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## ON THE COVER: MILWAUKEE PRIDE PARADE

Milwaukee - The date for the 2011 Milwaukee Pride Parade has been announced by the organization. Once again the annual Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, June 12th over the Pride-Fest weekend celebration. The route continues a tradition of following South 2nd Street between Greenfield Ave and Seeboth Ave. with staging starting at 12:00pm and step off happening at 2:00pm sharp. This area has the highest concentration of LGBT bars allowing patrons to gather in a friendly atmosphere and enjoy beverages while they enjoy the parade.

Applications are now available on the official website http://www.prideparademke.org in the applications section. There have been a few changes this year including the absence of a theme for this year's parade. The Board of Directors has instead opted to use a slogan and really allow all of our participants to use their great imaginations for the 2011 year. The slogan for 2011 is "Filling the Streets with Pride".

Something new affects the application fees. In light of the current economic times the parade has decided to lower the early bird entry fee. The parade entry fee increases as you get closer to the parade date. The cost to register on parade day, (or shortly before), is \$100.00. However if you register before May 15th, 2011 the Pride Parade entry fee is 60% less and you only pay \$40.00! If you register after that date the price does go up so register early. For more information about the rates contact the Parade Coordinator Brent at Paradecoordinator@prideparademke.org.

Another important change to the applications



is one that the board of director's felt is long overdue. This year they decided to extend a helping hand to all of those who help us in our daily lives and for the first time, all bona fide 501(c)3 Organizations will receive FREE entry into the parade provided they register prior to the May 15th, 2011 Deadline. If a 501(c)3 wishes to enter the parade after that deadline they will still get a significantly reduced rate, just \$25.00 until June 5th, and \$50.00 after. "We hope this can help out those organizations that have always wanted a presence in the parade but were unable to afford it. We look forward to seeing a lot of new faces this year and hopefully this will help accomplish that goal," states Brent in a press release sent to media including Quest.

There is also a new facebook page. Unfortunately the group was unable to access and update the old page. The group is currently importing old pictures and videos into the new page and they invite people who uploaded pictures during last year's parade to do it again. Also if you were friended previously, you will need to search for the group and join again. www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-

Pride-Parade/129042267163738.

A search for sponsors for the 2011 Milwaukee Pride Parade is underway. Sponsorships packages are offered starting at \$100.00 "We are always happy to accommodate people who would like to help the parade in any way they can," says Brent. If you are interested about sponsorship please visit www.prideparademke.org and go to the Sponsorship page. Or email the President at President@prideparademke.org.

As with any year it is the people who truly make this event such a success. Volunteers are needed and without them there could not be a parade. "We always want to thank our volunteers at ever chance we get and would like to extend the invitation to any previous volunteer to come back and help us out again for 2011," Brent says. If you haven't done it before, keep in mind most of the volunteer work to be done before and after the parade allowing you to still watch or participate in the parade. People interested in volunteering can do so at www.prideparademke.org Visit the Applications page for a volunteer application. Questions? contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jeff at Volunteercoordinator@prideparademke.org.

The mailing address changed last year and is now Milwaukee Pride Parade, P.O. Box 0091, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

The Milwaukee Pride parade is an All Volunteer organization in its 6th year of consecutive operation. The organization is dedicated to not just the people of Milwaukee but as the largest city in the state of Wisconsin, the people of Wisconsin as a whole.



### **GREEN BAY WELCOMES NEW GLBT YOUTH GROUP**

Green Bay - At a public meeting held recently in Green Bay to introduce and discuss the formation of a new GLBT youth group, with plans to meet weekly at Harmony Café on Mason Street, an overflow crowd of local agency representatives, elected officials and community leaders sent a strong message of support to the youth, welcoming the endeavor with open arms.

The 'GLBT Partnership' is a program of Harmony Café, providing weekly support, social activities, skills-building and mentorship to GLBT youth, ages 14 to 18, who often lack these opportunities at home or in school. The group will be coordinated by Deanna Tappy as well as other professionals from Family Services and American Foundation for Counseling Services.

A GLBT Partnership group has been thriving at Harmony Café's Appleton location for more than a decade. It was the dream of invested adults and youth alike that the successful program would be repeated at Harmony Café's Green Bay location, which opened more recently. That dream will become a reality on Monday, February 21 when a youth lead kick-off reception sets the stage for the regular Monday meetings which follow.

Harmony Café also hosts a 'Spectrum' group for adult GLBT persons and allies. The Spectrum groups meet weekly at both locations (Appleton and Green Bay). Newcomers are always welcome.

Paul "Cricket" Jacob who has worked closely with Deanna in development of the Green Bay GLBT Partnership adds, "Harmony Café (a program of Goodwill NCW) has been a wonderful asset to the Appleton and Green Bay communities, partnering with agencies and organizations on a variety of levels. Their mission of environmental stewardship, social justice, and their 'Check It At The Door Declaration' have made the café a safe and supportive place for a variety of local individuals and groups who feel at home there. If you have not been there, I encourage you to check it out. -And I recommend the Rosemary Chicken Salad Croissant sandwich!." www.harmonycafe.org

#### **N.E.W. PRIDE HOSTS** ANOTHER SPRING FLING

Appleton - The Pride Alive Planning Committee who oversees the official pride event held yearly in Green Bay is hosting another fun Spring Fling. Again this year, the event will be held at TC Dance Club in Appleton. There will be a champagne reception at 6:30pm continued with food by Zaug's throughout the evening. Come learn some of the hotest ballroom dances from Northeast Wisconsin's own dancing stars! The \$50 per person entry fee includes reception, food, dance instruction and open bar all night. You must be 21 and over, black tie is optional.

