this shit right quick," one editor at the gay blog Queerty wrote. "We're sure Amaechi's revelations will give some jock-homos the courage to come out, but we have to point out that Amaechi didn't come out until after he made money playing professional basketball."

The point, of course, is that despite all the celebrity and political coming out stories in the last two decades, not a single active major player in U. S. professional sports has come out publicly. Though the American public now may collectively shrug "ho-hum" at gays in the military or openly-gay actors making hetero hootchie kootchie on their TV and theatre screens, they apparently still have trouble with gay jocks handling balls or pucking around in their arenas and playing fields.

Or at least that's what the billionaire sports establishment seems to think, if you read the gallons of ink spilled over sports columns about Amaechi's recent coming out party. It's gotta be the shower thing: its always the slippery soap, not the slippery slope that scares the macho mind set.

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## HIV CO-DISCOVERER GALLO: AIDS DENIALISTS ARE "BEYOND STUPID"

**Melbourne** - The man jointly credited with discovering HIV has blasted the Supreme Court of South Australia for wasting time hearing a case that questions the existence of the killer virus.

Robert Gallo, the American scientist who established the link between HIV and AIDS in 1984, appeared for the prosecution yesterday in the application for an appeal by an HIV-positive man convicted of exposing three women to the virus. "I can't believe that it occupies the time of the court - it is that absurd," Professor Gallo said.

Defense witnesses - medical physicist Eleni Papadopulos-Eleopulos and emergency doctor Val Turner - have testified that the science behind HIV is flawed, that the virus has not been purified, that tests for it are indirect and unreliable, and that it is not sexually transmitted or the cause of AIDS.

They appeared for Andre Chad Parenzee, 36, who was convicted in February 2006 on three counts of endangering life.

Professor Gallo said he had reviewed much of the defense testimony and rejected it as "misunderstanding" at best, and "misrepresentation" of HIV and AIDS research, at worst. He called on



numerous medical fields and his vast research experience to describe HIV, its first laboratory isolation in the 1980s, its attack on the immune system, and the success of treatments and blood screening. Professor Gallo's testimony was a coup for prosecutors, who have fought Parenzee's application in more than three weeks of hearings since March last year.

Professor Gallo gave evidence by satellite, appearing in the corner of an office at his research

institute in Baltimore, Maryland, about 9 PM Baltimore time. He described the defense testimony as "beyond stupid", "sad", "deeply nonsensical" and "extremely wrong". Gallo also suggested the defense witnesses, members of the HIV dissident study circle the Perth Group, were using the case as "a ploy" to advance their theories.

He lost patience with defense lawyer Kevin Borick's "provocative" questioning of the accuracy of HIV tests. "You are driving me nuts with this ... for God's sake," he said.

Claiming "no one knows more about HIV testing than me", he said his work had contributed to the cleansing of HIV from Australia's donor blood supply in the late 1980s. "I don't expect a thank you but I don't expect to be provoked to that degree," he said.

Since 1996, Professor Gallo has led the Institute for Human Virology, which employs more than 100 scientists researching chronic viruses, including HIV. He was the most-cited scientist between 1980 and 1995. In the past 20 years he has been rated third in the world in "impact factor", which measures scientists' influence outside their field.

Gallo also has 27 honorary degrees and has twice won the Albert Lasker Award in Medicine, the most recognized award for biomedical science in the US.

## PAPER CLAIMS RUSSIAN SOLDIERS SOLD AS GAY SEX SLAVES SCANDAL BREAKS AS CITY LEADERS NIX PRIDE MARCH AGAIN

**Moscow** - Young Russian conscripts reportedly are being routinely forced by senior officers to work as male prostitutes and turn over the cash to their superiors.

The *Gazeta* newspaper, quoting some of the soldiers and the human rights group Union of the Committees of Soldiers' Mothers of Russia, reports that the soldiers were from the army base in St. Petersburg. According to the paper, one client was a former general in the FSB, Russia's intelligence agency.

The rights group told the paper that clients would arrive at base late at night and the soldiers would be forced by officers to get into the cars. They often would not return until morning. One of the soldiers told the *Gazeta* said the officers would use violence and torture to force the men into prostitution.

"The officers would beat us on the arms and legs. We were sent out to the park to earn money ... I was tortured with electric shocks," he claimed.

The paper said that officers at base passed a client list on to successors and that the practice had been going on for some time. The soldiers were allegedly paid the Russian equivalent of \$50 for each "trick" with most of the money going back to the officers.

