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DANE COUNTY ORDINANCE EXTENDS DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

Amendment Establishes Partner Registry, Requires County Contractors To Offer Equal Benefits

Madison - In what some are calling a historic decision, the Dane County Board voted September 19 to require companies that contract with the country for a minimum of \$5,000 in services must offer health benefits to their employees' domestic partners. The ordinance amendment mirrors county policy that offers domestic partner benefits to its own employees.

The amendment had 23 co-sponsors and passed on a voice vote. The policy will be implemented through the creation of a county level domestic partner registry for same-sex or other non-married domestic partners who can demonstrate that they have been in a committed relationship for 90 days or more. Madison has offered a similar partner registry since 1990. The measure takes effect December 1, following its introduction last July after almost a year in preparation.

In addition to health benefits, the ordinance requires contracting entities to include any other plan, program or policy offered as part of the employer's total compensation package, including bereavement leave, family medical leave, sick leave, disability insurance, life insurance, membership discounts, moving expenses, pension and retirement benefits and travel benefits. An employer also has the option to

provide a "cash equivalent" if it is practically unable to provide the actual benefit.

Gay civil rights leaders applauded the passage. "Fair Wisconsin strongly supported the passage of this fair-minded legislation," Executive director said in a prepared statement. "It is important to note that this ordinance only requires equal treatment. It does not mandate domestic partner coverage if an employer does not offer spousal benefits. It doesn't increase benefits, it only includes in an existing plan those who have been unfairly left out in the past."

Carlson characterized the ordinance as "the first step to achieving equality for ALL of Wisconsin families." Primary ordinance sponsor Supervisor Kyle Richmond believes that the ordinance will make Dane County a leader in domestic partner benefits. "It will be another reason to be proud to work in Dane County," he told the *Capital Times*.

Trade union representatives had voiced opposition to the measure, holding the position that the law will put the unions at a competitive disadvantage and hinder collective bargaining. An amendment to eliminate collective bargaining from the ordinance failed on a 26-8 vote.

WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS: QNU Bi-Weekly Update

Here are just some of the gay stories from around the nation and around the world that you may have missed since the last print issue of Quest. Don't forget: you can catch up on all the latest every day online on the QNU: Quest News Update page at" www.quest-online.com.

Republican VP Pick Wanted Gay Christian Book Out Of Library: Among the many charges made about Alaska Governor and McCain running mate Sarah Palin has been that she was pro-censorship, trying to ban books from the Wasilla library while she was the tiny town's mayor. It's also been pointed out that Palin's Assembly of God church has been actively encouraging Hell-bound homos to "pray away the gay" at an upcoming "Love Won

Out" ex-gay rally in neighboring Anchorage. What has now come to light is the book Sarah Barracuda wants banned was tome written by a gay Christian pastor.

After some digging, the truth-seeking website PolitiFact.com found out the hushed-up history of "Pastor, I'm Gay" from the author himself, Howard Bess. Bess is the openly-gay former pastor of the Church of the Covenant in nearby Palmer, Alaska. He recalled that his book challenging Christians to re-examine their ideas about and prejudices against gays and lesbians was not well received in Wasilla when it was published in 1995 - the year before Palin was elected mayor.

According to Bess' account on PolitiFact, virtually every book store in Wasilla refused to sell it. However the pastor donated two copies to the Wasilla Library, but they quickly disappeared, so he provided more copies.

"Knowing Sarah's religious connections and the people involved, I would be surprised if my book was

not one of those at issue," Bess told the web sleuths, admitting that he didn't "know that for a fact" if it was his book Sarah was after.

The website noted that no records of any formal removal process for any library began at Palin's instigation. However, the political truth seekers may not have considered the kind of pressure a town's top official can put on a city employee just by bringing up the subject. In any case, PolitiFact rated the incident "half true."

Judge Rules Florida's Gay Adoption Ban Is Unconstitutional: Monroe Circuit Court Judge David J. Audlin, Jr. ruled Florida's 31-year-old gay adoption ban "unconstitutional" in Miami September 10. Audlin's ruling allows an openly gay Key West foster parent to adopt a teenage boy he has raised since 2001.

Declaring the adoption to be in the boy's "best interest," the judge said the Florida law forbidding gays and lesbians from adopting children is contrary to the state constitution because it singles out a group for punishment.

At the heart of the case was a 13-year-old boy with learning disabilities and special needs placed by the Department of Children and Families in the two-story home of a Key West foster father. A home study by a social worker "highly" recommended the guardian and his partner be allowed to adopt the boy, saying the two men provided a "loving and nurturing home," provided "fair and consistent" discipline and are financially secure, the order said.

ACLU Says Kentucky McDonald's Has Anti-Gay Slurs On The Menu: The American Civil Liberties Union allege two men were the object of anti-gay slurs at a McDonald's restaurant near downtown Louisville, Kentucky in a complaint filed with the local human relations commission there September 19. According to the complaint, Ryan Marlatt and Teddy Eggers and three friends stopped for lunch July 26 at the McDonald's on East Market Street while visiting Louisville.

While waiting for their food, they allege, they heard a female employee behind the counter refer to them as "faggots." They asked to speak with a manager and, while they were waiting for the supervisor, the employee who uttered the slur began arguing with them and repeatedly referred to them using derogatory and anti-gay terms, they said. When the supervisor arrived she said she didn't see the employee's



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After further hang ups from local management and no response from corporate higher ups, ACLU filed the complaint. Marlatt and Eggers want an apology, a refund of the \$28 the five men spent on their order and appropriate disciplinary action against the employee.



Gay Olympic Hero Gets His Own Postage Stamp: Australia immortalized its gold medallists at the 2008 Beijing Olympics on a series of special commemorative stamps September 9. The Australia postal service produced a sheet of 50 cent Gold Medallist stamps to celebrate each gold medal won by an Australian athlete or team within 24 hours of the presentation ceremony. Among them is Matthew Mitcham, the only out gay male athlete in the Games. In a shocking upset, the 20-year-old diver took home a gold medal in the 10-meter platform event at the Olympics last month, beating out the Chinese favorites.

Butt Bandit Terrorizes Nebraska Town: Residents of Valentine, Nebraska are hoping a local vandal will take page from the Good Book and soon turn another cheek. For over a year a man has been skipping from one business to another at night, pressing his naked behind - sometimes his groin, sometimes both - on storefront windows. Store owners, church workers and school janitors have had to wash

"This is the weirdest case I've ever seen," police Chief Ben McBride told the Associated Press. "It's not funny! We're worried about the next step."

lotion and petroleum jelly off the windows he selects.

The prankster first struck in 2007, by greasing the window of a Methodist church. The church kept getting hit, even after police staked it out. The bandit struck business after business, window after window over that summer, but took a break during colder weather.

"Then he started back up this summer," McBride said, noting that during one particularly brazen session, virtually all the windows at a local hotel were imprinted.

McBride added that no one has reported seeing the vandal in action. The only clue is a blurry surveillance camera picture of a 6-foot, slender, darkly complected main with his hair in a "1980s, feathered look."

GAY POLITICO WATCH: NEVERENDING STORY EDITION

It's pushing Autumn which means disgraced gay Republicans are back in the news. Wide standing Senator Larry Craig still tries to dance his way out of his airport toe-tapping and former Brown County GOP Chair Don Fleischman sees his plea deal dissolve but it s good new for page loving Mark Foley as Florida's criminal probe ends without charges filed.

In Minneapolis Larry Craig's (R-Idaho) attorney once again argued to have the Senator's disorderly conduct conviction thrown out for lack of evidence during arguments before the state Court of Appeals September 11. Craig was not present for the hearing.

Attorney Billy Martin claimed that Craig's conduct which added him to a list of over forty men who were pinched in the June 2007 sex sting - did not constitute criminal behavior. Martin asserted that that Craig's behavior didn't meet the standard for disorderly conduct because the law requires behavior to affect others. The three-judge panel vigorously questioned Martin, who had fifteen minutes to make his case.