New this year is the Big Basket Raffle! Incredible prizes will be raffled off at the end of the night. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased at the event or before-hand at participating LGBT-supportive businesses. (Winners do not need to be present to win.) Be on the lookout for locations and a listing of all the fabulous prizes! For more information, call 920-471-3260 or visit www.newpride.org.

The group also wants to remind you of a March meeting of the LGBT Roundtable, to be held at Harmony Cafe in Green Bay on Wednesday, March 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Any community members or agency staff members who plan LGBT-oriented events or run programs supporting the community are welcome to join us.

#### **FORGE ANNOUNCES MONTHLY SOCIAL SUPPORT** MEETING DATE CHANGES

Milwaukee - For the first time in years (maybe a decade!), FORGE Milwaukee-based social support meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Please mark your calendars with this important date change.



February 26, 2011 March 26, 2011 June 25, 2011

We'll still be meeting at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, which is now located at 252 E. Highland Avenue in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A schedule of topics, quest speakers, and events was not available at press time. however these will be posted soon at http://www.forge-forward.org/.

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# OUT of RESPECT:

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February 24th 2011 at 6:00 pm

Lubar Auditorium at the Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee - Cream City Foundation invites you to the Film Premier of Out of Respect at the Lubar Auditorium at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Thursday, February 24th at 6pm. Come early for a reception at Coast from 4:30pm until the film starts. This feature-length documentary focuses on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender homeless young adults in the Milwaukee area. Film Screening is free, but there is limited seating.Go to www.creamcityfoundation.org/out-of-respect-film-premiere.html.

In the Fall of 2009, Reel Life Films and J-Doc, a documentary film-making class at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, began production on a feature-length documentary about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender homeless young adults in the Milwaukee area. The film, Out of Respect, captures the social resistance and family-neglect that several homeless young adults face, as well as their strength to overcome constant adversity.

Research has shown that out of the two million homelessness youth on the streets each year, more than one fourth identify as LGBT. At an age where one's biggest concern is to fit in, these young people are struggling to be accepted at home, stay in school, and find a meal or a place to sleep. With fewer safe-housing options, these youth are twice as likely to experience severe abuse and sexual exploitation. These statistics and lack of recognition from child welfare agencies drive the need for increased awareness and resources on behalf of LGBT youth. Out of Respect follows five LGBT young adults overcoming the repercussions of family neglect and abandonment. The story spans one year.

Cream City Foundation has an ongoing effort to combat LGBT youth homelessness. Check out thier website for more information or to get involved. www.creamcityfoundation.org

## MADKINGS TO HOST "KINGSTOCK V: THE MUSTACHE STRIKES BACK!"

**Madison -** The city's premiere drag king troupe, the MadKings, will be hosting Kingstock, the Midwest's largest drag king show, on April 9th, 2011, at the Barrymore Theatre in Madison.

This show brings in drag troupes and performers from all over the country, and rallies the LGBTQ community together for a night of fun. Last year's show lasted two and a half hours and brought in over 300 attendees, and this year the MadKings plan to bring in still more. The whimsically titled "Kingstock V: The Mustache Strikes Back" promises plenty of gender-bending fun, and it isn't all lipsynching and masculine drag. Previous shows have featured plenty of faux queens (female-bodied performers in female drag) and even tap-dancing, live singing, and a queer cheerleading squad from Texas! Started by the Miltown Kings in Milwaukee, this is Kingstock's fifth year overall, and its second in Madison.

The show will be emceed by well-known gender performers Sexual Chocolate and Emily Mills. Sexual Chocolate has been performing with the MadKings and with Madison's foremost burlesque troupe, Foxy Veronica's Peach Pies, for quite some time. Emily Mills is a local artist, activist, and blogger who performs with the troupe Mad Huge.

Organized in 2005, the MadKings have regu-

lar shows here in town, as well as performing on WYOU, being interviewed by WORT's program Queery, and traveling around the country, including at three IDKEs (International Drag KingCommunity Extravaganzas). They have given workshops and talks about gender performance and transgender issues, and have performed in benefits for the American Cancer Association, GSAFE, the UW-Madison Ten Percent Society, AIDS Network, the Neighborhood House's afterschool program, and various local artists.

Tickets are on sale now at the Barrymore The-

atre for \$12 in advance (call (608)241-8633 to

order) or \$15 at the door. Tickets are also available at various Barrymore outlets around Madison, such as B-Side Records, Star Liquor, Frugal Muse, Strictly Discs, Sugar Shack, and MadCity Music Exchange. Seating is limited and the show is one night only, so buying in advance is advisable. Doors open 8pm, and the show starts at 9.

For more information, contact: The MadKings Email: contact@themadkings.com
(608)219 -8739 www.themadkings.com
Or: The Barrymore Theatre
Address: 2090 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI (608)241-2345 www.barrymorelive.com info@barrymorelive.com

## STAGEQ AND OUT!CAST THEATER SET AUDITIONS FOR "IT'S MURDER, MARY!

**Madison -** StageQ and OUT!Cast Theater presents IT'S MURDER, MARY! (Think Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None," but with all gay men.) Auditions are March 23 and 24 at 7pm at the StaqeQ rehearsal space 148 E Wilson Street in Madison.

The group is Looking for 6-7 men, any age (18+), race or body type. Rehearsals start in mid April, the show opens June 17 upstairs at the Bartell. Scripts available upon request: sdnoll@yahoo.com

Roles Available:

Matt Rally - blind and confined to a wheelchair,

rabid activist, allergic to Disney movies\*
Ronald Smith-Harris - Donald's partner, cleancut, neurotic, tends to fall out of windows
Donald Harris-Smith - a doctor, Ronald's partner,
deliberate, conventional, secretly likes porn. A lot.
Kale Underwood - young, enthusiastic & naïve
Bebe Buzzby - mature, full of personality
Turk Malone - tough and dominant\*
Buff Bodd - good looking and well built, secret
eating obsessions

\*These two parts may be double cast.

