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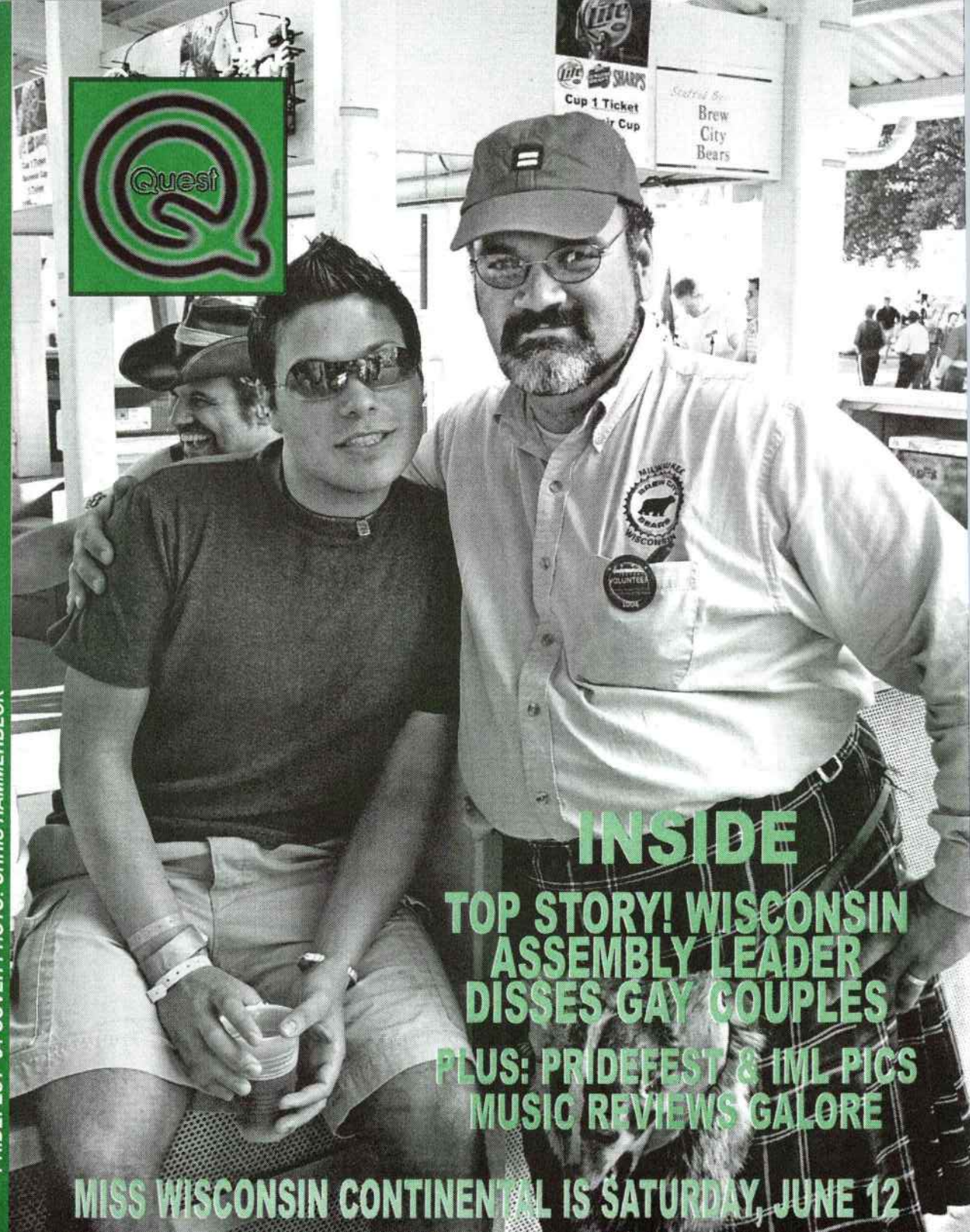
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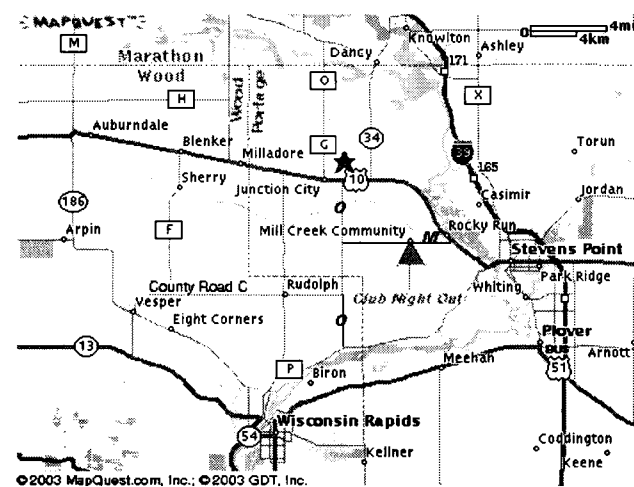
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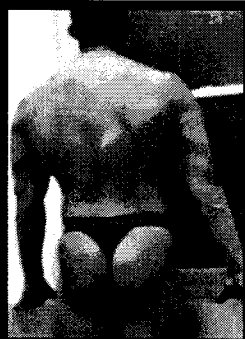


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GOVERNOR DOYLE JOINS POLITICOS AT PRIDEFEST OPENING

Milwaukee - Under sunny skies Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle joined US Senator Russ Feingold, US Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, State Senator/congressional candidate Tim Carpenter, PrideFest officials and others to formally open the state's largest LGBT pride event here Saturday, June 5. This year's scaled-back festival - minus its traditional parade due to routing problems - appeared to draw sizable crowds, although attendance figure were unavailable as *Quest* went to press.

The opening event also focused on honoring those who have fostered the advancement of equal rights for gay people. Longtime Milwaukee lesbian activist Karen Gotzler received the festival's Lifetime Achievement Award for her founding work with many influential local LGBT groups - the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), the Human Rights League (HRL), and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center among them. Gotzler was also the first out lesbian to run for the City of Milwaukee Common Council.

U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin received the 2004 Stonewall Award. In November 1998 Baldwin made history as both the first openly gay person to be elected to Congress as a non-incumbent and the first Wisconsin woman to serve in the House of Representatives. Baldwin has also served in the Wisconsin State Assembly, on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, and on the Madison City Council.

BESTD Clinic received the festival's Community Service Award for its three decades of volunteers providing LGBT-sensitive healthcare services to greater Milwaukee. Outgoing Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Executive Director Neil Albrecht received a Special Recognition Award for his work developing the center into one of the nation's most respected and financially sound LGBT community centers.

The two-day event was strong on entertainment, featuring dance



Milwaukee mayor Tom Barrett (center) poses with HRL-PAC's Jim Maue (L) and Wisconsin Log Cabin's Pat Prudlow at the HRL-PAC reception at PrideFest June 5.

music headliners Amber, C & C Music Factory Pepper Mashay and Kristine W., and activism, with several programs addressing the recently-passed anti-gay Wisconsin constitutional amendment bill that would ban any type of legal recognition for gay couples. The Milwaukee LGBT History Project's History Tent offered a "do-it-yourself" oral history booth. Modeled on the ground-breaking Story Corps organization that set up recording booths in New York City's Grand Central Station to record and preserve the memoirs of everyday people, the booth allowed PrideFest participants to record their personal life stories.

