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CITY OF MILWAUKEE SETTLES WITH MGAC OVER "NAKED BOYS SINGING"

Milwaukee - After nearly five years, the city of Milwaukee settled a lawsuit suit brought against it by the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center (MGAC - a 501C3 nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers). In existence barely 6 months, the little arts center that could originally filed against the city in 2005. The action, filed in U.S. District Court, alleged the city unfairly targeted MGAC because it's a gay organization when it closed an August 2005 run of Naked Boys Singing.

Naked Boys Singing is well-known musical revue that ran for years in cities around the world. As the name implies, it contains male nudity. After a successful opening weekend, the MPD's Vice Squad threatened to arrest show participants if it continued. Police said the center lacked the license needed to run a theatrical production. MGAC, a nonprofit organization, is exempt from the license ordinance. The City License division later acknowledged its mistake, saying the center didn't need a theater license after all.

The original suit called for punitive damages, attorney fees and reimbursement for lost ticket rev-

enue. That suit was dismissed without prejudice in 2007. At that point, the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center approached the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to review the case. The ACLU found merit in MGAC's claim and agreed to represent the arts center. It filed a new suit against the city in November 2008. The ACLU based its complaint against the city on 1st amendment issues. The claim for damages was significantly reduced and the ACLU requested the city change the ordinance that it deemed unconstitutional.

After arbitration in 2009 failed to resolve the claim and trial dates were set for later this year, Milwaukee and MGAC met again. Both parties agreed to the settlement that gives \$20000 to the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center to drop its suit. Half of that amount will reimburse the ACLU for incurred legal fees.

MGAC executive director Paul Masterson stated "The whole process been an emotional and exhausting exercise — as well as an education. I have a certain degree of satisfaction over the settlement. The award will pay for a several month's rent and a

desparately needed new computer. But, ultimately, it's always been about principle and our rights. When the city claimed the unlawful closure was in fact a PR coup for MGAC, it just baffled me. That's not the way it works in a city with a not so sterling history of LGBT community relations. It's important that the LGBT community understands it can exercise its rights to bring about a just and positive victory for us all.

But most of all, I would like to thank the ACLU for taking our case and lawyers Larry Dupuis, Steve Porter and Jeff Scott Olson for their dedication and hundreds of hours of work. Their commitment to MGAC's rights and, by extension, the rights of all underserved communities, gave me the fortitude to continue through this.

I am also very grateful to the members of the MGAC board of directors and community individuals like Craig Bodoh, Bea Green, Joe Pabst as well as organizations like Equality Wisconsin, Washington Heights Rainbow Association, PrideFest and many others who have given MGAC both moral and financial support throughout the years."

The health fair committee consists of 9 members; Leonor Rosas-Director of UMOS Health and Family Services, Tina Rivera-UMOS Tobacco Program Coordinator, Abraham Calleros-UMOS Case Manager/Health Promotions Assistant, Earl Blair-City of Milwaukee Health Department, Gina Allende-UMOS Health Promotions Manager, Kerry Hoey - Kosciusko Community Center Manager, Jose Salazar-Program Coordinator at 16th Street Community Health Clinic, Mike Aragon-UMOS Project Coordinator - Milwaukee Hispanic Youth Partnership and Milwaukee County Supervisor-Peggy West.

We will diligently work to bring in health agencies/schools/organizations to provide health screenings areas such as like diabetes, blood pressure, mammograms, HIV/STI testing, and healthy teeth demonstrations (Marquette University). We will also show case our UMOS programs such as HIV/STI prevention, Tobacco Prevention, UMOS Tobacco Teen Mentors program, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Immigration services, Welfare-to Work (W-2), UMOS Workforce Development, Migrant Farm Workers and Housing programs.

This event will serve to bring much needed information to the Latino community. The benefits will be immeasurable! Thanks you once again for the opportunity to provide this service to our community.

UMOS HOSTS TEEN & FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

Milwaukee - UMOS will host a Teen and Family Health Fair on June 25th 2010 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Center located at 2201 S. 7th Street in Milwaukee, WI 53215. This health fair will be for all teens and their families including the LGBT youth. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender

(LGBT) youth are coming out at younger ages, but schools and communities have not changed as fast as the culture, leaving many youth isolated and at risk of violence, harassment and limited resources. For Latino LGBT youth, these problems are intensified by racism and the risk of rejection by their ethnic community. Children of LGBT parents are also commonly targeted and harassed by peers.

Families in the Latino community face many challenges. Some of these challenges are due to language barriers, unemployment, undocumentation, and lack of resources. For this reason, UMOS will bring Latino families, teens and LGBT youth together for a health fair in their own community.

The purpose of UMOS Health Fair event is to:

- \bullet Increase health awareness by providing health screenings, activities, materials, demonstrations, & information;
- Increase awareness of local, state, and national

health services and resources for youth and families;

- Motivate teens and their families to make positive health behavior changes;
- Teach self-care practices;
- Promote health awareness to teens at critical decision- making times in their lives.
- Teach teens the importance of volunteerism.
- Offer an opportunity for youth leaders to positively influence their peers.
- Provide interactive and engaging medium for teens to learn about the benefits or consequences of their actions.

The health fair will be held indoors in the gym at Kosciusko Community Center. We have reserved a hospitality area for volunteers and agencies who participate with two private rooms for HIV and STI testing. We will also have free ethnic food and bottled water, t-shirt and key chain give-aways, a DJ and an array of different agencies to provide community resources.

Our goal for the health fair is to secure 40-50 agencies to participate with a booth. We have already secured a few agencies such as 16th Street Community Health Clinic, Milwaukee County Health Department, LGBT Community Center (Project Q for youths), Diverse and Resilience, Pathfinders (Run-away shelter for youth), Milwaukee Christian Center, and Milwaukee County's "NO CONDOM, NO WAY" campaign for youths.

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2010 MILWAUKEE LGBT FILM/VIDEO FESTIVAL RUNS OCTOBER 21-24 Festival Continues with Monthly Screenings Throughout the Year

Milwaukee - The Peck School of the Arts Film Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has announced the dates for the year-round Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transsexual (LGBT) Film/Video Festival, made possible thanks to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Johnson & Pabst LGBT Humanity Fund. As one of Wisconsin's longest running film festivals, the 23rd annual LGBT Festival will open on Thursday, October 21 in Milwaukee's signature Oriental Theatre, with additional film showings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the UWM Union Theatre. As announced in Quest previously, new this season, the Festival will continue throughout the year with film events on the first Thursday night of almost every month at the UWM Union Theatre.

"There is still a short supply of LGBT images and stories on the big screen locally," says Festival director Carl Bogner, of the UWM Peck School of the Arts Film Department. "This new format allows us an opportunity to showcase LGBT films and videos - new and classic - all year long while still hosting a Festival that remains one of the annual highlights for the LGBT and film-loving communities. And, we will have even more opportunities to partner with community groups while working to present an even richer selection of films that reflect the diversity of our community and the diverse accomplishments of international film culture."

