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Amherst, LaCrosse - The "dog days" of summer will bring fresh opportunities for Wisconsin's LGBT community to continue celebrating their pride. Upcoming festivals in Central Wisconsin and LaCrosse will offer music, magic and fun for all ages.

Central Wisconsin Pride Moves East

Central Wisconsin Pride is set for August 2 at a new location, just east of Stevens Point. According to committee member Vern Hartl, the Central Wisconsin Pride Committee is in full swing planning this year's Pride Festival at the Portage County Fairgrounds in Amherst 10 miles east of Stevens Point on Highway 10. The official event will run from 2:30 until 9:30 PM. Each of the area bars - Oz in Wausau and Club Night Out in Stevens Point - will have additional festivities following the festival.

"We are very excited to have selected this new location for this year," Hartl told *Quest*. "This venue will give us a greater selection of entertainment that we've been unable to have entertain for us in the past few years at our previous location. The Portage County Fair Board and the Amherst Community has welcomed us to this new location." The City of Stevens Point had placed entertainment restrictions on the festival following the repeated use of inappropriate language by female

impersonators at Pfiffner Pioneer Park which borders a residential area.

In addition to drag queens, Leah Jee and the Boys from Milwaukee are being welcomed back as the festival's headline act. "This band performed for us last year at the Pride festival and then again for our Halloween party in October," Hartl said. "It was a great time and they are a lot of fun!"

Leah Jee and the Boys will be performing from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. More information about the band, who also did a show at this year's Milwaukee PrideFest is available at: www.myspace.com/leahjee.

Earlier in the day, from 4:30 until 6 PM the festival will present a hypnotist comedian from Las Vegas. "He will be performing a hilarious show with a gay flare that includes volunteers," Hartl said. Hartl also noted that anyone who is interested in volunteering to be hypnotized should contact a Pride Committee member when they arrive at the festival.

Official Pride Event emcee Christopher Ray will be doing entertainment acts throughout the day. "Christopher has performed previously in the Milwaukee Area, Palm Springs and Las Vegas," Hartl said. "He currently lives in Palm Springs but hales originally from Sheboygan. In Palm Springs he regularly performs in a show called Copy Kats."

The festival committee is also looking for additional female impersonators to perform during the planned drag show. Performers should contact the committee by email at: vhartl@aol.com to get on

our entertainment schedule.

The pride festival will have a deejay spinning music through out the entire event. Also planned is a "Testicle Toss" tournament (AKA ladder balls) featuring a \$100 grand prize to the winning team. The festival also will feature volley ball, food and beverages.

Central Wisconsin Pride is largely underwritten by an annual fund-raising raffle. "We will be raffling off a Samsung 56" HDTV at the pride festival," Hartl said, noting that tickets will be available at the festival up until the time of the raffle.

FMI about Central Wisconsin Pride, visit the festival website at: www.centralwisconsinpride.com

LaCrosse Pride Set For August 23

Plans continue to be finalized for "Live, Love, Be Proud Of Your Colors," this year's LaCrosse pride festival to be held on the Southside Oktoberfest Grounds on Saturday, August 23.

Among the acts already booked to appear are lesbian rappers God-Des & She, known best for their work on Showtime's *L-Word*, Wisconsin's WAMI-winning rocker Ronnie Nyles, and singer-songwriter Kelli Dunham.

Festival organizers report that more information about show times and other events will be posted shortly on two websites covering the day-long event. For more information visit either the festival's MySpace page or the main website at: lacrossepride.us.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME OF FORMER WISCONSIN LIGHT PUBLISHER

Milwaukee - A mid-afternoon fire severely damaged the home of former *Wisconsin Light* publisher Jerry Johnson here July 12. According to Johnson, the blaze started in the master bedroom, traveled up the walls to the attic, and engulfed the roof of the turn-of-the-century Brewer's Hill brick edifice.

Johnson told *Quest* that he and his partner had only been away an hour, returning to find firefighters battling the blaze. "I'm lucky to have such good neighbors," he said. "They saw the smoke and called the fire department immediately."

The fire rendered the home uninhabitable. "Michael and I have been staying with different friends this past week," Johnson said. "I'm hoping to rent an efficiency (apartment) close by tomorrow (July 21)."

Johnson and his late partner Dr. Terry Boughner produced the *Wisconsin Light* at their home for most of its years of publication, and had retained multiple complete sets of the newspaper in all of its three configurations. Johnson and Boughner also had amassed an extensive collection of African art and LGBT-themed movie posters and other memorabilia. Fortunately none of the valuables were lost.

"What was still in the house was stored on the second floor which was not burned in the fire," Johnson said. "There is some water damage but most of the Wisconsin Light materials already had been donated to the University (UW-M) library. The African



Photos courtesy of Maria Cardenas



art had already been moved to my brother's home in Oconomowoc. I had also donated the movie (memorabilia) collection and had expected them to pick it up last week, in fact. Now they really need to come over!"

Johnson said that several neighbors have come forward to assist with the repairs. "One neighbor came over and said he would fix the roof without charge to preserve the house, which does have historic value," Johnson said. "The house is made of brick, and was overbuilt as was common back when it was built."

Johnson also said he would be selling the house to pay for the cost of the repairs as he did not have homeowner's insurance. "Though I'll miss it, the house really had become too big for me to maintain."

Johnson said that Maria Cardenas of the Cream City Foundation was working with him privately as a personal friend to set up a fund to allow others in the community to assist financially him with the loss. "I don't know what progress she has made or which bank will be involved, but I know Maria will set it up correctly," Johnson said. "I've had so many things to handle since the fire. I'm glad she came forward to help."

Cardenas confirmed to *Quest* that she was making arrangements for the relief account, but would be unable to provide specifics by publication deadline. "I will be sending out an email to the many people who've asked me how they can help once the account is set up," she said.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU WON'T COUNT SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

Washington, DC - The U.S. Census Bureau, reacting to the federal Defense of Marriage Act and other mandates, plans to edit the 2010 census responses of same-sex couples who marry legally in California, Massachusetts or any other state. They will be reported as "unmarried partners," rather than married spouses, in census tabulations - a policy that will likely draw the ire of gay rights groups.

The Census Bureau followed the same procedure for the 2000 census, and it does not plan to change in 2010 even though courts in Massachusetts and now California have ruled gay men and lesbians can marry lawfully.