From LGBT-themed short films to square and line dancing, gay culture was abundant at the festival. Club crowds, gay youth, drag divas and leather men and women also had events catering to their interests. Those wishing to learn more about the "BT" aspects of the LGBT community had their chances in special Bisexual and Transgender 101 presentations and a "breaking the silence" panel discussion.

An interfaith religious service, spirituality presentations and a mass "wedding" ceremony also touched the gay spirit. These events served to counter the now-traditional, self-righteous bigotry of ad hoc ministers and other protesters acting out on the fringes of the festival parking areas.

Wisconsin Assembly Leader Disses Gay Couples

LaCrosse - Assembly leader John Gard's (R-Peshtigo) comments characterizing same-sex

couple's relations as either sub-human or bestial drew only tepid applause at the Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) convention here Saturday, May 22. However they also drew the ire of the half-dozen openly gay official delegates to the GOP confab and apparently have revitalized the state's moribund Log Cabin Republicans in the process.

In addressing the legislature's passage of the bill that would amend the state's constitution to ban all legal recognition of same-sex and other non-traditional couples outside of civil marriage, Gard claimed that "There are a lot of people out there who think that people should be able to marry whoever they want, or whatever they want."

Those comments enraged Log Cabin Political Director Jim McFarland. In a June 1 letter to Gard, copied to RPW state chair Rick Graber and the state's GOP legislators, McFarland demanded a public retraction of the offensive comment.

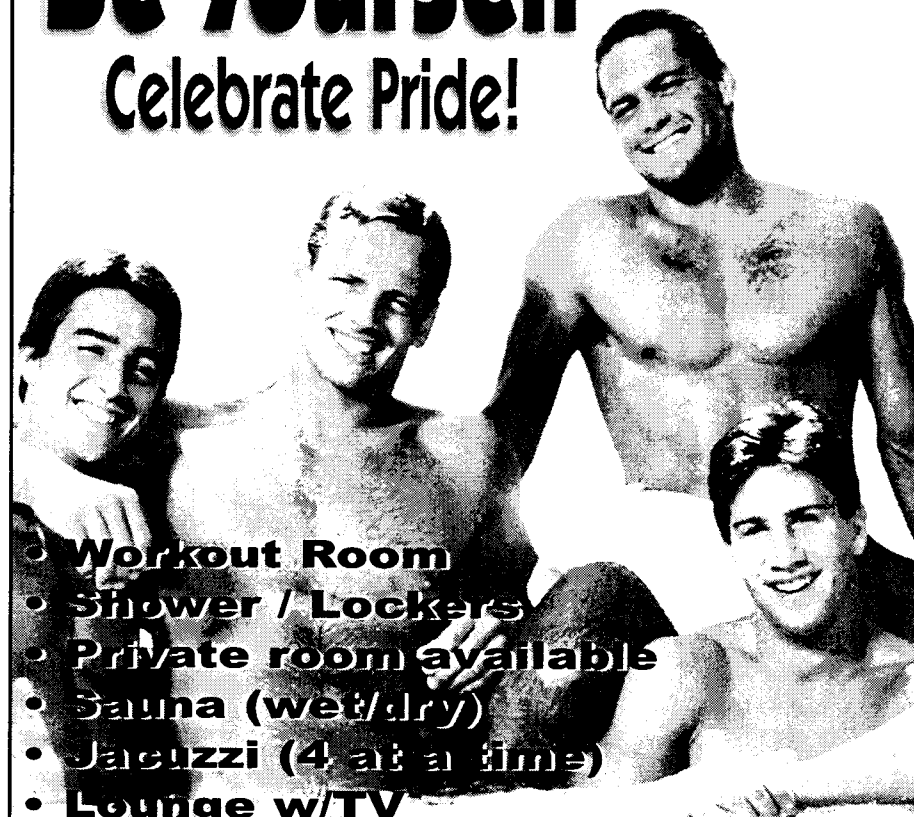
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John Gard

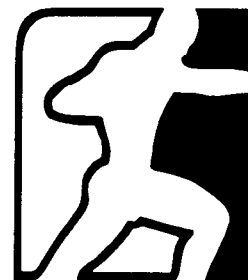
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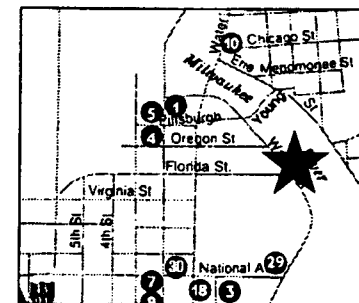
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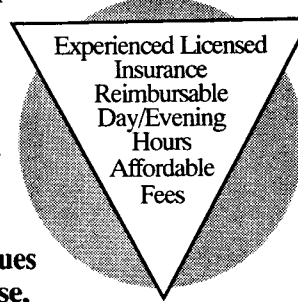
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McFarland then compared Gard's comments to the rhetoric offered by so-called "social conservative" leaders as Family Research Institute of Wisconsin's Julaine Appling and Wisconsin Christian United's "Pastor" Ralph Ovadal. "We have come to expect the fundamentalist Christian movement to make the ridiculous argument that allowing lesbian and gay couples to marry means we would have to allow people to marry animals in order to draw a comparison to our relationships. But we never expected it from the leader of the Republicans in the Assembly."

McFarland also questioned Gard's ability to lead following such comments. "...We believe that you and your Assembly Republican colleagues should consider whether you should continue to remain as Speaker of the Assembly. We would like to remind you that the statement which resulted in Senator Trent Lott being pressured into resigning his post as Senate Majority Leader was similar in that it did not explicitly express prejudice but did so implicitly. Your statement was not only morally wrong, but also makes you a liability for the Republican Party."

Quest obtained a copy of the McFarland letter through Log Cabin sources on June 3. Gard's office was contacted June 4 by Quest and a message was left offering to print the speaker's response.

Other statewide LGBT leaders apparently received McFarland's letter as well. When Quest contacted Action Wisconsin's Executive Director Chris Ott, Ott reported he had received a copy of the letter directly from McFarland. Of the comments, Ott said: "I think (Gard's comments) show again how harsh the agenda is of the forces behind the amendment to deny any sort of legal recognition to same-sex couples. It shows they know and care very little about the state's LGBT community."