At a Festival kick-off meeting in early May at the home of Festival supporter and Milwaukee philanthropist Joseph Pabst, leaders from the LGBT community enthusiastically embraced the new format. "I always look forward to the annual LGBT Film/Video Festival and am really excited to now have film screenings almost every month, in addition to four compact days of films in October," says Pabst. "The Festival is a true highlight for the LGBT community

and Wisconsin in general."

The Festival is co-sponsored by UWM Union Programming, the UWM LGBT Resource Center, the UWM LGBT Studies Certificate Program, the UWM Women's Resource Center and other supportive individuals, businesses, and campus and community organizations. Up-to-date information about the Festival, films, dates, and general information can be found at arts.uwm.edu/lgbtfilm.

Event and Ticket Details

The Festival will take place from October 21-24; confirmed dates for monthly films are November 4 and December 2, with additional dates forthcoming. More information about prices and purchase locations for festival passes and tickets will be available this summer.

For general information about the LGBT Film/Video Festival please email lgbtfilm@uwm.edu.

2ND ANNUAL PRIDE ALIVE ART EXHIBITION ANNOUNCED

Green Bay - Pride Alive, a program of Rainbow Over Wisconsin and the producer of the popular Pride event held in Green bay the past three years has informed Quest of the 2nd annual Pride Alive Art Exhibition that begins Wednesday, July 7th with an opening reception from 6pm-9pm at 231 N. Broadway. The opening reception coincided with the weekly Farmer's Market on Broadway which has grown every year and now blocks off an entire block of Broadway making for a safer event.

The art exhibition will showcase a wide array of 2D, 3D and performance art from more than 15 local artists. All art will be available for sale. Appetizers and wine from Captain's Walk Winery of Green Bay will be made available.

After the opeing reception, the exhibition will remain available for several days including Thursday, July 8th from 6pm-9pm and Friday, July 9th from 4pm-7pm. This year's Exhibition is being juried by Chelly Boutot of WFRV-TV 5, local artist Christopher Cannon and Alex Galt of Kavarna Vegetarian Coffee House.

Andrew DeBaker, NEW Pride co-chair told Quest, "To help celebrate the Exhibition opening, Pride Alive is excited to announce this year's Flash Mob." Flash mobs from around the world have become quite popular on YouTube recently. People "randomly" come together and start dancing as the crowd looks on. It is a great way to use viral marketing, and looks to be a lot of fun. To join in the flash mob be outside The Urban Frog at 5:55pm as we dance to MIKA's "Love Today." For more information and to see an instructional video, so you can dance along, visit our website at www.newpride.org.

SENIOR RESOURCE INFORMATION PROJECT PRESENTATIONS AT OUTREACH

Madison - June marks the start of The Senior Resource Information Project presentations held monthly or semi-monthly at OutReach (600 Williamson St.-unless otherwise noted) on a weekday afternoon. These events are free and open to the interested public. OutReach, Madison's & central Wisconsin's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center, is collaborating with a retired lesbian senior case manager to bring us information from several Dane County senior-serving agencies, businesses and facilities.

The first meeting was held Wednesday, June 23. Courtney Doescher-Hino, Lead Case Manager from the North/Eastside Senior Coalition did a presentation of the range of services available through a senior coalition and how case managers help seniors and their support systems and families.

The second presentation is set for Wednesday, June 30, from 3-4pm, Jane Nelson Worel, a Nurse Practitioner from Meriter's Women's HeartCare program and a WomenHeart champion (survivor of a heart attack) will tell us the risk factors for heart disease and tell us how we can prevent a stroke or heart attack. This is addressed specifically to women, but men can attend since the information applies generally to both. Refreshments will be served. Contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or e-mail harrys@lgbtoutreach.org fmi or if transportation is an issue, for resources that may be of assistance. Other presentations tba.

PRIDE ALIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's true what they say - that all the cute ones are...Pride Alive volunteers! Please consider helping out at one of this year's Pride Alive events as a volunteer and get some free stuff in the process! All volunteers get a free tshirt, goodie bag, and at certain events, even more! Plus, by volunteering you get to be a part of the event that is helping to make Northeast Wisconsin an area that embraces its community, diversity and equality.

Sunday, June 27th: Join us again this year at Rascal's Bar and Grill in Appleton for Grillmaster Larry K's BBQ extraordinaire. Larry would love to see your smiling faces and would love if you would help out by bringing a dish or helping out for an hour or so with food prep. Make sure to let us know if you're bringing something so that we can make sure we don't end up with 28 potato salads! Food will be served from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Rascal's will have a beer bust and other specials throughout the day. (21 + event please)

Saturday, July 10: The big event. Volunteers are needed for the main Pride Alive festival throughout the day. Spots are open between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. for bartenders, welcome stations, help setting up, clean up crews, and so much more! We really rely on the LGBT community to come through and help out for a few hours that day - we hope you'll consider emailing us and signing up for a shift. Did we mention that you get a free t-shirt and goodie bag? All ages can help out with this one! Thanks again for volunteering! Call us at 920-562-3830 if you want to sign up to help out, or shoot us an email at info@newpride.org. We couldn't make these events a success without your support! Happy Pride month!



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PRIDEFEST 23: CROWDS, COMICS, CLIMATE CONNECT FOR A CLASSY KICK-OFF TO WISCONSIN'S SUMMER OF PRIDE

Best-Attended Pride Parade Ever Features Surprise Aerial Sideshow

By Mike Fitzpatrick, Photos by Steve Vargas & Za Milwaukee - The 23rd edition of Wisconsin's biggest annual gay party - Milwaukee PrideFest - saw another record-breaking session for the three-day music and educational festival here June 11-13. The wet weather that plagued the rest of the Badger State over the weekend mostly missed the Cream City. Except for a few post-parade sprinkles Sunday afternoon and intermittent showers during parts of that evening's headline show, Mother Nature let festival goers sport most of the rainbows on the Henry B. Maier "Summerfest" grounds.

The fun kicked off mid-afternoon on Friday, and by 6 PM more than 3000 had entered the festival grounds. "We had a strong showing early, and significant increase later, PrideFest Producer Pete Minns told *Quest*.

The festival's opening ceremonies honored the achievements and dedicated efforts of several LGBT community organizations: WISCRAD, Diverse and Resilient, the AIDS Resources Center of Wisconsin, and BestD Clinic. Mark Mariucci, editor and publisher of *Quest*, Wisconsin's longest running LGBT publication, also received a Community Service Award, the first ever Pride Medal designed by Paul Masterson and produced for PrideFest by C3 Designs.



During the opening ceremony festival organizers also unveiled the PrideFest postal cancellation and postage stamp created by the U.S. Post Office in collaboration with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. Throughout the weekend festival attendees could purchase the special edition \$1 stamps as well as four specially-designed PrideFest postcards at the first ever Pride postal station.