"This has been a question we've been looking at for quite a long time," Martin O'Connell, chief of the Census Bureau's Fertility and Family Statistics Branch, told the Associated Press. "It's not something the bureau could arbitrarily or casually decide to change on a whim, because our data is used by virtually every federal agency."

The Census Bureau is not falsifying people's responses, O'Connell said, because the bureau will retain people's original census responses. "We're not destroying data; we are keeping that data," O'Connell said. "We are just showing the data published in a way that is consistent with the way every

other agency publishes their data."

The Census Bureau does not ask about sexual orientation, but it does ask people to describe their relationships to others in their household. If a respondent refers to a person of the same gender as their "husband/wife" on the 2010 census form, the Census Bureau will automatically assign them to the "unmarried partner" category. Legally married same-sex couples will be indistinguishable in census data from those who chose "unmarried partner" to describe their relationship.

Critics say the census plan will mask the records of legal, same-sex, married couples and therefore degrade the quality of the government's demographic data.

"I just think it's bad form for the census to change a legal response to an incorrect response," Gary Gates of the Williams Institute said. "That goes against everything the census stands for."

The institute is a think tank at the University of California-Los Angeles law school that studies gay-related public policy issues.

"It's a systematic hiding not only of married gay couples, but gay couples as families, which I would argue is a fundamentally political decision," Gates added.

STUDY: GAY RECRUITS DON'T UNDERMINE MILITARY UNIT COHESION

Washington, DC - A new study released by a California-based research center has added more evidence that the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy should be repealed. The study was conducted by four retired military officers, including the three-star Air Force lieutenant general who in early 1993 was tasked with implementing President Clinton's policy that the military stop questioning recruits on their sexual orientation.

"Evidence shows that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly is unlikely to pose any significant risk to morale, good order, discipline or cohesion," the officers states.

To support its contention, the panel points to the British and Israeli militaries, where it says gay people serve openly without hurting the effectiveness of combat operations.

ARCHBISHOP: "BIOLOGY, NOT SCRIPTURE SHOULD DETERMINE GAY DEBATE"

Swanwick, England - The head of the Church of Ireland has said if homosexuality is proven to be biologically predetermined then his church would have to allow gay unions. "If such comes to be shown, it will be necessary to acknowledge the full implications of that new aspect of the truth," Archbishop Alan Harper said, while speaking at the recent "Anglicans in World Mission" conference here.

Harper also called on members of the church to return to the core principles of the faith in order to resolve the controversy over gay marriages. Harper said it was important to distinguish parts of the Bible that were considered the direct word of God and other elements that were human interpretations of his teachings in the context of the time.

The debate over the morality of homosexual acts had become "deeply visceral and that the quality of debate has suffered as a result," Harper argued.

The Irish church leaders said that while "it has not yet been conclusively shown that for some males and some females homosexuality and homosexual acts are natural rather than unnatural. If such comes to be shown, it will be necessary to acknowledge the full implications of that new aspect of the truth, and that insight applied to establish and acknowledge what may be a new status for homosexual relationships within the life of the Church."

ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL TROY KING CAUGHT IN GAY SEX SCANDAL

Montgomery - According to several reports, notoriously anti-gay Alabama Attorney General Troy King has allegedly been caught in a gay sex scandal.

King, a conservative Republican, was reportedly caught by his wife Paige King having sex with a male assistant in their Montgomery home. Reports say King was kicked out of his home by his wife and is set to resign over the scandal.

King is also a member of John McCain's Alabama Campaign Team. Following the allegations, the McCain campaign "almost instantly scrubbed all mentions of Troy King" from their website, according to OpEdNews.com

King has been known for voicing his opposition of abortion and homosexuality. He has worked to outlaw sex toys in Alabama. King frequently wrote editorials for The Crimson White in which he repeatedly called homosexuality the "downfall of society."

In 2004, King was appointed to Attorney General by Alabama Governor Bob Riley and was considered a potential candidate for Alabama governor in 2010 prior to the scandal.



FLORIDA GOV POO POOS GAY RUMORS, TALKS UP WEDDING

Tallahassee - Florida's governor has opened up about his pending marriage and rumors about his sexual orientation. Charlie Crist proposed to girlfriend Carol Rome last May. On July 7 the governor spoke about the marriage for the first time.

"I think you pop the question like that when you're in love. I am, so that's why I did it," Crist said. Crist said he met Rome last September during a trip to New York and the couple may plan a fall wedding, most likely a small ceremony in St. Petersburg.

At the press conference Crist also responded to his widely rumored homosexuality. "Well, you know, when you're in the public eye, and being governor of Florida that's inevitable, you know, I don't really focus on it," he said.

As to the belief by many that he's getting married to improve his chances of being picked by John McCain as the Republican vice-presidential candidate, Crist claimed said nothing could be further from the truth.



CALIFORNIA GAY MARRIAGE UPDATE: SUPREMES SAY "YES," COUNTY SUPERS SAY "NO"

Sacramento, Bakersfield - On July 16 the California Supreme Court, by refusing to hear a challenge to a ballot initiative that seeks to ban same-sex marriages, will allow the state's voters to consider a constitutional amendment in November that would again limit marriage to heterosexual unions. The court did not give a reason for deciding not to accept the case.

If it passes, the amendment, known as Proposition 8, would overrule the Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage in the state as of June 16.

Following the refusal, Equality California and other gay civil rights groups said they were confident that the initiative will fail. A Field poll released July 18 also suggested voters will say "no" to the ban by a 51-42% margin.

A week earlier Kern County super-

visors refused to ban gay marriage, rebutting a conservative group that sought to make it the first California county to reject the statewide policy. The supervisors declined to act on the measure July 8 after the county's lawyer, said it would be illegal for the county to adopt its own same-sex marriage ban.

The five-member board also let die a motion to explore whether county employees who are willing to officiate same-sex weddings could be deputized for the duty by officials in neighboring San Bernardino County. The Kern County clerk's office stopped offering all marriage ceremonies on June 15, the day before gay marriage became legal.

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Pride Alive Draws Over Two Thousand See the *Quest* photo pages for color pictures of Pride.

Green Bay - Attendance at northeast Wisconsin's revitalized pride celebration exceeded organizers' expectations with between 2000 to 2500 taking part the day-long festival held at Joannes Park here July 12.