Russia's military has been faced with a crash crunch since the fall of communism, and soldiers regularly complain they have not been paid. Many in the military have moonlighted to make ends meet.

Last year a 19 year old conscript was so badly beaten and tortured by his superiors that his genitals and legs had to be amputated and in another case a deputy commander in Siberia rented out his troops to local businesses for a commission.

Russian Defense Minister, Sergei Ivanov, considered a potential successor to president Vladimir Putin has promised an investigation, according to the paper.

The sex scandal report came as civic leaders in Moscow again banned a gay pride march there. In announcing the ban on February 16 a senior city has official equated homosexuality with alco-

holism, the RIA-Novosti news agency reported.

The city's mayor had previously said the event would not be held. "There is the hard line of the city authorities and the position of our main faith, the Russian Orthodox Church ... of the inadmissibility of such an event in Moscow," RIA-Novosti quoted the head of the city's international relations department, Georgy Muradov, as saying.

Russian gay activists have pledged to hold a march in May. London Mayor Ken Livingstone said last month that he strongly opposed a ban, and RIA-Novosti quoted Muradov as saying Luzhkov expects to face criticism over the issue at an upcoming two-day meeting with the mayors of London, Paris and Berlin February 27-8.



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**Kansas City** - Hallmark Cards has brought out a new line of cards - with some suitable for situations LGBT people can relate to.

The company, which has built its \$4.2 billion empire on sentiments for life's happier times, is hoping the new range will speak to those and other situations that the company says have either been ignored by greeting card companies or received only a smattering of attention from niche players.

Company spokeswoman Rachel Bolton told *Business Week* magazine that two cards in the new series could be sent to gay people who have disclosed their sexuality.

The cards feature slogans like "Be You", "This is

who I am" or feature a rainbow, or other symbol of gay pride - though they don't directly refer to the coming out process, according to the card maker.

A 176-card collection, called Journeys, went on sale on February 15 at Hallmark's 3,800 Gold Crown stores in the US.

The collection also includes cards tackling cancer diagnoses, quitting smoking, caring for an aged parent, miscarriage, anniversaries of loss, loved ones in the military and traumatic loss, such as someone dying in an accident or homicide.

Among the sample sentiments: for illness, "Cancer is a villain who doesn't play fair ... but it can't dim your spirit, and it can't silence prayer;"

for eating disorders, "All I want is for you to be healthy - healthy and happy with yourself. Please take it one day at a time until you are;" and for depression, "When the world gets heavy, remember, I'm here to help carry it with you."

Others cards are more happy and even humorous, celebrating a year being cancer-free, nearing the end of chemotherapy or general encouragement for teenagers. There are even a few birthday cards encouraging the recipient to celebrate even though they've had a rough year.

Cynthia Musick, the editorial director who oversaw Journeys, said the cards' writing provides more personal messages of support, encouragement and hope, for which the company's research showed there was a demand.

## SURPRISE! MADONNA LOVES GAY MEN!

**Washington, DC** - Pop icon Madonna would rather spend time with gay men than anyone else, for they are the only people who don't find strong women intimidating. In a recent interview with Sirius Satellite Radio's OutQ channel, the Material Girl insisted that gay men made the best companions for 'tough' women.

"Gay men are perfect men for girls who are tough," Madonna said.

As for why Madge seems to think so, well it seems that that's because they happen to be in touch with their feelings. Another thing that tips the scales in the favor of gay men, is that always pay attention to the details.

"They're not threatened by strong women, and they're usually very in touch with their feelings and pay attention to details. I've always had an affinity with gay men!" Madonna added.



## GEORGE WEBB GAY MARRIAGE BAN BRAWLER'S COURT DATE SET

**Wauwatosa** - The suspect in last year's "gay marriage ban" brawl at a George Webb's could plead guilty as early as next month. Jason Graham of the 4800 block of N. Sherman Blvd. was arrested late last year on felony charges of battery and bail jumping in connection with the early morning brawl September 24 at the 24-hour restaurant at 6108 W. Blue Mound Road here.

The 26-year-old Graham has been formally accused of assaulting two men - one gay, one transgender - when a discussion on gay marriage widened to include other patrons. He is expected to plead guilty March 20, according to court records.

# Miss Cosmopolitan WI USofA

## Saturday, March 3rd - C'est La Vie

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Our cover model this issue is one of the entertainers who dance at Switch on Friday nights. Switch will add dancers on Sunday soon.



