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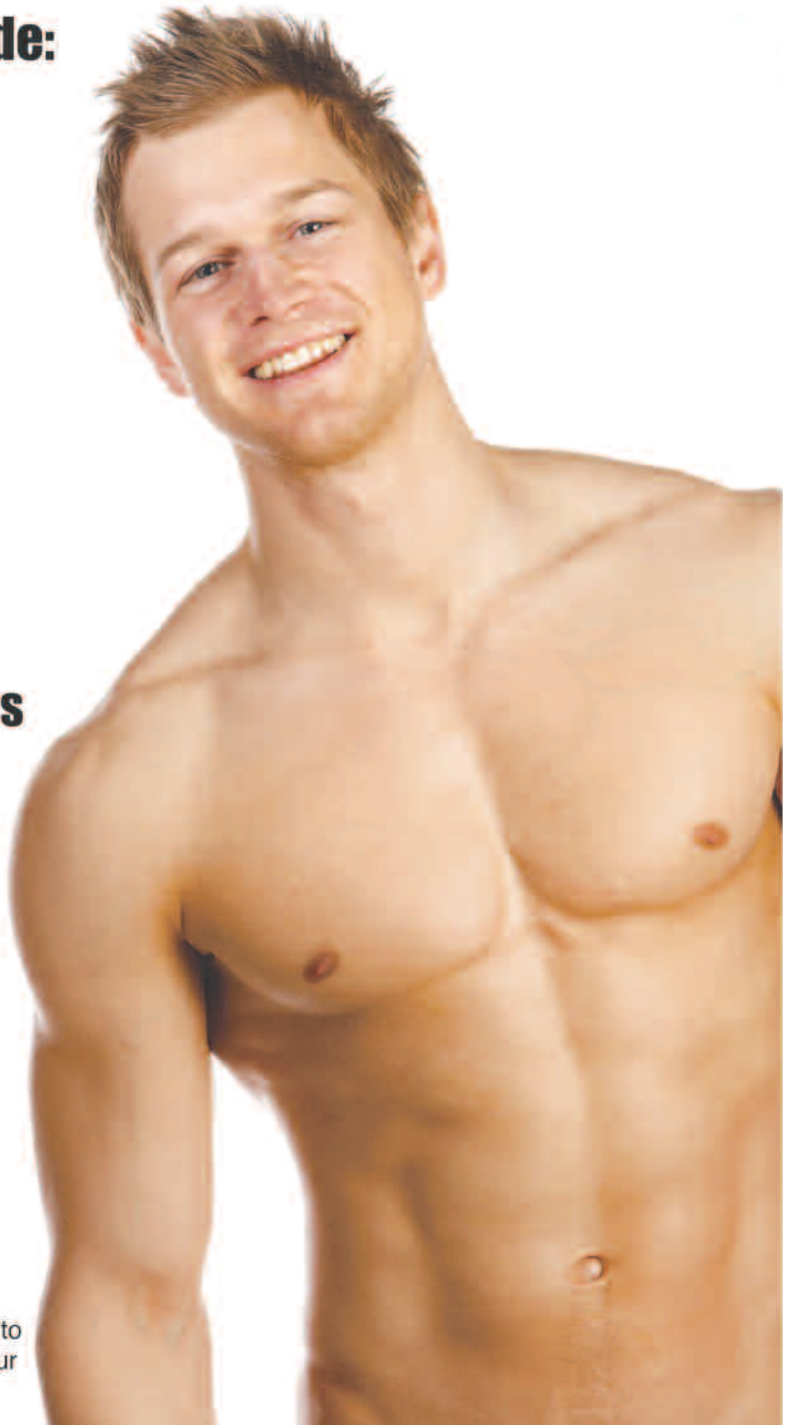
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## FEDERAL COURT RULES TRANSGENDER PEOPLE MUST BE ALLOWED MEDICAL TREATMENT IN WISCONSIN PRISON

### Forge, Lambda Legal and ACLU Applaud Ruling

**Milwaukee, WI** - The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin has struck down a law that barred transgender people from receiving medical care while they are incarcerated. The ACLU and Lambda Legal brought a challenge to the law in January 2006 on behalf of transgender prisoners, some of whom had been receiving hormones in Wisconsin prisons for years prior to the passage of the law.

According to the ACLU and Lambda Legal, Wisconsin is the only state in the country to have enacted a law denying transgender people access to medical care while in state custody.

"The court understood that medical treatment is critical for transgender people and that medical decisions should be made by doctors-not legislators," said Dru Levasseur, Lambda Legal's Trans-

gender Rights Attorney. "The state cannot decide to withhold treatment from people because they disapprove of their gender identity or medical needs-it's unconstitutional.

"This decision recognizes that many inmates have a serious medical condition that requires individualized medical treatment. The court's ruling doesn't require inmates to receive hormones or surgery for sex reassignment, it simply means that doctors are the ones who make the decisions about treatment," said John Knight of the ACLU. "The court's decision is just common sense.

The court ruled that the statute's ban on medical care "constitutes deliberate indifference to the plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment inasmuch as enforcement of the statute results in the denial of hormone ther-

apy without regard for the individual medical needs of inmates and the medical judgment of their health care providers."

The Associated Press stated Lawmakers who authored the measure now declared unconstitutional reacted with outrage and urged Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen to appeal. They warned the decision would open the door for taxpayer-funded sex changes for inmates, which the law had also blocked. The A. P. also quotes Rep. Scott Suder, R-Abbotsford. "This ruling puts a higher priority on helping inmate Tommy become Tammy than protecting the pocketbooks of law-abiding citizens," This is a travesty of justice that must be overturned."

Judge Clevert said the law violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment because it "results in the denial of hormone therapy without regard for the individual medical needs of inmates and the medical judgment of their health-care providers."

## MILWAUKEEAN APPOINTED TO NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD

**Milwaukee, WI** - Attorney Jason Plowman of Wauwatosa, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the National LGBT Bar Association Board - a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals that promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity.

Locally, Plowman also sits on the board of the Cream City Foundation, the Milwaukee based LGBT community foundation working to be a catalyst for social change on behalf of LGBT people since 1982.

"I look forward to working to further the vision of the National LGBT Bar Association - improving the quality of life for LGBT legal practitioners until all LGBT legal professionals are recognized without discrimination, stigma or bias," said Plowman. "This core mission, improving quality of life for

LGBT people, is of course very similar to Cream City Foundation's. It's exciting to see different organizations working in various venues and employing various methods to achieve what is ultimately a common purpose."

Plowman represents and counsels employers on the full spectrum of labor and employment laws for LITTLER, the nation's largest employment litigation practice. "Having our board bring their local and national resources to the table, as well as their networks, helps us improve our efforts and better leverage our resources to ensure we continue to create a stronger community for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity," said Maria Cadenas, Cream City Foundation's Executive Director.

For more visit [CreamCityFoundation.org](http://CreamCityFoundation.org) or call (414)225.0244

## OSHKOSH PROFESSOR WINS LGBTQ GROUP PRESIDENCY

**Oshkosh, WI** - Amney Harper, assistant professor of professional counseling, will assume the president-elect position July 1, 2010 for the national Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling. Reports Jade Bolack in the Advance-Titan, a publication of UW Oshkosh. The association is a division of the American Counseling Association.