Profits from the show will help benefit StageQ
and the Bartell Theatre.

## WICKED CAST SET TO HOST VALENTINE'S JAZZ CABARET AT THE FOX CITIES P.A.C.

**Appleton** – On Monday, February 14, the National Touring Company of WICKED will host "Our WICKED Romance," a jazz cabaret. Held in the Kimberly-Clark Theater at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, the event will feature cast and crew members of the company. The net proceeds of this event will benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center's mission-based programs.

The evening is an opportunity for members of

the cast to step out of their roles in the hit musical WICKED. The cabaret is produced by and features members of the cast of the touring production in music, dance, and comedy. In addition, there will be a silent auction of items including WICKED memorabilia, premium packages from the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, and a live auction of several opportunities to join the company backstage, including a chance to bid on a walk-on role in WICKED. The musical will be

playing to enthusiastic audiences at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center January 26 thru February 20.

Tickets for "Our WICKED Romance" will go on sale Friday, January 21 at 10 a.m. through the Fox Cities P.A.C. Ticket Office, by phone at 920-730-3760. Tickets start at \$45.00. For more information on the event visit **foxcitiespac.com** or **wickedthemusical.com**. There is an eight ticket limit, and space is limited.

"Our WICKED Romance" is part of an ongoing series of performances by the touring company throughout the country to support charitable causes which advance WICKED's theme of acceptance and illuminate the musical's message that people should not be judged on first impressions. The company believes that in these divisive times, people must come together to support those in need throughout the country and around the world. In its five years on the road, the company has raised well over \$1 million in donations to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS and local AIDS Services organizations all over the country, as well as other educational, charitable and humanitarian causes.

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**Estro-Maxx...** is one dose more than enough? An interview with trans-comedians Alison Grillo and Ian Harvie

by Paul Masterson

Saturday Night Live's *Estro-Maxx* mock commercial has caused a stir in some quarters. The T in LGBT is not amused.

SNL's history of mock commercials goes back decades. LGBT themed advertisements date to 1991 when it aired the famous *Schmitt Gay Beer* ad. It lampooned the heterosexual marketing mantra "sex sells" by depicting a couple of average gay guys merrily cavorting in a swimming pool full of hot hunks. Ironically, the segment is credited with waking up the alcohol industry to targeting LGBT consumers.

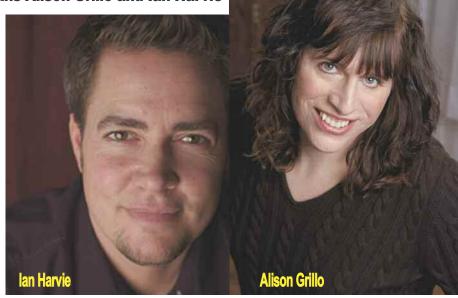
Homocil appeared in 2001. For parents uncomfortable with an LGBT child, the commercial prescribes the drug with the tag line "because it's not their problem, it's yours." *Gaystrogen* followed in 2003. It offered a new lease on gay life to men over 45 whose gayness was on the wane.

All the ads were heavy with stereotypes. In *Homocil*, a little boy approaches his father who sits in a recliner watching basketball. The boy enthusiastically asks "who wants crème brulee?" A mother winces at her son's exaggeratedly gay running at gym class. The parents reach for *Homocil*. The last shot shows the supportive mom with her arm around the gay son.

Gaystrogen presents a man who has lost his gayness. When his partner asks if the dollhouse trim should be painted "stucco" or "rice", he sneers "white is white!" to which the stunned lover cries "since when, Stephen, since when?"

But GLAAD, through its complicated algorithmic AdRespect scoring system, found the positive message trumps the negative stereotypes.

Not so for *Estro-Maxx*. Decrying the ad as demeaning and dehumanizing, it practically equates



the segment to an endorsement of trans-phobia. The commercial shows busy trans-women, one with a moustache, at the gym, in a corporate office, passing through airport TSA security (the agent at the scanner does a double take and smiles) and finally they're all at a party together.

QUEST interviewed two nationally known transgender comedians, Alison Grillo and Ian Harvie, to get their take on the controversy. They make their living through their own comic, trans-view of the world. Both, coincidently enough, have a Wisconsin connection. Grillo studied at UW-Milwaukee and Harvie appeared with Wanda Sykes at PrideFest 2008.

QUEST: To begin with, the obvious question: what did you think of the *Estro-Maxx* skit?

lan Harvie: I've been an SNL fan since I was a kid.

I honestly tried to find something in it not only as a trans-person but also as a comedian. But, as a comic myself, I didn't find it funny. Overall, it left me feeling sad.

Alison Grillo: The skit is funny, and while it does poke fun at trans-sexuality in a manner that some might reasonably find demeaning, I feel the message is relatively inoffensive, and maybe even positive.

QUEST: It's SNL after all. One can debate the quality of SNL humor but was it over the top or not? What about the characters with a moustache or five o'clock shadow? Doesn't that demean the traumatic process trans-women go through?

IA: It was over the top...shame on those people for creating something like this. It reaffirms the transphobic mandate and places trans people as well as those with other gender issues on the fringe of





the community. People don't understand the ripple effect it produces. I don't think there's intent to insult trans people. It's just that the issue isn't on the radar of sensitivity. It makes my stomach churn.

AG: Perhaps it's the truth that hurts: I happen to know women resembling those in the skit; women who give mixed gender signals. I was once such a woman and perhaps occasionally still am, though I am four years post-op. Sure, it's ridiculous to think a woman in transition would sport a mustache at work, but remember this is comedy. Humor is often achieved through exaggeration.