"It's hard to provide an exact number of people in attendance because of the unrestricted access to the park," co-chair Andrew DeBaker told *Quest*. DeBaker noted that though volunteers at the three official welcoming stations at the park had counters, several factors resulted in workers losing track of attendees. Irregular traffic patterns, with some people arriving in large groups, and others bypassing the welcome tables all together hindered the count. Other arrivals asked volunteers questions that diverted their attention from the tally.

"We know we ran out of programs and giveaway items around 3 PM, a lot earlier than we had expected," DeBaker said.

The crowd was very mixed both in age and sexual orientation, with many couples, both straight and gay, pushing strollers and stopping by the children's area for face painting and other kids' activities.

"This is a very impressive," guest speaker and former Chief Financial Officer for the Human Rights Campaign Harvey Hurdle told *Quest*. "So many of the pride events in larger cities focus on the partying nowadays. But what's happening here in Green Bay today really demonstrates just how far we've come with all segments of the community coming together in celebration of both our diversity and our commonality."

Local activists also were impressed by the mix of attendees. "I think the Green Bay gay community got a wake-up call," veteran activist Craig Gunderson said. "They just found out a lot of people around here are a lot more accepting that they might have believed to be true."

The crowd appeared to peak for two of the day's main stage attractions - the cabaret group Glamarama and popular Green Bay rockers Annex. Earlier in the day, festival goers also enjoyed lesbian singer-songwriter Martha Berner and the zany lyrics of the Madison alternative band German Art Students.

Food vendors appeared to be busy throughout the day, with one vendor closing up shop around 5:30 PM after running out of all of their menu items. The warm, sunny day also perked beverage sales. "By the end of the day, we were about out of all but one of our malt beverage choices," DeBaker said.

Festival attendees also had he chance to visit the booths of over fifty organizations and retail vendors that ringed

the grounds. Both major political parties distributed information about candidates, while a group working for the Obama campaign sought to identify and sign-up unregistered voters.

Three area faith congregations shared their inclusive religious messages at information. Though there were no organized protests, one elderly ad hoc missionary was escorted off the grounds after his language became abusive to security staff.

Organizers told *Quest* that local community police commented on how pleasant and laid-back the overall demeanor of the festival was. "One officer told me that if this is what he could expect in the future, we were welcome to hold gay pride once a week," DeBaker quipped.

Though final figures were not yet available, DeBaker told *Quest* that the festival should meet its expenses and have enough seed money to organize next year's event. "This was a very successful first year," he said. "I know a lot of us are very excited and are looking forward to making Pride Alive even bigger and better in 2009."

Fond Du Lac Diversity Initiative Passage Postponed

Fond Du Lac - To its supporters it's an economic necessity. To its opponents, it's a "homosexual agenda" sneak attack. And after an hour of sometimes nasty debate, it's on hold until August 19.

A statement of principles that was included in a proposed Comprehensive Countywide Diversity Initiative stirred up controversy for the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors July 15 here.

The statement outlines a wide variety of principles for attracting diversity to Fond du Lac. Supervisors were asked to adopt the statement and join the Comprehensive Countywide Diversity Initiative.

Proponents of the statement said it would be a tool for attracting talent to the community. However opponents claimed it was an underhanded attempt to prompt a "homosexual agenda."

Following concerns about diversity brought to his attention last year by Marian University President Dr. Josefina Castillo Baltodano, County Executive Allen Buechel wrote the statement of principles. "I realized we could be doing something better," Buechel said. "In order to attract the kind of workers this community will need, we will have to create a more welcoming and inclusive community."

The controversy drew a large crowd to the meeting. Several spoke out about the issue before County Board members discussed the statement.

Fond du Lac City Council member Jeremy Thiesfeldt warned supervisors to be careful in considering the statement. "I can't stress to you how much I would oppose the passage of this," he said. "Fond du Lac County cannot pass legislation forcing this community to value and celebrate differences."

However, Sister Stella Storch, of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, urged supervisors to approve the statement. "I support the inclusion of gays and lesbians, and I would like to see the statement adopted," she said.

County resident Madonna Bowman, who has a lesbian daughter, said Fond du Lac County should embrace diversity. "I speak to this issue as someone who respects the dignity of all people and wishes to live in a community that does as well," she said. "(My daughter) and our entire family have also been extremely encouraged by the growing support of diversity that we see in Fond du Lac. But there is still a long way to go."

County Supervisor Dick Stokely said he's specifically opposed to the wording "sexual orientation" in the statement and denounced what he said was "not natural."

Supervisor Judy Goldsmith and others countered, pointing out that the statement is not legislation. "There is no hidden agenda," she said. "The people we are talking about here our neighbors, our friends, our taxpayers. I don't think we want to turn away talented people because they don't love the way we think they should. This is about being good neighbors."

The board, by a vote of 11-7, decided to postpone discussion of the statement until its next meeting on August 19.

LGBT Center Cuts Political Advocacy Group Loose

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has moved to end its formal affiliation with Center Advocates, Inc., a regional political advocacy organization founded by center staff with board approval six years ago. A resolution passed by the center board recognized the need for the Community Center "to put its energy into its direct mission... of improving the quality of life of LGBT citizens," according to its July 14 press release.

"We think Center Advocates has sufficient experience and history to move forward on its own, and we wish them well," Board co-chair Sue Haertel said.

As part of the original affiliation agreement, the Community Center had appointed 51% of the Advocates Board, and provided office space, materials, and staffing. Center Advocates reimbursed the agency for those services.

Following the Community Center decision, Center Advocates announced plans to continue as an independent advocacy organization serving the Milwaukee LGBT

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"Because the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center was a recipient of government, statewide and city funding, we were somewhat limited in our lobbying and advocacy efforts," Ryan Cronwell, Center Advocates Secretary and Board of Directors member said in a separate press release. "As an independent C4 organization we can expand our lobbying, advocacy efforts and PAC activities without jeopardizing the Center's C3 status, government contracts or funding."

According to the Community Center press release, fiscal issues prompted the decision. "After careful consideration, the Board of Directors determined the Community Center must focus the resources it has on services and programs to best support the mission," the community center release stated. Earlier this summer, the Community Center had announced a hiring freeze.

"The Board is committed to ensuring the agency continues its outstanding work in the community for decades to come," the release stated. Among the programs available at the community center are the Project Q youth program, the Anti-Violence Project, and new Health and Wellness Initiatives program. The center also maintains a full LGBT-focused resource library and sponsors numerous social and educational programs monthly.