"I was nominated at the national convention by Anneliese Singh, the past president," says Harper. She originally planned to run as a board trustee before she discovered she was elected recently. She serves a one year term as president-elect supporting the missions of the current president. "After that year, I will take over as president," Harper said. "My main goal is to help the association contribute to a campaign against anti-LGBTQ bullying in schools. I also want to help build the leadership within the organization."

Harper is co-chair of the LGBTQ Education and Advocacy Council and co-chair of the Employee Queer Ally League plus also works with several other groups on campus, including the LGBTQ Campus Safety subcommittee and the LGBTQ Resource Center. A professor at UW Oshkosh for two years, her classes include group counseling and professional orientation. She specializes in gender and racial identity and LGBTQ issues.

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## MILWAUKEE MUSEUM TO DISPLAY AIDS QUILT PANELS

**Milwaukee, WI** - Select panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum's Schroeder Galleria from June 8 to 20. Included among the nine panels on view will be the original panel designed by ARCW in 1987 honoring people with AIDS from Milwaukee. The other panels include those from the world's foremost fashion designers including Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, Helmut Lang, Isaac Mizrahi, Donna Karan and Oscar de la Renta. Admission to see the AIDS Quilt panels is free.

The Museum also will present American Quilts: Selections from the Winterthur Collection May 22

to Sept. 6. The exhibit includes more than 40 historic quilts whose craftsmanship provide an extraordinary visual experience and a wealth of new information about the early American cultural landscape. Coupons for the exhibit will be made available to friends of ARCW and the Museum will donate \$2 to ARCW for every patron who uses a coupon for admission.

Joseph Pabst worked with the museum for this collaboration. Funding by Pabst through the Johnson & Pabst LGBT Humanity Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation is making the exhibit of the AIDS Memorial Quilt possible.

## RIC-FEST GOES NATIONAL WITH NEA-Drag Queen Caucus

**Milwaukee, WI** - The (Ric-Fest) Ricardo Correa Scholarship Foundation is taking their state LGBT high school scholarship national this summer. At the National Education Association teachers' convention, the NEA has approved the NEA-Drag Queen Caucus. We'll be raising money in New Orleans this summer over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for a national scholarship. Money raised in Wisconsin in the fall for Ric Fest will always go to Wisconsin student scholarships. Wisconsin candidates will be eligible for the national scholarship awarded in the summer. Our first national scholarship winner will be awarded in the summer of 2011 in Chicago.

The scholarship foundation is doing several fundraisers this spring to get committee members and "queens" to the convention in New Orleans.

There will be close to 10,000 people at the convention to buy the \$10 caucus membership. Beer Busts; the first one scheduled April 10<sup>th</sup> at Woody's (2-6:00 p.m.) Beer pong tournaments will be featured. \$20 a couple, room for 12 couples; with half the money going out as the prize. 50/50 raffles, and a baseball card collection contest are also part of the fun.

By the end of April, we hope to have the baseball cards of the bartenders, owners, drag queens, etc. available for sale at the sponsoring bars. People can go in and buy a drink, donate a \$1 for a bartender; \$3 for a shirtless or risqué picture of a bartender, \$3 for a drag queen, and \$5 for an owner's picture.

For any bar owners that would like their bar to participate, any bartenders who would like their picture taken (they were out over Easter getting pictures), or anybody wanting more information, e-mail the scholarship committee: [krashmilwaukee@hotmail.com](mailto:krashmilwaukee@hotmail.com). Attention NEA-DQ.

## MILWAUKEE PRIDE PARADE NEW ADDRESS, NEW THEME, NEW FUNDRAISER PARTIES

**Milwaukee** - The Milwaukee Pride Parade has changed their mailing address to facilitate a more central location for volunteers to pick up mail and perform all of the daily business of the Milwaukee Pride Parade. The new address is: Milwaukee Pride Parade Inc. P.O. Box 0091 Milwaukee, WI 53201.

A new facebook page has also been created. People with a facebook account may search for the group using the search words Milwaukee Pride Parade to find the group page. Most information will still be available on the group's website at [www.prideparademke.org](http://www.prideparademke.org), however the facebook page will help keep people informed who may otherwise not visit the official website regularly.

In addition to these changes, the Parade organizers have planned a series of parties as fundraisers and community outreach. Several bars in the Milwaukee and Racine area are participating. Each party will offer raffle prizes, a grand prize 50/50 raffle with half of the money raised that night going to the raffle winner. Pridefest tickets and much more! Some of the bars will have additional activities or entertainment. BOOM has adult stars Chad Brock and Clay Towers entertaining that night. Ballgame will feature former Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA titleholder Shannon Dupree reading gay erotic tales. More parties may be planned, so check their website for up to the minute information.

### The list includes these dates and places:

4-10-10 @ Boot Camp Saloon \*Late night  
4-23-10 @ Club ICON (Racine) \*Late night  
4-28-10 @ Walker's Pint \*Late night  
4-30-10 @ BOOM/The Room \*Late night  
5-6-10 @ Woody's \*Late night  
5-16-10 @ Triangle \*Afternoon

The 2010 Parade theme is "Twisted Fairy Tales". The theme is that in name only and units are not judged on the theme however they do encourage all of the units to make use of it. All entries must remain family-friendly for this public event.

The Milwaukee Pride Parade is in search of sponsors and volunteers for the 2010 pride parade. All interested parties should visit the parade's website at [www.prideparademke.org](http://www.prideparademke.org) for further information. Sponsorship information can also be acquired by contacting the parade via phone at (414)607-3793 (11a-9p Mon-Sat.). Volunteers help make the parade possible every year. Without them there would be no Pride Parade at all states Brent, an organizer. Applications are available on the website for download or contact Jeff T., the Volunteer Coordinator at [VolunteerCoordinator@prideparademke.org](mailto:VolunteerCoordinator@prideparademke.org).

Applications for entries in the 2010 Parade are also now available for download. Get your unit application in early and save money. The fee is \$50.00 prior to May 15th, 2010, afterwards the price goes up. Download an application from [www.prideparademke.org](http://www.prideparademke.org).

The Milwaukee Pride Parade is a GLBT family entertainment oriented event in its 5th consecutive year of operation.

## PRIDEFEST OR BUST! The LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley Offers Bus Transport to PrideFest 2010

**Eau Claire, WI** - The LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley is making it easier to reach PrideFest in Milwaukee this year by arranging for a bus to carry travelers from the center to the Mayer grounds in Milwaukee on Saturday June 12, 2010. The bus leaves the center at 8 am on Saturday and will arrive back at 10pm Sunday evening, June 13. Cost per rider is \$60.00 if you are a center member or \$65.00 for non-members. Price includes the transportation as well as admission to PrideFest for both Saturday and Sunday.

The flyer being distributed asks people if they want to see Patti LaBelle perform but don't want the hassle of driving.

Because the bus will be returning Sunday evening by 10 pm, bus riders will not be able to enjoy Joan Rivers on the Main Stage or Amanda Lepore with Kaci Battaglia and DJ Jerry Griffith closing the Dance Pavillion. The bus is however a great way to be green while attending PrideFest across the state. PrideFest has plenty of activities to enjoy throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are by reservation: Call (715) 552-LGBT or email [lgbtcommunitycenter@yahoo.com](mailto:lgbtcommunitycenter@yahoo.com)

## THE BAY VIEW GARDEN AND YARD SOCIETY HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL BAY VIEW PLANT SALE

**Bay View, WI** - The Bay View Garden And Yard Society kicks off the 2010 growing season with the popular Bay View Plant Sale at South Shore Park, 2900 South Shore Drive on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Blooming in color with Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront as a backdrop, the plant sale hosts a variety of local, commercial vendors with an impressive assortment of beautiful, quality plants. Shoppers will be able to make their selections from hundreds of plants; including some of the best annuals and perennials, hanging baskets, ornamental trees and shrubs, vegetables and herbs, exotic heirloom favorites, and tropical plants. Delicious bakery and coffee will also be available for sale. Garden club members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about gardening.