Dancing started early and went non-stop till Midnight in the PUMP! Dance Pavilion, which this year featured even more elaborate laser lighting and a stage-wide LED screen along with state-of-the art sound. *Billboard* hit recording artist Cyon Flare served as mistress of ceremonies for the entire weekend and on opening night offered up celebrity DJs John Murges and Ralphi Rosario from Chicago as well as LA singer/songwriter Vassy.



The highlight of Friday evening was a headline show featuring the return appearance by "My Life On The D-List" star Kathy Griffin. Her 2007 PrideFest appearance had been in front of the largest crowd of her career and Griffin's publicly-stated goal was to break her own record in 2010. She did so with ease: 9117 fans filled the Miller Light stage area during the

show, easily topping 2007's 8,389 tally.

Griffin chose performing at PrideFest Milwaukee over other both Boston and LA Prides. Her extended dish on celebrities ranged from the Real Housewives of New



York and New Jersey to long time favorite subjects Oprah and Ryan Seacrest ultimately ran over twenty minutes past the festival's scheduled closing time. Griffin ended the night saying, "You are all fantastic, I love you, be proud."

Saturday saw PrideFest in full swing with both the Health and Wellness and merchandise areas over-flowing with new and long-time vendors. By the end of the festival, BestD had tested over 700 men for HIV, the revitalized advocacy group Wisconsin AIDS Advocates had signed up over 800 new allies, and



thousands of festival goers learned abut the programs and services of dozens of local and statewide LGBT health, cultural, educational, religious and political advocacy groups.

Among the afternoon's highlights was an all-ABBA musical show by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, a "Fetish and Fantasy" leather fashion show put on by International Mr. Leather and the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center's hilarious production of "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You."

Saturday night featured Germany's classic dance superstars Snap! ("Rhythm Is A Dancer," "The Power") and Chicago pop sensation Samwell in the PUMP! Dance Pavilion, while the headline show on the main stage offered divas old and new: the legendary Patti LaBelle, Lena Katina and recent chart-topper Charice.

The crowd warmed to Katina's high-octave voice filled the evening air. The beautiful siren sang solo ballads as well as hits from her days as one-half of the dance music group t.A.T.u.

The diminutive 18-year old Filipino YouTube sensation followed up by electrifying the crowd with a powerful voice that seemed to belong to a songstress three times her size. In addition to her *Billboard* dance chart-topping "Pyramid," Charice received a standing ovation for her powerful rendition of the David Foster-penned ballad "All I need To Survive."

66 year-old soul legend Patti LaBelle kept the fire going by opening with her 80's chart-topper "New Attitude," followed by a string of her solo and duet hits including "If Only You Knew," "On My Own" and "If You Asked Me To." The show took an odd turn when LaBelle invited a boisterous, Miller Litefueled fan onstage to join in on "Lady Marmalade."



LaBelle then turned soulful, offering an extended version of "Two Steps Away" from her 2004 comeback album that featured an extended solo by one of her back-up singers who also had survived Hurricane Katrina.

"We're two steps away from everything," La-Belle said as she introduced the song. "Loneliness. Happiness. Our last paycheck. Loving our neighbor, black, white, gay, straight...stay gay! Stay the way you are!"

LaBelle's show ended on an inspirational note, with a heartfelt rendition of "Over The Rainbow" and an

encore of "The Lord's Prayer."

Throughout the evening, comic Bruce Villanch repeatedly tickled the audience with stories about life in Hollywood and on the comedy club circuit, writing the Oscar shows and his time on "Hollywood Squares."

Sunday dawned cloudy but had cleared by the time the 51-unit Milwaukee Pride Parade stepped off on South Second St. Parade organizers estimated a record-breaking 6000+ viewed the 90-minute "Fractured Fairy Tale"-themed cavalcade of marching units, floats and decorated cars.



The parade also enjoyed an unexpected aerial twist when the Navy Blue Angels soared, often low and in close formation, five or six times over the parade route. The precision flying team were one of the highlights of the Milwaukee Air & Water Show being held on nearby Bradford Beach on Milwaukee's Lakefront. As to why the soaring seamen returned again and again to the gay parade route, parade organizers didn't ask and the Blue Angels wouldn't tell.

Parade entry winners were announced later that afternoon at PrideFest. Best float was awarded to BOOM with Kenosha's Club ICON taking second place and Walker's Pint/Fluid winning third. The Best Marching Unit trophy went to Wisconsin Rainbow



Families, with the Lakeside Pride Band as runners up and the Milwaukee LGBT Center selected for third place. The Best Decorated Vehicle award went to SAGE. The 16th Street Community Center took second place and FagBug was third. The Distance Award went to Carl Sanders and the Spirit Award was given to the Nut Hut.



Despite the afternoon showers and early evening light rain, attendance remained strong at PrideFest. The PUMP! Dance Pavilion offered up L.A. DJ and performer Jeffree Star, Florida's Blood On The Dance Floor. transsexual icon and performer Amanda LePore and dance sensation Kaci Bettaglia.

Those attending the main stage review clearly had heard the weather forecast as rain bonnets and umbrellas covered all but a few festival goers. Acid-tongued LOGO reality show star Robert Verdi proved the perfect host for the final night of Miller Lite Stage acts: the supersized Glamazons, the B-



52's and Joan Crawford-inspired Joans and of course the acerbic humor of Joan Rivers.

No one was spared from Rivers' non-stop barrage of side-splitting barbs: the old, the young, fat people, lesbians who don't laugh, the Pope and long-time friends Cher and Rosie O'Donnell.

"I don't think the laughter stopped once," PrideFest Communications Director Kate Sherry told *Quest*. "Joan came out to a loud cheer, and had the crowd in stitches for the entire show."

Betty White's recent comments about Facebook recently on Saturday Night Live seemed to set-up the 77 year-old Rivers' send-up of Twitter. Rivers

joked about her love of texting and what it would have been like years ago if Twitter existed.



"Can you imagine if it existed 60, or 70 years ago," she asked. "It's Amelia Earhart, twitter twitter, where the fuck am I?" and "It's Rosa Parks, twitter twitter, I'm sitting in the front of the bus, uh oh...." At festival's end, organizers tallied up the estimated

total attendance to find another record had been broken. An estimated 30,358 had passed through PrideFest's turnstiles, besting 2009's record of 30,084 by nearly 300 guests.

"We were up almost 300 patrons from our 2009 attendance" PrideFest Producer Pete Minns said. "It's amazing when I consider what we do, with what we have. We manage to put on this incredible festival with a lot of hard work and dedication."





Will Sharkey and Steve Vargas. the trio shot well over two thousand candids of PrideFest attendees and shows during the weekend. The *Quest* website - www.quest-online.com - has links to photo galleries. Facebook postings from Will and Mark are also available for festival goers who want to tag themselves in the photos. PrideFest has also posted a large number of photos from the weekend. PrideFest shots are on the festival website at: www.pridefest.com.