According to their press release, Center Advocates will continue "its mission is to improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people as well as the general community in the metro Milwaukee area by advocating for the equal treatment of all people. Center Advocates is an advocacy organization that seeks to educate legislators and other decision-makers, and the general public about effective public policy on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and related issues."

With the 2008 presidential election cycle already in full swing, Cronwell believes the newly-independent Center Advocates will have plenty of issues to work on. Cronwell pointed to a new program similar to the successful "Equality Knocks" campaign aimed at electing LGBT friendly candidates.

"This fall we have exciting projects planned including an outreach to the LGBT community and the wider public about the importance of their votes in the primaries and general elections," Center Advocates board member Renee Crawford added. "We'll also be working on a wide range of issues including domestic partner benefits for Milwaukee school district employees."

Center Advocates affiliated statewide political action committee, Center Advocates PAC, also will continue its work. Plans are currently underway for the Center Advocates PAC's Annual Garden Party for Equality, in which previous years have had Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, US Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman as guest speakers.

"Re-Imagined" Guernsey Gala Underway
Green Bay - A "re-imagined" Guernsey Gala kicked off here July 18 with a show at Napalese Lounge. The 17th annual fundraising event for northeast regional client services at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin now involves seven gay-friendly venues in four cities.

According to Rainbow Over Wisconsin President Dean Dayton, the biggest change in the ROW-sponsored event is a switch in focus from "competition" to "collaboration." "We have one common goal: helping to aid in the funding of care for those who live with HIV/AIDS," Dayton told Quest. "By eliminating the contest and focusing on the giving, everyone wins."

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The seven participants in this year's fundraising campaign include Rascal's Bar & Grill in Appleton, Home Base, Napalese Lounge, SASS and The Shelter in Green Bay, Club 1226 in Oshkosh and the Blue Lite in Sheboygan. The clubs and taverns will hold a variety of fundraising events and projects until the closing show at the Shelter on September 27.

The Guernsey Gala holds a special place in the Wisconsin LGBT community's long history of battling HIV/AIDS. The competition was created in 1992 by Wayne Thiele and his friends as a way to raise money needed to help people living with HIV in the city of Green Bay who were struggling to make ends meet. The

Gala was fashioned after Milwaukee's Possum Queen contest with candidates running for the title of "Guernsey Queen" by collecting dollar "votes." Four local bars - Brandy's II, The Napalese Lounge, SASS, Za's Videobar - participated in the first "pageant" and raised several hundred dollars.

Over the next ten years Wayne - as his Guernsey alter ego "Elsie Bovine" - raised tens of thousands of dollars for the clients of Center Project, and later, the Green Bay office of ARCW. After the 2002 competition, Wayne asked Rainbow Over Wisconsin to take over the organization and promotion of the event. ROW members agreed and with Wayne's mentoring hand, began spon-

soring the Guernsey Gala in 2003.

Though other gay community-sponsored AIDS fundraisers like the Possum Queen or Madison's Cookie Jar changed focus and ultimately ceased to exist, the Guernsey Gala continues true to its original mission. In 2007, the Guernsey surpassed \$153,000 in life time total funds raised.

"Rainbow Over Wisconsin is proud to continue to sponsor this long-running, caring tradition," Dayton said.

Arts & Entertainment: Door County PFLAG Sets Potluck Picnic

Sturgeon Bay - PFLAG Door County will hold its annual Potluck Picnic on Sunday, August 3 at Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay. People will gather at the picnic shelter from 1- 7 PM, with food served at 3. Sunset Park is located past Bay Shipbuilding, on 3rd Avenue - Bay Shore Drive. The event is non-alcoholic.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, and a tennis racket if interested in playing. Other games will also be available. For additional information, contact Sandy at sbrown@itol.com or John at jolski@itol.com.

Northern Men's Group Plans Teddy Bears' Picnic

Menominee, MI - The Northern Bruins of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan will be holding a "Bears In The Park" Picnic on Saturday August 16 from Noon until 8 PM at Fox Park, north of Menominee.

Food will be provided but, attendees must bring their own beverages. There will also be drawings held throughout the course of the day. Proceeds from the drawings will go to ARCW. Prizes may include DVD players, CD players, stereos and videos.

For more information, contact the Bruins by phone at: 920-265-9354, 920-328-3266, or 920-437-7716. E-mail contact is: jimandtom@webtv.net.

Big Night Out Volunteers Needed


Milwaukee - The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is seeking community volunteers to help design, develop, and produce its annual gala and auction, Big Night Out. This year's gala has been scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at the Northern Light Theater of Potawatomi Bingo and Casino.

The Center needs volunteer assistance in soliciting and collecting silent and live auction items, developing and executing a theme for the gala, designing and producing print materials such as invitations, auction catalog, and program, preparing decorations and seating charts, etc.

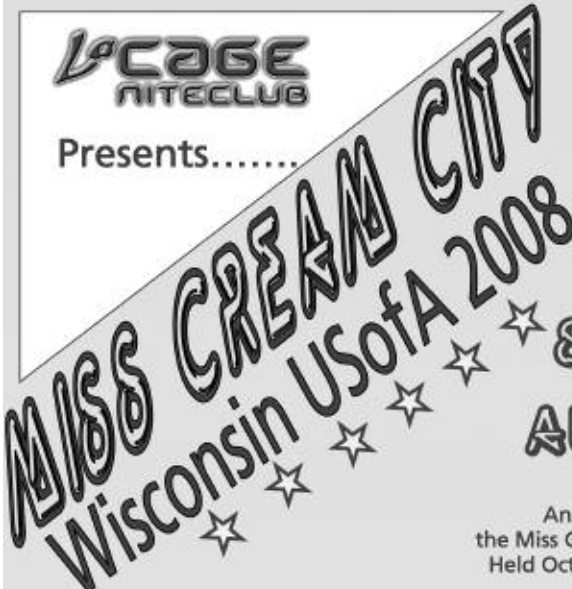

Initial one-hour volunteer meetings have been scheduled at the community center for Tuesday, July 22 at 10 AM, Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 PM and Thursday, July 24 at 2 PM. Please contact Director of Philanthropy Patrick Price by phone at 414-292-3065, or by email at: pprice@mkelglt.org to let him know which volunteer meeting you can attend or if you are interested but unable to make any of the scheduled meetings.