The Bay View Garden And Yard society is collaborating once again with the South Shore Farmers' Market and Milwaukee County Parks to bring this colorful event to the community for the sixth year in a row.

Formed in 1995, the Bay View Garden And Yard Society (BVGAYS) is a group of gay, lesbian, and gay-friendly people living in Bay View who share their love of gardening by beautifying yards and public gardens throughout the Bay View community. Proceeds from the Bay View Plant Sale support many of the projects developed and maintained by the group; including the Village Roots Community Garden, the Lincoln-Howell-KK Triangle Garden, the WWII Memorial Garden on Kinnickinnic, the Pryor Avenue Iron Well, and the Fire Department Engine House on KK.

## PRIDE ALIVE'S SPRING FLING: JUST THE START OF SOMETHING BIG!

The unseasonably hot weather that greeted Wisconsin last week may have been Mother Nature's April Fool's joke, but it reminded many that Wisconsin's gay pride season is just around the corner. The headliners have been named in Milwaukee, and pride committees are active statewide.

In northeast Wisconsin, that means the NEWPride committee's annual major fundraiser is just weeks away. *Quest's* Mike Fitzpatrick recently caught up with NEWPride co-chairs Andrew DeBaker and Andrea Schultz to find out what's up with what in two years has become - after PrideFest and Twin Ports Pride - Wisconsin's largest gay festival in terms of attendance.

**Quest:** Pride Alive is just two months away - what do you think is the most exciting new thing about this year's festival?

**Andrea:** Without a doubt, Pride Alive's entertainment line-up this year is leaps and bounds above anything Northeast Wisconsin Pride has ever seen. *Quest* readers are the very first to hear this: this year's headliner is club diva Ultra Naté! Ultra Naté and one of the hottest DJ's on the East Coast will get Northeast Wisconsin on their feet and dancing under the stars to the latest of her nearly dozen hits, "Twisted."

**Andrew:** And if that wasn't enough, opening for Ultra Naté will be the crazy comedy duo of Deven Green and Joel Bryant. Some of you may have seen Deven's "Welcome To My Home" web video series, while some of the local heathens may have been saved by Deven's alter ego Betty Bowers, America's Best Christian. If you haven't experienced the saving grace of Betty Bowers, you need to Google her!

*(Editor's Note: Readers can also look for Quest's interview with the amazingly graceful Mrs. Bowers in an upcoming issue. In the meantime, point your browsers to: [www.bettybowers.com](http://www.bettybowers.com))*

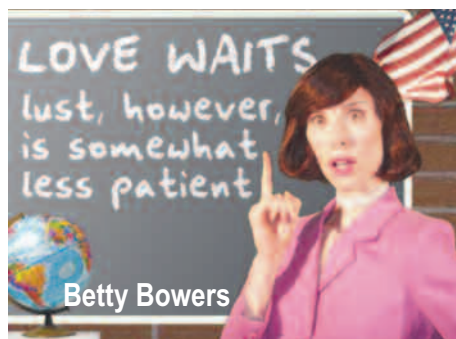
**Quest:** To remind folks that Pride Alive is on its way, you've got a major social and fundraising event coming up in May. Can you tell me about it?

**Andrew:** Yes! We are definitely excited about this year's Spring Fling! Join us Saturday, May 1 at TC Dance Club International (formerly the Adagio Dance Studio) in Appleton for a night of dancing, amazing food and unique giveaways!

The night begins with a Champagne reception at 6:30 PM and continues with an authentic Italian cuisine prepared by Angelina's Restaurant of Green Bay at 7 PM. Enjoy an open bar throughout the evening. The sultry sounds of LA singer Gennine Jackson will set the musical tone for the entire evening. For those not very familiar with ballroom dancing, there will be dance instruction by the TC Dance Club staff.

**Andrea:** This is not an event to be missed! But reservations are limited and thus highly recommended. Because of the open bar, this event is for those 21 and over. Black tie is also optional. There will also be an official "after" bar party following the Spring Fling at Rascals Bar & Grill.

Andrew: Tickets are now on sale, cost \$50 each and can be purchased in person at Rascals Bar & Grill, or online at: [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org). For more information,



Betty Bowers  
people can email either of us at: [info@newpride.org](mailto:info@newpride.org). They can also get questions answered by calling 920-471-3260.

**Quest:** Pride Alive has expanded beyond being just a one day festival as it's grown up over the last few years. Has that happened again in 2010?

**Andrea:** Yes it has. Last year we expanded to five days of events. This year we bring back some of those from 2009 as well as a few new ones. On Tuesday, July 6, will be a return of the "Safeguarding Our Lives Together" legal workshop for same sex couples at the Harmony Café in Appleton. Issues such as living wills, powers of attorney, adoption and Wisconsin's one year-old Domestic Partnership law will be discussed and explained.

Wednesday, July 7 will be the gala opening of the 2nd Annual Pride Alive Art Exhibition on Broadway in Green Bay. This year the event coincides with the

# SATURDAY MAY 1st



# SPRING FLING • 2010

Los Angeles singer Gennine Jackson sets the tone for a night of dancing, amazing food and unique giveaways with dance instruction from the TC Dance Club International staff. Champagne Reception at 6:30PM. Authentic Italian Cuisine from Angelina Restaurant of Green Bay at 7PM. Open bar throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$50 and available at TC Dance Club International and Rascals Bar & Grill or by calling (920) 471-3260.

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**Andrew:** Pride Alive has set Thursday, July 8 for its first-ever major youth-oriented event. It will be held in connection with Harmony Café of Green Bay. You can check the Pride Alive website ([www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org)) for future announcements about the event's specifics.

You'll also want to swing by the Liberty Hall Conference Center in Kimberly on Friday, July 9 to see another Pride Alive first: Mr. and Ms. Pride Alive being crowned at the official Pre-Pride Party. The evening will kick off with a spaghetti dinner at 7 PM, followed by the Mr. & Ms. Pride Alive pageant and show starting at 8:30 PM.

**Andrea:** The week will again wrap up with Sunday brunch on July 11 at this year's official Pride Alive hotel: the Hilton Garden Inn near Lambeau Field in Green Bay. We'll have more details up on the website shortly.

**Quest:** Let's talk about the big day. Who's performing at Pride Alive on July 10?

**Andrew:** In addition to Ultra Naté and Deven Green, we've got the funky sound of the Chicago band Flame-shark. By popular request, Glamarama will return as well. They wowed the crowd in 2008 and you asked for more. Also, our newly crowned Mr. and Ms. Pride Alive will each perform on the main stage.

**Quest:** There more to Saturday than just the festival, there's also a 5K run, correct?

**Andrea:** Yes, the Pride Alive Five 5k run/walk will start at 9:30 AM, with the route starting and ending at Joannes Park after taking runners and walkers through the streets of downtown Green Bay. This year we once again have partnered with two local charities who will benefit from the run's proceeds. This way we continue to demonstrate that the LGBT community is a part of the larger community, and wants to give back just as other segments of the community do.