QUEST: Alison, your voice is definitely the minority. Why do you think the ad could have a positive message?

AG: It does provide visibility for women in transition, a process most Americans are clueless about. We have to remember that SNL is a mocking, satirical show that presents all sorts of people in a not-so-flattering way — though it would be nice if someday there could a transsexual woman or two sitting at the table in the SNL writers' room (hint...hint...l'm looking for work).

My own experience has been that people will often surprise you with their acceptance of your transsexuality. And if they do not always embrace you, they usually do have better things to worry about than trying to stop you. I admit that most of my transition occurred in progressive San Francisco and that I now live in Manhattan, which in some ways is even more tranny friendly than SF. You might be interested to know the very stone-age of my transition happened in Milwaukee, where I was doing graduate work in English at the University of Wisconsin, and guess what: people were cool about the new me.

QUEST: GLAAD wants NBC to apologize to the trans-community and pull the video off the web. Is that reasonable?

IH: People don't understand the power of their words. NBC should remove the video from the web and apologize for it. What's done is done but they should acknowledge their insensitivity, make amends to the trans-community and promise never to do it again.

Trans people are the most visible of the marginalized groups but the least heard. In hindsight I hope the producers look at the reaction. The best thing is that a dialogue will ensue.

AG: No. Again, some of the images of the women in this skit are very positive and trans-affirming. The women are prancing through their transition with glee and confidence — yes, exaggeratedly so — and they are being accepted by "straight" society, with only a raised eyebrow here and there. A gender-indeterminate person may surprise the TSA agent, but he lets that person "pass" (no pun intended). Later he even attends a party of transitioning women — a fairy-tale happy ending to the faux advertisement, of course.

It is conceivable that some pre-transition women will find inspiration in the skit. Making the necessary adjustment for the "humor-through-exaggeration" concept I mentioned, such women will see that the world really doesn't end once you show up for work with female breasts.

And straight society will see an important reality: many trans women hold down responsible jobs. They are not necessarily all prostitutes, as they are often less-flatteringly depicted.



### On Second Thought... By Paul Masterson

You may have received that GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) email asking you to protest NBC for a Saturday Night Live (SNL) mock ad for *Estro-Maxx*, a fictitious estrogen supplement for busy trans-women people on the go. The GLAAD email included a link to the segment. I watched it. It was kind of funny in that SNL way. But then, I'm not trans.

Like a typical SNL skit, it uses a particular group's perceived concerns, in this case transwomen and estrogen treatment, as a vehicle for a lampoon, in this case America's predisposition for

a pharmaceutical fix.

Lame or funny, mock commercials have always been an SNL signature. Two decades ago it aired the first gay ad, *Schmitt Gay Beer*. There's also the mock McDonald's "Fat Ass Meal" ad. No group has been spared being spoofed.

Joan Rivers once told a Helen Keller joke. A heckler, a man with a deaf son, yelled "that's not funny." Her response: "yes, it is." She told the same joke at her Milwaukee PrideFest appearance, among a zillion others, making fun of everything and everyone.

Still, GLAAD argues the *Estro-Maxx* skit demeans the trans-community and stokes discrimination. Media Advocates Giving National Equality to Transsexual & Transgender People (MAGNET) described the skit as a "set-back" for trans-equality.

There's nothing new to the debate about what crosses the line in humor. What's really funny about race, rednecks and sexual orientation? What demeans? What encourages intolerance? Conversely, at what point do we invoke comedy immunity and risk crossing the line of censorship? At what point are we crying wolf?

Speaking of censorship, the LGBT and arts communities are still up in arms over the National Portrait Gallery's removal of an AIDS crisis inspired video with 11 seconds of perceived anti-Christian hate speech. If we decry that act of censorship, maybe we'll have to put up with being offended ourselves.

Back in the day, Vaudeville did black face. The "N" word easily rolled off the lips of common white Americans (it still does among some). Ethnicities all had their pejorative references for other ethnicities as well as themselves and freely used them. Of course, we were fags and lezzies, etc, etc etc.

Today, we're conscious of demeaning humor and vocabulary in general. However, to the great consternation of PC proponents, some have appropriated the hate words. The idea is to de-fang the insult by embracing it. In a casual conversation, a black friend of mine called me, a white guy, the infamous "N" word. For him, it had simply become a form of universal address, like "man" or "dude." Meanwhile, the LGBT community has appropriated *Queer*.

Ethnic jokes, meanwhile, are considered in bad taste, if not totally racist. But, they're acceptable and funny when delivered by a person of that ethnicity.

Can only a trans-person tell jokes about his or her (her or his) or zir situation? Speaking with a local trans-woman, Valery Meyer, I got the impression there's more to it on a personal level. "It isn't so much the lampoon aspect but I get frustrated because we're trying so hard to be seen as real people. The spoofing sets us back. We can laugh at ourselves but when they go past a certain point of no return, we become caricatures," Meyer said.

Sensitivities, aside, perhaps, like the 1991 SNL Schmitt Gay Beer ad, Estro-Maxx will eventually be recognized beyond the immediate knee-jerk reaction and seen as a landmark for trans liberation.





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#### UW MADISON UNIVERSITY THEATRE MELTS WINTER DOLDRUMS WITH ROCKY HORROR SHOW

Madison - If you've been itching to do the time warp again, now is your chance. Due to a generous sponsorship from Electronic Theatre Controls in Middleton, WI, UW Madison's Department of Theatre and Drama is teaming up with the Wisconsin Union Theater to bring *The Rocky Horror Show* to Madison! This sci-fi fantasy adventure, by Richard O'Brien, will be performed live at the Wisconsin Union Theatre March 3, 4, & 5, 2011. Tickets are available at www.utmadison.com or by calling 608-265-ARTS.