Craig sought to withdraw the plea after his toe-tapping became a public scandal several months after he had pled guilty by mail and paid his fine. Hennepin County District Court Judge Charles Porter later declined Craig's request and the senator appealed. The three-judge panel that heard the arguments has ninety days to issue a ruling.

In Green Bay ex-county GOP chair Donald Fleischman had been scheduled to enter a guilty plea to lesser charges in his escapades with under aged teenage runaways September 17 but Brown County Deputy District Attorney John Luetscher told Circuit Court Judge Donald Zuidmulder that the plea deal had fallen apart. "We won't be able to settle the case and I don't think either side is going to give in," Luetscher said. The judge then set Fleischman's case for a November 24 jury trial. Fleischman will be back in court for a final pretrial hearing a week earlier and remains free on a signature bond.

Fleischman resigned last October after his pending criminal charges of fondling 16-year old runaways on multiple occasions came to light. He was charged with two counts of child enticement, two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a child and a single charge of exposing himself to a child.

Green Bay police had gone to Fleischman's home in November 2006 looking for two runaways from a nearby juvenile facility. Fleischman allowed officers inside where they found a 16-year-old boy hiding on the floor of a walk-in closet wearing only underwear and a T-shirt. Officers also found a glass pipe in the living room, which tested positive for marijuana residue. Police went back to Fleischman's home the next month only to find the same boy there again.

The young man later told authorities Fleischman took him during that week to a hotel in Appleton and a rural cabin in Florence County. The boy claimed Fleischman provided him with beer and marijuana during the trip. The boy also revealed that when he would go to bed, Fleischman would fondle him. Also, on one occasion he awoke to find Fleischman at the foot of his bed masturbating.

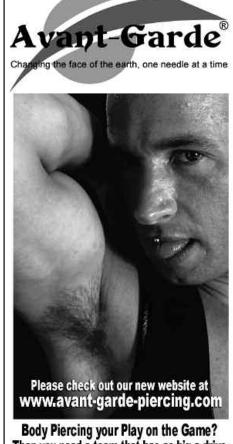
In Florida, authorities closed their case September against former Congressman. Mark Foley, saying he won't face charges for allegedly sending salacious computer messages to underage male pages because prosecutors couldn't prove the authenticity of the chats.

"There did not appear to be probable cause that a crime was committed," the report said. The report also noted that a federal investigation had been closed last July. State prosecutors later advised Foley's attorney then that the former congressman would not face federal charges according to an Associated Press story.

Florida law enforcement had been investigating alleged electronic communication between Foley and an underage page, Jordan Edmund. The instant messages were purportedly sent in February 2003 from Pensacola. Authorities were seeking to determine if Foley broke the law by sending lewd or seductive messages to minors, or whether he tried to arrange a meeting for sex with a minor.

According to the report even if authorities had believed a crime may have been committed it likely would not have been bale to be prosecuted because there were no original records of the 'instant messages' received by Edmund.

Florida authorities noted the case took a long time to close, in part because Foley refused to allow investigators to examine his congressional computer hard drives. The computers and their contents are protected as privileged material, and only Foley could release them.



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Wisconsin News: **Doyle Appoints Flaherty To State Board**



Madison - Governor Jim Doyle has appointed gay Milwaukee banker Kevin M. Flaherty to the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority. Flaherty, a vice president and relationship manager with Associated Commercial Finance Inc, will fill a vacancy on the seven-member board through 2010. His nomination was supported by a broad range of LGBT, nonprofit, labor and faith leaders.

The Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority assists Wisconsin health care and educational institutions with obtaining and maintaining access to the broadest range of low-cost, private capital market financing available.

"I am pleased to be able to offer my expertise in complex lending solutions and assist WHEFA in advancing its important mission," Flaherty said, who is based in Brookfield.

Flaherty joined Associated Commercial Finance in 2002, where he manages commercial finance relationships and provides asset-based lending services. He holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and attended the American Institute of Banking in Milwaukee. Associated Commercial Finance, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Associated Banc-Corp.

Flaherty also serves as a board member of the gay equality group Center Advocates and is the brother of veteran LGBT activist Patrick Flaherty.

TV Host Backs Out Of Center Advocates **PAC Party**

Milwaukee - WISN-TV journalist Mike Gousha, host of the weekly political talk show "Upfront" canceled his appearance at the 2008 Annual Garden Party for Equality sponsored by the Center Advocates Political Action Committee held September 21.

"I won't be doing the event," Gousha told Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel political columnist the impression it was a fundraiser."

Dan Bice. "I was never under

Center Advocates PAC has been advertising the \$25 perperson event with Gousha's featured appearance as a





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Gousha, who in addition to his political talk show also serves as a part-time news anchor and featured corespondent on WISN, explained to Bice on September 12 that he gives nonpartisan talks to many groups and thought he would be doing the same at the PAC event.

Gousha also serves as a Distinguished Fellow in Law and Public Policy at Marquette University Law School. He joined Marquette in January 2007 after concluding a 25 year career at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee.

Center Advocate spokesperson Ray Vahey advised Quest of Gousha's cancellation during an interview for an an upcoming feature story and noted that the event would go on as scheduled. "We're disappointed at (Gousha's) backing out," he said, noting that the PAC recently held "the largest fundraiser in Sheldon Wasserman's political life." The PAC raised \$38,000 in one afternoon this past summer for the 22nd Assembly District Representative, a Democrat who is challenging incumbent State Senator Alberta Darling (R-Menominee Falls) in what has been pegged as one of the hottest political races in the state this year.

11 Months Later: No Leads In Fox Valley Lesbian's Murder

Greenville - Eleven months after the discovery her body police remain mum about the still unsolved murder of Lara Plamann

"I have nothing new to share on Plamann. Our investigation is still ongoing," Outagamie County Sheriff's Department spokesperson Captain Michael Jobe recently told the Appleton-Post Crescent.

The 30 year old lesbian dog fancier and business owner was discovered dead near her Greenville home on October 18, the day after she had been reported missing by Diane Siveny, her domestic partner. She was found was in a pole shed sitting in a chair with her arms at her side and a gunshot to the head.

Police have released little information since the week after the slaying, except to call the death a homicide.. They continue to say no one has been named as a suspect, and refuse to say whether a weapon has been found.

The Sheriff's Department has retained as evidence a car and a cell phone seized during searches of the property in the days after the dis-







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covery of the body. Siveny filed papers in Outagamie County Circuit Court at the beginning of September seeking return of the items.

Investigators ask anyone who may have seen Plamann in the days prior to her death to contact Lt. Christopher Proietti at: 920-832-5629.

Employment Website For Transgender Professionals Launched

Milwaukee - A recently launched website promises to assist prospective transgender employees in finding employment. TJobBank is described as the first and only organization dedicated to providing employment services to the transgender community. The site hopes to bring hope to those in the historically under-employed transgender population.

The site offers transgender candidates an opportunity to find employment and for proactive and truly diverse companies the opportunity to post employment opportunities to a specific segment of the population.

"In addition to being a part of history, the presence of job listings posted by proactive companies on our site spotlights their organization's commitment to true workplace diversity while at the same time tapping into an all too often overlooked but vastly impressive community of talented individuals," TJobBankDirector of Implementation Jillian Barfield said "The need for such a service seems overdue and may help to make what some of us take for granted, the dream of secure employment, a reality for many unemployed transgender professionals."

When an employer posts a job on TJobBank, prospective candidates apply for positions using a process that lets them reply to postings with as little or as much information as they would like to provide. This option allows trans people to protect their anonymity, which can be very important to those in the transgender community. A searchable resumé database feature is promised in the near future which will allow prospective employers to search for employees with a required skill-set without disclosing their personal information unless provided by the candidate themselves.

TJobBank is now online at: www.tjobbank.com.

5th Annual ROW Dinner Tickets Now On Sale

Green Bay - Tickets for the 4th Annual "An Evening With Rainbow Over Wisconsin" have gone on sale throughout northeast Wisconsin. ROW supporters and dinner attendees from previous years received invitations to the November 22 auction, dinner and show shortly after Labor Day.



Invitations have been mailed to over 300 individuals and families who either attended last year's event or signed up for diner information since last November. Individual tickets for the event are \$35 "early bird" fee available through October 13. After that time, tickets will be \$40.