You can sign up before June 21 to take advantage of this year's "early bird" reduced registration fees. Quest readers can also look for the race registration form in future issues of the magazine to receive the reduced rate.

**Quest:** You have some exciting news for folks who may want to come in to enjoy the full weekend and save money at the same time. Tell me about it.

**Andrea:** Last year we introduced the Pride Alive VIP Package, allowing people to enjoy all of the week's events plus a few exclusive items for a low, hassle-free price. Once again, for only \$50 people who buy the 2010 VIP Package will get more than \$100 worth of items, including admission and access to VIP seating to Friday Pre-Pride Party, an official Pride Alive T-shirt,

admission to the Sunday brunch, and "meet-and-greet" access to our headliners for the first 40 people who purchase a VIP Package.



**Andrew:** And for those coming in from out of town, the Hilton Garden Inn in Green Bay is our official hotel sponsor for 2010. Guests can get a special rate by simply calling 920-405-0400 and mentioning "Pride" when they make a booking during Pride Alive.

We're also excited to announce - new for this year - the Pride Alive "Cheap Drinks for Life" mug. For only \$5, people can purchase a Pride Alive mug, allowing them to lock in 2009 beer prices when they refill their mug - forever. That's right - forever! As prices creep up over the next few years, those who purchase a mug will be able to drink all the beer they wish for only \$3 each.

**Quest:** You also have made some moves to ensure the festival is stable for years to come. How have you made that happen?

**Andrew:** NEWPride was created in 2007, partly in response to the discriminatory anti-marriage amendment passing in 2006. From the beginning Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) - the organization that actually came into being after the first ever Alive With Pride picnic back in 1995 - has been an invaluable partner, serving as the not-for-profit fiscal agent for the Pride Alive festival for its first two years.

Last February, NEWPride sought to formalize this relationship by becoming an official program of

ROW. Both the ROW Board of Directors and NEW-Pride Executive Committee felt this setup created a more stable structure, helping ensure Pride Alive continues for years to come.

**Quest:** Speaking of other LGBT and allied organizations, is there still time for groups and organizations to get involved with Pride Alive?

**Andrea:** Of course! The Vendor Booth packets became available recently. To apply for booth space, groups should visit our website ([www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org)) to download the form, complete and send in. Keep in mind this year booth locations can be picked by vendors on a first come, first serve basis, so they're going to want to get their forms in as soon as possible to get the best spots. We're also always looking for organizations and businesses to join us as sponsors, as well as donating items for the Pride Alive raffle. Finally, we are always excited to partner with great organizations to help fill our volunteer positions. If you are part of, or know of a company, group or organization that would like to get involved, please let us know!

**Quest:** Wow, I suspect most readers were completely unaware of how much work has already gone into setting up this year's Pride Alive. How can people keep up with all the additional exciting news about Pride Alive?

**Andrew:** All information can be found on our website at: [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org). If you're not networked as friend of ours already, join us either on Facebook or MySpace. We've also entered the Twitter world recently to let people know what's going on.

**Quest:** Anything else you'd like to share about the Spring Fling or Pride Alive?

**Andrea:** We've said from the beginning that Pride Alive is your event. If there's something you'd like to see in your Pride, let us know. Or better yet, get involved! We definitely have room for you to become a Task Leader, or get on board to one day become a co-chair of the event. It's only with the hard work and commitment of dozens of people that Pride Alive happens each year. Get involved!

*Editor's Note: Continuing our 17-year commitment as Wisconsin's only truly statewide professionally-printed LGBT news and entertainment publication, Quest will continue to bring our readers updates about all pride festivals occurring around the Badger State throughout the Spring and Summer. Look for our third special edition of the Milwaukee PrideFest Pride Guide coming in May.*

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## FLORENTINE OPERA CAMERATA HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE ROOM

**Milwaukee, WI** - A Florentine Opera-sponsored LGBT-friendly affinity group known as Camerata, will hold its second annual FUNdraiser on Sunday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at The ROOM.

The group plans to revive the live "song auction," featuring the Florentine Opera Studio Artists and accompanist Anne Van Deusen, which was a popular showpiece of last year's event. During the song auction, guests bid on beloved opera and musical theater favorites to be performed live by the artist they request. General Director William Florescu will serve as auctioneer.

Appetizers will be provided by Miss Katie's Diner and a cash bar is available. There will be a small cover charge at the door. The proceeds raised at the event will fund Florentine Camerata, including underwriting the popular 2010-2011 season Camerata Sunday Artist Social events, which are held before each mainstage opera.

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## NORTHEAST WISCONSIN'S PRIDE ALIVE 2010 EVENTS BEGIN

**Appleton, WI** - Pride alive, a program of Rainbow Over Wisconsin and the group responsible for organizing and producing a yearly pride event in Green Bay is hosting the 2nd annual Pride Alive Spring Fling gala event at TC Dance Club International in Appleton. The black-tie optional event held Saturday, May 1st will feature the sultry sounds of Los Angeles' Gennine Jackson. Guests can enjoy cuisine from Angelina Restaurant and a 6:30 p.m. champagne reception will kick off the.

Tickets for the evening are \$50 per person and there is limited space available. Visit [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org) or call (920) 471-3260 to purchase.

The group has been busy planning this year's Pride Festival which will again host an artist event during this year's celebration July 7 - 11 in Green Bay. Last year the artwork was displayed on Broadway Street for the week of the festival and included several pieces of photography and other mediums such as oil. The gallery was a qualified success. The group states "The purpose of Pride Alive is to celebrate the LGBT community and to connect with the larger Northeast Wisconsin community, as well as other communities. This is a fantastic opportunity to have your artwork displayed, and is open to everyone." For a copy of the application, interested artists should go to [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org). The downloadable Word document is a link on the left side of the main page "Call to Artist..."

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## MGAC AND UPROOTED THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCE COLLABORATION

**Milwaukee** - On February 22, Neil Haven's LGBT-themed family comedy, *Pink Champagne* was performed as a dramatic reading at the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center. MGAC commissioned the work in 2007 with support of the Washington Heights Rainbow Association.

It's *not* the same old story. Gene and Amy, a small town couple in a strained marriage chase down their recently outed, runaway son to Gene's estranged gay father's home. An impromptu family reunion ensues.

Haven tackles some difficult contemporary issues juxtaposing straight and gay couples dealing with their common dilemma, a gay child. Haven's comedy holds wisdom, surprises and delivers candid realities of traditional family values put in an untraditional framework.

The cast included Milwaukee theater luminaries Angela Iannone as Amy and Dan Katula as Gene. T Stacy Hicks read the role of Patrick. Kurt Ollmann portrayed Don, Gene's father with Dylan Zalewski as the son Joey. They gave an electric and energetic performance to an enthralled full house audience. An animated Talk Back followed lead by Madison dramaturge KC Davis.

If you missed it, *Pink Champagne* will be presented as a dramatic reading at PrideFest 2010 on the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center Stage.

### **A new constellation is born**

Along with the playwright, that night's audience included Tiffany Yvonne Cox, Marti Gobel, Dennis F. Johnson and Travis Knight, founders of UPROOTED Theatre, Milwaukee's new African-American professional stage company. Coincidentally, Joseph R. Pabst was in the audience as well. That stellar convergence gave birth to a new constellation.