Imagine a time before cell phones and GPS – if your car broke down, you got out and asked for help! That's what happens to Brad and Janet in this cult classic that opened in London in 1973. Originally titled "They Came from Denton High", composer and lyricist Richard O'Brien changed the name to *The Rocky Horror Show* just two days prior to it's first audience. The infamous film adaptation was released in 1975 and now, nearly forty years later, the show and movie continue to draw loyal crowds all over the world!

Visiting director and choreographer, Dennis Courtney, joins UT's production team from New York to helm the show. www.denniscourtney.com

Courtney says "The press release from the original *Rocky Horror* [movie] describes the piece as 'an outrageous assemblage of the most stereotyped sci-

fi movies. Marvel comics. Frankie Avalon/Annette Funicello outings and every rock and roll vintage.' We will inherit all this with the script and music and while I imagine a production with great imagination and fabulosity in design... I keep coming back to finding the best way to tell this story with all its different styles and parody. We must also keep in mind all the different historic and social changes that have occurred since the original production - the AIDS epidemic and safe sex, new materials in fashion and design. new lighting instruments, the MTV generation, the resurgence of Glam Rock, Grunge Rock, Hip Hop. nostalgia for the 1970s, etc. These must have some place in our production as we continue to proceed with great theatricality, borrowing from RKO movies, cabaret and nightclubs, burlesque, the golden age of Broadway, the fashion industry, drag shows and multimedia."

Katie Gray, costume designer and MFA student at UW, says, "Designing the costumes for *The Rocky Horror Show* has been a dream come true. I've always been a huge *Rocky Horror* fan; so I know that people have certain expectations when they come to see the show. It's been a fantastic challenge figuring out how I could meet those expectations while still putting my own unique spin on the costumes." Light-

ing designer and MFA student Erik Barry is excited about the challenges ahead. "Rocky Horror presents numerous challenges, in that it is a rock show. Stock full of big spectacle, my job is to separate the reality we live in from the mystical and sexually intense world that Frank lives in." As Courtney concludes "The show is such a liberating experience. The lyric 'Don't Dream It, Be It!' is so freeing and reminds us all to celebrate our innermost desires, without apology. When the audience and cast share this enthusiasm, the result is an evening of euphoric party making!"

The Rocky Horror Show will run Thursday through Saturday, March 3, 4, & 5. Performances are in the Wisconsin Union Theater, 800 Langdon St. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with midnight performances also on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. All tickets on March 3 are \$10. Tickets on March 4 and 5 range from \$15.50-\$26.50. UW Student ticket price is only \$10 for the midnight performances. Group discounts available. Audience participation packages will be on sale in the lobby prior to all shows (no individual items allowed). Purchase tickets by phone at (608) 265-ARTS (2787), in person at the Vilas Hall Box Office, 821 University Ave., the Wisconsin Union Box Office, 800 Langdon St., or order on-line; buy tickets and view the calendar at www.utmadison.com

## HUD PROPOSES NEW RULE TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY

Washington DC – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has proposed new regulations intended to ensure its core housing programs are open to all eligible persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"This is a fundamental issue of fairness," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "We have a responsibility to make certain that public programs are open to all Americans. With this proposed rule, we will make clear that a person's eligibility for federal housing programs is, and should be, based on their need and not on their sexual orientation or gender identity." HUD is seeking public comment on a number of proposed areas including:

- Prohibiting lenders from using sexual orientation or gender identity as a basis to determine a borrower's eligibility for FHA-insured mortgage financing. FHA's current regulations provide that a mortgage lender's determination of the adequacy of a borrower's income "shall be made in a uniform manner without regard to" specified prohibited grounds. The proposed rule would add actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity to the prohibited grounds to ensure FHA-approved lenders do not deny or otherwise alter the terms of mortgages on the basis of irrelevant criteria.
- Clarifying that all otherwise eligible families, regardless of marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity, have the opportunity to participate in HUD programs. In the majority of HUD's rental and home-

ownership programs the term "family" already has a broad scope, and includes a single person and families with or without children. HUD's proposed rule clarifies that families, otherwise eligible for HUD programs, may not be excluded because one or more members of the family may be an LGBT individual, have an LGBT relationship, or be perceived to be such an individual or in such relationship.

 Prohibiting owners and operators of HUD-assisted housing, or housing whose financing is insured by HUD, from inquiring about the sexual orientation or gender identity of an applicant for, or occupant of, the dwelling, whether renter- or owner-occupied. HUD is proposing to institute this policy in its rental assistance and homeownership programs, which include the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance programs, community development programs, and public and assisted housing programs. Other actions:

HUD is conducting the first-ever national study of discrimination against members of the LGBT community in the rental and sale of housing. Every ten years, HUD does a study of the impact of housing discrimination on the basis of race and color. HUD undertook this important research in 1977, 1989 and 2000 and is currently undertaking this study again. It is believed that LGBT individuals and families may remain silent because in many local jurisdictions, they may have lit-

tle or no legal recourse. While there are no national assessments of LGBT housing discrimination, there are state and local studies that have shown evidence of this sort of bias. For example, a 2007 report by Michigan's Fair Housing Centers found that nearly 30 percent of same-sex couples were treated differently when attempting to buy or rent a home.

HUD currently requires its recipients of discretionary funds to comply with local and state non-discrimination laws that cover sexual orientation or gender identity. In July, the Department issued new guidance that treats discrimination based on gender nonconformity or sex stereotyping as sex discrimination under the Fair Housing Act, and instructs HUD staff to inform individuals fling complaints about state and local agencies that have LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination laws.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in rental, sales and lending on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status. Approximately 20 states, and the District of Columbia, and more than 150 cities, towns and counties across the nation have additional protections that specifically prohibit such discrimination against LGBT individuals. Under guidance announced last year, HUD will, as appropriate, retain its jurisdiction over complaints filed by LGBT individuals or families but also jointly investigate or refer matters to those state, district and local governments with other legal protections.