Tables of ten are also available. As of Quest's deadline a dozen table sponsors had already signed up. The event will also be held at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Kimberly, with cocktails and silent auction opening at 6 PM. Entertainment at this year's event will run throughout the evening with several surprises on tap, according to President Dean Dayton.

Menu items for this year's event include Chicken Marsala, Medallions Of Roasted Tenderloin, Parmesan Potatoes, Fettuccine with Garlic, Olive Oil Sauce, Stir-Fried Vegetables, Baby Green Salad, Cole Slaw, Tropical Fresh Fruit, croissants, Southern Pecan Pie, and Double Chocolate Brownie Pie. The meal will served family style, allowing those wishing to enjoy only vegetarian items the opportunity to do so.

The annual ROW dinner is the foundation's signature fund-raising event Dayton noted. "It's an opportunity for old friends to make new friends at a fun event that also advances the northeast Wisconsin community's 'gay agenda' by donating to Rainbow's Community Enrichment Fund," he said.

Tickets for the "An Evening With Rainbow Over Wisconsin" are available from ROW members and businesses, or can be ordered by calling 920-437-0994. Tickets may also be ordered by emailing ROW at: rainbowoverwi@aol.com.

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LGBT Center's "Big Night Out" Comes Out October 11

Milwaukee - Big Night Out, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's annual fundraising gala, will be held on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 5:30 PM. at the Northern Lights Theater of Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 W. Canal St. Here.

This year's theme is "Rhythm," accented with a 40-minute show featuring four contemporary, high-energy performances by Danceworks, Inc.

There will also be a live auction for three to six items at the event. Two items already set for the live auction are "Mansion on 24th & Kilbourn," an oil painting by David F, Martin; and a hotel timeshare in New York City.

However no silent auction will be conducted on the night of the gala itself. Instead, "Big Night Out" will present an online auction where items will be available for bidding two weeks prior to the event beginning at 10 AM on Saturday, September 27.

Items will be available for bid until the day following the gala. Laptop computers will be available at the gala for those who wish to bid during the event. Bidding will end at 10 PM on Sunday, October 12.

However, the auction site is already open for viewing at: http://mkelgbt.cmarket.com. By going to the auction site, bidders will be able to review the auction catalog which is being updated regularly as items for bid continue to arrive. Bidders may also pre-register and subscribe to receive updates about the auction.

Again this year, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Awards will be presented at the gala. For more information about "Big Night Out" or to obtain tickets call Patrick Price at: 414-292-3065 or contact him by email at: pprice@mkelgbt.org.

Coming Out Panel Discussion Set for October 11

Green Bay - In observance of National Coming Out Day, "Coming Out Through The Generations," a special panel discussion featuring eight LGBT community members ranging in age over six decades will be held at the Green Bay Harmony Café, 1660 West Mason St., on Saturday October 11 from 4 - 6 PM. Among the presenters will be 19 year-old recent Southwest High School graduate Michael Vanden Heuvel, 27 year -old Pride Alive co-chair Andrew DeBaker, and 77 year-old Appleton retiree Kenn Navine. They will share their coming out stories and answer questions offered by attendees. There is no charge for the event, which has been arranged by Susan Allen and local LGBT group Positive Voice.

Chippewa Valley LGBT Center Anniversary Party Set

Eau Claire - On National Coming Out Day, it will also be time to celebrate the past year's accomplishments at the Annual Meeting of the LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley. In addition to electing a new board of directors, members will also honor the Center's seven year anniversary.

The event will begin with a social from 6 - 8 PM at the center located at 510 South Farwell Street. The formal program will begin at 8 PM with elections to follow. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the meeting.

For more information about the Annual Meeting, call 715-552-5428.

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Glenn was in for something of a surprise when friends recently suggested joining a theatrical party intent on seeing the latest one-man show at the Milwaukee Rep. Just what was that wacky John McGivern up to now, mused Glenn. Instead,

Glenn found himself at a production of "I Am My Own Wife," winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play for the 2004 Broadway season.

Arriving at the Rep's delightful Stiemke Theatre Glenn happily managed to remain nonplussed, having had the opportunity to see Broadway sensation and the original "I Am My Own Wife" star Jefferson Mays in a transfer of the Broadway production presented at Chicago's Goodman Theatre some years ago.

So, how would the Milwaukee Rep production compare?

Ostensibly, "I Am My Own Wife" is a portrait of the extraordinary Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, a real-life German transvestite who managed to survive the both the Nazi onslaught and also the oppressive Communist regime which followed the Second World War.

Playwright Doug Wright happened to discover Charlotte after having visited her decidedly unique museum, the Gründerzeit Museum, which offered a glimpse into everyday life from the Gründerzeit period, the time of the founding of the German Empire. On display was a genuine treasure trove of period furnishings, clocks of every description plus gramophones. Plenty of gramophones. Yet surely the most intriguing exhibit at the Gründerzeit Museum was in fact its curator and host. So intrigued was Doug Wright, he soon sought and obtained permission to interview Charlotte. Capturing Charlotte's story quickly became an obsession leading Wright to do whatever it took to complete the task, whether it meant learning German or even hocking his car for money to live on whilst interviewing Charlotte. The payoff was that of an extraordinary life revealed: for example Charlotte would run, under the very noses of the East German Stasi Police, a gay club in the basement of her museum, which Charlotte was famously to claim as the last Weimar-style cabaret.

Yet equally, "I Am My Own Wife" emerges as a fascinating, very personal journey of a young gay American playwright desperately

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searching for something more in the decidedly fabulous persona of Charlotte von Mahlsdorf. In a telling quote from Wright, "I feel that this is the story of a gay playwright searching for his own history, which takes him across the ocean

into the arms of an East German transvestite."

If the first half of Doug Wright's play celebrates Charlotte's inimitable spirit masking her steely determination, the second captures his own growing skepticism. The more he delved into her story, the more he found her version of episodes in her life at odds with information culled from recently discovered Stasi files. Particularly damning is her supposed complicity in the arrest of Alfred

Kirschner, another collector as well as a man that quite possibly was her lover.

The conceit of "I Am My Own Wife" is that Charlotte, Doug Wright, Alfred Kirschner and in fact all of the 30-plus characters are portrayed by one single actor, here by Michael Gotch. Decked out from head to toe in basic black, enlivened only slightly by a single strand of pearls, Gotch is especially effective, effortlessly catching Charlotte's studied artifice on one hand and then in the next moment able to portray Wright's youthful enthusiasm which as the play progresses becomes transformed into doubt and finally disenchantment.

Perhaps his memory has faded but Glenn found himself far more involved with this production of "I Am My Own Wife." Certainly this intimate show resides much more happily in the intimate Stiemke Theatre than it could have ever done in the cavernous Goodman. Although acclaimed by one and all for his performance, Glenn felt that lefferson Mays too determined to keep Charlotte front and center. Michael Gotch gives equal voice to the character of Doug Wright, allowing audiences to experience every step of his journey as he discovers the real Charlotte von Mahlsdorf.

Full-price, half-price or worth a skip...

While Glenn might wonder why it took so long for "I Am My Own Wife" to finally receive a production here in Milwaukee, there's simply no quibbling that this is an absolutely marvelous production boasting an amazing portrait of the most fascinating characters in LGBT history at its center. Highly recommended.

Just the facts...

"I Am My Own Wife" continues at the Milwaukee Repertory's Stiemke Theatre, located 108 E. Wells Street. "I Am My Own Wife" continues Tuesdays through Sundays until October 5th. Tickets, contact the Box Office at 414.224-9490. Ticket prices From \$20 - \$45 For further information, check out www.milwaukeerep.com

Pushed to the Edge of the World:

William J. Mann, best-selling author of several novels and most recently, the biography Kate: The Woman Who Was Hepburn, interviews Alistair McCartney about his stunning first novel The End of the World Book (University of Wisconsin Press, April 08)

Currently, the prospect of the end of the world is on everyone's minds; it's on everyone's lips and in everyone's dreams. We see images of it wherever we turn. Alistair McCartney's first novel, fortuitously titled *The End of the World Book* (University of Wisconsin Press) is just out and making a big splash on the literary scene. Darkly comic and deeply erotic, I can promise you that once you read it, you'll never look at apocalypse or global warming in quite the same way again.