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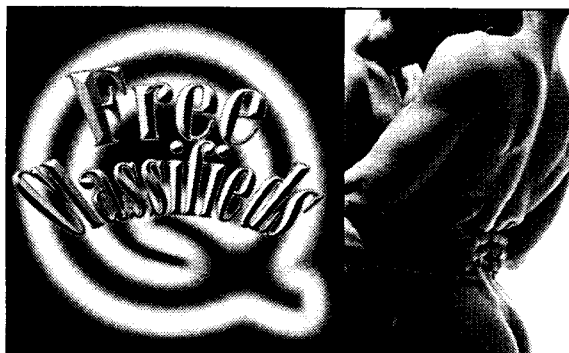
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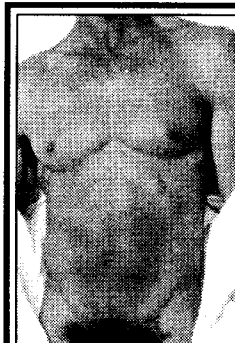


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Special Feature: Biggest Benefit of Same Sex Marriage? How About Divorce? - In all the talk of obtaining legal recognition to their unions, many couples would prefer not to think about one of the biggest perks that comes with civil matrimony: the ability to obtain a legal divorce. Because their unions were not legally binding historically, gay couples have had few protections when they split and have had to rely on the inconsistent mercy of judges to obtain alimony, parental rights or a stake in the couple's finances.

"The single most important thing you get with marriage is divorce, a predictable process by which property is divided, debt is apportioned and arrangements are made for custody and visitation of children," attorney, researcher & author of *The Gay Divorcee* Jo Ann Citron claims.

Especially when children are involved, courts in liberal-leaning states such as Massachusetts, California and Washington have been increasingly willing to apply the principles of divorce laws to same-sex breakups. But in more conservative states such as Texas and Virginia, judges have been loath to do anything that would confer marital-like standing on same-sex couples, even when partners have drawn up detailed contracts.

"The situation right now has created horror stories, where people put an awful lot of sweat equity into property and into a life together, never held title to anything and got nothing," Citron said in a Boston interview with the Associated Press.

Gay marriage became legal in Massachusetts on May 17. Vermont has granted civil unions since 2000. They are now the only two states where gays and lesbians are treated the same as married couples for the purposes of divorce. In California, a law scheduled to take effect January 1, 2005 would give the state's 25,000 couples registered as domestic partners access to family court proceedings if their unions sour.

According to Oakland, CA real estate Frederick Hertz, the clearest benefits will be for those who earn less than their same-sex partners. Hertz is a lawyer in who has developed a lucrative specialty resolving legal disputes among the San Francisco Bay area's gay community. Hertz recently represented a lesbian who had become a stay-at-home

mother while her girlfriend climbed the corporate ladder. When they split up, the employed partner refused to include stock options among their joint assets.

"We got a decent settlement, but decent compared to nothing, not decent compared to what she would have gotten had they been married," Hertz said. "Access to marriage may level that playing field."

On the other hand, San Francisco attorneys Julian Chang and Wade Estey avoided acrimony when they split up after more than 14 years together. The men earned



equal incomes and had drawn up elaborate agreements governing everything from home ownership and hospital-visitational rights to frequent-flyer miles and funeral arrangements. They handled their dissolution themselves, splitting everything down the middle. Both agree that had marriage been an option, their "divorce" would have been easier - and they might not have broken up at all. "There is something different about being married than in an unmarried relationship - it would make me more committed to working things out," Estey said.

But without universal legalized same-sex marriage "At the present time it is a very mixed sort of picture," New York Law School professor Art Leonard said. Leonard monitors court rulings involving gay couples.

Couples who drafted agreements with a lawyer's help may be able to provide courts with rules to interpret. But problems arise when "they are just living together," Leonard said. "There is basically nothing there as far as a legal framework."

With more than half of U.S. marriages

ending in divorce, lawyers anticipate it won't be long before they represent a new class of divorcing couples. Boston attorney Joyce Kauffman expects to see two kinds of gay couples getting married: partners "who have already been together a long time and the hopefully smaller category that makes the same mistakes heterosexuals make."

Colorado: Coors Decides Suds Thicker Than Blood - Faced with the growing threat of a nationwide gay boycott, Coors Brewing distanced itself June 3 from family member and former chair Peter Coors the candidate for US Senate who supports a ban on same-sex marriage. Calls for a new boycott of Coors began last week when the Republican Senate hopeful during a primary debate said he supported the proposed amendment to the US Constitution to ban gay marriage and praised its author, Colorado Republican Rep. Marilyn Musgrave. The boycott has already begun in Chicago where a bar owners group has taken out ads in local gay papers.

In a statement issued by the company, Coors made it clear Peter Coors' views are his own and not those of the firm. "We do not support discrimination against the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender community, via legislation or otherwise," company CEO Leo Kiely said in a statement.

"While Coors Brewing Company does not take positions on political campaign issues, we believe our corporate actions speak clearly: Coors Brewing Company respects and supports the GLBT community and will continue to do so. We are very proud of the achievements we've made as an organization over the past three decades in support of the GLBT community."

While Peter Coors may need the support of the extreme right wing of the GOP to secure the party's nomination in The June 5 primary, the company can ill afford another boycott. Coors used to require job applicants to take a polygraph test in which they asked about their sexuality. Gays were not hired. In 1978 gay San Francisco politician Harvey Milk launched a boycott of Coors products over the polygraphs. The boycott spread across the country and cost the company millions. Since then Coors has attempted to court the gay community. It extended benefits to the partners of gay

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workers and five years ago the company hired Mary Cheney to help it gain access to the gay market. Cheney left the company in 2000 to work on her father's campaign for Vice President. Ironically it was Peter Coors who led the change within the company going so far as to promote Coors beer in person in gay bars.

Sources close to his Senate campaign say that political analysts told him he was seen as too liberal for many Republican supporters and if he wanted to win the nomination he would have to take a stronger stance against gay marriage. Despite the company's disclaimer that Peter Coors does not speak for the company, the Coors company website featuring items to buy online still bears his picture and contains a message about safe drinking.

New Mexico: Gay Marriages Clerk Loses Election Bid - The county clerk who issued marriage licenses to dozens of gay couples in February overwhelmingly lost her bid for a county commission seat June 1. With all ballots counted, unofficial results June 2 showed Victoria Dunlap with 76 votes to 199 for Chris Espinosa, Sandoval County election officials said. The results will be not be official until state election officials certify the votes in about three weeks. She did not immediately respond to calls to her home and office seeking comment.

Dunlap granted 66 same-sex marriage licenses eight days after San Francisco began marrying hundreds of gay couples. Nearly 4,000 couples were married there between February 12 and March 11, when California's Supreme Court halted the weddings. Dunlap insisted she was simply following the law and argued that New Mexico's marriage law is not gender-specific. She stopped issuing the licenses when she received a warning from Attorney General Patricia Madrid, who said the licenses were "invalid under state law."

Dunlap is the county's first Republican clerk since the early 1960s. Her term ends this year, and she chose to run for the commission instead of seeking re-election.

New York: Gay TV Channels Explode - Is America ready for Gay TV? Some in the business apparently think so as a plethora of lavender channels have either debuted recently or in the final launching stages.

On June 1, Rainbow Media, the nation's leading high-definition service broke new ground as it launched Divine HD a mix of movies and programming of interest to the diverse gay and lesbian audience. Coinciding with Gay and Lesbian pride month, Divine HD will be exclusively available to VOOH subscribers throughout the continental United States. Divine HD is part of VOOH's HD Cinema 10, a multiplex-style movie suite.