## The DATING DIET by Anthony Paull Ghetto Fabulous

This month, I'm not writing about myself. I don't want to come off as conceited, even though I have nothing to be conceited about. I mean, hello, I live with my dad, and that's not cool after the age of 30, especially when your dad goes in your room without permission, only to stumble upon your spankerchief, because he nothing else going on. Mind you, it was an accident, he states. He wasn't snooping. He was merely vacuuming the sheets on my bed.

"Please Dad. I'm not shedding."

"No, but you sure are staining things," he replies. And if that's not mortifying enough, he begins a speed round of 21 questions, beginning with, "Anthony, are you having enough sex?"

"Of course not. I have a boyfriend...."

But seriously, who stops jacking off even if they are having enough sex? I mean, yes, masturbating can seem a tad superfluous in between consistent, sexual encounters, but it's super fun. I have nothing for which to be ashamed. In fact, my efforts should be applauded. Masturbating keeps me smiling and diseasefree. Plus, it's convenient, and I can avoid petty banter afterward. But that isn't enough for dad. No, he thinks I'm sick – that I'm isolating, building up walls in order to keep from getting hurt in my relationship. Therefore, he wants me to start doing that sort of dirty thing outside of the home. Then maybe, I'll have to screw my boyfriend. The problem is: my boyfriend and I are trying to find other things to base our relationship on other than sex. Too bad, he's out of town.

So fine! I'm taking dad's advice, and I'm going out. Of course, I don't know where I'm going, but I'm going somewhere. So I call my friend Doug, and at midnight,

he agrees to see a movie as long as we agree to skip the movie and get drunk, which seems like a splendid idea. That is, until we opt to attend a keg party in the ghetto instead. Granted, it's one of those 'bring your own drink, because no one can afford to share' parties. But it seriously rocks, because we're already drunk, and we don't know better. I figure that's why I tell him about my dad finding my handkerchief; my inhibitions are down. Still. he fails to react. Why? Well. you see. he's the calm, collected type, and he's already had his fair share of drama for the night. It appears, he was in a fight with a love interest earlier. According to Doug, the guy was insensitive; he didn't care that Doug had just found out his best friend had been in a car accident. Instead, he got angry at Doug for being sad about it. Therefore, Doug broke up with him. No big deal. There's already another guy texting.

"Want to get pile-drived tonight?" Mr. Text writes.

"Not really," Doug replies. You see, he's too consumed with hanging out with me, and according to him, the key to having a lot of sex is to completely ignore the person who wants to have sex with you. The problem is: lately, Doug seems to be ignoring most everything, including important things, like the fact there's a gang of men charging at us from the darkness as we drunkenly sway along the road in search of the party.

"Oh God, we're going to get killed," I mutter. Doug is nonchalant, sipping his vodka from a stadium cup as if it were chamomile tea. "What?" he questions – his blue eyes, so serene.

"Um, HELLO. We're about to get jumped," I say. Yet, he acts as if he doesn't care if he dies, or about anything else.



Luckily, the gang bypasses us to vandalize the Christmas decorations on a nearby yard, consisting of plastic, glowing elves and blow-up snowmen. Pop, pop, pop, that's all I hear. Meanwhile the party is nowhere to be found, and Doug is verbally listing off the things Mr. Text plans to do to him later tonight. "He's going to slam

me in a wall. He's going to choke me with his snake. Oh and he's going to disrespect me orally and anally. Reading the list, Doug yawns as we trek to my house. "Damn, I just don't know if I want to have sex tonight."

"WHAT?" I question. "Don't you want sex, like all the time?" "No," he says. "Do you?"

And I think normally, no. Yet, since I've reunited with my boyfriend, sex seems to be my primary focus. At work, I'm typing, and voila, I'm hard. At the market, I spy a ripe banana, and boom, my mind wanders. It's all-consuming, every second of every day, and it only seems to be getting worse, to the point where I feel guilty for being a slut. "Yes, I want it all the time," I admit.

To which, Doug downs additional vodka. "That's because you're with someone you trust," he says. "I forgot how to trust when my ex fiancée cheated on me two weeks before our wedding."

I can't help but fall silent, since this is the first I've heard of this. "Sorry to hear," I finally manage.

"No problem," he says, trudging along. "It helps to hear there are guys out there like you, guys with hand-kerchiefs who feel slutty even if they're only cheating with themselves."

## bookworm sez

"The Cruel Ever After" by Ellen Hart c.2010, Minotaur Books \$24.99 / \$29.99 Canada 320 pages

Your accountant is so proud of you.

Like the good saver you are, you've tried to invest a little money here or there. A few acres of land, maybe, or a piece of equipment that will make money for you somehow. A good education for you or the kids. Perhaps you've even stuck a buck into stocks or bonds for the future.

If Chester "Chess" Garrity had his way, you'd invest in antiquities. He's got valuable loot on his hands and in the new book "The Cruel Ever After" by Ellen Hart, he needs to get rid of it, pronto.

But first, he needed to stop drinking. That was obvious to Chess as he disentangled himself from Melvin Dial's back porch on a sunny Minnesota morning. Though his head was pounding, the night of poker and booze would be worth every minute if Dial bought the ancient bull statue that Chess had to

But that would never happen. Making his way through the house, Chess found himself staring at the corpse of Melvin Dial.

Stunned and panicky, Chess looked up his old friend, Jane Lawless. He needed someplace to

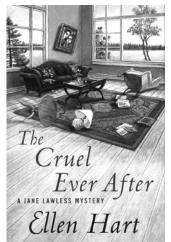
think, and Jane was goodhearted and discreet.