It's a novel whose main character—who just happens to be named Alistair—recounts both the story of his life and the history of the world, and even more specifically, the world's end. But what's even more striking and exciting about this novel is that it's also an encyclopedia—A to Z—a kinky, irreverent archive of memories, dreams, homoerotic obsessions and philosophical fixations. And this is not your average encyclopedia! McCartney covers everything from Abercrombie and Fitch to Aristotle, Britney Spears to Socrates, Justin Timberlake to Terrorism, not to forget offering stories about growing up in Australia and his life with another character by the name of "Tim Miller." Playful and accessible, gay readers will be particularly intrigued by its twisted, provocative take not only on core aspects of pop culture but also gay culture: AIDS, barebacking, crystal, gay music, gay pornography, just to name a few.

TEOTWB heralds the arrival of a daring new voice in Queer literature, the literary equivalent of Todd Haynes' collaged post modern films, Slava Mogutin's edgy urban photographs, Hernan Bas's paintings of decadent dandies, and the Magnetic Fields' music, merging irony and classic poignant pop. As Dennis Cooper, author of The Sluts and God Jr wrote of the book, "If I've read a more deeply impressive, beautiful, sweeping, mindful, and innovative first novel than Alistair McCartney's The End of the World Book, I have no memory of it. McCartney is a writer of peerless, brilliant originality and pure, giant talent."

Many readers will recognize the author's name; he's the partner of one of the US's major gueer performance artists, the exuberant and anarchic Tim Miller. Although partnered since 1995, as a bi-national couple (one American citizen, one non-American) McCartney and Miller have found their lives dramatically affected by the lack of rights afforded to U.S. same sex couples, specifically the inability to marry. Unlike any heterosexual bi-national couple, where, for example, an American guy could meet a Russian woman, marry her 24 hours later and then she'd automatically be on her way to getting a green card, Tim and Alistair's life together in Los Angeles has always been precarious, relying on a series of visas, whether a student visa or the current HIB work visa Mc-Cartney is on, teaching creative writing and literature at Antioch University Los Angeles. Miller has of course paid homage to his and Alistair's love and brought the injustice of America's biased immigration laws to light in shows like Glory Box and US. Yet the US's immigration laws remain as is, and McCartney's visa is about to expire in less than a year. Just as McCartney's End of the World Book comes out, the couple once again find themselves in the midst of their struggles to stay together, potentially having to dismantle their home in Los Angeles and be pushed to the edge of the world.

I recently visited Alistair in the bohemian home he

shares with Tim Miller in Venice Beach, where we talked about his book and his life right now.

WJM: So, tell us how you came up with the idea for *The End of the World Book*. As I read it, it struck me as your own personal encyclopedia, your own very Queer 21st century version of the *World Book Encyclopedia*? It's a brilliant idea-we all grew up with the *World Book Encyclopedia*, right?

Alistair McCartney: Well, it really begins with a deep lifelong passion I've had for the World Book. The process was pretty organic, and like most things in my writing I stumbled upon it by accident or by surprise. I was born and grew up in Perth, Western Australia, which in that other World Book Encyclopedia is always listed as the most isolated, industrialized city in the world. Growing up there you feel really separate and apart from the world, in your own world as it were. I was also the youngest of seven kids—my nearest sibling was six years older than me, so I kind of had the experience of being an only child in an odd way. Both those factors saw me spending a lot of time by myself, daydreaming. Like most families we had our edition of the World Book Encyclopedia, and given the isolation of where I grew up, and being the youngest, the World Book was my constant companion throughout childhood. I must have spent thousands of hours obsessively going through every volume.

WJM: What entries in the *World Book* did you gravitate towards?

McCartney: One thing I'd do was play a game where I'd choose a city, look it up and fantasize that I was growing up there. I actually write about this in the book. So instead of living in Perth, I'd imagine that I was growing up elsewhere, usually big cities here in the states, Chicago, LA, New York, but even smaller cities like Baltimore or Cleveland. I kind of went through the whole list of the fifty biggest cities.

So the World Book was crucial for me when I was a kid, the source not only of my fantasy life, and my desire to go abroad, but maybe even the origin of my becoming a writer. Of course for me as a little queer kid, it was particularly important. I mean, the first boy I fell in love with was in the World Book, this East German gymnast, practicing on the high bar!

WJM: So when did you actually start writing your own encyclopedia, as a kid?

McCartney: Oh, no. Once I grew up, left Australia in '94 and moved to London, then met Tim and moved to LA, I sort of forgot about this passion or obsession of mine. I was living it! But then I went back to School in 1997 to do my MFA in creative writing, and I was really struggling with form. I was working on creative non-fiction essays, but felt constrained by that notion that one had to always tell the truth. I tried writing traditional fiction and that didn't fit either; somehow making up plots and characters felt constricting.

Well, one day I was just writing, I think it was about lust, and I put a big letter L in big font at the top of the page, then the word Lust, just like you would see in an encyclopedia. I started playing around with more letters; W came next, for an entry on the World. It just unfolded from there. The form I needed to be working in suddenly seemed so obvious, but of course it took me years and years to get there. The A to Z structure gave a system and an order to my anarchic imagination, which of course then freed me from the constraints of both creative non-fiction and fiction.

Milwaukee Gay Arts Center and Broad Vocabulary present a special performance-reading by author Alistair McCartney

Tuesday, October 14, 7:30pm - \$10 Milwaukee Gay Arts Center 703 S. 2nd St. Milwaukee, 414 383 3727



Alistair McCartney's highly praised, darkly comic first novel, *The End of the World Book*, is an encyclopedia of memories and obsessions. A 21st century updating of Oscar Wilde's revelatory performance-lectures, McCartney will perform and read from the novel against a backdrop of projected images, leading the audience through his alphabetical guide to the apocalypse, acting as a tour guide through the highs and lows of life and culture, portraying everything from Franz Kafka to Freddie Krueger, Britney Spears to suicide bombers and beyond. Author Dennis Cooper wrote, "If I've read a more deeply impressive, beautiful, sweeping, mindful, and innovative first novel...I have no memory of it. McCartney is a writer of peerless, brilliant originality and pure giant talent."

More praise for The End of the World Book by Alistair McCartney:

...delightfully peculiar... —David Ehrenstein, Los Angeles Times

If the world is ending soon, I recommend you read it while there's still time.—Jim Krusoe, author

Bio: Alistair McCartney is the author of The End of the World Book published in April 2008 by University of Wisconsin Press. An encyclopedia of memory—from A to Z—The End of the World Book deftly intertwines fiction, memoir, and cultural history. Born in Perth, Western Australia, in 1971, his writing has appeared or is forthcoming in Fence, Bloom, James White Review, and other literary journals, as well as in a number of fiction and creative nonfiction anthologies, including Wonderlands: Good Gay Travel Writing (University of Wisconsin Press) and Between Men (Carroll and Graf). He lives in Los Angeles with his partner Tim Miller and teaches creative writing and literature in the BA Program at Antioch University Los Angeles and Antioch Santa Barbara.

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QUEST TRAVEL: TAKING IN THE RAINBOW OF FALL COLORS IN WISCONSIN & THE UP

By Mark Mariucci

Summer is drawing to a close. The crisp Fall air just a breath away. It's time to start thinking about hot apple cider and beautiful fall colors. We are fortunate to live in an area of the country that affords such an easy opportunity to experience the delightful Fall season. Time to purchase a few rolls of film - or charge up that brand new digital camera you just bought - and get outside!

An obvious choice for many coming from Milwaukee or Chicago is the beautiful Door County peninsula. A Door County getaway is less than a day's drive and offers spectacular color as well as plenty of rural charm.