Florentine Opera Announces New Resident Artist Program

Milwaukee - The Florentine Opera Company is pleased to name soprano Greer Davis-Brown of Chicago, mezzo soprano Colleen E. Brooks of Cincinnati, tenor Rafael Luquis of Bayamon, Puerto Rico and baritone Todd von Felker of Chicago as participants in the 2008-09 Florentine Opera Studio.




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The Studio program, which offers a full season of artist-in-residence employment for talented singers beginning their professional careers, will run from October 2008 through April 2009 and provide promising young artists the experience and training necessary in order to grow professionally in the opera art form.

Studio artists will sing supporting and comprimario roles during the opera season while serving the main-stage, educational and outreach goals of the Florentine Opera Company.

Additionally, artists will perform in studio concerts, as well as for donor functions, outreach and education initiatives and the Florentine's in-school touring opera program. They will also have the opportunity to gain continuing training and career advice through master classes and coachings with visiting artists and master teachers.

The Florentine Opera Studio artists will make their debut in a recital, hosted by Florentine General Director,

William Florescu and accompanied by Maestro Joseph Rescigno, the Florentine's Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor. The inaugural concert will take place at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts on Sunday, October 19. Artists will perform pieces from their repertoire including arias and ensembles and opera favorites. The recital is part of the Emerging Artists Opera weekend at the Wilson Center.

The planning process for this extensive extensive inaugural effort is provided by the Richard and Ethel Herzfeld Foundation. For more information about the Opera Studio artists, tickets and reservations, visit the Florentine Opera website at: www.florentineopera.org or call 414-291-5700.

Windy City Rodeo 2008 Set For August 22-24

Chicago - Cowboys and cowgirls from across the United States and Canada will convene in the Chicagoland area

August 22-24 to participate in Windy City Rodeo 2008, the 12th annual ILGRA-sanctioned rodeo hosted by the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association (ILGRA).

The rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24 at Six Guns Ranch & Arena, 26926 South State-line Road in Crete, Illinois, approximately 45 minutes southeast of downtown Chicago. Admission is \$15 per person per day, and tickets may be purchased at the gate. Parking is free. The rodeo is a rain or shine event.

Festivities begin with Grand Entry ceremonies at Noon on both Saturday and Sunday. The performance consists of 13 events including traditional rodeo events: barrel racing, flag race, pole bending, bull riding, bareback bronc riding, steer riding, chute dogging, team roping, mounted breakaway roping, calf roping on foot. In addition, there are three events unique to gay rodeo competitions: steer decorating, goat dressing, and the wild drag race. The arena is an open-air rodeo ring with bleacher seating. A vendor mall, complete with food, beer, mixed drinks, western apparel, and rodeo memorabilia is located on the rodeo grounds. An outdoor dance and entertainment tent will also be featured.

For those living in the city, shuttle buses to the rodeo grounds in Crete are being organized by a number of local sponsors. A \$25 fee will provide transportation to and from the rodeo grounds and admittance into the rodeo. Buses will leave at 10 AM and return at 7 PM each day. A complete list of shuttle sponsors and pick-up locations will be posted at www.ilgra.com.

For those coming from out of town, the host hotel for Windy City Rodeo 2008 is the Doubletree Hotel, 5000 West 127th Street in Alsip, Illinois. When making reservations, call the hotel directly at 708-371-7300 and mention the Windy City Rodeo (group code WCR) to get the special room rate of \$89 a night plus tax..

Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit three local charities: Howard Brown Health Center, Vital Bridges, and Direct Aid.



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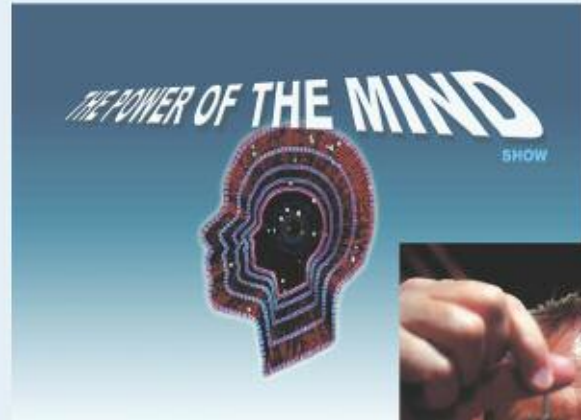
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Saturday, July 26

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Shelter Club (Green Bay) Mr. and Miss Bay City USofA Pageant 10:30pm

Sunday, July 27

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Saturday, August 2

11am - Golf FORE Equality! Featuring Tret Fure as the celebrity golfer! Bid online between June 20th and June 30th for a chance to be in Tret's foursome! Tickets include 18 holes of golf at Silver Spring Country Club, dinner, and entertainment by Tanya Atkinson and Yolanda Roth. Visit www.GolfForeEquality.org for tickets and more info. Presented by Prudential.

Central Wisconsin Pride Portage county Fairgrounds amherst WI 2:30 - 9:30pm See ad in center of book for details on this and events at the area bars.

LaCage (Milwaukee) Miss Cream city USofA Pageant 9pm

Madison Gay Video Club "2 Minutes Later" (TLA Rel., Robert Gaston, 2007) "Chainsaw" (Titan Media, dir. Joe Gage, 2008) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

Friday, August 8

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Saturday, August 9

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Tuesday, August 19

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Thursday, August 21

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Sunday, August 24

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Saturday, August 30

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TRIANGLE	\$2 Absolute Drinks	2-4-1 All Night	\$2 domestics & Texas Hold'em	Thursday Nite Show	Bacardi Fridays \$3 shorts \$5 Talls	2-4-1 Taps 6am-Noon Friday, Saturday, Sunday 3rd shift Happy Hour	Guise n Dolls 10:30pm

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2 MINUTES LATER

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Once upon a time, there were gay films and there were lesbian films. Period. Glenn, however, senses a change in the air. In television series such as "**Dante's Cove**," not to mention writer/director/producer Robert "**Open Cam**" Gaston's new sexy new thriller, "**2 Minutes Later**," gay characters and lesbian characters are increasingly sharing not only equal billing but a similar amount of screen time between the sheets.