QUEST COVER FEATURE Dear Ruthie Interviews Devin Green

NEW Pride, Green Bay's celebration of the LGBT community, takes place on July cold beer that'll have folks talking...and that's saying a lot! Attendees are sure to be gob-smacked by the performance of the comedy

duo Deven Green and Joel Bryant! The married couple won the funny bones of fans from coast to coast (that sounds dirty, 'eh?) as well

as numerous awards. Deven's hilarious videos earned her accolades for Most Humorous YouTube Video (by the San Francisco Film Fest), Comedy Performer of the Decade (San Francisco) and Funniest Video of the Decade (New York magazine).

Deven's brilliant video performance as Betty Bowers (America's Best Catholic) is an Internet sensation with millions of viewers and catapulted the comedienne's status from funny lady to gay icon.

I was lucky enough to pick the witty yet complex brain of Deven Green and see what it's like to work so closely with her husband, understand how the Web plays into the future of comedy and what fans can expect from her appearance at Green Bay's NEWPride.

Dear Ruthie: How do you define yourself? Comedian, actor, political

Deven Green: As a young Deven, I defined myself as half robot and all hellcat. You can specifically address me as an award-winning comedienne or the Hillary Swank of comedy.

DR: Your talents are so diverse... performing comedy, film and TV acting, writing books...even figure skating and modeling. If you had to pick just one thing to pursue, which would it be?

DG: Actually, I don't see it as diverse at all. To me it is all "performance" with the basic structure of a strong character voice sprinkled with some hidden meaning and capped off with a true narrative arc. For example, my 99 Elegantly Filthy Ringtones on iTunes

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Green Bay welcomes Deven Green, Joel **Bryant and Betty Bowers to New Pride!**

> each have a point of view yet culminate in a hip/chill dance track. The Betty Bowers ringtones will be up very soon as well, by the way.

> DR: Let's talk about Betty Bowers... America's Best Christian. How did the character originate?

DG: Betty Bowers began gracing the Internet with her effortless superiority about Andrew Bradley, who writes all the content for Betty and wrote her book, "What

Would Betty Do?" I have the highest respect for his talents. We are really great friends and wanted to work with each other.

He said, "With that voice, you can get away with saying pretty much anything." Betty verbally eviscerates in a way few people can, but she does it in such a cheerful manner, even her most blistering smack-downs are pleasant. And you just

> know she has the grace to offer a lovely handkerchief to anyone she's made cry, especially Jesus.

> > DR: Clearly the masses love Betty, but have you had any sort of adverse reaction from Catholics?

DG: On the whole Mary Worshipers seem to have a better facility for

laughing at themselves than most other Abrahamic religions. Betty sees this as a wonderful challenge. As she is known to say, "If you're not offending someone, you simply aren't trying hard enough, dear."

DR: What is your favorite Betty Bowers video?

DG: While I'm quite sure I haven't done my favorite video yet, I have a soft spot for the video on Traditional Marriage. It makes a valid point, in a funny way, with facts most people – even evangelicals – either don't know or have trouble disputing. Comedy always seems funnier when it scrapes at truth.

DR: I love the Web-toon in which you play the voice of a talking vagina...who just so happens to host her own talk show. Where did the idea for the Talking Vajeene come from?

DG: I sleep very little so I have a lot of waking hours to fulfill my dreams. I know, I know, with all the choices I could make I chose to have myself animated as a Talking Vajeene host! 100% appropriate for me.





DR: Who makes you laugh? And don't say your husband, because that's a given!

DG: I LOVE to connect with others on an obnoxious, titular level. I love the social uncomfortableness of Ricky Gervais, and for a funny concept articulated extremely well, the adult Web site www.luriddigs.com is great.

DR: Thanks for the heads-up on Lurid Digs. Now that I've spent the last 4 hours on the Lurid Digs site, let's get back to the interview, shall we? What is it like working so closely with your husband, Joel?

DG: Having a business based in laughter and meeting like-minded people is a true blessing, and to find the right person to do that with is priceless. We get to really connect (like a hot one night stand) with fans and this allows me to embrace how very different we all are (and then expect you gone in the morning).

In addition, I would love for my gay friends to have the legal opportunity and rights to marry, and Joel and I actively encourage others to assist in correcting this egregious error in civil liberties.

DR: You've clearly taken advantage of the world of "User Generated Video." Do you feel that creating such pieces is a must for up-and-coming comics?

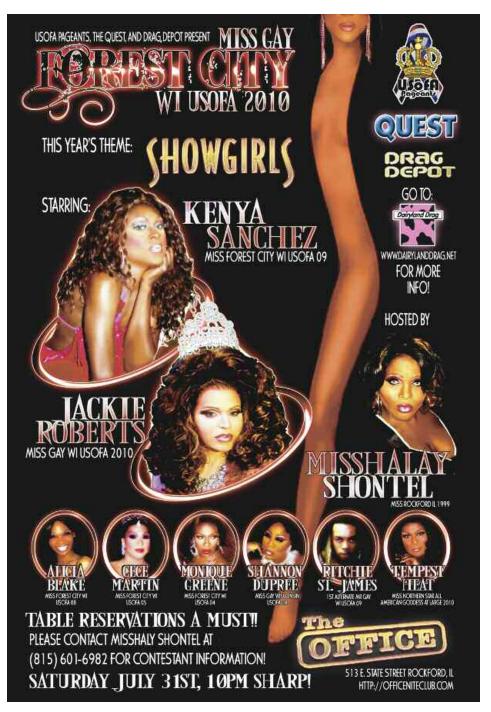
DG: Each performer should intrinsically feel what avenue is correct for them...it could be chalk, video, donkey shows, etc. There is no user's manual for people such as myself, so when I have something to say I say it in a way I feel is prudent. Frankly the medium is less important than the spirit of the piece. If it isn't a good thing it will fail, no matter how it is shoved down your pie hole.

DR: What can we expect to see from you and Joel when you hit the stage in Green Bay?

DG: A super fun, lightening fast frolic with the audience. There will be song parodies, impressive dance, ribald comedy, unparalleled prizes and unique auctions.

Sounds like a blast, Deven! You and Joel break tiaras! I'm sure you'll be the hit of New Pride!

And if you want to see the craziness that is Deven Green and Joel Bryant, the two take the stage at 7:00 pm, July 10, at Joannes Park for Green Bay's NEW Pride event.





The DATING DIET by Anthony Pauli

Love Game

The backdrop beckons with a most brilliant setup. You see, tonight, there's to be a festival – full of sparkles, magic, and music - embodying equality with the spirit and spunk of the late Harvey Milk. People fighting for love, in any form, will create a crowd, lining the streets. The have-nots, what-nots, the why-the-hell-nots, shall all be there. And me, I'll be there too – deep in the sweat pit of the first row – freaking over the hottest acts in indie rock. Me, I'll be shagging to sheet music for lack of being shagged in my sheets for weeks. It's ok though. I'm not alone in my awkward, abstinent life. My friend Jason's single too. And right now, he's ringing my cell phone, saying he doesn't care I only slept three hours last night; honestly, he could give a shit less that my friend Jessica was piss-drunk and kept me up all evening because she couldn't find her car after consuming a keg of

"Dude, where's my car?" Jessica repeated all night, tossing and turning on the bed beside me. "Seriously. Dude. Where's my car?"