Divine's programming will include classic films starring gay icons, musicals, and newer movies with overt and underlying gay themes. Over 100 movie titles have been acquired including films such as: The Producers, The Divine Miss M., Les Cage aux Folles 1 and 2, The Birdcage, Kissing Jessica Stein, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Love Valor Compassion, and Outrageous. Each film will be introduced by one of Divine's "HDivas," notable gay personalities who will put each film into the larger gay context for viewers. Everyone from celebrated drag queens to notable authors and directors will provide commentary on the films.

Q Television Network, headquartered in California, has announced the launch of a subscriber channel for the gay and les-

bian community in July 2004. An industry soft launch for carriers and advertisers began June 1.

"It has taken more than seven years and millions of dollars to arrive at this day," president and chairman Frank Olsen said. "Clearly, the time to launch this network is now, and I am confident that the gay and lesbian community will embrace the unique perspective we offer as a family channel."

To preview a sample of its programming to cable and satellite industry professionals as well as potential advertisers, Q Television Network currently offers a compressed daily broadcast that includes featured programs. The sample highlights Q Television's availability for carriage and sponsorship. Beginning June 1, the network became available for viewing on Intelsat America's 7, 129 degrees West, Channel 1.

"This is built by and for the gay community. Rather than a smattering of stereotyped gay characters offered because current market projections indicate it would be profitable, we offer a channel that will unite the gay and lesbian audience through a network that educates, entertains and informs - a network of real value." executive vice president Steven Grunberg said.


Logo, a new cable television network targeted at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender viewers will be launched by MTV Networks, a division of Viacom Inc., on February 17, 2005. The new channel will be advertiser-supported, targeting primarily gays and lesbians, 25-49, and will provide a mix of original and acquired programming that is "authentic, smart, inclusive and open-minded," according to the corporate press release.

Logo will launch in markets across America, including Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta and San Francisco, through national cable operators, including Time Warner Cable, RCN and additional distributors that will be announced in the coming weeks. Logo will join Viacom's roster of popular and highly-targeted cable networks which includes MTV, Comedy Central, BET and Spike TV.

"Creating a network specifically for the LGBT community is something we've wanted to do for a long, long time, and it's an idea we feel is overdue," said Tom Freston, Chairman and CEO of MTV Networks. "Despite our nation's progress on civil rights and the growing visibility of gay people in business, society and even in television programming -- what has been missing is a full-time home for this important and influential audience on television. We have big plans and hopes for Logo and I'm thrilled to finally announce its arrival"

Market researchers estimate the gay and lesbian population at 15 million adults, with a projected buying power of \$485 billion, according to MarketResearch.com, and the LGBT community is increasingly the target for many Fortune 500 companies.

Pennsylvania: Philly TV Ad Offers Straight History And Gay Night Life - A new TV ad campaign featuring a same-sex couple in colonial costume invites gay tourists to come to the City of Brotherly Love, and a gay media group said it's the first time a television commercial for a U.S. tourist destination has targeted the LGBT community. The 30-second spot, which was scheduled to air for the first time June 2 in Philadelphia and will be seen around the country, ends with the tag line: "Come to Philadelphia. Get your history straight and your nightlife gay." The



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 Center, 7 pm
 STD Specialties free HIV &
 syphilis testing, **Fluid**, 10pm-1am

Thursday, June 17
 STD Specialties free HIV &
 syphilis testing, **Boom**, 10pm-1am

Friday, June 18
Harmony Cafe (Appleton)
Inkwell Collective, Indi folk/rock
 for all ages, 7 pm

Saturday, June 19
Men's Voices Concert
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vice, and at the Appleton ser-
vice at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23
Harmony Cafe (Appleton)
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 round of Family Feud, 7 pm
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 10pm-1am

Thursday, June 24
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Wednesday, June 30
Harmony Cafe (Appleton)
 Galyne Goodwill - pop, soul,
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Wednesday, July 7
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Club Night Out, 2533 Cty. M,
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The other release is a 20th anniversary collection on three CD's chock full of hits. The first 2 CD's are mixed by Maurice Joshua and Paul Johnson, the third is again unmixed.

Even a lover of la la dance pop and drag diva ballads like myself got hooked on these grooves. I have heard plenty of house compilations and this is one of the best sets I have heard to date.

Check out the website for ordering information if you can't find these at the local Best Buy. www.traxhouse.com.

A LITTLE HISTORY

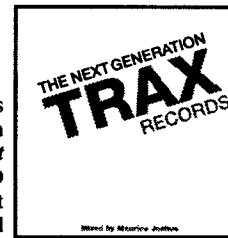
I used to wonder what that room next to SideTrax Video Bar was. It had the name Trax Recordings on the window and door. Eventually that building was taken over by SideTrax and became what is now their atrium bar. Little did I know that one of the powerhouses of house was right there.

Screamin' Rachel, President of Trax Records provided a history of Trax which I present bits of here.

Trax the original home of house music stands in a class by itself, as the quintessential music catalogue that defines the house sound. The legendary label has been called the Motown of its generation, and no one can argue Trax' status as the place where the international house music movement began. Trax records was born in the mythical city of Chicago, known for the blues, Al Capone, NBA Champs the Bulls and thankfully the House sound. Today house music is an international movement, and thanks to Trax Records it has changed the face of pop music forever.

There aren't too many points in dance music history like Chicago in the 80's, and for those that are hooked on House, it's the defining era of the culture. It is a point so shrouded in mystery, and so steeped in romance that those who participated at the time are now revered. People like the guys at Trax who made records that changed people's lives. Every major house music artist including Frankie Knuckles, Marshall Jefferson, Farley Jack master, myself, Adonis, Larry heard, and many others, started their career at the Trax label.

Trax has partnered with Casablanca and become Casablanca Trax, Inc. They also seem to have relocated in Canada, but they haven't abandoned their roots, and with Casablanca allows the Trax team to stay focused on doing what they do best, making more hits!



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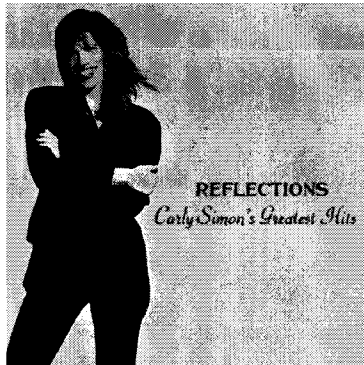
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CD Reviews

CARLY SIMON'S GREATEST HITS: REFLECTIONS



If you love **Carly Simon**, then this is the CD for you. This compilation has all the hits this wonderful songstress has had to offer from 1971 to 1999. Any fan would agree it is so nice to have all the greats on one CD.

Simon writes most of all the songs she performs. **Simon** also produced this latest album. It will be hard not to be taken back to many years ago when these songs were first heard on the radio. It will bring back a lot of memories from the past 30 years of hearing such great music from **Simon**.

The songs are arranged in chronological order. Because so many of her songs were written because of drama that was happening in **Simon's** own life it is like a biography in song. Also included with the CD, inside the front cover is a mini biography of great stories and information from a dear friend of **Simon's** telling of her life and times. Also included is a full page of all the covers of each of **Simon's** albums. At the very end is a short piece by **Simon** herself.