Years ago, they were married briefly, just long enough for Chess to get his inheritance. It was a union meant only for money, so when Chess pocketed the cash, he gave Jane a portion and they split amiably. Jane set herself up with a restaurant in downtown St. Paul, and since it wasn't exactly a love match - she was gay and she'd assumed Chess was, too – she decided to keep the whole thing secret

But Chess wasn't gay; in fact, he was having an affair with a married woman.

He and Irena Nelson had met in Istanbul and had a quick, urgent fling. Chess professed love and Irena agreed to help him sell the antiquities he had in his possession, all stolen from the Baghdad Museum. Irena's mother owned Morgana Beck Gallery of Antiquities. Getting rid of ancient Iraqi pieces wouldn't be difficult.

But Chess never counted on anybody getting



killed, and Irena was acting weird. So when she "lost" the golden bull statue, and three guys started stalking Jane, Chess knew it was time to take the ancient bull by the horns...

When a book starts out with a lengthy cast of characters, pay attention: in "The Cruel Ever After", you're going to need that list.

Author Ellen Hart packs a good number of people in this Jane Lawless mystery, which could be discombobulating if some of them didn't die off (it is a mystery, right?). Though there are times when overpopulation

might tempt you to quit this book, the good news is that the remaining characters move this story along nicely through a few decent surprises to a satisfying ending. Just keep the cast list handy, that's all.

If you've been saving your whodunit hunger for just the right book, try this one. Reading "The Cruel Ever After" is a decent investment of your time

#### A review by Paul Masterson

Put Alice in Wonderland in Off the Wall Theatre and one gets what one expects...an off the wall version of Alice in Wonderland.

# Alice in Wonderland

at Off the Wall Theatre

staging it before the kinks are out. In this case, the precision required to maintain the momentum of so much material and so many characters is simply not there. Some



A new stage piece by Jeremy Welter, his inaugural oeuvre in fact, *Alice* is set as a morality play in a trippy theatre of the absurd meets Jersey Shore meets Carol Channing kind of way.

In Welter's adaptation, Alice is a young girl under the control of Rabbit, a pimp with a harem. She's trapped in a Silence of the Lambslike prison and tries to escape. Her drug induced dream state takes her through the travels and travails of the original *A in W* with all its quirky twists, crazed characters and insane scenarios.

The production's visual impact is it's strongest suit. Set on a Bauhaus - Art Deco inspired black and white stage, the story follows the tried and true plot of the Alice's encounters with the odd and unreal reality of Wonderland. The communally designed costumes work well enough although the blank white masks worn in various scenes tend to dilute the dialogue to a point at which it becomes mere noise. Perhaps that was the purpose – well, probably not.

The problem with a new work is

of it works and a lot doesn't. Individual scenes engage while others become mired in uncertainty.

Most members of the cast of 11 play multiple roles. Liz Mistele maintains a high energy, Angstsmart-mouthed snarley Alice throughout. Donna Lobacz makes a wonderful White Queen. Spencer T. Ricks' teetering, daffy Humpty Dumpty is deliciously eggy. Kurtis Witzlsteiner is a particularly gangly Caterpillar. His head is also highlighted as the Cheshire Cat. Eric Nelson plays TweedleDee and TweedleDun simultaneously. His costume requires him to constantly hop 180 degrees to induce the allusion of the two characters in conversation with Alice and themselves.

Within the 90 minutes of uneven ebb and flow, the play's madness is there, somewhere. It just needs at least some of the king's horses and some of his men to put it all together again.

Off the Wall Theatre's *Alice in Wonderland* runs through February 13<sup>th</sup>. For reservations, call 414-327-3552.

## Cupid Ain't Stupid: Valentine's Gifts That'll Getcha Some

by Mikey Rox

#### **PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE**



Cupid's holiday calls for cocktails, especially if you've got a cutie to claim as your own (but probably more so if you don't), and **Stirrings** all-natural mixers and rimmers (mind outta the gutter!) get the party started. Just choose your favorite spirit, add a festive Stirrings flavor – like blood orange or pomegranate – and sip your way to satisfaction. To help you along, Carlo, the Naked Bartender – who's a dead ringer for Timothy Olyphant's younger, hotter brother – offers recipes and interactive video greetings when you become a fan of Stirrings on Facebook. Hands on the keys, please. (\$7; Stirrings.com)

#### BY THE BOOK

While Kindle and Nook duke it out for dominance of eReader market share, **Kobo** is quietly gaining fans. Why? For starters, it's lighter and faster than Kindle, and Kobo features a chic quilted back available in several sexy colors, like Onyx, Metallic Silver and



Lilac. The WiFi-enabled eReader also comes preloaded with 100 free eBooks and access to a store that contains 1.8 million more freebies that can be read on nearly any other non-Kobo device. Which is more than Amazon can say for its prize pony since it's only compatible with in-network downloads. Three cheers for the underdog. (\$139.99; KoboBooks.com)

#### **HEARTS OF GOLD**

It doesn't matter what kind of girl you have, diamonds are probably still her best friend. Because, well, who doesn't love a



little bit of bling? From **The Pearl Source**, which uses freshwater and South Sea pearls at 75% off other retailers' prices, comes the Tahitian Heart-Shaped Diamond Earring set and the Tahitian Pearl & Diamond of the Heart Pendant. The for-

mer features 3.5 grams of 18K white gold and .15 carat SI-quality diamonds while the latter boasts .22 carats and 1.63 grams of white gold. Even so, the reaction you'll receive when she opens the box will be more than you can measure. (\$399-\$599: ThePearlSource.com)

#### **SEXUAL DELIVERY**

What goes on behind closed doors is nobody's business but yours. Well, unless you count the FedEx guy who delivers your shipment of **Collective Wellbeing** sex toys. Then again, he's knows all your naughty secrets,



doesn't he? Now he'll have something new to talk about it. We Vibe II – the first vibrator that can be used during intercourse and allows for simultaneous internal and external stimulation – is perfect for deepening intimacy and recharging passions, while Naughtibod by OhMiBod plugs into an iPod or other portable

music player to send good vibrations to your erogenous zones in time with your favorite tunes. That's right – a dildo that elevates your ecstasy to the sounds of Melissa Etheridge.