UPROOTED's enthusiasm lead to a discussion with the playwright about doing Haven's play. Later that week, Pabst met with Haven. A subsequent



meeting between MGAC, UPROOTED and Haven launched the project. Now, supported by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Johnson & Pabst LGBT Humanity Fund, a fully staged production is in the works. Performances will take place at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre (In Tandem) in Spring 2011.

The collaboration between MGAC and UPROOTED Theatre Company is unique in community history. By commissioning an LGBT themed play, MGAC fulfilled its mission to promote LGBT relevant art. The collaboration with UPROOTED Theatre Company fosters artistic development of and for underserved groups. It promotes and presents local

artists.

### ***Pink Champagne***

*Pink Champagne*'s theme adds a particularly timely aspect to the collaboration. The current focus on the plight of homeless gay youth has led to the creation of specific projects to address the problem. Coming out often leads to internal family crisis.

Whether as a young person or adult, coming out can be a traumatic for all involved. Statistics show that this can end tragically for youth. Suicide attempt rates among LGBT youth are higher than average. They are also more likely to suffer violence from family and peers. 25% of homeless youth identify as LGBT. Youth of color accounts for a disproportionately large percentage of those statistics. Late acceptance of sexual identity of a married individual often results in divorce and broken families.

More importantly, the UPROOTED's participation broadens the scope and target audience. It reaches the Milwaukee African American community. The cast will be interracial.

Talk Backs intend to further heighten community awareness of gay youth, gay youth homelessness and mental health issues to help foster change of attitudes. Panels comprised of representatives from the LGBT Community Center's Q-Blok program, Connexus and PFLAG will conduct Talk Backs after the performances.

Additionally, the development reading at UWM Peck School of the Arts provides students with an educational opportunity to observe and participate in the playwright's progress. Dramaturge KC Davis will facilitate at a Talk Back.

A copy of the script and a chronicle of this historic collaboration will be donated to the UW-Milwaukee LGBT Archive Collection.



## LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN HOSTS SPECIAL ART EXHIBITION

**Racine, WI** - "Dangerous Women, Wayward Men, and the Wild, Wild West," a series of 46 pieces painted by artist Phil Strang on small glass strips which had served as dividers for a CD section and on the 12 X 16 inch pieces of glass that formed a display rack, will be on display at the Art Gallery in the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin, 1456 Junction Avenue, between April 7th and May 3rd.

The public is invited to a "Taco Reception" honoring the artist and his work at the LGBT Center on Wednesday, April 7th, between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

Strang manages the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Foellinger Auditorium. A single dad with two teenagers, he grew up in New York

City where he knew LGBT Center Director Bruce Joffe in high school. At 17, he moved to Urbana-Champaign, earning a B.S. in Communication, Theatre, Art and Design.

Working as a commercial artist for 30 years - doing all of the advertising for Record Service in Champaign-Urbana and Normal - he began painting extensively in 2004. Quickly developing his own unique style, Strang chose such themes as fantasy, mythology, sports, travel, and the "Old West" to complement his love of Impressionism, color, and action.

"My artwork initially consisted of dragons, knights, Pegasus, unicorns and other mythical creatures as I geared up for the Illinois Renaissance Faire," he recalls. "After that, I expanded into West-

ern and travel themes ... and then did a series of sports paintings."

Strang sees his paintings on glass as windows into the worlds of his imagination: romance, conflict, redemption, and challenge.

"I feel there's a narrative style to my paintings as well as a passion, and I have a lot of stories to tell," he shares. "I hope my work communicates with people and helps them to think, laugh, and enjoy my vision."

For more information about this special, one-month art exhibit at the LGBT Center - or the Artist Reception on Wednesday, May 7th - contact the LGBT Center at 262.664.4100 or visit [www.lgbt-sewisc.org/calendar](http://www.lgbt-sewisc.org/calendar)





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## PRIDEFEST SET FOR MAJOR SUMMER DANCE EXPERIENCE

PrideFest is the only LGBT Pride festival in the US held on permanent festival grounds. Part of those grounds include the building housing one of the TOP dance events in the mid-west – the Milwaukee PrideFest Pump! Dance Pavilion.

For many, the general celebration of pride and community is more than enough to get them through the gates, but most assuredly, the entertainment lineup at PrideFest is a key reason to attend. Most of the focus is geared towards the Miller Lite main stage and the major headlining acts. However, one thing is for sure - you can not ignore the dance pavilion, nor the whopping party it gives way to when the sun goes down.

"We've got an amazing theme this year, complete with one host for the entire weekend," says John Murges, one half of the PUMP! Milwaukee promo duo who are known for great parties around town, and is the team largely responsible for the dance party of the summer. Murges, along with local promotional partner Greg Hutterer, are planning on a major extravaganza at this year's PrideFest. The two have been involved with PrideFest since being approached by President Scott Gunkel several years ago to participate.

"The theme is 'Cyon in Wonderland' hosted by Chicago's very own Cyon Flare acting almost like the mad hatter" says Murges. "It's going to be some trippy kind of crazy stuff." Billboard Recording artist Cyon Flare is no ordinary Entertainer/performer; he is extraordinary and all about the movement of the crowd's energy. Cyon will emcee each night in the Pavilion, and is designing special costuming for the event. "I think people are going to be blown away for what we are putting together for them," Murges exclaims. Cyon's innovative costumes-influenced by Roman style and Las Vegas showgirl movies-creates an energy that commands the crowd's attention. He has had success with two billboard tracks. The First "Everybody Everybody" charting at #31(2008), the second

**Cyon Flare**



"Rise" charting at #36 (2009). This year Cyon Flare debuts his new song "Fire" a collaboration with Chicago House Music producer DJ Dealer.

Based on the Alice in Wonderland theme, the pavilion will be set to be a multimedia blowout complete with twice as many smoke machines, video screens, and an extreme laser show all three nights by an artist known for producing his laser shows on the Pyramids of Egypt. "When we first saw the show, it just blew our minds" Murges says of himself and Hutterer. "We were at a circuit party, and Greg looked at me and said, 'one of these years, I want this at PrideFest' and lo and behold we got it!"

Certainly, it wasn't always like that. The area for dancing at PrideFest used to be a simple canvas tent in days gone by. Not anymore. A full entertainment lineup has been announced on the PrideFest website and includes daytime performances by many up and coming artists from all over the country. As well as a few PrideFest return acts. First up on Friday, is Milwaukee native KatieBeth. If you are in the mood for some "kick ass rocking country music", you came to the right place.

A wide variety of bands and artists will take to the Dance Pavilion stage this year. Acts such as the Brooklyn based rock band The Shondes, Florida hip-hop artist Shunda K of Yo Majesty, and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus. But it's when the sun goes down that the "dancing" happens. The hoola hoop girls, the fire dancers, the boys in their skivvies all start moving and shaking

as the spotlight is turned towards the high profile DJs, the dancing, and this year's Pavilion headliners.

"We are actually beginning to hold 'auditions' for the dancers," says Murges. "So if anyone is interested, they should get in contact with PUMP! Milwaukee. Both men and women are encouraged to participate, and should write [pumpmilwaukee@yahoo.com](mailto:pumpmilwaukee@yahoo.com) for info and times of tryouts.

"Of course we have auditions!" laughs Murges. "Gotta keep the quality up!"







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One main addition to the Dance Pavilion will be the rather large LED video wall being flown in from California for the event. Murges explains that the wall is being donated for the weekend, and is "a major piece of equipment these grounds have not seen before." The LED video wall is approximately 40 feet long by 9 feet high and will display various images, and will encompass the entire back wall of the stage.