### Woody's Super Bowl Party





First-person witness accounts obtained by the Antiviolence Project of the Milwaukee LGBT Center and a security camera video showing the mayhem and broadcast on local TV news reports had detailed the attack. A group of three lesbian, gay, and transgender friends came under physical assault after a then unknown man at the restaurant joined their discussion about Wisconsin's constitutional ban on civil unions and gay marriage and grew irate. Graham, who fled the scene, began punching first one man in the group, and then another, Michael Lopez. Before leaving, Graham threw chairs and other objects and threatened to shoot someone. Lopez's wounds required five stitches.

The attack occurred shortly after bar closing. Victims had jotted down their attacker's vehicle license number, giving police a link to Graham. According to court records, Graham had a long history of arrests, mostly for traffic-related incidents such as speeding and driving after license revocation prior to the September 24 brawl.

The Milwaukee County district attorney's office also has recommended that one of the assaulted men be ticketed for disorderly conduct, though no ticket had been filed as of February 12, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Kim Brooks told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Wauwatosa police declined to ticket him.

## MADISON GAY RUGBY TEAM FORMING

**Madison** - Madison Gay Rugby 101, an organizational meeting for those interested in helping to organize a Madison Gay Rugby team, and/or learning how to play rugby will be held Saturday, March 10 from 3-6 PM at the Warner Park Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Drive here.

Players from the Minneapolis Mayhem and the Chicago Dragons will go through Rugby 101, talking about their own teams and bring those who want to play in Madison together. Attendees are asked to wear clothes that they can play rugby in and non-marking shoes. Participants are also being asked to donate \$10 to help cover rental of facility.

For more information or to arrange a ride to the recreation center, email organizers at: [mplsrpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:mplsrpiper@hotmail.com).

## STATE AWARDS \$1.5 MILLION FOR HIV/AIDS CARE IN 2007

**Madison** - The AIDS/HIV program of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services has announced \$1.5 million in funding HIV-related health care and social services for the coming year. 78% of the funding will be distributed to four agencies.

The state's two leading AIDS service organizations - ARCW and AIDS Network - will respectively receive \$803,400 and \$137,900. Both provide case management, mental health, financial assistance and legal services to clients. ARCW provides those services to clients residing in 59 of the state's 72 counties, with AIDS Network serv-

The OZ & Mercedes Monroe Present....

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ing the balance.

Additionally ARCW provides medical and dental care services to any HIV+ client statewide through its Milwaukee clinics. A second dental clinic is expected to open in Green Bay in April.

\$150,000 was awarded to the Medical College of Wisconsin - Pediatrics Department for prenatal and neonatal HIV medical care. \$82,600 has been awarded to the United Migrant Opportunity Services for case management and advocacy with the Latino community.

Other groups receiving funding for medical services are Health Care for the Homeless (\$64,400) and Milwaukee Health Services (\$53,000). Madison's University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics and Milwaukee's 16th Street Community Health Center and New Concept in Self Development Center each received \$55,000 for case management services. Milwaukee's Comprehensive Health Education and Legal AID Society respectively received \$23,000 and \$21,100 for advocacy and legal assistance services.

## STAGE Q'S THE GAYS OF OUR LIVES SENDS UP THE SOAPS

**Madison** - StageQ, Inc. has announced its production of the comedy *The Gays of Our Lives* by Claudia Allen. The production, directed by Tara Ayres, will open Friday, March 9 and runs through Saturday, March 31 at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin Street here.

*The Gays of Our Lives* is an antic comedic romp. With tongue firmly in cheek, it skewers the soap opera genre, with hilarious results. The story revolves around one family: Tip, the matriarch, quits her data entry job to join the crew of an oil tanker and see the world, while all hell breaks loose, at home and abroad. Sex, murder, intrigue, secret affairs, illegitimate children, evil prison matrons, corrupt government officials - *The Gays of Our Lives* has them all. Playwright Claudia Allen also penned two prior StageQ productions: *Hannah Free* and *Dutch Love*.



The *Gays of Our Lives* cast includes Pam Adams as Tip, Katy Conley as Kitty, Karen Saari as Mary Pat, Bonnie Balke as Kathleen, Eric Andrus as Lance, Molly Vanderlin as Sarah/Jonquil, Alex Szele as Jeff/Biff, Scott Bennett as Peter, Mary Elizabeth Pasquesi as Ming/Rhonda, Sarah Newport as Grams and Shawn Neal as Salt.