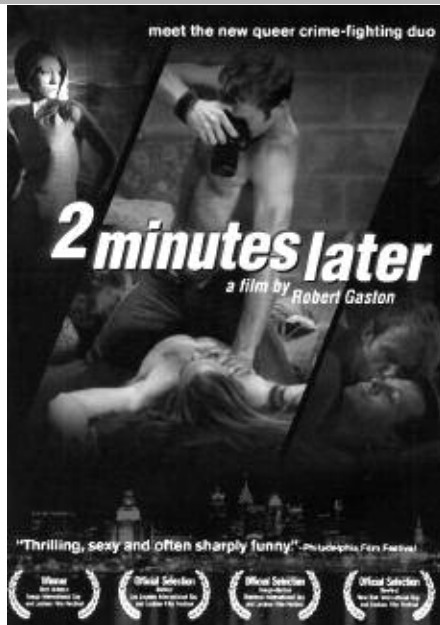
"**2 Minutes Later**," finds Gaston pairing off a tough-talkin', hard-livin' lesbian gumshoe, Abigail Marks (Jessica Graham) with the soft-spoken but hunky gay Insurance Investigator Michael Dalmar (Michael Molina). Both are hot on the trail of Michael's missing twin brother, the notorious photographer Kyle Dalmar (also played by Michael Molina).

As is the case with many, if not most, murder mysteries, "**2 Minutes Later**" begins with... well, you guessed it: a murder. Silence, please, as Glenn takes a moment to properly set the stage for you, loyal **Quest** readers. It is night, dark but not stormy. A handsome photographer is filling up at a deserted gas station. Nice evening that it is, he takes the opportunity to snap a few photos of the cute young man who has just emerged from his van. Another vehicle pulls up. Cute boy takes off on his bike. Sexy new driver (Peter Stickles) confronts photographer. He pulls out a gun. Yikes! With a deft swing of his man purse, the photographer knocks gun out of Bad Guy's hand. Rather than pressing his evident advantage, the rather strapping photographer runs. And runs and runs and runs.

"Too bad he's wearing that pure white t-shirt," muses Glenn.

As expected, Bad Guy gives chase. Even at night, in the deepest and darkest of woods, that darn white t-shirt is sure easy to spot. Photographer stumbles. Wow, Glenn certainly didn't see that one coming. Bad Guy catches up and within moments there's the requisite "Bang" and the dastardly deed is done.

During the remainder of the film's scant 68 minute running time, Cagney and Lacey... er, Marks and Dalmar search for Kyle's killer. And they bicker. They search in absolutely all the wrong places. They bicker some more. They discover an important clue the soon-to-be victim cleverly thought to mail off to himself while fleeing his assailant. Are they happy? Nope. That's right – more bickering.



The clue is a memory card possessing hundreds of photographs, primarily but not entirely of men, many fully nude. Here the action grinds to a halt as our intrepid sleuths as well as we viewers are treated to an extensive and really quite the provocative photomontage. Then Gaston with evident delight refreshes our memory of many of the most the erotically charged photos by repeating them as Marks and Dalmar begin interviewing the models, one of whom they are certain to be guilty.

Gaston even goes so far as to have Marks and Dalmar discover one model, Tevin (Joe Almanza), in the same nude pose, in the exact same location, as in his photo shoot.

Shamelessly gratuitous, even by Glenn's rather dodgy standards.



Buy it, rent it or forget it...

As is so often the case in films such as "**2 Minutes Later**," a tradeoff must be made in choosing a cast composed either of actors who can create credible characters or those who are happy to shuck off their clothes and who look good doing so. (See "**The Lair**") Or perhaps the tradeoff is simpler than that. Should directors chose sex or choose story? Tough call. Gaston has surely opted out for sex and lots and lots of it in "**2 Minutes Later**" and really very little time seems to have been spent in either crafting or filming an effective thriller. Nor does it help that in the lead roles Jessica Graham and Michael Molina manage to be both hopelessly clueless as detectives and be entirely charmless in the process. To their credit, both look hot having sex.

To appease gay audiences' insatiable demand for male flesh, director Ron Oliver, in his vastly superior "**Third Man Out**," chose instead to shamelessly albeit briefly flaunt porn star Matthew Rush's nude chiseled torso and let the rest of the (fully clothed) cast to get on with the story. Surely something director/writer/producer Robert Gaston might want to consider if "**2 Minutes Later**" is indeed meant to be the first in a series of "Marks & Dalmar" murder mysteries.

Just the facts...

"**2 Minutes Later**" has a running time of 68 minutes and is in English.

"**2 Minutes Later**" is available now on DVD with a SRP of \$19.95.

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See more of Bad Guy Peter Stickles in "**The Lair**" and "**Shortbus**."

Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

Your Intellectual Whore

(An effervescently gay advice columnist)



A pleasant diversion from the ordinary.

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. Barbie responds to all emails...whether you deserve it or not.

Send your questions to Uncle Barbie at: askunclebarbie@aol.com

The closest thing that comes to a question in your letter was when you pontificated on my motivation for earning a doctorate in clinical psychology. You wrote, "...I'm wondering if one of the reasons you decided to become proficient in this area might have been to learn enough to justify your lifestyle to others as well as your-

Verbal Vomit in Alphabet Soup

Dear Uncle Barbie,

I understand that you, Uncle Barbie, hold a doctorate in clinical psychology. This is commendable of course, but I'm wondering if one of the reasons you decided to become proficient in this area might have been to learn enough to justify your lifestyle to others as well as yourself.

While watching Monty Python recently it came to me that in a strange sort of way they are helping people who must go mad. Instead of a mental hospital which is sort of a re-servicing factory for human breakdowns they are providing an outlet for people who have traveled further and consequently, may be more lost than psychiatrists and other sane people, can find their way further into inner space and time, and back again. Instead of the degradation ceremonial of psychiatric examination, diagnosis and prognostication, we need, for those who are ready for it...an initiation ceremonial through which the person will be guided with full social encouragement and sanction into inner space and time, by people who have been there and back again. Psychiatrically, this would appear as ex-patients helping future patients go mad. When a person goes mad, a profound transposition of his place in relation to all domains of being occurs. His center of experience moves from ego to self. Mundane time becomes merely anecdotal, only the eternal matters. Madness need not be all breakdown. It may also be breakthrough. It is potentially liberation and renewal as well as enslavement and existential death.

Signed, Whomever

Hello Who?