Door County is a well developed tourist attraction. Expect to find plenty of tasty restaurants and small shops catering to your desire of finding something one of a kind and special. If you don't mind a little extra drive time, leave

highway I43 at Highway 10 into Manitowoc and follow the lake route (Highway 42) through Kewaunee and Algoma. Algoma has that typical old world charm not yet spoiled by development. The people are friendly and helpful. Check out Lake Michigan over Algoma at Crescent Beach & Boardwalk.

As in Milwaukee, you are facing east looking at Lake Michigan, so its a sunrise opportunity versus sunset. Pierhead Lighthouse built in 1893 is especially nice at sunrise: cherry red in color and

Von Stiehl features tours and tastings in their President Bohemian tasting salon. The winery is housed in a 1850's-era building that was originally the Ahnapee Brewery. Guided tours of the winery happen 7 days a week from 9 AM to 5 PM now happen 8 AM to 5 PM now h through October 31. For more information, call

Hwy. 57 to head to Sturgeon Bay, the biggest colors, you will want to plan another trip for is manganese, white is limonite, and green is a city in Door County. While there is plenty to mid-summer next year as well. Highway 41 trace of copper. see, the parts of Door County that reminds us takes you beyond Escanaba, Michigan. Midof Cape Cod awaits further north.

800-955-5208.

Whitefish Bay dunes and beach, and Cave Point nising. I recommend going West. with spectacular views of the rock formations. side and Hwy. 42.

will make the trip

eventful. There's the rustic charm of the old towns and - of course - the gallery and boutique shopping.

Ellison Bay and Gills Rock are the last stops before Washington Island. Door Bluff Headlands is the most northerly point of the Door peninsula. This 155-acre park is preserved in its natural state. The towering bluffs offer a spectacular view of Hedgehog Harbor and Green Bay. It was at this point that Iroquois Indians from Washington Island were repelled by the mainland Indians (Potawatomi) in an ill-fated attack. Follow highway 42 north past Ellison Bay, left on Door Bluff Road.

Nearby, Ellison Bluff Park offers one of the most breathtaking views in the county. A wooden walkway with attached observation deck leads safely to the edge of sheer, 100-foot limestone bluffs. For the more adventurous, an enclosed catwalk extends out over the bluff. Cool breezes off the water add to the charm, but bring a jacket. This stop will be a short one as there is really only one viewpoint since there is no way to make it down to the water as you and runs for at least can at the Bluff Headlands. Take Hwy. 42 north to Porcupine Bay Road,. Turn left; and then fol-

Fall colors come earlier in northeastern Wis- miles of the North consin, especially when you get far up into Door County. In fact the colors have already

set on rock, it is known as one of the most photographed lighthouses in the midwest.

There are ten more lighthouses on the Door mation check out:

Www.doorcounty.com/outdoor/lighthouses.asp.

If you're planning to tour of the any of the wine producers popping up all over northeastern Wisconsin, perhaps Von Stiehl Winery (115 Navarino Street Algoma) should be your first stop. This is Wisconsin's oldest winery lakeshore authorized on October 15, 1966 by started in earnest, so the peak is a week or two away. Realistically you have between now and through the pa Several areas ca the next issue of Quest (October 13) to enjoy the next issue of Quest (October 13) to enjoy be reached directly by roads and then follow U. S. 41 and one of north into Upper Michigan. Destination is Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is America's first National Munising, Minors Castle. first stop. This is Wisconsin's oldest winery. Lakeshore, authorized on October 15, 1966 by nors Castle.

If going that route, you can follow it further before you hit the town, pick up Hwy. 28 east eastern end of the park. north and loop back around to the Green Bay heading along Lake Superior and you'll end up in Munising anyway. There are several inter-If you are short on time, instead, leave Sture esting stops along this beautiful lakeshore in- derdeveloped. The early and long cold winters geon Bay heading to the Green Bay side of the cluding the town of Au Train. There's a are partly to blame. The result is there are still peninsula leaving 57 and still on 42. Stops in wonderful beach where Au Train river meets a lot of pristine and beautiful areas to see a half

taken in Christmas, Michigan just for fun. Where else can you get a snapshot with the town name behind you proving you know where Mr. Claus must live.

Soon you will be in Munising and can stop for a pasty for lunch. There is a little shop just inside the town that claims to have the best in the UP. I am from Iron Mountain originally and think they make them better there, but "what the hev. eh?"

My summer trip included many waterfalls including Munising Falls and Minors Falls. Both are near each other. Minors Falls is the biggest one I traveled to so far, but I was captivated by Munising Falls.

There are seven named waterfalls within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, plus several unnamed falls. From west to east, they are Munising, Bridalveil, Miners, Mosquito, Chapel, Spray, and Sable Falls. The sandstone outcrops of the Pictured Rocks escarpment create the many waterfalls in the area.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park starts

just out of Munising 30 miles along Lake Superior heading east. There are 42 Country National Scenic Trail running

The rock structure is

taxes. The park opened in the 1972. came from wall paintings or some nonsense like I did this trip in early August and it was my that. In fact, mineral stains give color to the fafirst exposure to the pristine waters of Lake Su- mous cliffs of Pictured Rocks National Stay on Hwy. 42 which will meet up with state perior. Once you have been here for the Fall Lakeshore. Red and orange colors are iron, black

I had to choose photographing several falls point in Upper Michigan you must choose to and sunset at Minors Castle or trying to see If you have the time, Hwy. 57 will take you to head west to Marquette or go northeast to Mu-both ends of this immense park. My next trip has to include Hurricane River, Au Sable Light-If you choose to head towards Marquette, just house, and the Grand Sable dunes on the far

One of the best things about the parks in Upper Michigan is that this entire area is un-Egg Harbor, Fish Creek, Ephraim and Sister Bay the lakeshore. Then stop and get your picture days drive from just about all of Wisconsin.

The Lake Superior shoreline offers an incredible visit their website chanticleerguesthouse.com. wealth of diverse scenery and all so very close by. Next year I hope to check out Duluth/Superior also on Lake Superior then head down to La Crosse perhaps in time for Oktoberfest.

Some Things To Keep In Mind:

Door County and Upper Michigan will not offer the bars and restaurants that specifically cater to gays and Lesbians.

Although Door County is more open to the gay lifestyle due to a constant influx of people vacationing from southeastern Wisconsin and Chicago, these areas have very small concentrations of LGBT community members. Expect to find the locals friendly and helpful. just don't expect to find great cruising

The Chadwick Inn B&B: 25 N 8th Ave. is a restored 1895 home located Sturgeon Bay proper that boasts oak inlay hardwood floors and an 1823 Jonas Chickering piano. For more information and reservations, call 920-743-2771 or visit them online at: www.thechad-

In Upper Michigan there once used to be a gay bar in Escanaba. On the Keweenaw Peninsula there is a tavern

known as the Gay Bar, but

its in the hamlet of Gay which was named after Joseph Gay, a mining official. Their claim to fame is selling T-shirts that read "I've Been To the Gay

Bar." As far as I know, there are no gay-welcoming bars currently in

Miners Castle at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park, Photo by Mark Mariucci

spots or watering holes. Among the gay-friendly places located along the towns and highways in Kewaunee and Door Counties are:

The Flying Pig Gallery & Greenspace:

N6975 State Highway 42 in Algoma. The Flying Pig's gardens were recently written up in the Green Bay Press-Gazette as a top place to stop by this Fall. For more information call 920-487-9902 or visit the gallery's website at: www.theflyingpig.biz.

The Chanticleer Guest House: 4072 Cherry Road (County Hwy. HH) in Sturgeon Bay. Located on a hobby farm just outside of the city, the Chanticleer is probably the best-known of the area's gay-friendly bed and breakfasts. For more info or reservations, call 866-682-0384 or

WJM: So you're an encyclopedist?

McCartney: Absolutely, but one who describes and categorizes directly from his unconscious. And I'm equally a novelist: although I always use real names and often write about real scenarios, I'd never call what I do non-fiction—it's all filtered through my imagination and dream-life.

WJM: So, it's pretty interesting timing that just as both you and Tim are potentially about to be pushed to the edge of the world, your novel *The End of the World Book* has come out. How long before your visa runs out? How have your struggles informed the writing of this book? Does the book address your immigration struggles directly like Tim's work?