This is for every person who has ever sung a long to any of her many great hits. The inside cover is worth the price of the CD alone.

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SOPHIE B. HAWKINS: WILDERNESS

Based on the style of her latest release *Wilderness*, it sounds like **Hawkins** has begun a new, happy chapter in life. Songs are bright, rhythms are crisp, and instrumentation is clean. **Hawkins** sings in her upper octave register the way she did for much of *Whaler*.

Of course, the downside is that you don't get to hear the angst and grit that defined most of

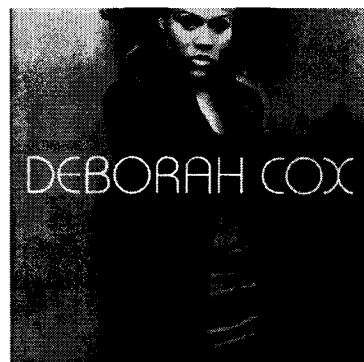


Timbre and Tongues and Tails. The **Wilderness Hawkins** doesn't use profanity, nor does she scream, nor does she whisper provocatively, nor does she shred a mean electric guitar, nor does she explode on the drum set. This is the kinder, gentler **Hawkins**.

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DEBORAH COX: ULTIMATE

Deborah Cox is by far the most sophisticated R&B singer around today. Her elegance and class are truly superior. *Ultimate Deborah Cox* chronicles her R&B hits as well as some of her dance remixes. The unique thing about



her is she has these two distinct styles, yet is superb at both. The ballad "we can't be friends" brings tears to my eyes everytime I hear it. When I'm at a club and one of **Ms. Cox's** remixes comes on, everyone is all over the dance floor. Included on this album, are the remixes to "Things Just Ain't The Same", and "Play your Part" two of my favorite remixes. It also includes the duet with Whitney Houston, "Same Script, Different Cast", which would've been a smash hit had **Ms. Houston** been well at the time it was to be released. **Deborah's** got something for everyone, just give her a try!

LABEL: BMG HERITAGE • NOW AVAILABLE

PATTY GRIFFIN: IMPOSSIBLE

The release of **Patty Griffin's Impossible** dreamshows all of the hallmarks of a highly talented, professional and polished singer-songwriter in her absolute prime.

Griffin proves herself to be a master of



many styles and moods, gliding effortlessly through soul, blues, folk and country. **Griffin** finally records many songs that were previously only accessible through bootlegs and amateur recordings.

LABEL: ATO RECORDS • NOW AVAILABLE

ELAINE ELIAS: DREAMER

Eliane Elias new release *Dreamer* is a wistful and sultry experience. **Elias'** whispery vocals are expertly complimented by her



amazing keyboard talents and lush orchestration. Each song is beautiful in its subtlety, and while the majority of songs are familiar **Elias** presents a delightful interpretation that makes them sound new again. This is a good CD to grab when needing to relax by the pool and sip on a smoothie. If you haven't experienced **Eliane Elias** before, this would be a great introduction.

LABEL: RCA RECORDS • NOW AVAILABLE



Photos by Chris Hammerbeck

Safonda Says All

Hey Kids! Back again after a brief sabbatical. I would like to thank all of you who have sent e-mails and also commented to me that you missed the read of Safonda in the last column. Sorry for taking the issue off, but I was told I would have some updates from some national pageants that just never came. Plus, there was not much going on around here to write about.

Well, do not expect to much this time, but I assure you the next issue will be a humdinger.

On to all I know for now.

Our favorite Drag King Toast and her runner up Suga Brown headed off to their national pageant. From the gossip I am hearing, the pageant was a little ridiculous. The winner not only barely looked like a man, but her talent and evening wear where not all that. My feeling is, I know what our two girls can put out there and if the stories about the winners performance are true, can you say rigged.

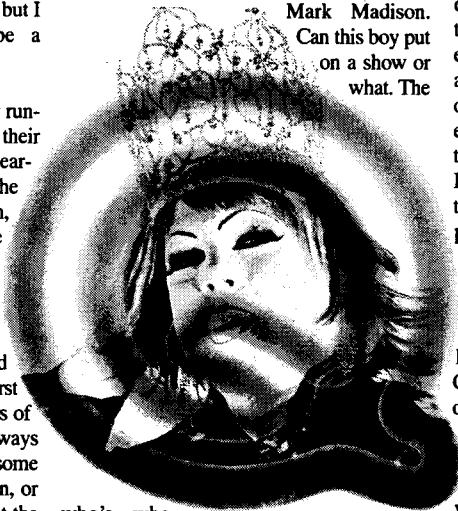
Anyway, they did have a really good time...especially on the way home. First Kelli Jo was with, which in all my years of travel with the Queen of many titles, always proves to be more than interesting. At some point on the return, rumor has it the van, or should we say stock car was traveling at the speed of light. Mr. Police man took notice and pulled the van of kings over to ask how a rental van can even go that fast. Some how the mountain dew and the no dooze were kicking in and next thing you know there are tits being shown to the law. I do not know if they got off but I hear the cop probably did!

Next up some dirt on our national queens down in Dallas. Holly Hot Damn and Miami Richards made the trek separately, but both arrived in time for check in and to get the itinerary for the week. Apparently, things started off on the wrong foot when there was a misunderstanding about monies from a benefit show that were supposed to be split and some how did not make it to Dallas. The first few days were a bit rough but some how things got worked out. For both their first times down south in competition they did not do half bad. Holly Placed 34 while Miami was 35. I have not heard anything from Miami's camp but the car for Holly tells me she did drag every night. However, I hear that Holly was more about herself than she was about meeting people and learning and watching

and networking. Oh well, I guess some people go down for different reasons. All in all they both did well. Kudos go out to TC Hammond for actually surviving a week long Dallas trip and car ride with Holly. Safonda is willing to pay for your first couple sessions of therapy.

The only show I have attended lately was a benefit show for our first Mr. Runner up Mark Madison.