Wow, you said a mouth full. It took me quite a while to muddle my way through your longwinded composition. (You make run-on sentences a work of art.) I must say, I got lost trying to swim the murky

waters of your vocabulary. Reading your complex sentence structure is like trying to make out words floating in a hot, steamy bowl of alphabet soup--the letters may be there, but they just don't say anything! Are you trying to impress me with your "big words?" I couldn't help but notice that there was a stylistic discrepancy between the first paragraph in your letter and the second. The "mood" was different between the two. The first part used rather plain and simplistic terminology. Then, in the second part, you suddenly launched into a frenzy of sophisticated syntax. Don't get me wrong; I enjoyed frolicking in your little linguistic festival and colorful metaphors, but I think it was a bit over done. It's similar to driving 100 MPH down the freeway with your head out the window. It's just too much! I must say, though, your letter is a good example of literary demolition of sorts. So this is what it feels like to be chained to the grammatical wrecking ball--God, I love clichés. (Somebody stop me; I'm out of control!)

I get the feeling that you are using the text from someone else. Are you quoting something clever from a Monty Python script? (It sounds like their style.) If you are...you really should put quotation marks around it and cite your source. Otherwise, it is considered plagiarism. (On the other hand, I could be totally mistaken, and maybe you DID create your entire letter from the dark chambers of your own mind.) But enough of all that. Let me answer your question. Oh, wait...that's right...you didn't ask me any questions! This gives more credence to my original thought that you really only wrote this letter because you wanted to dazzle me with your glittery self. Well, relax. You don't need to work so hard to gain my approval. I have pretty low standards to begin with. Let's face it...my advice column is like a sympathetic ear to those in our society who can't find anyone more civilized to listen to them.

self." As a scientist of human behavior, I need to be open to self-examination--without bias. So I concede that you may have a point. I do have a tendency to intellectualize sexual behavior (in myself and others). However, just to give you a little history behind all of this...I believe the whole counseling profession originated from prostitution. (Actually, it's been said that prostitution is the oldest profession, so perhaps all careers evolved out of that--hmmm.) Historically, people would visit a prostitute not only for sex but also for a little understanding, emotional comfort, sympathy, advice, and human interaction. To this day, men and women make appointments to see a therapist for "human contact." It's not sexual contact...but think about it--the client is still paying the therapist for a little understanding, emotional comfort, sympathy, advice, and human interaction. (Sound familiar?) Although the counselor is not physically touching the client, we are still "touching" them with our words.

Since you seem to favor language and fancy words (based on your letter), have you ever done any research on the origins of the word, therapist? (This should blow your mind!) If you put a slash mark between the E and the R in the word, therapist, you will see that the term becomes two words--the/rapist. This is because therapists "penetrate" the mind. (Ya gotta admit, when a person goes in for a psychological evaluation, there is a lot a "probing" going on.) It's not a sexual thing...it's more of a mind f**k. I can't speak for all therapists, but quite frankly, I tend to think of myself as simply being a polished intellectual whore. (It keeps me humble.) So I tip my hat to you for successfully analyzing this advice columnist. Congratu-f**king-lations! Now you can sit back, revel in your brilliant idioms, and bask in the glowing radiance of your self-importance. (Or maybe I'm just projecting.) Wrap your mind around that!

Your Intellectual Whore, Barbie



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The Unholy Trinity

Leather, Levi, Bear, Fetish

Here we are back in print. Keeping with tradition we have another column put together for you. The fetish this time around is going to be flogging.

To give you a better perspective of what flogging really is we found this outstanding definition on Wikipedia.

In the sexual sub-culture of BDSM, "flagellation" (better known as flogging) involves beating the submissive partner and is a form of impact play. Such a flogging is not always delivered with forceful blows; sometimes it is done with very soft blows, repeated a great many times so as to make the skin sensitive. Thus, the softest impact will eventually feel very intense. Flogging for erotic thrill, typically with implements such as floggers, whips, paddles, or canes, has been called the "English vice".

The flogger used in this context consists of a handle with a number of attached thongs known as "falls". Falls are typically made of materials such as suede, leather, rubber, rope, or other or flexible materials. The length, number, and composition of the falls determine the sensation caused by the flogger. Floggers are usually characterized by the sensation they cause. "Thuddy" (aka "thumpers") floggers typically impart a broadly felt deep muscle impact, while "stingy" floggers are felt as a sharp stinging sensation over the skin. The sensation of floggers can also vary with the techniques used by the top.

Floggers are typically applied to areas of the body which are well muscled, or protected by body fat, such as the upper back or buttocks. Vulnerable areas such as the kidneys and face are to be avoided. Some areas - such as female breasts - can be lightly flogged safely if appropriate care and skill is used. Intense flogging can leave bruising but typically does not cut or permanently mark the skin.

Now that we have defined it lets talk about the good stuff shall we?

TOP- For me flogging has always been an integral part of BDSM, most of the scenes I do involve some sort of flogging. And there are some scenes that are just flogging! The key to remember when flogging is to stay away from key parts of the body. (i.e. head, lower back, chest, and neck) Anywhere else on the body "can" be flogged it is just as a matter of intensity. For instance if I am going to flog someone's belly I am not going to hit them with the same force I would use on their back.

When choosing a flogger you should always look at the falls and see if they are relatively even in thickness and length. Does the flogger feel good in your hand? Can you physically throw it? And lastly is balance. A good quality flogger will be balanced in the handle against the weight of the falls. Basically meaning that you should be able to relatively easily balance the flogger on one finger where the falls come out of the handle. Also be careful of Rubber floggers as these can cut skin very easily and are usually reserved for those bottoms that are fairly far along in their dungeon experience.

SWAP- I like it. It was better than Cats. I'll see it again and again... oh wait... flogging. I love it. Either giving or receiving it's an incredible experience. To say the energy exchanged between two individuals in a flogging scene is inspiring is an understatement. I have experienced incredible moments of passion in flogging scenes that have been almost impossible to recreate otherwise. With that said, it has taken me many many years to get my flogging skills

to a place where I can perform feats such as double flogging (one in each hand) efficiently and elegantly. Practice practice, and then practice some

more. Even if you are just swinging a flogger around in your living room or dining room (wherever you have space) the more you practice with the implements, the more confident you will be in a scene. Also, practicing builds your endurance as a top in a flogging scene. Some of the floggers I have weigh over ten pounds and it can be exhausting after a few minutes swinging them at full force while maintaining control of where the tails are going. Complicate this when having a ten pound flogger in each hand moving in different directions, it becomes quite a workout. I have had personal experience where I've dropped a flogger during a scene because my carpal tunnel seized so badly I couldn't close my hand. Needless to say, it was incredibly embarrassing and I ended up being punished for it later. On purchasing floggers, the really big or "bear sized" floggers can cost hundreds of dollars. Test it out. See how it feels in your hands, and how it flies when you swing it.