McCartney: Well, yes, as you say the timing is pretty interesting, to put it lightly. Basically my current visa runs out February 09, so I guess that gives us right now a little under a year. While I'm incredibly excited to have my book coming out, at the same time, while I begin promoting the book and a national tour, Tim and I are also trying to figure out how we might continue to stay in this country, so it's obviously been an incredibly stressful time, filled with a lot of uncertainty and anxiety.

WJM: Do you feel more like an American or an Australian?

McCartney: I've been in the States since 1997, almost a third of my adult life, and I feel far more American than I do Australian. I mean, I'm married to an American, in every sense of the word, except legally of course, so I actually consider myself an American, though of course without any formal recognition as such, or any papers.

Although I don't directly address these issues in *The End of the World Book*, I do write a lot about Tim and myself and the domestic pleasures of being together. And about LA: its graffiti, its mini-malls. That's really where I feel the immigration issue the most-the violence it does to not allowing gay bi-national couples just to have that simple security we all crave and most people take for granted: sharing a house together, a dog, getting to come home to each other at night, having a stable place to write from.

I wrote this book entirely in the states—the first version of it was my thesis for the MFA Creative Writing program I did at Antioch University LA, which I graduated from in 2001. Tim and I've been in this situation a number of times before, where my visa is running out, so the uncertainty of my status really informs my aesthetic vision and that theme that's throughout the book about the uncertainty of being alive.

WJM: So who are your models as a writer? Who informed the kaleidoscopic vision of this book?

McCartney: Kaleidoscopic is a great way to describe my book actually. I loved kaleidoscopes as a kid, such magical spaces, and that's what I hope this book is for the reader, a magical space, putting a spell on the reader. My literary models

and tastes are deeply, deeply eclectic, which I think is reflected in the book itself and which I really think is my strength as a writer: a radically eclectic aesthetic. I think part of that comes from being born into the era I was born in, 1971, which I read somewhere once was the year post-modernity began. I'm a child of post-modernity, and as such, can't help but take from innumerable sources, be inspired by diverse muses.

So lets see. Some of the most important models for me are relatively obscure perhaps in a mainstream sense: A novel called *Epitaph of a Small Winner* by Machado De Assis is crucial, as is Fernando Pessoa's *The Book Of Disquiet*. Nietzsche's *Gay Science* is also important to me, and Kafka of course, especially his *Zurau Aphorisms*—I'm really a product of the aphoristic imagination and have a deep passion for fragments. Sebald of course was so influential, and Anne Carson. I also have a profound love of Joe Brainard, who taught me and who still teaches me how to shift into the conversational voice.

In a way, I think my work is a weird alchemical combination of writers who were important to me as a teenager...Genet, Mishima, even Burroughs—that pre-Stonewall queer voice is utterly imperative to my development, along with the whole transgressive school of writing, Wojnarowicz, and still very much to this day Dennis Cooper. That combined with some more recent influences—like Tolstoy and Proust and George Eliot. I seem to spend most of my time reading 19th century novels. I'm really interested in combining the so-called experimental, which I don't think is that useful a category to describe writing these days, and the so-called traditional. Music continues to have a deep effect on my writing...in a sense, Morrissey and the Smiths are my biggest models. And you mentioned Todd Haynes—that queer cinema explosion in the early 90's, seeing work like Poison really set me dreaming. He's an inspiration up until this day—the Dylan biopic was sub-

WJM: And what can we expect on your book tour?

McCartney: Well, the earlier readings I've done from this book have been really fun affairs. It was only when I began doing them that I saw a really diverse audience not only vibed with the book's encyclopedic focus, but they really got the twisted sense of humor. I think people right now are really hungry for a voice that can provide some perspective on the strange time we live in, a time that's both horrific and beautiful, funny and melancholy, full of profundity and banality.

So I'm going to keep doing that. My readings tend to be pretty lively. I love to chat with the audience in between pieces. I'm really trying to channel Oscar Wilde's spirit on this tour, and do a 2 Ist century updating of his lecture tour through America in the 19th century that was such a big hit. I'm going to perhaps play with incorporating projected images into some readings, PowerPoint images of some of the subjects in my book. So expect dueling mashed-up images of the Bronte Sisters versus Cholos

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for example, of Franz Kafka and Freddy Krueger.

WJM: Are you working on a new book?

McCartney: Yeah, tentatively working on two new books. Both will be novels slash encyclopedias, though I'm leaving the alphabetical structure behind, at least for now. I want to take the encyclopedic structure to the next plateau. Both will feature a character who just happens to be called Alistair McCartney. The next book will take off from where the first book did, and so on; I'm working on a sequence of interlocking novel-encyclopedias, like Proust.



Saturday, September 27
Harbor Room (Milwaukee) Mr Harbor Room Fundraiser 50/50 raffle, prizes & a bake sale

ICON (Kenosha) 3rd Annual Turnabout Show 10 pm Proceeds go to AIDS Walk

Milwaukee Pumphouse (Milwaukee) Hot Fudge says farewell with a tribute show. Starts 9pm with a show at 11 pm. Food and fun, come say goodbye.

Sunday, September 28

LaCage (Milwaukee) TurnAbout AIDS Walk Fundraiser

MONA's (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Presents Miss Bay City WI USofA 2008 Debra Fox Special Guest ~ Shawna Love 9pm

Tuesday, September 30
Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) BESTD clinic FREE 30-minute HIV testing 6:00-8:30pm

Saturday, October 4

AIDS WALK WISCONSIN www.aidswalkwis.org see ad this issue!

PEACEMAKER PARTY 5:30 – 9 pm reception for Julie Enslow & John Kinsman, winners of lifetime Peacemaker awards from Wis. Network for Peace and Justice. Potluck, music by Holly Haebig, Harvey Taylor and Frogwater, \$7. Irish Cultural Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin. Contact Peace Action, 964-5158.

Madison Gay Video Club "Bangkok Love Story" (TLA Rel., Poj Arnon 07) "Afterparty" (Falcon dir. John Bruno, 08) 8 PM, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8690 (eves)

Sunday, October 5

MONA's (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Presents Benefit Shows Supporting The Divas Thats Running for The Title Of Miss Gay WI USofA 2009 - Showtime @ 9pm this week-Miss Brew City WI USofA 2008 Dynasty Scott And Friends

Friday, October 10

Napalese (Green Bay) Argonauts club night and fun raiser for local charities 9close Beer Bust, raffles, prizes 1/2 price drinks for shirtless men.

Saturday, October 11

Blue Lite (Sheboygan) CastawaysMC \$ 5.00 Beer/Soda Bust from 9pm to 1am will have prizes,donation \$1.00 a ticket or \$5.00 crotch to floor

Sunday, October 12

MONA's (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Presents Benefit Shows Supporting The Divas Thats Running for The Title Of Miss Gay WI USofA 2009 - Showtime @ 9pm this week-Brew City's 1st Lady 2008 Jessica Maelin And Friends

Tuesday, October 14

Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) BESTD clinic FREE 30-minute HIV testing 6:00-8:30pm

Saturday, October 18
Madison Gay Video Club "You Belong To Me" (Wolfe, dir. Sam Zalutsky, 07) "Hotter Than
Hell Part 2" (Raging Stallion, dir. Ward & Leon, 08) 8pm, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8690 (eves)

Sunday, October 19 MONA's (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Presents Benefit Shows Supporting The Divas Thats Running for The Title Of Miss Gay WI USofA - Showtime @ 9pm this week-Miss Gay WI USofA 2009 - Kick Off Bash With The Divas Of Wisconsin

Friday, October 24

LaCage (Milwaukee) Quest Magazine and Drag Depot present the 20th Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Pageant Weekend. Tonight: All Star Show at 11pm

Saturday, October 25 - Pageant Prelim Night LaCage (Milwaukee) Quest Magazine and Drag Depot present the 20th Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Pageant Weekend. Tonight: Prelim night at 8pm

Sunday, October 26 - Pageant Finals Night

LaCage (Milwaukee) Quest Magazine and Drag Depot present the 20th Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Pageant Weekend. Tonight: Finals night at 9pm

MONA's (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Presents a Miss Wisconsin USofA after party

Tuesday, October 28

Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) BESTD clinic FREE 30-minute HIV testing 6:00-8:30pm

Friday, October 31

Details coming next issue for the Milwaukee Costume mulit-bar crawl

Wherehose (Milwaukee) Halloween Costume Party with CA\$H Prizes.