Can this boy put on a show or what. The



who's who

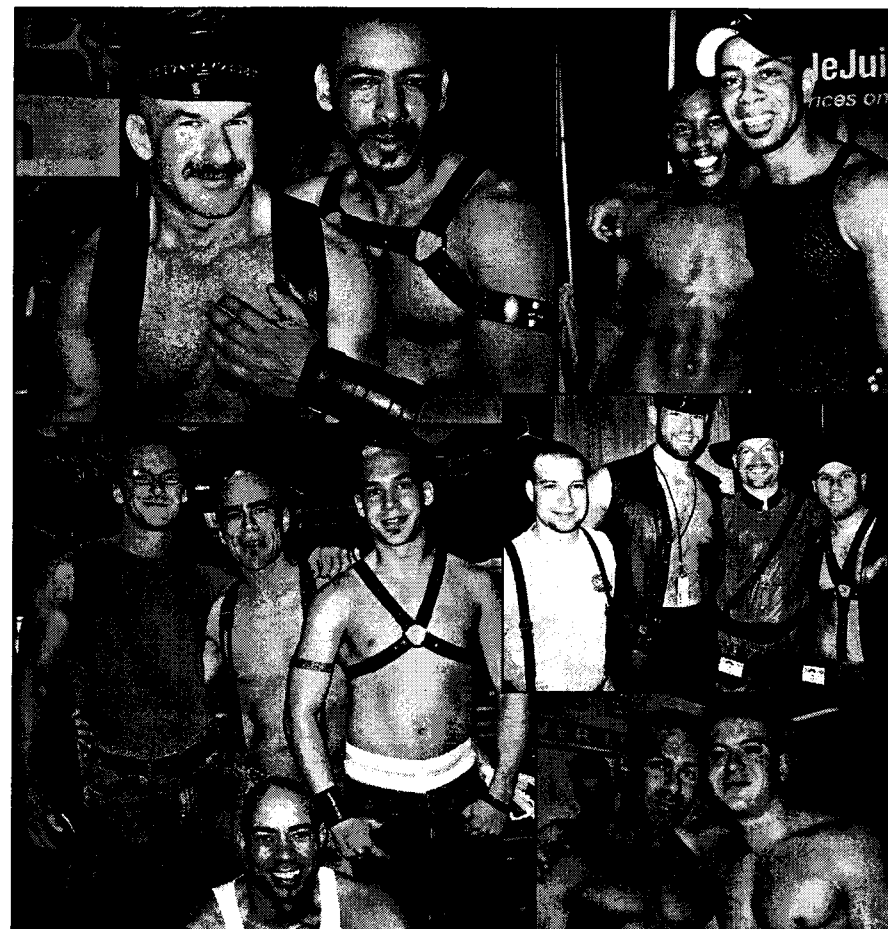
of Northeast Wisconsin were there. The place was packed and the show lasted quite a long time. Basically, think of every great performer you know and they performed. Even at one point I saw mark doing a naked number wearing only suds. The crowd was in great of anticipation watching the suds get smaller as the number progressed.

Miss Wisconsin Continental is coming up this weekend at the West, be sure not to miss this pageant. It seems Stella is bringing in some great talent and national title holders from all over the country to perform and judge along with yours truly. I am sure to be there as the usual games are being played with contestants who have gotten their ticket to run cause drama. One is pissed and bad mouthing the system, some are refusing to run, some can not handle the pressure. I guess we will just have to see. I realize that there is always some drama and game playing that goes on before a state pageant, but this seems to be a bit more intense. I can not wait to see who puts there mouth where the stage is and those who just boo hot and sit on the sidelines.

I have said it before, if you do not have what it takes to run for a state pageant, do not waste every bodies time and money who is serious about it. If for any reason, come out to see Miss Alexis St. James give up her crown. I hear she has a few things planned for her final night.

And now for some dirt on a former Miss Gay Wisconsin, seems one of our formers is missing the spot light of the stage. She is having a strong D' Zire to have a stage all to herself again. It was a night like any other for the queen stopping for cocktails after work and turning herself into a human alcohol container dancing the night away by herself on stage at XS. The "superstar" was in the middle of one of her diddies when another patron entered the stage and started to perform next to her. It was right out of the movie "You've Ben Served". Move after move from both as the dance competition was on. The other patrons of the bar were cheering for the boy not the queen, this in turn set her off. She took a swing at the boy and all hell broke loose. Patrons stormed the stage to stop the shuffle. They put the dancing queen in a head lock and removed her from the stage. Gathered up her things and escorted her to the out of doors. Girl, maybe you need to try out for the MTV dance contest show. At least there you will have a stage all to yourself!

And as always an award. This award I will call the "stay home if you plan to be this cheap and sad" award. It seems two girls one from Venus and the other who wishes she was driving a Lexus, were out on the weekend at the Historic West when between doing cameos they decided to change in the kitchen area. Unfortunately for Greg the bar manager and the fact that the West has been so busy lately, there was no time for anyone to put away the liquor order sitting in the kitchen. Well, the girls took it upon themselves to open a case or two of booze and start to crack open bottles. When caught, of course it was all denied. Then upon further inspection of the opened cases and bottles, lipstick was found on an open bottle. Talk about being put at the scene of the crime. They of course were asked to leave because of their rude behavior. Even after begging one of the owners to stay, the door boys did the job of escorting them to the curb. To bad for the bar, because of the bottles being contaminated from drag queen lips, it all had to be poured down the drain. My personal opinion, charge 'em for the booze wasted. And I have said it before, and I will say it again, "if you can not afford to be out, stay the fuck home!!!"

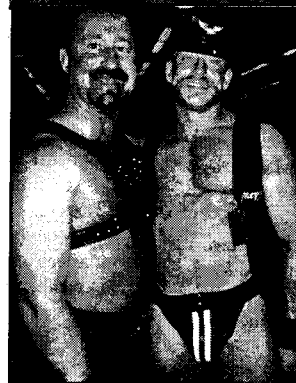


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Please Sir, May I Have Another?

All Leathered Up and Nowhere to Go

The only thing that kept me from crying was knowing that Milwaukee's Pridefest was just one week later. That's the way I felt when my Memorial Day weekend vacation was cancelled because of work, and I realized there would be no International Mr. Leather weekend in Chicago for me again this year. Drats and Egads!

All the money in deposits and reservations I would lose! All the volunteer work I had planned! All those internet tricks I had lined up and given my cell phone number! But alas, it was not to be- AGAIN.

So poor, poor, pitiful me spent the long, lonely weekend working 10-hour evening shifts at the power plant out in the backwoods of Manitowoc County, only dreaming of all the fun and excitement I was missing in Chi-town. Are you sniffing yet? Right. Me too.

I consoled myself over Memorial Day weekend by doing a little reading in Robert Davolt's new book, *Painfully Obvious*, a collection of some of his columns from over the years. It's good, light reading, and anyone involved in the leather scene will appreciate Bob's dry style (although some of you would prefer him "wet" I'm sure).

The book is filled with reflections from Bob concerning the leather lifestyle in general, and often his personal and direct involvement. I was particularly entertained by the piece about planning and organizing the leather contingency for the San Francisco Pride parade. Obviously not a problem we had to deal with in Milwaukee this year, but I could still relate. I was reminded- We may be leathermen and leatherwomen, but we still have our share of divas to contend with.

As I write this column, the Milwaukee Pridefest leather show is still almost a week away, but by the time you read it in print, the event will be over. Still, Bob's arti-

cle has helped put the planning and organizing for that event into perspective for me. The leather show planning meetings have been productive as well as great fun, and I'm confident the one-hour show will be fantastic. With everything else going on this summer, there was only time to schedule three planning group meetings, and in retrospect, I'm glad. More time would probably have meant more confusion, more dissent, more hurt feelings, and more vitriolic hatred toward me. Of course, we experienced none of that this year.

As an officer in the only Wisconsin leather club that sponsors leatherman contests, I also read Davolt's articles about contests with interest. He covers all the angles- contestants, judges, organizers- all with the same light-hearted, yet insightful style.