"We are just trying to bring things to the festival that none of the other festivals do," said Murges. "We push the envelope a bit and don't

want to be like the other festivals. I think we are really lucky to be able to do that."

Festival goers will be treated to many happening DJs, both hot in this region, as well as nationally known, including Murges himself, who has played and held residencies at some of Milwaukee's largest, and well-known clubs (Three, Tom Tom, Pure, LaCage, Decibel, and currently holds a monthly residency at Mary's Attic, in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood. He's opened for the Pet Shop Boys and B-52's, along with nationally known DJs such as Andy Caldwell, Joe Gauthreaux, and Tony Moran.

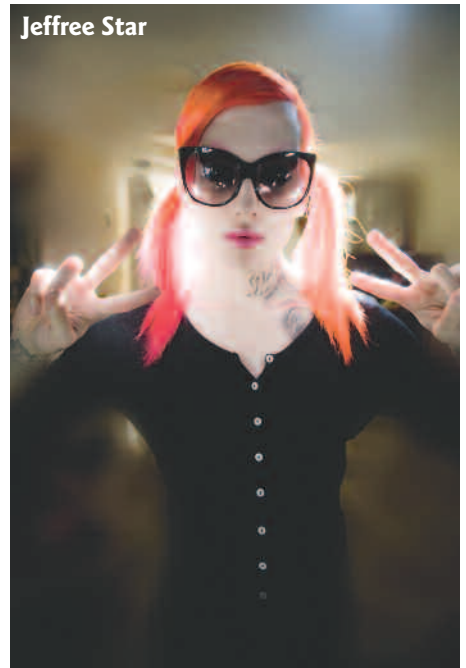
Major artists appearing on stage include Samwell, who recorded "What What (In the Butt)" and struck it famous with the corresponding video of the song. It even ended up as one of YouTube's "Most Discussed Videos Of All

Time" as well as being used on a 2007 episode of South Park, solidifying Samwell as a pop icon.

Out of Frankfurt, Germany comes the dance/pop duo SNAP! With their international mega-hit "The Power" one of the world's most played dance-tracks. SNAP!'s 1990 debut album "World Power" has sold more than 7 million copies and is one of the most successful dance albums ever. "Rhythm Is A Dancer" was the best selling single of 1992 in both Germany and the UK and listing in the US Billboard Charts for 39 weeks in a row.

Some people have no idea what does into this festival, or what it takes to put this on. Takes alot more than putting speakers up and were done. Some don't get it, and that's ok, I just want them to have a great time. That is my goal.

Appearing with a DJ set, and live performance, electronica superstar Jeffree Star helps to close out Sunday night in the Dance Pavilion with a bevy of much anticipated entertainment. Star, who has enjoyed sold-out headlining tours of the U.S. and the U.K. went to #1 with his first EP, Plastic Surgery Slumber Party, on the iTunes Dance Charts. His next EP, Cupcakes Taste Like Violence, reached #6 on Billboard's Electronic Albums Chart. The duo Blood on the Dance Floor, has toured with Star and will also make an appearance.



The most "famous transexual of all time" Amanda LePore will tear herself away from the NYC social and club scene to perform on Sunday Night. American model, fashion icon, nightlife hostess, and performer LaPore was one of the first artists requested in a PrideFest survey of artists most wanted to perform on the grounds. Over the years she has been the advertising face for Heatherette, M.A.C. (cosmetics), Mego Jeans, Swatch, CAMP Cosmetics and more. Her debut



Amanda  
LePore



singles "Champagne" and "My Hair Looks Fierce" produced by Fatal Art Syndicate with lyrics written by Cazwell are available on her current remix album "Fierce Pussy".

During mid-2007, Lepore was a part of the multi-artist True Colors Tour, headlined by Cyndi Lauper. Profits from the tour helped to benefit the Human Rights Campaign as well as PFLAG and The Matthew Shepard Foundation

Sponsored by LaCage, artist Kaci Battaglia is sure to perform her huge dance hit, "Crazy Possessive" and will help to bring the Dance Pavilion,



and the PrideFest weekend to a close.

"People are gonna be a little blown away this year, I think," says Murges. "For fifteen dollars, to be able to walk in the gate and get that kind of entertainment.." he pauses..." You really aren't gonna get that anywhere! Tell me what other Pride festival does this. None."

For more information on PrideFest schedule, or to purchase tickets, please visit [www. Pridefest.com](http://www.Pridefest.com)

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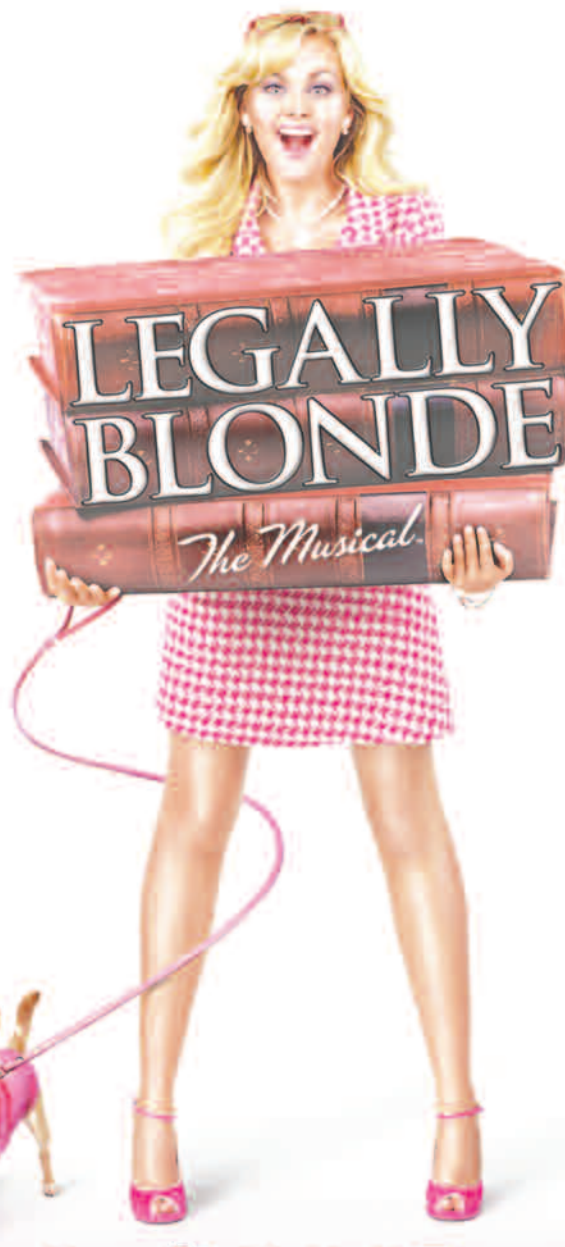


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### Saturday, April 10

**Fluid (Milwaukee)** Knot Party featuring "The Knot" 10-midnight \$3 shots \$4 short cocktails

**ICON (Kenosha)** Mr. Club ICON Leather Competitor.

### Sunday, April 11

**Fluid (Milwaukee)** Bingo 4 pm

**Kruz (Milw)** Castaways Beer Bust 3-7 pm "Spring Fling"

**La Cage (Milwaukee)** Miss City of Festivals Pageant 10pm

### Monday, April 12

**Outwards (Milwaukee)** The Outwards Book Club Steve Kluger's charming coming-of-age novel, "My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins & Fenway Park" will be discussed.