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) Annual Halloween Costume Party with Prizes. Contestants also get a free drink. Judging at 11:30 pm

Sunday, November 2 - daylight savings time begins!

Saturday, November 8UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare Alumni Association's Scholarship Fundraising Event and Gala Exhibit Opening Reception of SHALL NOT BE RECOGNIZED: Portraits of Same Sex Couples; 2-6pm; UWM Student Union Alumni Fireside Lounge. Exhibit runs November 7 – 21 at UW-Milwaukee Student Union Atrium Gallery

Wisconsin Bars and clubs! Get us your Halloween events for listing next issue! Fax us 920-405-9527 or email editor@quest-online.com

Weekly Bar Specials	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Art Bar	Free Pool \$2 Mystery Bee	r 2fer Tuesday 2-4-1 til 12am	Double It for a Buck!	\$5 Martini	\$5 Margaritas	\$2 Shot Special	\$4.40 Bloody Marys
Ballgame	Mon-Fri 2-4-1 2pm-8pm	n Tuesday & Thursday @	9pm Pull tabs Drinks as	low as 25¢			Packer Touchdown Shots
ВООМ	2-4-1 Pitchers Miller Lit	e Karaoke w/ 2-4-1 Leine's	Bad Boys Nite Out	\$3 Tall Pinnacle Flavored Vodk	a Beer Bust 5-9 pm	Beer Bust 2-6 pm	Open 2 pm
City Lights Chill	ECONOMY BUSTER!!	! 2-4-1 ALL DAY, ALL NIC	HT SUNDAYS THROUGH	I THURSDAYS	\$4 Martini & Cosmo	12"Pizza & Pitcher for\$12	Economy Buster 2-4-1
FLUID	2-4-1 All Day & Nite	\$3 Jagermeister & Bacardi O Bomb	s \$1 off Miller Bottles	\$3.50 Cosmos	Tue-Fri Happy Hour 5-8pm	\$4 Long Islands/Long Bead	h \$3 Rail Bloody Mary, Screws & Greyhounds
HARBOR ROOM	MON - THUR Happy Hour 3	-8pm 2-4-1 Beer Bust 8-Midnig	ght \$7 Shirtless Men Drink	Half Price Rail/Domestic 7-cl	Same as Thur but no Beer Bust,	Shirtless Men Drink Half Pri	ce Rail/Domestic 7-cl Sat/Sun Sun Beer Bust 8-Midnight \$7
LaCage	Movies 'n \$4Martinis	Male Dancers \$4 Effen Mixers \$6 Effen Martinis	2-4-1 Drinks all nite	\$4 Mixers \$6Martinis DJ Wizz Kid	Trans-Fromation Female Impersonators		2-4-1 Absolute, Grey Goose & Effen Drinks
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Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

Your Intellectual Whore

(An effervescently gay advice columnist)

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

More Fire & Brimstone Bullshit!

Dear Uncle Barbie.

In your last article, the advice you gave to the woman who thinks she's a lesbian and living with her boyfriend needs moral advice. Our society was born from Christian morals giving freedom so you can have your immoral column and not be shot like in those dictatorial countries. The woman rightfully feels guilty because her conscience comes from Christian values which are healthy and constructive if followed. Guilt is not a bad thing, because it prevents us from doing harm to others and ourselves. A society needs a common belief system to survive and nowadays perverts and secularists are tearing down every decent part bit by bit. This includes your brainwashing article.

The mother first needs to marry and not live in sin which is destructive to her children; plus it's easier to stray from her boyfriend unlike in marriage where commitment to work it out is stronger. Her first responsibility is to her children not her sex life and if her boyfriend is supportive, caring, and otherwise a good partner, her responsibility is to love him and forget her perverted ideas of lesbianism. No one ever died of not having sex (quite the opposite with promiscuity, since AIDS and STDs do their damage). Any dating is to be put on hold until her kids are raised. Parents today care more about their sex escapades while too many children are left emotionally abandoned. This society is sex obsessed which is why many kids gravitate to homosexuality, drugs, sexual voyeurism, etc. and left emotionally and often physically damaged.

Your column is very destructive to people. Many mental health doctors nowadays are not guiding patients based on Christian morals, which is why I go to a Christian therapist. God bless you and guide you to a healthy way of life. God loves all people, but if you accept Christ in your heart it will make you want to change you ways to please him. Gays have changed for Jesus even if promising to be celibate. Jesus is waiting for you, and he forgives all sins if you repent. -- Signed, C. Becker

Hello Mr. or Mrs. Becker,

Oh, I am going to have fun with you! Let me start off by saying that not all Christians think the way you do. There is a huge difference between a fundamentalist Christian and a loving person who actually practices the non-judgmental teachings of Jesus. Although I believe in freedom of speech and respect you as a human being, I would like to give your shitty attitude a bitch-slap of a colossal magnitude. You have major control issues. You're trying to control womyn, gays/lesbians/bisexuals, and all of society, for that matter. (Ya know...you would make a good dictator. Have you thought about moving to the Middle East?



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ing to the religious right.

Based on your numerous spelling errors (which I corrected), I can safely assess that you are not a highly educated person. After all, why should you have to spend all that time and energy learning how to think for yourself when you have religious rules at the ready to provide you with simple answers to life's most difficult questions? (Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for easy answers.) You are sleep-

walking, C. Becker--sleepwalking in a comfortable cloud of complacency. Wake up! Try thinking for yourself instead of just believing whatever your religion tells you. Have you ever had an independent thought in your entire life? Try inventing your own spiritual beliefs, based on YOUR supernatural experiences.

At the end of your judgmental letter, you wrote, "God bless you..." Is that your way of soothing your soul for having just condemned me (and thus violating Christ's philosophy of not judging others)? The underlying theme of your letter was that your way is right and everyone else is wrong. Gee, it must feel great to be able to look down on gays and lesbians while congratulating yourself for being "right." That is the root motivation for your belief system--to feel good. I am convinced that you have low self-esteem. Consequently, you morally disapprove of others in order to feel good about yourself. Well, I hope you enjoy your self-righteous mood because in your next life, you are going to be reincarnated as a lonely, lesbian, single mom who is persecuted by the right-wing religious community. (Karma will get ya.) So there! Yours in Christ, Barbie

> (Note to readers: please email me and let me know what you think regarding this issue.)



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The Unholy Trinity

Leather, Levi, Bear, Fetish

Well here we are once again and with cold weather on the horizon we figured what better time to talk about WAX PLAY! So get "fired up" and keep reading! Once more we have found a great definition on Wikipedia.com and it is as follows: Wax play is a form of sensual play involving warm or hot wax usually dripped from candles or ladled onto a person's naked skin. Wax play may be combined with other BDSM or sexual activity. Pure paraffin wax melts at around 130 to 135 degrees Fahrenheit. Adding stearine makes the wax harder and melt at a higher temperature. Adding mineral oil makes the wax softer and melt at a lower temperature. Soft candles in glass jars usually have mineral oil in their blend and burn cooler at around 120 degrees Fahrenheit, Pillar candles are mostly paraffin and burn warmer at around 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Taper candles have lots of stearine and burn hotter still at around 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Beeswax candles burn about 10 Fahrenheit degrees hotter than equivalent paraffin candles. Although there are many web sites that repeat the same advice that color additives make candles burn hotter, actual experiments performed by two different researchers show that this is usually not the case. Increasing the distance the wax falls by 3 feet will drop the temperature about 5 degrees at the risk of splatter. If ordinary candles are too hot, a special wax blend with a high concentration of mineral oil can be heated to lower temperatures.