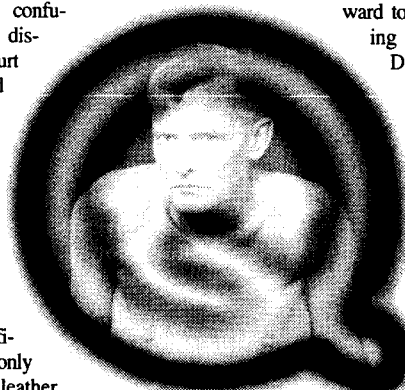
Everything was okay until I got to his article about attending I.M.L. on a budget. Good article, but it struck a little too close to my emotional nerve center for that particular weekend, thank you very much. All I kept thinking was- painfully obvious? Painfully Obvious? The only thing that was painfully obvious to me was that I should have been in Chicago instead of sitting here reading his freaking book. I'll bet Bob was in Chicago for I.M.L.

Painfully Obvious is a good read, and it is well organized easy to pick the subjects of interest and see what Bob's thoughts are on them.

Speaking of what Bob's thoughts

are..... He will be in Milwaukee at the Harbor Room on July 24. You can stop by to meet him, and snag your own copy of *Painfully Obvious*. I'm sure if you ask him nicely, he might even sign it for you. Later that same evening, he'll be one of the celebrity judges for the 2004 Mr. Harbor Room contest, and I bet he will have some thoughts about that, too.

I am looking forward to meeting Mr. Davolt on July 24, and



looking forward to the Mr. Harbor Room contest that day as well. I'll be emceeing this year. Gregg always makes the weekend a big party- combining the contest with the Harbor Room's anniversary celebration. He has contest application forms in the bar, and you can ask him where they are, and anything else you might want to know about the contest.

But, of course, you couldn't ask him about any of that on Saturday night of Memorial Day weekend, because he and Eddie were in Chicago at I.M.L.

I don't mind putting in the hours at work, and I can't deny that there was a lot of work to be done. But it was like salt in an open wound. There I was working, late, late Saturday night of I.M.L. weekend, out in the boonies, in the bowels of the plant. Adding insult to injury, I am having computer problems. So I crawl under my desk to reboot my PC tower when all of a sudden my cell phone rings. I thought it was Leon.

"What are you doing?" asked the gruff voice on the phone.

"You won't believe this, but I'm on my knees under my desk," was my reply.

"When you finish up there, why don't you come up to MY room on the seventh floor?"

Okay, so I DID cry, but only a little. Oh, Chicago, maybe next year. Oh, yeah. Congratulations to Jason Hendrix, Mr. DC Eagle 2004, the new International Mr. Leather! Outstanding job, or so I hear.

Upcoming Events

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Madison: Outreach Awards Nominations Sought

OutReach is seeking nominations of individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made outstanding contributions to Madison's LGBT community. Awards will be presented at OutReach's 12th annual community awards banquet, to be held Friday, July 16, at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Nominations are a means of acknowledging some of the people whose work, sometimes visible, sometimes not, makes such a remarkable contribution to Madison's LGBT community. A committee of community members reviews the nominations and selects award recipients. Past award winners, OutReach staff, and board members are not eligible. Award categories are the David Runyon Memorial Man of the Year, the Susan Green Memorial Woman of the Year, Business or Organization of the Year, Ally of the Year (for non-LGBT individuals or groups that support the LGBT community) and the OutReach Volunteer of the Year. The nominations committee will also entertain nominations in other categories, and may select additional award recipients. Nomination forms are available at OutReach or online. Nominations must be received by Midnight June 7. For more information, contact OutReach, Inc., 600 Williamson St., Madison, WI 53703 or call 608-255-8582.

Madison: Tomboy Girl Fest 2004

Set - Join us Saturday, June 12 for Tomboy Girl Fest 2004, a full day of music, comedy, vending and more. The festival will be held at The Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall in Madison. This year's lineup features Michele Balan, Ellis, Ferron, Martine Locke, Pamela Means, Wishing Chair & Kara Barnard, Cheryl Wheeler and more. Tickets are \$60 and can be ordered online at: Tomboygirl tickets on the Outreachinc.com website.

Our partner hotel, the Clarion Suites, is con-

veniently attached to the festival site. When booking your room get the discounted festival rate by using the code: TOMBOY GIRL FEST. Just call (608) 284-1234

Other weekend events include a meet and great on June 11 at Cafe Mariah. Cafe Mariah offers fabulous dinners and it will be followed by a song by each of the performers who are in town that night. This will be followed by drinks at the Harmony Bar for those



interested. There also will be a Sprawl Dance following the festival June 12 on site at the Alliant Energy Center

On Sunday, June 13 we are hosting the second annual Tomboy Girl Golf Scramble. Tee time is 8 AM and you do not need to be a good golfer to enjoy the morning. Lunch will be served after the nine hole scramble. Plan on lots of prizes and good fun. You are also invited to just join us for lunch for a lesser price. To register for the scramble, go to Tomboy girl golf scramble on the Outreachinc.com website. For information about the events, email us at: TomboygirlFest@aol.com.

Madison: Men's Coming Out Group to Start - A men's coming-out support group is forming and will begin meeting

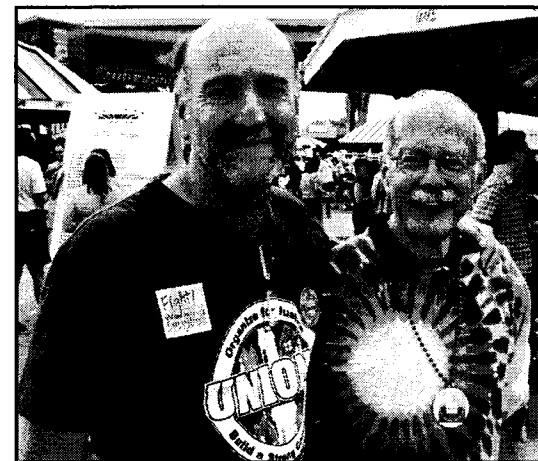
in mid to late July. The purpose of the group is to offer support to men who are dealing with the realization that they are not heterosexual and how that affects their everyday lives and to support those people previously or currently in same sex relationships. The men's coming out support group will identify and discuss the stages of coming out and explore topics such as how to deal with family members, physical and sexual safety, legal rights and discrimination, and spirituality, among others.

The group will run for ten weeks. Two trained volunteers will facilitate each meeting. People who are interested in attending the meetings should leave a message for Jim with contact information by Wednesday, June 30. For more information, leave a message for Jim at OutReach at 608-255-8582 or programs@outreachinc.com.

Milwaukee: Registration For AIDS Walk Wisconsin 2004 Steps Off

ARCW has begun official registration for this September's AIDS Walk Wisconsin. In a personal note mailed June 3 to previous registrants and supporters, ARCW Executive Director noted "around the world there are 45 million people who are living with HIV and AIDS. Thousands of them reside here in Wisconsin. The AIDS epidemic continues on its destructive course in our state, just as it does around the world. Achieving a world without AIDS begins with you, by taking action right here at home and registering for AIDS Walk Wisconsin 2004. Your help will allow the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and other benefiting agencies to continue providing aggressive HIV prevention programming to at-risk individuals and to offer care and treatment options to the 8,000 people living with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin."