So today, I stay in bed, resting to be sexy and single for the stratosphere tonight.

"Wake up. I need you!" Jason moans over the phone. "It's Greg again. I'm telling you, he best stop messing with my head if he's not messing up my bed!"

Fluffing my pillow – the sun filling my eyes with fire – I wish away the weight of my eye-lids. "Pleeeease. Let me sleep," I beg.

Still, Jason proceeds, ignoring me. "He's not giving me what I want. So I'm 'bout to stack the cards, bitch."

"Ugh, not another game."

"Oh no, it's no game 'cause I got all the pieces...."

Puzzled yet? Well then, let me connect the jaded

edges, the spots to make the plot connect. You see, three weeks ago, after a near-death accident, Jason decided he's stupid; he's always been in love with Greg. The problem: they're best friends and second, maybe, third cousins. Hence, it's



been extremely awkward, particularly for me, because I'm the only one who knows the secret. "That way if it gets out, I know who to knock out," Jason once explained, leading to today, where he refuses to attend tonight's festivities because Greg might be there. Jason thinks it's best to play hard to get. His plan: get completely drunk and then punch the keys to Greg's cell phone, where he'll casually announce he's been to dinner with a new man tonight. Some guy he met at 'the beach'.

"Let me guess. Somewhere ass-up in the dunes?" I inquire.

"NOT funny!" Jason spits. "Listen, you're the one who told me to play hard to get when you like someone. Leave the one you want wanting more. Isn't that what you say?"

Yes, but can you play hard to get if you're the only one playing? Or are you just a white lie away from a stack of spades in a mind game of solitaire?

"You don't understand. I can't risk telling him! I can't!" Jason screams, calling in drunken rant when I'm at the festival, later that night. "Have you seen Greg? Damn him, he's not answering my texts. I need him to respond. Is he there?"

"Yeah, he's around. What's going on? What's wrong?"

For the last two hours, Jason states he's been dancing alone at the beach, in ankle-length water.

The moon is his night light, he says. The stars have been cradling his cries. Meanwhile, I'm drowning in the electro-beat of an indie song — one signifying a ceaseless fight for equal rights: a change for us all, a change we can believe. And through the dark, I spy a rainbow of glow sticks. "Stop being dramatic and come hang out," I say. "This is stupid."

"Whatever, what do you know about risks?" Jason challenges. "Since you broke up with your golden goose of a boyfriend, you can't even kiss a guy."

'Tis true, I think, with a sinking heart. But then again, is there no greater risk than giving up everything you know — everything you're comfortable with — just because your hearts insists there is more? Is there anything dicier than going at this life alone?

It's intriguing, how quick we are to take risks daily, for humor, entertainment or a night of casual sex. How we wind up behind the wheel after a wild spin at a bar. How we breeze over the thought of disease when presented a night with sleazy stranger. But take a risk in the name of love? Well, that's unheard of. There's too much to lose. Or gain.

So weekly, I witness Jason's proud, poker face as he hides behind a deck of cards, stealing touches from Greg without *really* touching him. That casual kiss on Greg's cheek is a *friendly* kiss, mind you, even though Jason's voice – sullen when Greg can't be found – often sounds desperate enough to sing, "Dude, where's my heart?"

"I can't tell him!" Jason cries – his voice, drowning under the music. "I love him, but I'm keeping that to myself. That way, I'll never lose it, right? It'll always be with me. Isn't that smart?"

And with a breath, I risk being slapped with a dead signal by saying no. But that's a risk I take, because I believe loving and not letting the love be known is always a losing hand.

MILWAUKEE LGBT PRIDE PARADE ENJOYS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR

Milwaukee - The Annual Milwaukee LGBT Pride Parade enjoyed another phenomenal year possibly breaking a record for attendance and number of entries. The 2010 Parade that marches down 2nd street in Milwaukee's core central LGBT bar area had 51 entries this and grew in attendance to over 6,000 people! We had a number of great units including Wisconsin Rainbow Families, Alliance School, and the world renowned FagBug which was sponsored by PrideFest.

Brent, a Milwuakee Pride Parade Coordinator told Quest, "We of course would like to thank all who participated in this year's parade and to all of the people and business which sponsored us this year, for without their support there would be no parade." Sponsor list and winners listed at the end.

"We also had a very beautiful parade this year and the awards really did show it, but before we get to the awards we would like to thank all of our great judges: David Boyer, Patty from 94.5, and Dion from WOOF's in Madison," continues Brent.

The parade was hastily formed several years ago by James, the former owner of Outbound Magazine along with several area bars after PrideFest decided to cancel the PrideFest Parade due to budgetary issues with the then struggling festival. The parade with a new route that passes through many of the LGBT owned bars storefronts has increased in attendance and the number of entries have also increased each year.

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Outwords Books "Top-5 Picks for June"

Select LGBT Parenting & Young Adult Fiction

LGBT Parenting titles:

I. "Gay & Lesbian Parenting Choices," Brette McWhorter Sember

Finally, a complete explanation of the many ways gay and lesbian couples can create a family and the legal hoops they must jump through. Written by an attorney in an-easy-to-understand style, this guide provides a comprehensive look at the options available to gay couples and offers advice and information on how best to proceed.

2. "Gay Parenting: Complete Guide for Same-Sex Families," Shana Priwer

This insightful guide offers sage advice for same-sex families in every stage, from making the decision to have children to dealing with embarrassed teenagers. Discover the ways same sex parents should accent family pride to deal with being more visibly out. Explore the options for bringing children into your lives, including adoption, fostering, surrogacy, and donor insemination.

3. "The Lesbian Parenting Book,"

D.Merilee Clunis & G. Dorsey Green

Written by two experienced lesbian therapists and parents, this completely revised edition has been updated to reflect the contemporary cultural and political landscape, as well as current trends in parenting. Drawing on the real-life experiences of lesbian families and the latest information from family specialists, the authors present detailed, chapter-by-chapter information on each stage of parenthood and child development.

4. "Complete Lesbian and Gay Parenting Guide," Arlene Istar Lev

Gay/Lesbian parenting can be a positive decision, but author and lesbian mother Arlene Lev admits it isn't always an easy one. With practical wisdom and advice, and personal real-life stories, Lev prepares LGBT parents for this endeavor with everything they need to know and can expect while making their own significant and challenging mark on family life in the 2 lst century.