Performance dates for *The Gays of Our Lives* will be March 9-10, 16-17, 22-25 and 29-31. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 PM. Thursday shows will start at 7:30 PM. The sole Sunday matinee on March 25 will begin at 2 PM.

Tickets are \$10 for Sunday and Thursday; \$15 for Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available online at: [www.stageq.com](http://www.stageq.com) or may be reserved by calling 608-661-9696, Ext 3.

## 2007 NEW HARVEST DINNER DANCE SET

**Madison** - The New Harvest Foundation's 2007 Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, February 24 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. US Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and State Representative Mark Pocan will be the featured speakers.

The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with cocktails with dinner and program following at 7. Dancing will begin at 8:30 PM with musical entertainment provided by DJ Nick Nice. Ticket are \$60 per person, \$55 per person per pair or \$50 per person per eight person table.

For more information, please contact dinner organizers by email at: [lphillips@boardmanlaw-firm.com](mailto:lphillips@boardmanlaw-firm.com) or go to the New Harvest website at: [www.newharvestfoundation.org](http://www.newharvestfoundation.org).

## CENTER ADVOCATES TO JOIN IN WOMEN'S HEALTH LOBBY DAY

**Milwaukee** - Members and supporters of Center Advocates will participate in Women's Health Day of Action to be held March 8 in Madison. Activists, youth & health care professionals will join with advocates from Planned Parenthood Advocates and other supportive women's health groups in the day-long educational and lobbying event. The day will run from 9 AM - 4 PM, with registration beginning at 8 AM at the Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Drive.

The goal of Women's Health Day is to secure compassionate care for rape victims, protect access to birth control, and support confidential reproductive health care. Activities will include advocacy and lobbying training, workshops on reproductive rights issues with specialized tracks for activists, youth and health care professionals, a march to the Capitol to celebrate International Women's Day and group visits with elected officials.

Center Advocates is a co-sponsor of this event. The group has chartered a bus from Milwaukee. Cost for the trip is \$35, with a reduced fee of \$10 for students and those with limited resources.

Others wishing to become involved with the Women's Health Lobby Day individually may also register online at: [www.ppawi.org](http://www.ppawi.org).

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## WOMEN'S COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP TO START

**Madison** - A women's peer-based coming out support group is forming in Madison and will begin meeting at OutReach Inc, 600 Williamson Street in early March. The purpose of the group is to offer support to women who are dealing with the realization that they are not heterosexual and how that affects their everyday lives.

The support group will identify and discuss the stages of coming out and explore topics such as how to deal with family members, physical and sexual safety, legal rights and discrimination, and spirituality, among others.

Two trained volunteers will facilitate each meeting. The group will meet Thursday evenings for 9 weeks starting in early March. Women who are interested in attending the meetings should call 608-255-8582 and leave a message for Andrea or e-mail at: [harrys@outreachinc.com](mailto:harrys@outreachinc.com) by Saturday, February 25 to schedule an interview for the group.

## SEXUAL HEALTH DISCUSSION GROUP FOR GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE FORMS

**Madison** - A sexual health discussion group for gender diverse people (including but not limited to self-identified genderqueers, transsexuals, drag king/queens, FTM, MTF, crossdressers, and intersex) will start at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. this March. The six week group will cover a wide variety of topical matter related to gender self-expression, body imagery, discrimination issues, health care barriers/resources, and the sexual decision-making process.

Sessions will be two hours in length and meet once a week on Thursday nights at 7 PM. Food will be provided, and an attendance allowance for consistent participation will also be given at the end of the six-week session.

If you have interest in the group or would like more information about it, please leave a message for Renee at 608-255-8582 or e-mail her at [madcityrenee@tds.net](mailto:madcityrenee@tds.net). You can also find out more about the group and register for it by visiting the website [genderwellness.org](http://genderwellness.org).



# Diversion of the Day

## Quest's Events Calendar

**Thursday, February 22**

**BOOM (Milw)** BOOM's 7 Year Anniversary Party

**CLUB ICON (Kenosha)** Natasha Roberts with special Mardi Gras edition of BINGO

**Cream City Foundation (Milw)** Winter Get-A-Way at Mitchell Park Domes. Featuring The Bach Babes, Rhythm & Torch, Men's Voices Milwaukee & Women's Voices Milwaukee. tickets \$25 at [www.creamcityfoundation.org](http://www.creamcityfoundation.org) or call (414)225-0244 Benefits LGBT causes.