BOTTOM-Flogging is absolutely no fun for the bottom, we only tolerate it because we know it helps keep SIR in shape. I am, of course, lying. It is a great deal of fun, the range of sensation is incredible. It sensitizes the area being flogged to the point where even someone's breath can send shivers down your back. Floggers vary a great deal in intensity due to the materials used in construction. As a general rule of thumb, heavier materials hit harder and can hurt more if enough force is used. The one exception would be rubber. I never met a rubber flogger I didn't like, that being said, they are not for the faint of heart. One interesting thing about flogging, the body tends to ramp up so it is a good idea to start with softer floggers and work your way up slowly in force and intensity. If you start out at a high level your bottom probably won't last long. If you bring them along slowly you can continue exercising for hours. It is a good idea, even if you are a TOP, to have someone hit you with a flogger you are considering purchasing. Some of the most innocuous looking floggers can have a real bite while the big heavy ones can feel like someone is hitting you with a long skinny pillow. Good floggers generally cost between \$100 and \$200 so it is wise to really try them out before you buy. While you can sometimes find a cheap jewel, most cheap floggers are just that. They won't be well made or well balanced. There are a lot of different flogging techniques so watch and learn from others. I recommend practicing a lot on a pillow so you can get the feel of how to aim and throw a flogger. It is no fun being hit in the neck or having the falls wrap around your side when someone doesn't know what they are doing.

Well that about wraps up this column. Until next time keep the play safe, sane, and consensual. If you have any questions for us just email us at tunholytrinity08@yahoo.com.

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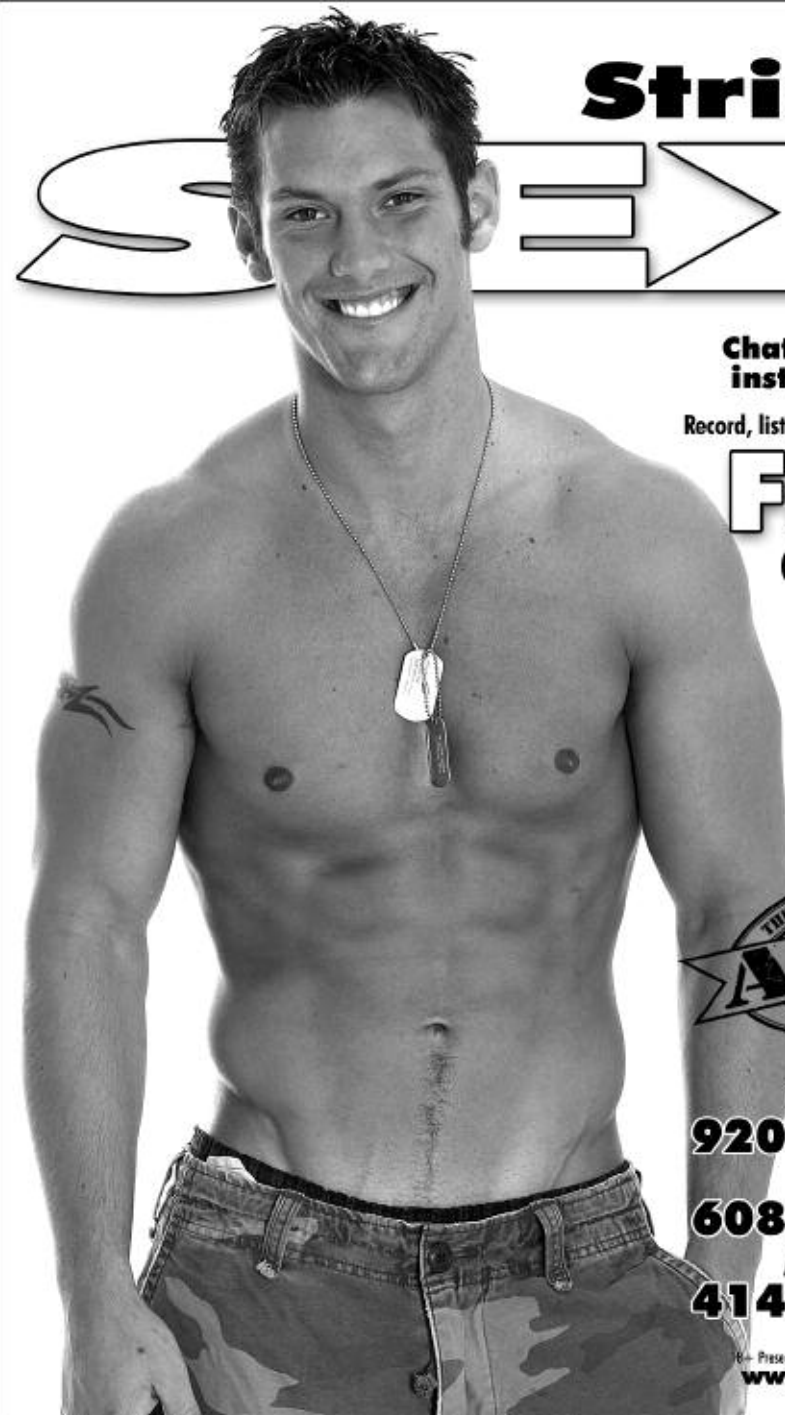
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BiWM, 47, 5'10" 170#, brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for fit, attractive, man, woman, or couple for safe encounters. D & D free. Your place. E-mail to stujohnson4@aol.com [1]

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GWM senior bottom looking for GBM top in the Kenosha, Racine area who is married, or divorced for occasional get-togethers. discretion is assured. email: dickkerl@att.net [1]

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GWM 44, 5'7" 170# with dark hair and eyes. Looking for LTR with down to earth guy 30-50. Not into bars, D&D free living in LaCrosse. into photography and 80s music. Email sglewini@yahoo.com [2]

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