5. "Gay Dads: A Celebration of Father-hood," David Strah & Susanna Margolis

"Gay Dads" offers personal accounts from men describing their unique journeys to fatherhood and the struggles and successes they have experienced as they raise their children. This is the first book to provide such an expansive exploration of this extraordinary new family unit. With beautiful black-and-white photographs of each of the families, "Gay Dads" is a moving tribute to familial love.

Recommended Young Adult Fiction:

1. "Geography Club," Brent Hartinger

Russel is gay, and he knows he better keep it secret, or he'll be a total outcast. Then he discovers that there are others like him—including Min, his long-time best friend as well as gorgeous, popular jock star Kevin. Seven of them form a support group, the "Geography Club." For a short time, life is blissful until intense peer pressure and insecurity take their toll.

2. "The God Box," Alex Sanchez

In an unforgettable novel, Lambda Award-winning author Alex Sanchez tells the story of Paul, a religious high-school senior whose life is turned upsidedown when he meets Manuel, who says he is both

Christian and gay — two things Paul didn't think could coexist and causes him to reevaluate everything he believed.

3. "Luna," Julie Anne Peters

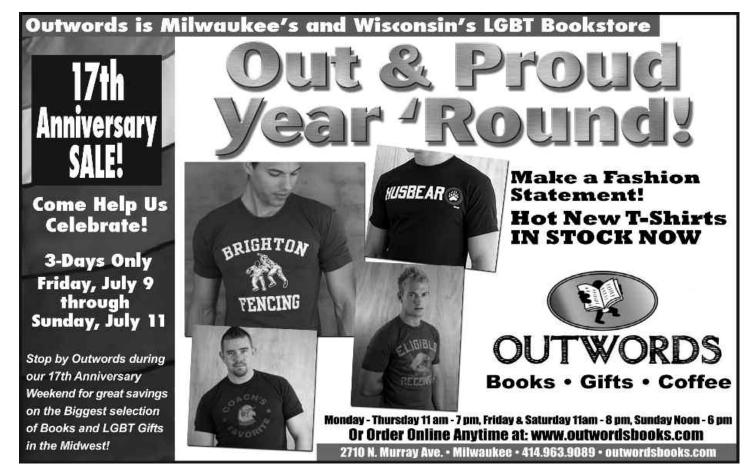
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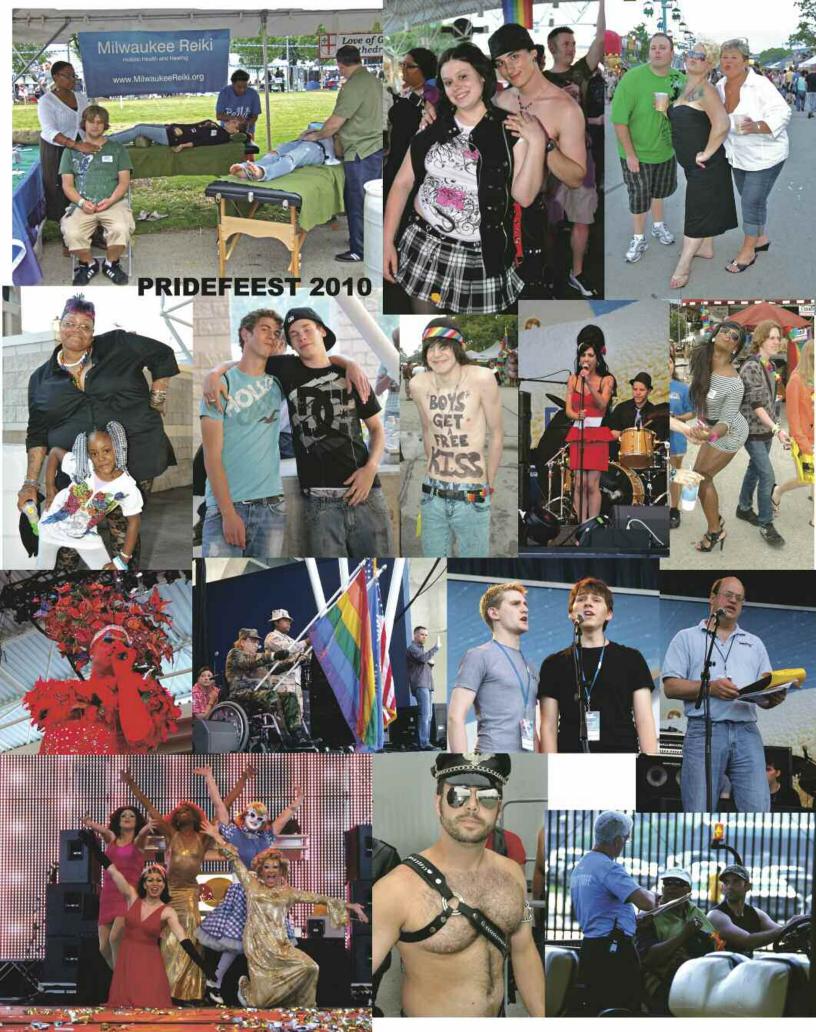
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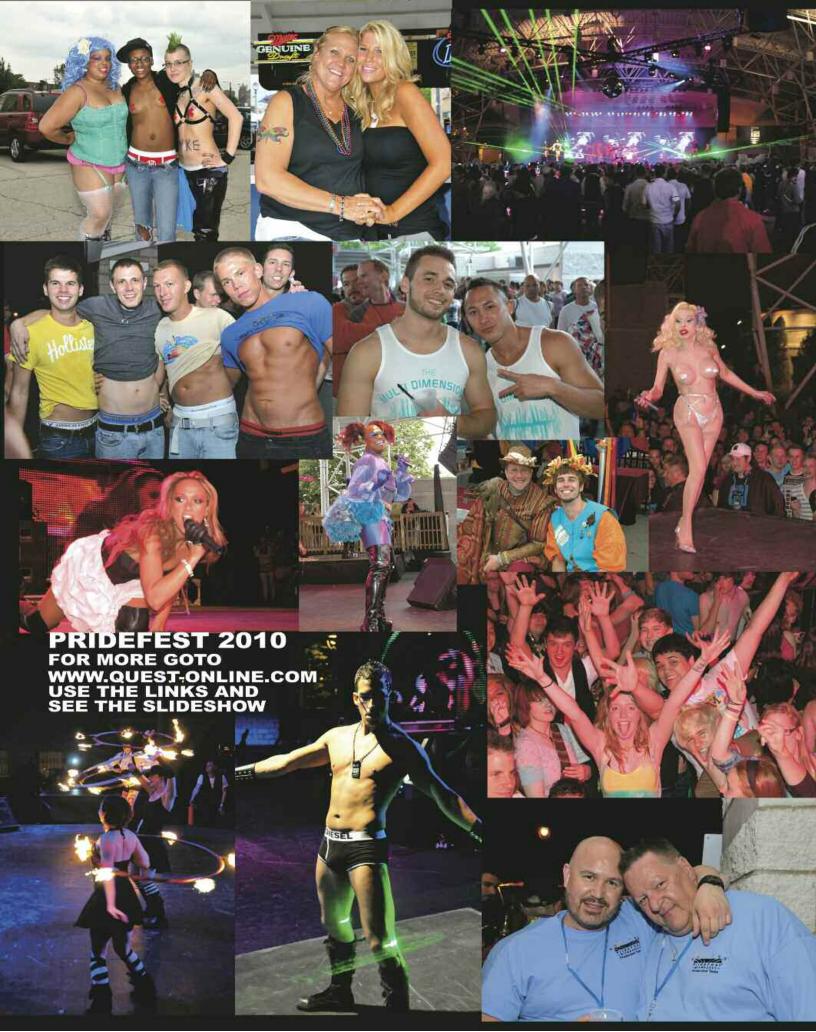
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5. "A Vigil for Joe Rose," Michael Whatling What is it like to be "out" in high school today? How do the reactions of students, teachers, and administrators affect the out gay student? "A Vigil for Joe Rose" is a collection of stories told with empathy and humour about being out in high school. As a unified collection, these eight short stories chart the journey of the main characters from first coming out to their growth into confident young gay men.