**RSVP Productions @ Astor Theatre 1696 N Astor St Milwaukee 414-272-5694**  
**The Underpants** by Steve Martin plays thru March 3. Hilarious comedy that is naughty, suggestive and dirty. Just the thing for a fun evening out.

**Friday, February 23**

**LaCage (Milw)** Trans-Formations Show cast has a 4 Year Anniversary Show

**Saturday, February 24**

**Club 1226 (Oshkosh)** Beach Party

**Sunday, February 25**

**Triangle (Milw)** Mr & Miss Triangle Pageant

**Saturday, March 3**

**C'est La Vie (Milwaukee)** Miss Cosmopolitan WI USofA Pageant 10:30 pm

**Madison Gay Video Club C.R.A.Z.Y.** Canada dir Jean-Marc Valee 2005 & **Side Tracked** (Adult XXX) call 608-244-8675 eve

**Shelter (Green Bay)** Mr & Miss United States Pageant

**Wednesday, March 7**

**BESTD Clinic** 30 minute HIV Testing at Midtowne Spa 6-9pm

**Friday, March 9**

**Club Nite Out (Stevens Point)** Mr Central WI USA Pageant plus 18 & Up Night

**Saturday, March 10**

**OZ (Wausau)** Miss Wausau WI USofA Pageant 10:30 pm

**Sunday, March 11**

**KRUZ (Milw)** Castaways MC Present "Lil Luck-o-the Irish! Get lucky @ KRUZ. 3pm-7pm Beer/Soda bust \$7 Lots of prizes given away. \$1 donation \$5 crotch to the floor.

**Monday, March 12**

**Outwards Books (Milw)** Outwards Book Club Group will discuss Kevin Jennings' provocative memoir. Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday, March 13**

**Outwards Books (Milw)** The Lesbian Reading Group @ Outwards K.E. Lane's debut novel, **And Playing the Role of Herself** is the book discussed. Come & meet the group and discuss a great book.

**Friday, March 16**

**Cream city Sqaures & Shoreline** present a St Patrick's Day Dance at **Hot Water, 818 S. Water St (Milw)** Light Supper 6:30 pm Square Dancing 7-8:30 pm Country Western Partner & Line Dancing 8:30 pm to close Lessons provided for those who need it. FMI Laura 414-747-0388

**Saturday, March 17**

**Madison Gay Video Club** **Third Man Out** dir Ron Oliver 2005 also **Lords of the Jungle XXX Adult** call 608-244-8675 evenings

**Tuesday, March 20**

**BESTD Clinic** 30 minute HIV Testing at Midtowne Spa 6-9pm

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Triangle (Milw)** Kelvin Haydon of Three Strikes Productions Birthday Bash. with

Divas from Milwaukee hosted by Kenny Fletcher. 10pm

**Saturday, March 31**

**Club 1226 (Oshkosh)** Mr. Club 1226 Contest 10:30 pm no cover

**Mona's (Milw)**

**Sage/Milwaukee 3rd annual Spring Fling "Gay Parade" 6-10 pm** Admission \$15 FMI  
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**Saturday, April 14**

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# NEW ON DVD by Glenn Bishop **LIKE A BROTHER (COMME UN FRERE)**

**Comme un frere (Like a Brother)** is a short, rather sweet little film about falling in love, growing up and learning to make some tough choices.

Sébastien's story is a familiar one – small town boy leaves home and flees to the big city, searching ostensibly for love but in the meanwhile, hoping to find some hot gay sex along the way. As the film begins, we find Sébastien (Benoît Delière) having already arrived in Paris and preparing for a night out. He is meticulous at his grooming, fluffing his sensuously long lashes and making sure that his deliciously pouty lips are positively glistening.

He's off to a hot Parisian dance club, the sort that Glenn is sadly too old to venture into anymore. There, Sébastien dances with joyous abandon, quickly catches the eye of a handsome admirer. After a brief, polite "how do you do," the two lads are off.

Let's face it, even if this weren't a movie, adorable little Sébastien would have just as quickly found a hot man for a night of unbridled passion. Thus, barely ten minutes into the film and already it looks like mission accomplished for our cute, blond hero.