SAFTEY NOTICEDifferent types of candles and different crock pot temperatures produce different temperatures of wax that can range from warm and soothing to dangerously hot wax. There is significant difference between individuals' tolerance for heat, which can vary depending on exactly where the wax is applied. Wax can splatter into the eyes. Wax that is too hot can cause serious burns. Wax may pool and concentrate heat. Temperatures listed above only apply when wax is in equilibrium. Wax heated in any sort of pot must be stirred vigorously or there can be dangerous temperature variations. Some people may be allergic to perfumes and dyes. Whatever is above a burning candle can get very hot, even at distances that may be surprising. Candles may break and set fire to objects underneath or nearby. Do not leave candles burning unattended, particularly when you go to sleep. Wax is difficult to wash out of clothes and bed linens. People with certain diseases, skin conditions, or taking certain medications may require additional precautions.

Now that we have gotten all of that out of the way, let's see what we have to say on the matter!

TOP-I love doing wax play. But I must stress to you all that you read the Safety notice above carefully and make sure you understand it before you being your play session. Wax play is a very versatile type of play as it can be very sensual, or very painful dependant on how hot the wax is and where you are placing that wax. The way I figure it, with wax play you also have two types of wax place. I call them spot play and encasement. Spot play is just like it sounds dropping wax in a few spots around the body, this type of play is really more focused on changing the sensations that the bottom is feeling. Encasement play works on trying to encase the bottom in a cocoon like structure of wax. In this way you are really going after mummification play and bondage, with the wax in ever crevice of the body this can be a little overwhelming for some people so speak with your bottom before you try embarking on a wax encasement scene. Quick note: As a rule of thumb I never drop wax, from any height, above the nipples. In this way I make sure that I will never get wax in the bottom's eyes or possibly burn their face.

SWAP- Wax play of course just answers the question of what to do with the candles after you've set the mood and the person has said "yes." Kidding! It's actually a blast. From my experiences, I've done both spot play and encasement play as mentioned above, but in some cases have varied the color of candles and wax used to create some pretty interesting visuals. The question of aftermath arises and how to get the wax off. Well, keep the scene going and some very creative peeling can pique some unique sensations. BE WARNED, it can and will pull body hair. Unless you're going for a Brazilian bikini waxing, shave first, or use some silicone based lube ahead of time to help the wax slide off. Also, a long warm shower tends to loosen the wax so it can be removed without too much pain.

BOTTOM- The other guys have done a nice job of covering this one. As the waxee I can only say it feels really good. The first initial drops are a real shock but the more you do it the easier it is to take. Plus as layers of wax builds up even on sensitive areas you end up only having a very sensual warmth instead of a harsh burning sensation. A layer of lube or even olive oil will do a nice job of preventing the wax from sticking. If you are so inclined, a wax scene can transition into a body shaving scene as well, gotta get it all off somehow!

Well that about wraps up this installment, until next time, remember to keep it SAFE, SANE, AND CONSENUAL! Email us at unholytrinity08@yahoo.com.

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ICE BLUES

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Thanks to the fabulous lineup of comedies, dramas and documentaries at the recent Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival as well as a few delightful theatrical excursions planned by friends, Glenn somehow managed to entirely miss "On the Other Hand, Death" the third Donald Strachey murder mystery which screened on cable's here!TV network earlier this summer. Well, Glenn certainly wasn't going to let that happen with its follow-up, "Ice Blues," which began airing earlier this month.

Simply stated, Chad Allen's wonderfully grown-up "Donald Strachey" murder mystery franchise continues to be the proverbial breath of fresh air from the gay cable network that otherwise boasts such intellectually numbing programming as "Dante's Cove" and the even more shamelessly awful "The Lair."

Although it must be said that Glenn doesn't actually mind such mind numbing entertainment on the rarest of rare occasions.

Unlike previous entries, "Ice Blues" finds Donald's long-suffering partner Timmy (Sebastian Spence) thrust happily into the limelight when \$3 million worth of stolen Eurobonds somehow manages to fall right into his lap. Initially this seems incredibly fortuitous; Timmy has just learned that one of his favorite projects, "Safe Zone," has just lost all of its funding. There's only one problem, namely that someone wants the money back. As is the case in all the best murder mysteries, that "someone" is willing to commit murder to get the money back.

Now, Timmy hasn't made it a secret that he wishes that his gumshoe boyfriend would quit his dangerous – not to mention not particularly lucrative – profession. And if their fabulous home is any indication, Timmy seems to be making more than enough bucks for the both of them as a legislative aide to a New York State Senator. But once a dead body turns up, bewilderingly left in Strachey's old beater of a car, and as ever increasing numbers bad guys start chasing them, Timmy suddenly begins to get a glimmer of insight into Donald's life. Following a particularly nifty escape during which Timmy totally cold-cocked one of the villains, he becomes totally psyched, "Is this what its like for you? This sort of rush? I think I get it." And then "get it" he does as Timmy pounces on Donald, throwing him onto the king-size bed. Prurient viewers take note, a discrete fade-to-black immediately follows...

Much like he did with "Third Man Out" and "Shock to the System," screenwriter Ron McGee burdens "Ice Blues" with needless red herrings and way more villains than Glenn felt strictly necessary. Since director Ron Oliver kept the pace zipping along, Glenn didn't really have time to really keep track of all of the bad guys and their respective roles or to wonder what was the point of throwing in the (straight) kiddie porn subplot. Or to quite understand Strachey's excessive obligation to Lilah (Brittney Wilson).

But what a joy to see Donald Strachey in action (both in bed and otherwise) with partner Timmy. "Ice Blues" certainly brought to Glenn's mind all of those deliciously sophisticated "Thin Man" movies from the 1930s featuring William Powell and Myrna Loy. Except that Nora (Myrna Loy) never tossed Nick onto a bed and determined to have her way with him. Pity. And thankfully, no annoying little dog.

Buy it, Rent it or Froget it...

Having recommended both "Third Man Out" and "Shock to the System," Glenn found "Ice Blues" even more satisfying, despite lacking the usual helping of male flesh that so enlivened earlier entries in the series. An opportunity certainly seemed missed, thought Glenn, during the brief interrogation scene. Surely Strachey could have at least been stripped to the waist?? And if Glenn previously felt Don and Timmy a somewhat unlikely couple, in "Ice Blues" they are absolutely marvelous together, the two actors showing real chemistry. In supporting roles, Nelson Wong continues to delight as Don's determined assistant, now taking a P.I. course in night school and Daryl Shuttleworth remains a perfect foil for Strachey as Detective Bailey. But, what's up with the title? "Ice Blues?"

Just the facts...

"Ice Blues" runs approx. 90 minutes and is in English.

"Ice Blues" is currently on here!TV. "Ice Blues" is not currently available on DVD. Loyal "QAF" viewers will remember Sherry Miller as Justin's mother while fans of "Dante's Cove" might recognize Myron Natwick (Brian Lenigan) as Old Ambrosius





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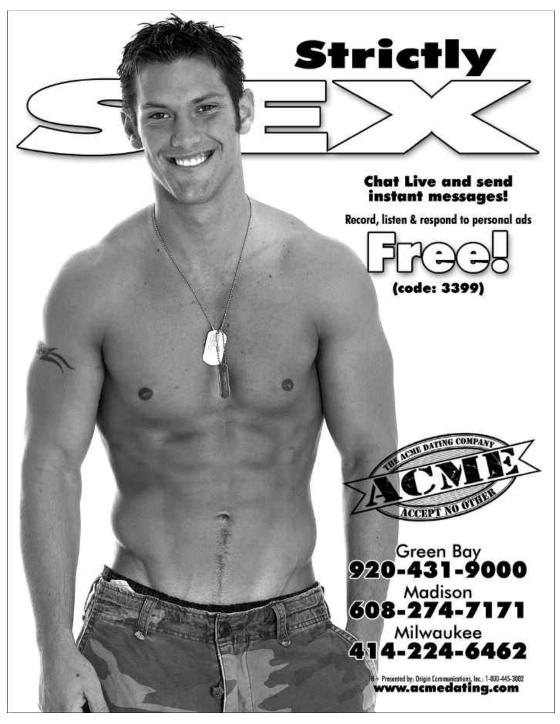
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