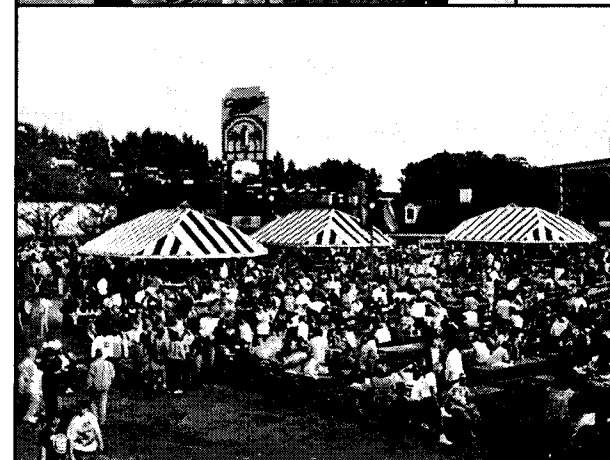
Walkers may register online at www.aidswalkwis.com or call 1-800-348-9255 for the fund raiser being held this year on



Barbara Lewison of HRL-PAC (L) and friend chat with Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, one of over 20 elected officials attending the opening of PrideFest 2004 in Milwaukee, June 5. Photo by Mike Fitzpatrick

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Kristine W & Pepper Mashay perform at PrideFest
all photos except above by Chris Hammerbeck



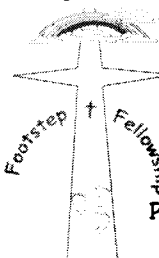
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Milwaukee: Lesbian & Bisexual Latina Scholarship Applicants Sought - The Juana G. Vega Resource Center has established the Juana Gloria Vega Scholarship for Lesbian and Bisexual Latinas who are enrolled in any Bachelors Degree, Associates Degree, Diploma, or GED program at any college or university in the State of Wisconsin. Application deadline is September 3, 2004. For application materials or more information contact juanaveg-scholarship@hotmail.com or call 414-745-517.

Spread Eagle: Second Anti-Gay Leader Retires from Assembly - Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle) has announced her decision not to run for reelection this November. Seratti joins Wayne Woods as the second lead sponsor of anti-gay, so-called "Defense of Marriage" legislation to retire this Spring.

In 1997, as lead sponsor of AB-104 Seratti brought in notoriously anti-gay "expert" Robert Knight, then of the Family Research Council, to speak via long-distance speaker phone at the Wausau hearings on her bill. Seratti later was the sole defender of her bill on the floor of the Assembly during the one-sided, day-long debate that saw Republican and Democrat supporters of the anti-gay bill sit quietly as opponents railed against the measure, and then voted for its passage 78-20.

Ironically, at the time of Seratti's AB-104 sponsorship, rumors of an alleged extramarital affair with a fellow Assembly representative from West-central Wisconsin, swirled throughout the Capitol hallways. No concrete evidence was ever put forward by her opponents.

However, Seratti's motivation for the hiring her two heavy-set personal security staff, nicknamed the "bellyguards" by legislative wags, became understood in a post-interview conversation with a Green Bay news anchor. Seratti told the reporter that she allegedly knew gay activists carrying syringes of HIV-infected blood were out to assassinate her.

Seratti's June, 2000 drunk driving arrest and her allegedly belligerent behavior

toward Forest County law enforcement officials recently was resurrected in the press as part of the aftermath following Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager's highly publicized DWI arrest.

In her May 22 press release announcing her decision not to seek re-election Rep. Seratti claimed that "throughout my tenure in the legis-

lature I have fought to be a strong voice for the citizens of northeastern Wisconsin. Many significant public policy reforms have been enacted that have benefited Wisconsin. Our broken welfare system was reformed, school class sizes were lowered, farmers now benefit from use-value assessments, permitting processes for businesses have been streamlined and our seniors receive financial assistance with prescription drug costs."



Lorraine Seratti

September 26. As an incentive for early registration, ARCW offered PrideFest tickets to the first 40 individuals who registered for AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Milwaukee: First Annual HIV/AIDS Awareness Motorcycle Ride & Picnic Set - The first ever motorcycle ride and picnic for AIDS awareness will be held Saturday, June 12 from 9-11AM. Registration will begin at 8AM and ride leaves at 11AM from Wisconsin African American Women, LTD, 3020 W. Vliet St. A cook-out at Washington Park Boathouse will follow from Noon to 6PM. Prizes will be awarded for the most riders in a club or organization (bike count only). There will be free food, entertainment, raffles, free HIV/AIDS testing, and more. Come join us and learn more about HIV/AIDS Prevention. Ride Donation is \$20. The ride and picnic are hosted by the Equalizers MC/SC and the Circle of Friends. For more information contact Tasilah at 414-271-2656 x117.

Milwaukee: Queer Kids To Scrub SUVs And More - Project Q will sponsor two car washes on Sunday, June 13, from Noon to 4 PM and on Saturday, June 26, from 1-4 PM at Pathfinders, 1614 E. Kane Place. Support Project Q programming & get a clean car! Suggested donation is \$10. For more information contact Kurt at Kurt@projectQ.org or 414-223-3220, Ext.115. Project Q will celebrate its 5th anniversary of service to Milwaukee's LGBTQ youth on Saturday, June 19, from 5-11 PM. Help us celebrate 5 years of successes! The event is open to the entire community. For more information contact Kurt at Kurt@projectQ.org or 414-223-3220 x115

Milwaukee: Dueling Choral Concerts Announced - Music lovers will have a quandary if they wish to support both of the

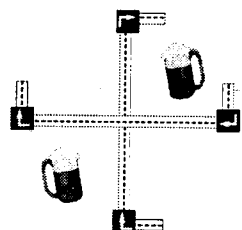
city's LGBT choral groups with their physical presence this Spring. Both groups have announced concerts for the same evening.

Men's Voices Milwaukee will present "The Music of the Night" on Saturday, June 19, beginning at 8 PM at the Helene Zelaso Center at UW-Milwaukee, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd. Artistic Director Ken McMonagle will conduct. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets for \$15 will also be available at the door with donation of four non-perishable food items to Hunger Task Force. For tickets or more information call 414-765-9198 or 414-229-4308.

The same evening the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will present "The Gay Cabaret VIII: True Stories" beginning at 7:30 PM at Village Church Arts, 130 E. Juneau Ave. Paula Foley Tillen will conduct the ensemble. A silent auction will also occur prior to and during intermission. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door and are available at OutWords Book, from chorus members, or by calling 414-276-8787. For more information visit the chorus' website at creamcitychorus.org.

Milwaukee: Womens' Camping Trip in Door County Planned - A group camping trip to Door County, has been organized for June 18-20 by an informal group of women who wish to jointly participate in outdoor activities and who stay connected over the internet. The weekend will include plenty of opportunities for hiking, biking, and kayaking/canoeing using personally owned or borrowed equipment. Rentals may also be available. The cost of the site is split between all women who attend. Please RSVP by June 14. For more information or to RSVP contact Jenny or Amber at 262-242-0857.

Milwaukee: SAGE Sets Potluck & Cookout - SAGE Milwaukee will sponsor a potluck and cookout on Saturday, June 26,



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