Yet **"Like a Brother"** is determined not to be quite so simple. Bernard Alapetite and Cyril Legann, acting as co-directors and co-screenwriters, have chosen to weave into the narrative Sébastien's memories of the days leading up to his flight to Paris, days spent in unrequited angst for his (presumably) straight best friend Romain (Thibault Boucaux).

These memory sequences are filmed with a distinct washed out quality, really quite suitable for the depiction of memories, memories that are already beginning to fade. Yet few cinematic tricks could seriously detract from the portrayal of Sébastien's best friend Romain, a dark, tousled-haired beauty.

In Sébastien's memories, most of them at least, his attraction to Romain would seem blatantly obvious to all but the most clue-



less. Even to their respective girlfriends. And for his part, Romain seems to do little to discourage Sébastien. It's almost as if Romain is daring Sébastien to take that first step. In scene after scene, the two lads are at the beach romping and wrestling, sensuously applying lotion and thoroughly working up their audience, if not indeed themselves, into a right state of acute sexual frustration.

Certainly, if **Like a Brother** was a differ-

## Buy It, Rent It or Forget It

If **"Like a Brother"** offers a familiar story, it is done here with exquisite beauty and lyricism. As Sébastien and Romain, Benoît Delière and Thibault Boucaux are youthful, believable and extraordinarily sexy. In the film's scant 55 minutes, it is impossible not to begin to care deeply about these two lads who would seem rather perfect for each other. A straight-forward happily-ever-after ending would certainly have been rather refreshing. Rather, the film's all-too abrupt finish made this reviewer think perhaps the filmmakers had merely run out of money.

## Just the facts...

**"Like a Brother"** runs approx. 55 minutes and is in French with English subtitles.

**"Like a Brother"** is available now and has a SRP of \$29.95

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ent sort of movie, Sébastien and Romain would take matters at least a step to two further and perhaps Sébastien would stay in his little French town, living happily-ever-after with Romain.

Nevertheless Sébastien does flee, off to his new life in Paris. Once there he finds a vibrant gay nightlife along with a hot new boyfriend. But what happens when Romain comes to visit?





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**Dear Uncle Barbie,**

My partner drops his wet towels all over the house. I have told him several times to stop doing this, but he refuses. What can I do to force him to put his wet towels in the dirty clothes hamper?

**Signed, Mad as a Wet Hen**

**Hello Wet Hen,**

This is just another example of one of those things in a relationship that can drive you crazy—if you let it. It sounds to me like you have already communicated your thoughts and feelings to your partner. If he chooses not to accommodate you, then there is not much you can do to force him to pick up the towels. I suppose you could leave the relationship in order to rid yourself of his unwanted behavior. However, that seems like throwing the proverbial baby out with the bath water. If leaving wet towels on the floor were the ONLY thing disruptive in your relationship, then I would ignore that particular behavior. Remember, ultimately you can only control yourself—not anyone else. You always have the right to say how you feel and ask for what you need. However, if the other person does not respond favorably, then the best thing you can do is just relax and adapt. As the old saying goes, "You can lead an ass to water, but you cannot make him think."

## Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

*Disclaimer: Although the author of this syndicated column holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, the tongue-in-cheek advice given is for entertainment only and is not a substitute for therapy. Send your questions to: [AskUncleBarbie@msn.com](mailto:AskUncleBarbie@msn.com)*

Now, let us focus on what we can do to assist you in calming yourself while you learn to accept your partner's bad habit. Perhaps you could carry an object with you to symbolize peacefulness and remind you to relax. That is what I do. (I try to practice what I preach.) For example, sometimes I carry medication stones, little cards with inspirational sayings, a symbolic piece of jewelry, or even a tiny feather. Here is an true example of what actually happened to me when I was looking for a relaxation symbol. (And by the end of the day, I ended up passing the object on to help someone else relax.)

One day as I was walking through the park, I found a small feather on the ground. Somehow I was drawn to it, so I picked it up and admired it. It was delicate, tactile, fragile and sensitive to the wind—very much like the ecosystem, itself. I was struck with how much this feather paralleled the tender gift of life. Somewhere in the back of my mind a memory surfaced. I vaguely recall hearing a Native American tale about a beautiful bird that gave a troubled womyn one of his feathers as a gift. Having accepted the gift, the womyn's troubles were lifted. And from that day on, she carried the feather with her as a reminder to go through life as lightly as a feather. I felt the need to take this tiny feather with me as a memento, so I tucked it into my billfold and moved on.