All of the above books and many more are available at **Outwords Books**, **Gifts & Coffee** located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53211 (414) 963-9089 **www.outwordsbooks.com**







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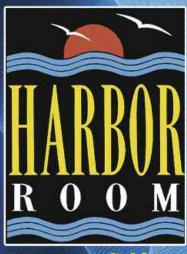






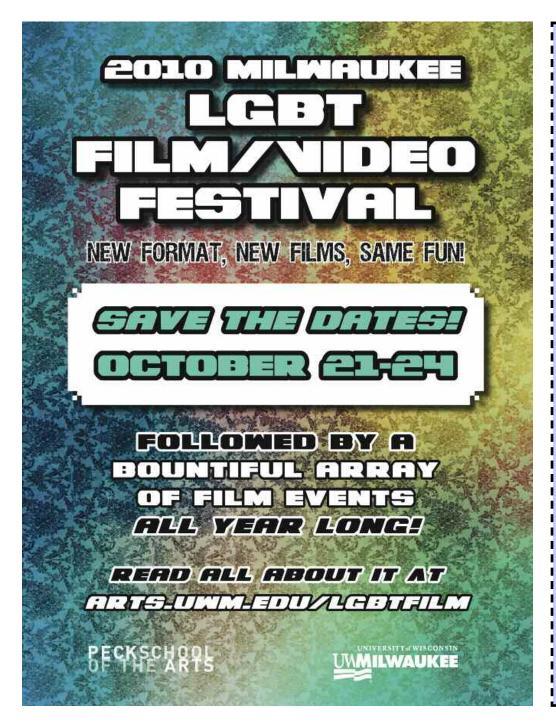
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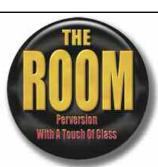
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Friday, June 25

An Art Experiment (Caggio, 918 East Brady Street, Milwaukee) Artist Stephanie Barenz presents a show through July 21 also featuring works by Sculptor Carl Geenen, Painters Daniel Fleming, Caitlin Stillmank, Sara Mulloy, and photographer Trina Frost. Painter and Jeweler Katherine Sorenson will also be on display.

UMOS (Milwaukee) UMOS Health Fair, 10am - 4 pm Kosciuszko Community Center, 2201 S 7th St Free HIV & STD testing. Health screening, Smoke-free workplace law & education 11am-noon same day, also Free Food! Come get free info and resources from health providers around the city.

Saturday, June 26

Outreach (Madison) Women4Women Go Hiking at Governor Dodge State Park. 4175 Highway 23 North, Dodgeville. Need a ride? Meet in the parking lot at OutReach at 11:45 am or rendezvous at the Concession Center at 1:00 pm

Sunday, June 27

Fluid (Milwaukee) "Broadyway" Bingo hosted by Karen Valentine & Maple

Napalese (Green Bay) Free HIV Testing 5-7 pm

Rascals (Appleton) Pride Alive presents another cookout with Grillmaster Larry K: BBQ extraordinaire 2pm - 6 Beer Bust A special event before the Pride Weekend in July.

Wednesday, July 7

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Thursday, July 8

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Sunday, July 11

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Friday, July 23

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I am going to ask you the same question that I ask all of my friends: what is the meaning of life? -- Signed, K.B.

Hello K.B.

This is a question that I have asked myself for years. I believe that there is no intrinsic meaning to life. Rather, people bring meaning to their lives. I do not think that there is only one meaning to life that can be applied to all people. Each person needs to give his or her life meaning by finding his or her individual purpose. It is not my place (or anyone else's for that matter) to tell someone else what the meaning of their life should be.

Unfortunately, we see and hear all around us messages from the world telling us what they think the meaning of life is. From the pulpit to the television, it seems that everyone thinks that they know the meaning of life. And, furthermore, they think it is their obligation to tell everyone. But, before you swallow their bate, hook, line, and sinker, ask yourself one important question—how the hell do they know?

Only you can decide what the meaning of your life is to be. No one else can give meaning or purpose to your life. Oh, I know what you are going to say. You are probably thinking that your children, family, life partner gives your life meaning. But, if you really look at it objectively, you are the one

who actually determines what value you place on your loved ones, and, therefore, their meaning in your life. It takes work to find your meaning/purpose in life. The lazy person does not want to put out the effort to discover his or her own meaning. I guess, for some people, it is just easier to have the world tell them what life is all about. But, my guess is that you are too smart for that.

Don't wish it--live it, Barbie

GIVING PERSPECTIVE TO THE SPIRI-TUALLY IMPOTENT

Dear Uncle Barbie,

Reading your latest column, I thought I would express my opinion about Christianity and homosexuality. (I hope you don't mind.) As a Christian, I do not believe that homosexuals are damned. I believe that if people are homosexuals, then they were made that way by God, and all things created by God are good. I am also pretty sure that I'm not the only Christian out there who believes this. While I concede that there are some Christians who consider homosexuality a sin, but not all churches are like that. The sermons in my church focus on the love and grace of God and how to grow in our faith--no hellfire judgments on who will make it and who will not. The Bible says a lot about God's unending mercy, a God who loves everyone--that is the God I believe in. Christian beliefs vary-there is such a span of political, ethical,



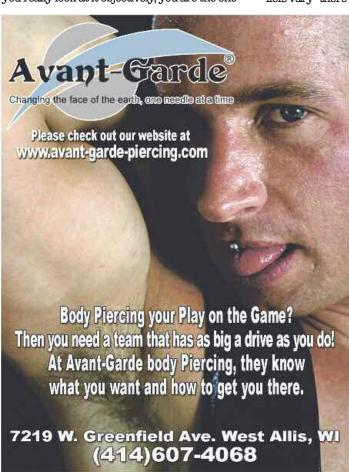
Barbie is not here to fix human behavior, only to laugh at it.

and spiritual values held by people who call themselves Christian. I hope you do not judge all of us by the hate mail you get from homophobes and assume that is what all Christians are like. God loves you and so do I. Signed, Kate

Hello Kate,

Thank you for responding to my advice column. I certainly understand that Christian philosophies vary and that not all of them are homophobic. I have met some very fine Christians in my time.