### Tuesday, April 13

**Outwards (Milwaukee)** Lesbian Reading Group @ Outwards Books Isabel Miller's classic "Patience and Sarah" is to be the book discussed in April.

### Friday, April 16

**The ROOM (Milwaukee)** Misty Eyez from Fort Lauderdale along with KV & Friends special show

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** *The Vagina Monologues* 7:30 pm tickets \$15 general, \$10 students

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Aronauts Club night Beer Bust, raffle & prizes. Meet the judges for the Daddy/Boy/Grand-daddy contest.

### Saturday, April 17

**Cream City Chorus** (Unitarian Universalist Church West 13001 W. North Ave., Brookfield. Concert: "Water for Life: Play, Sustain, Grow!" 7:30pm Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$13 Senior/children 10 & under free.

**Chippewa Valley LGBT Center (Eau Claire)** Movie night "Outrage" 2009 Documentary FREE

**Madison Gay Video Club** "The Big Gay Musical" (Breaking Glass, dir. Andreas & Caruso, 2009) "Morning Wood" (Falcon Studios) 8 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 608-244-8690 (eve)

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** *The Vagina Monologues* 7:30 pm tickets \$15 general, \$10 students

**Miramar Theatre (Milwaukee)** Miltown Kings' Beautiful Freak Show. Come dressed as your inner freak cover is only 5\$. Doors open at 9pm. This is an 18+ show.

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Aronauts of Wisconsin annual Daddy/Boy/Grand-daddy Contest 10pm. 50/50 raffle and silent auction with many items.

### Sunday, April 18

**Ballgame (Milwaukee)** Pride Parade Party Featuring Mima & David behind the bar. 50/50 raffle & PrideFest ticket give-a-ways. Food, Fun 4pm-?? Shannon DuPree reading Gay Erotic Tales!

**La Cage (Milwaukee)** Mr & Miss Great Lakes Pageant 9pm

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** *The Vagina Monologues* 2 pm tickets \$15 general, \$10 students

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Aronauts of Wisconsin Fundraising Auction with "lots of neat stuff"

**Triangle (Milwaukee)** Dan - E - Dance presents Just boys 11 pm with guest bartender ChiChi

### Wednesday, April 21

**Milwaukee LGBT Center** MOVIE NIGHT *Mysterious Skin* 6PM FMI 414-292-3072

### Saturday, April 24

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Men Magazine's Man of the Year & Adult Star Samuel Colt in person

**ICON (Kenosha)** 4th Anniversary Celebration 8pm Free Buffet 8-10 Gammis NRG Live 8-midnight and DJ Midnite to close. Over \$1000 in door prizes and give-a-ways!

**La Cage (Milwaukee)** 26th Anniversary Party special show w/performers from yesterday & today

### Sunday, April 25

**LaCage (Milw)** Mr & Miss LaCage Contest.

**Tropical (Milwaukee)** Latinos Got Talent Contest

### Thursday, April 29

**Wisconsin Network for Peace & Justice** reception to mark start of 20th year. 5-7 p.m., Mitchell Park Pavilion, 2200 W. Pierce. Social hour, refreshments, program 6 pm with Matt Rothschild of The Progressive and Kathy Kelly of Voices for Creative Non-Violence.

**Tropical (Milwaukee)** Xtravaganza Talent Contest

### Friday, April 30

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Pride Parade Party Featuring Two Adult Stars Chad Brock & Clay Towers

### Saturday, May 1

**TC Dance Club International (Appleton)** Pride Alive Spring Fling Gala 6:30 pm-2am

### Wednesday, May 5

**Tropical (Milwaukee)** 5 de mayo Show

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## **WARNING TO PRO-LIFE VOTERS: THE FETUS THAT YOU SAVE MAY BE GAY!**

**Dear Uncle Barbie,**

In your column, you have expressed your opinions about many issues, but I have never read anything about your views on abortion. What is your stand? I believe abortion is murder! Any woman who has an abortion is a murderer and should face the death penalty! And the same goes for the doctors who perform abortions. I vote for candidates that are pro-life and want to make abortion illegal. My whole family is Republican and have been for at least three generations now. We are pro-life!

**Signed, Monica Wilson**

**Hello Pro-Lifer,**

When I first read your lethal letter, it got me very upset because you seem to want to control the lives of others. But then I sat in the lotus position, burned some incense, and chanted the mantra, "I see good in all people; I see good in all people...." Well let me get right to the point; I believe that womyn have the right to make the choice for themselves rather than having that choice made FOR them by someone else.

Now that I have answered your question, I have a question for you. Why do so many pro-lifers support the death penalty? You say that you are a pro-lifer,

but you want the womyn who have had abortions and their doctors to be put to death. Don't you think that is a little hypocritical? If you really think all human life is sacred, then perhaps you should rethink your execution-style of enforcing your morality on the public. Besides, from what I know of Republicans, they are pretty homophobic. With that being said, consider the following: the next time you insist that a womyn bring her pregnancy to full term, bear in mind that some of the fetuses you "rescue" may turn out to have gay genes. You may be inadvertently bringing on the next generation of gays and lesbians. That should give you pro-lifers reason to pause.

**Making Republicans Nervous, Barbie**

## **BEING SURE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE RIGHT**

**Uncle Barbie,**

A few weeks back, you answered a letter from a woman who surrendering her trust to her minister. I pity her. I loved your comments about how you won't argue with a semi-informed individual because it would be like getting into a pissing match with a skunk? Well, keep in mind that it is also not wise to get into a battle of wits with an unarmed person like her! Would you please send an email to that



**And, they shall call him, Uncle Barbie!**

letter writer, and tell her this quote from Michael Josephson?, "Neither the intensity of your feelings nor the certainty of your convictions is any assurance that you are right." Good night, Uncle Barbie.

**Signed, Dave W.**

**Hello Dave,**

Sure, I will forward your email and clever quote to her. I am glad that you enjoy my column. It is very rewarding for me to know that my advice is being read. Since I do not plan on having any children, perhaps my syndicated column is my way of "reproducing" my spirit in others. This type of intellectual reproduction is a little greater than a casual influence, yet not as severe as a full scale possession. It is somewhere in the middle. I guess the best metaphor would be to say that I am spreading like a contagious rash!

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## NEW LGBT FILMS ON DVD by Glenn Bishop

### "Misconceptions"

Looking back on it, perhaps Glenn should have taken the time to prepare for his screening of "Misconceptions." As is so often the case, the screener Glenn received for "Misconceptions" proved to be a simple white DVD emblazoned only by the film's title, and then nicely accessorized with an equally simple white sleeve.

What fun, Glenn often thinks; the excitement actually palpable. What cinematic treasure is to be revealed? There being no pesky expectations, Glenn can neither be misled nor have his hopes impossible high. Will Glenn be treated to wonderful little gem like "Watercolors" (Please see last issue)? Or will there be another "Another Gay Sequel?"

Just the thought of *that* sends shivers down Glenn's spine.

Armed with a biggie popcorn and an icy cold Diet Pepsi, but nary an expectation, Glenn placed "Misconceptions" into the player and as the opening credits began to roll and with the ponderous Christian-inspired soundtrack thundering in the background, Glenn was engulfed by a mounting sense of dread.