Later on that day, I was browsing through a shop in town looking for a few odds and ends. When I approached the cashier, she was on the phone arguing with some person

about business problems. After she hung up, I could see that she was upset, so I commented to her that she looked like she was having a hard day. "Managerial problems," she replied. "Trying to keep this place running is a lot of work. I've got people who do not show up for work. They call in sick, come in late, and on top of that, my delivery guy is behind schedule." When I opened my wallet to pay for my items, I saw the feather. I said that I had something for her and handed the delicate feather to her. I explained how it carries a message with it that we are not to let our spirits become heavy with problems and worries. Instead, we need to glide peacefully like a feather floating on the four winds. She accepted the feather and thanked me with a smile.

I realized something about life that day. Not only is it good to be light hearted and optimistic, but it is also important to pass this joy on to others. The next time a feather crosses your path, pick it up. Let it serve as a reminder to be light hearted (even when your ill mannered partner drops wet towels on the floor), and remember to pass on the feather as a gift to others.

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## Thank You SIR: by Jeff Hicks

Well right here in Milwaukee one can get into the most unusual discussions. A couple that I see on occasion broached the topic of a three way household. It seems that they are considering entering into such an arrangement. I must admit to having experience with 3 other such situations.

The first group: They first learned of each other online. That was followed with discussions and a meeting of all three. (Not real easy considering two in Florida and one in Milw). But it was accomplished and about a year and a half after first meeting the one from Milw moved to Florida and they set up a good living arrangement. In building the parameters for their life they had to choose who would be Dominant in certain decision making. Also who would take care of certain domestic duties and who would be principal wage earner and who secondary. Then would the third be wage earning or domestic to the others? Also of great importance was who would make decisions for the household and who would accede to the others? And how would mutual property be held?

They did not specifically pursue a Dom sub lifestyle but had to negotiate these things as would a L/L, Dom/Sub couple. As it turned out one would dominate and two would be acquiescent.

The Second group: Has a 24/7 very Leather household. All of the above has been negotiated with the added parameters of who would serve in intimate encounters and in what ways. They added limits and desires and have now had several years of life as two boys and one Sir.

The Third group: Is not a complete 24/7 live in. Two dominants live in one household while the other lives separate. In this case; All three are wage earners. Only the two doms split some expenses. Any social occasions are mutually shared expense. (One

Dom likes to pull rank and pay for everything.

I have mentioned in each case the issue of wage earning. That is because in the discussion it was questioned if a passive/sub/boy/servant/etc. should be supported. It is my belief that a sub can and often does support part or all of a household. Just because a boy wants to be dominated in the playroom doesn't mean that he cannot also serve by supporting the Dominant. Ofttimes the Dom is trying to build a business, or pursue a new career, or has limitations and the boy is proud to facilitate their life together in this way. He may continue for years as a means of feeling of worth to his SIR. And a true Dom doesn't need to pay his way into being a Dom; He already IS.

And so we can all have combinations of Miltie person households, all with different conditions. Many may not seem to be Leather, Dom/sub types of households but they need the typical D/s negotiations to bring them about and to keep them functioning.

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[bdsmbboy1971@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdsmbboy1971@sbcglobal.net),

### Upcoming events:

March 23- Mr. Wisconsin Leather Weekend '07, and the contest March 24, at 10:30 PM. Any questions; info is at: [www.TheShelterClub.com](http://www.TheShelterClub.com)

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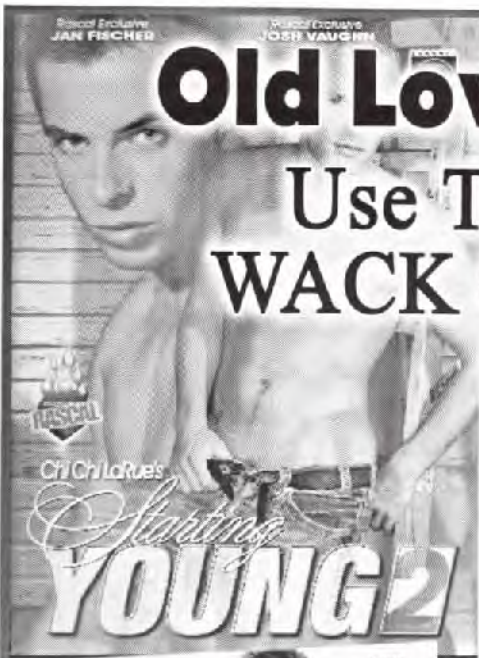
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