Blessed Blasphemy, Barbie







NEW LGBT FILMS ON DUD

"Hannah Free" "And Then Came Lola"

During that most perfect time of the year, during the always fabulous Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival, Glenn is provided with a rare and wonderful opportunity to screen a diverse range of films. Anything and everything, cinematically speaking, is possible. So why hasn't Glenn thought to expand his reviewing horizons the other 50 weeks of the year?

Unbeknownst to Glenn, a discussion was taking place during the weeks prior to PrideFest. Emergency measures were not only considered but deemed necessary; an intervention planned under the guise of a Memorial Day barbeque. So busy in the kitchen was Glenn, preparing his signature Devils on Horseback appetizers, that no notice was taken that the rest of guest list was composed of entirely of lesbians.

Sooner or later Glenn would have to and did clue into the fact that he had been lured to a screening of two new lesbian films on DVD: "Hannah Free" and "And Then Came Lola." Cocktails were withheld until Glenn promised both to devote review space to these two new DVD releases as well as other LBT films in the future.

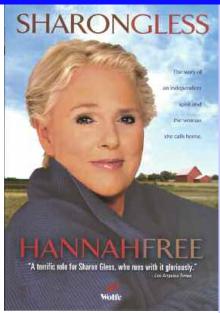
Yes, this was indeed a very rough crowd.

Vaguely reminiscent of "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Hannah Free" offers Sharon Gless as Hannah, a still feisty lesbian now bedridden in a small Midwestern nursing home. Hannah doesn't suffer fools easily; still her days are plagued by busybody volunteers and fundamentalist do-gooders. Such is a cruel twist of fate for a woman like Hannah who never took to settling down, "I can't spend my life looking out just one window."

She may have been truly, madly, deeply in love with Rachel (Maureen Gallagher) across the span of time yet Hannah's restless spirit repeated took her away from the love of her life. Hannah started off in Alaska, and later joined the WACs during the war. Inexplicably, Rachel married. Hannah in turn set off for New Mexico.

Rachel and the small Michigan town in which they grew up always brought Hannah back. No matter the circumstances, Rachel always welcomed her with open arms. Eventually Rachel confronts Hannah, "You've had your chance to roam.

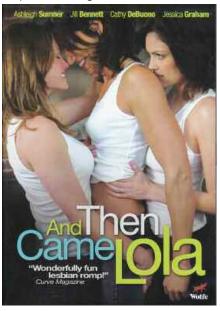
by Glenn Bishop



Now, damn it, stay home," and indeed Claudia Allen's screenplay (based on her stage play) suggests that Hannah, in the end, did just that.

And while both are now in the same nursing home, a length of corridor separates Hannah from Rachel. This separation is thanks to Rachel's daughter Marge (Taylor Miller). Marge believes Rachel, in a coma and kept alive by life support, must be protected from Hannah and the nursing home administration presumably feels obligated to honor the wishes of Rachel's daughter.

Weaving back and forth between past and present, too often confusingly so, Claudia Allen's screenplay captures how Hannah and Rachel held on to their love despite a marriage, a world war, infideli-



Buy it, rent it or forget it...

If Glenn has only occasionally reviewed lesbian-themed films, do not think for a moment that should suggest a void in his viewing history. Only two in attendance could tally a greater number of lesbian titles, although admittedly, Glenn naturally proved rather weak with regard to erotic titles.

Both "Hannah Free" and "And Then Came Lola" surely warrant a place on any lesbian film list. If "Hannah Free" proved rather too earnest for Glenn's liking, those in attendance definitely warmed to Gless's feisty Hannah. "And Then Came Lola," zipping along at a scant 71 minutes, is both fresh and fun.

Particularly since Sharon Gless remains a "QAF" favorite, both films ought to please even the most hard-to-please LGBT audience.

Just the facts...

"Hannah Free" has a running time of 88 minutes and is available on DVD with an SRP of \$24.95

"Hannah Free" offers plenty of DVD extra including behindthe-scenes footage, an interview with Sharon Gless and a bloopers reel.

"And Then Came Lola" has a running time of 71 minutes and is available on DVD with an SRP of \$24.95

"And Then Came Lola" offers a behind-the-scenes featurette plus an interview with sexy star Ashleigh Sumner.

ties, and family denial. Kelli Strickland shines as young Hannah, beautifully conveying the wry twinkle and restless spirit at once so appealing and infuriating to Rachel. Sharon Gless looked to Glenn far too hale and hearty as the bedridden Hannah, not to mention a wee bit quick to overplay the "cantankerous lesbian card."

Suitably cocktailed, Glenn next welcomed "And Then Came Lola," a sexy time-bending, lesbian comedy loosely inspired by a German film, "Run, Lola, Run."

Just for the record, Glenn hasn't seen "Run, Lola, Run."

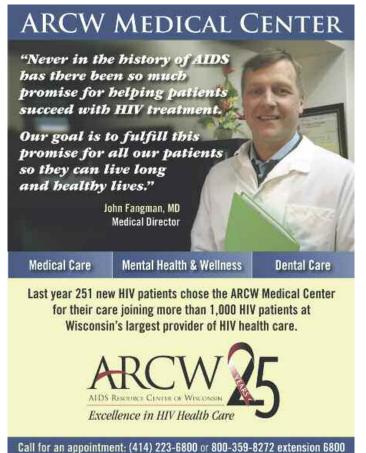
Here Lola (Ashleigh Sumner), a lesbian with commitment issues, is determined to get it right with her hot new girlfriend Casey (Jill Bennett). So when Casey calls, desperate for Lola to pick up and then deliver some prints for an important presentation by 4:30pm at the very latest, Lola knows that this is her chance to prove she's not unreliable.

As usual, however, Lola is late. Nor is fate, apparently, on her side. The race is on for Lola; along the way she will hurdle big dogs, attempt to sweet-talk no-nonsense traffic wardens and even have to find a way to break out of a public toilet. She has three chances to get it right. It is a desperate race through the streets and backrooms of San Francisco. Time grows short. Will Lola make it?

Megan Siler & Ellen Seidler utilize to great effect some wonderfully whimsical animation, clever split screen effects plus a very fun soundtrack although the numerous 'on the couch' therapy sessions grew tiresome.







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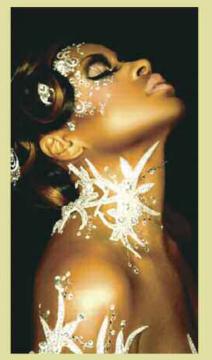
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