"Misconceptions" is another in a succession of LGBT films which explore the invariably wacky misadventures brought about when same-sex couples decide that with baby, they make three. The opening night of last fall's always fabulous Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival, for example, featured the extraordinarily well-received "Patrik 1.5." Recent DVD releases with similar storylines have included "Breakfast With Scot," "The Baby Formula" and "Fatherhood Dreams."

Still, no amount of preparation would have prepared Glenn for "Misconceptions."

Deep down in the rural bowels of one of those red Southern States, "Misconceptions" introduces Miranda Bliss (A. J. Cook) and Lucy (Sarah Carter), owners of the delightfully dubbed "Loaves and Fishes" catering company. These two deeply religious sisters, each blessed with a southern accent more delicious than the other, are married although not as happily as they would wish to be. Lucy and her husband Tom (Sam Bell) are childless and hoping to prove suitable surrogates for an embryo adoption. Miranda and her husband Parker Sr. (David Sutcliffe) lost adorable little Parker Jr. some years before to Di-



etrich-Schygulla Syndrome — a fictitious childhood killer whose name might amuse German cinema aficionados. Parker Sr. remains the grieving father, refusing even to consider the prospects of another child, one which might be similarly afflicted.

Sleepless in the South; Miranda channel-surfs, quickly finding a documentary about Sandy Price-Owens (David Moscow), a commendable doctor working with Dietrich-Schygulla Syndrome children. Only it turns out that this isn't really a documentary as much as it is an infomercial, one in which Sandy and his partner Terry (Orlando Jones) plead for a surrogate mother to make good their dream of a baby of their very own.

Then God speaks to Miranda. With God unavailable for the voice-over, we're left with Miranda relating that God has instructed her to act as surrogate mother for this worthy bi-racial gay couple. Well, there's no messing with God and despite the fact that Miranda's husband Parker Sr. is a veritable one-person "One Man, One Woman" marriage campaign, she contacts the bemused, understandably dubious, but ultimately delighted would-be fathers.

Too excited to wait for the baby's birth, Terry leaves the familiar creature comforts of his upscale, Boston lifestyle and surprises Miranda with a visit; Terry is in fact unstoppable force in his quest to micro-manage her pregnancy. Here is "Misconceptions" the wacky comedy where the flamboyant gay character turns a conservative southern home topsy-turvy. When the screenplay begins focusing on poor Lucy and her cheating husband, "Misconceptions" becomes a good old fashion potboiler.

### Buy it, rent it or forget it...

Watching "Misconceptions," Glenn would have thought he'd have done some channel-surfing of his own - to the Lifetime Movie Network. That is, if Glenn didn't know better. The cable spinoff of the network for women (and gay men) has often featured some poor Markie Post-wannabe melodramatically burdened with, well, with either a gay husband, or a gay son or a gay best friend. In "Misconceptions," A.J. Cook does yeoman service as Miranda, a good, devote woman and wife who loves her husband but fears God's wrath even more. And if David Sutcliffe's adorable Parker, Sr. is at all typical of red-neck Southern homophobes, Glenn may well consider relocating. So appealing are these two characters that Glenn was able to relax a bit and suspend disbelief long enough so as to take little notice of the ever increasing number of plot improbabilities or just how annoyingly stereotypically Terry and Sandy are throughout most of the film.

### Just the facts...

"Misconceptions" has a running time of 114 minutes "Misconceptions" will be available on DVD on May 18th with an SRP of \$24.98

Fans of the popular television "Criminal Minds" will recognize A. J. Cook, who plays Jennifer 'JJ' Jareau while Glenn will be searching out yummy David Sutcliffe on reruns of "The Gilmore Girls."

Then there's the little matter of Parker Sr. thinking the baby is his. Oops.

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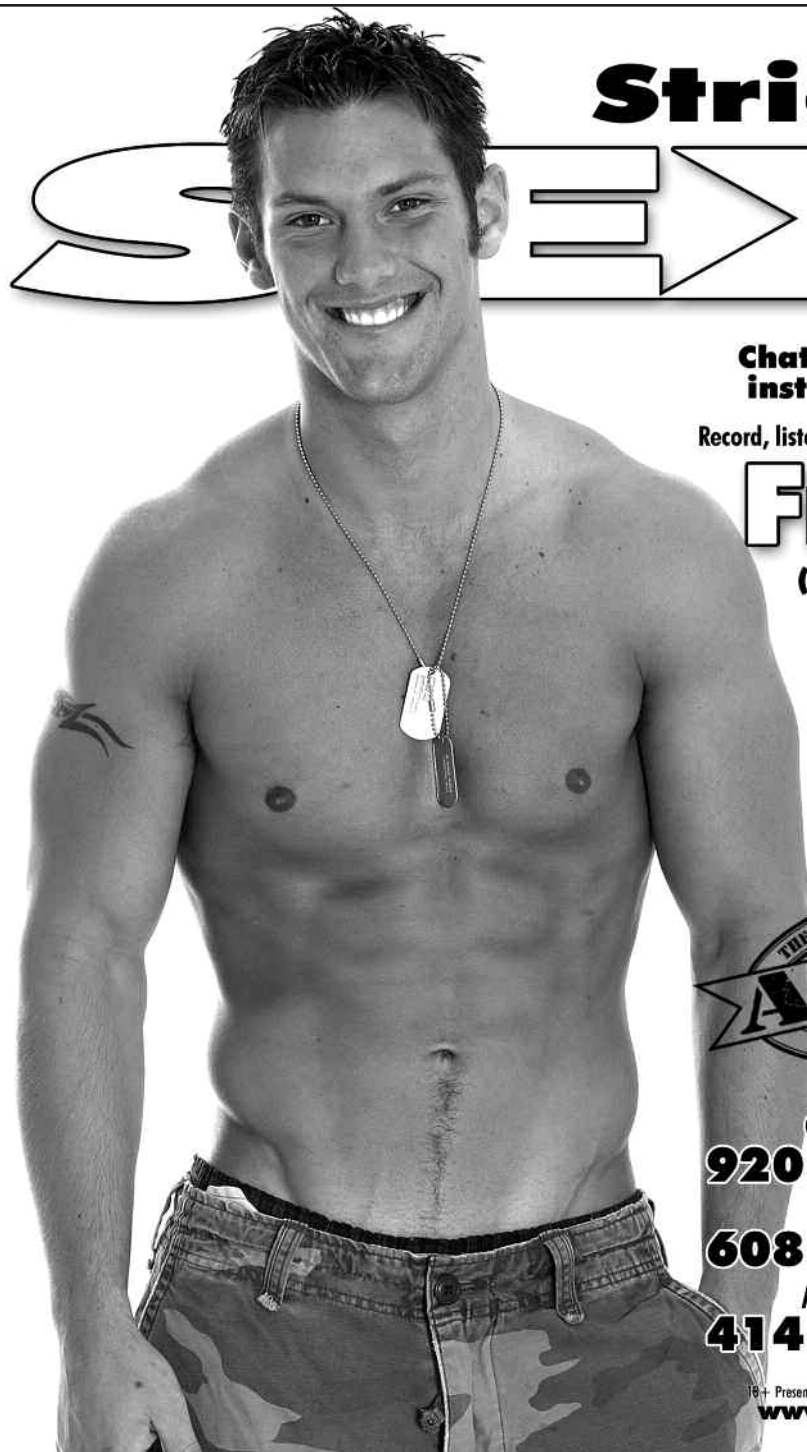
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