Lesbian heaven. (\$69; CollectiveWellbeing.com)

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKER**

Nobody keeps wallet photos anymore. Except maybe your dad, and he probably hid yours behind his Moose Lodge membership after you came out. Such is life. Since you're not an easily embarrassed old curmudgeon, you likely want a better way to show off your sweetie. Enter Doodle from **OrigAudio**, a portable speaker that you can customize with personal pics (but not too personal), artwork, logos, graphics and more. Powered by two AA batteries, Doodle is compatible with any audio device that has a standard headphone jack, and it fits in your back pocket. Right next to his heartstrings. (\$39.99; OrigAudio.com)





Planning a low-key, lady-lovin' February 14<sup>th</sup> at home? Here's what you do: Spark up a couple candles, set the table with her favorite dishes and pour a few glasses of red. But that's just the beginning. Afterward, surprise her with the Nicole Conn Romance Pack from **Wolfe Video**, featuring three great girl-on-girl romance titles from the iconic filmmaker, including "Claire of the Moon," "Cynara" and "Elena Undone." Cuddle up in something sexy and let the evening unfold. All over the house. (\$34.95; WolfeVideo.com)

#### **CHEEKY VALENTINE**



There's no shortage (pun totally intended) in this year's V-Day selection from **aussieBum**. Whether your guy's a hipster in the streets but a freak in the sheets, prefers boxers of briefs, or needs a little help from underneath, there's a pair of 'wear from Down Under sure to please his package. Styles include WJ Pro, which will give his nethers the ultimate upgrade; boxers adomed with amorous rabbits; Classics available in 14 different colors; and a sporty tank to help him sop up all that sweat – in and out of the bedroom. (\$19.25-\$40; aussieBum.com)

#### **PLATTER FLATTERY**

Etsy aficionado **Jennifer Matlack** breathes new, functional life into vintage, silver-plated trays, bowls, plates and platters by self-stamping hand-picked pieces with words and phrases like "Love,"



"Adore," and "Be True." Smaller sizes are about four inches in diameter while larger works of art serve as true serving dishes with 12-inch diameters. They're perfectly sized to hold earnings, rings, perfume bottles, keys, wallets and change. They can hold food too, like, say, chocolate truffles or another aphrodisiac. Discovered at estate sales and flea markets, each piece is one of a kind in shape, amount of tarnish (or shine!) and design. (\$8-\$45; Etsy.com/shop/daisychestnut)



#### **SEALED WITH A KISS**

Known the world over for its indulgent outlook on decadent confections, **Godiva** recently launched a line of Chocolate Infused Vodka, a five-times distilled, ultra-premium spirit, the taste of which will speak for itself. So here's a recipe: Combine one ounce of Godiva Choco-

late Raspberry Infused Vodka with a half-ounce of Crème de Cassis in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake well and strain into a champagne flute. Top off with chilled bubbly. Serve with a smooch. (\$29.99)

#### BARELY THERE

With sassy sayings like "Trophy Wife," "Just Married," "Bottoms Up."



and "Domestic Diva," **Smart Ass Thongs** are perfect for that playful couple that never takes themselves too seriously. Undies feature an optimal rise and a floss width that's just right – not too wide or narrow. Colors vary per message, but include black, periwinkle and hot pink. Each pair comes beautifully packaged and ready for giving. Enter coupon code PAPERROXSCISSORS at checkout to receive a 20% discount. (\$20; SmartAss-Gifts.com)

#### **HEAVY HEARTED**

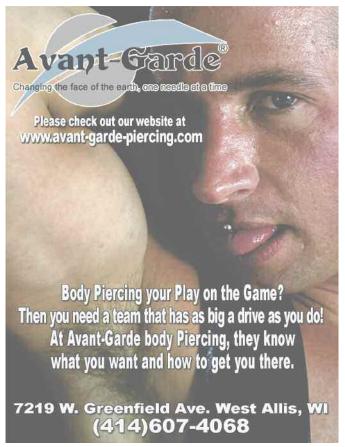
Business meets pleasure with the **Museum of Craft and Design**'s set of paperweights from master craftswoman Judy Vilmain. At two inches,

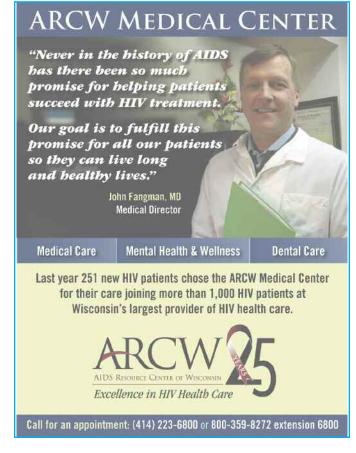
her Square Heart is cast in pewter with a small enameled red heart nestled inside to keep your love safe. For the even older fashioned, the pewter Love Letters is just right for that special someone



who prefers handwritten forget-me-nots to fleeting sexts. Simply designed, both pieces embody the whimsy, inspiration and function with which we should all conduct our relationships. (\$40; shop.sfmcd.org)

Mikey Rox's gift guides – which include Mikey Rox's Ultimate Guide to Gay Gift Giving at holiday time – are the only such guides syndicated in LGBT publications across the country. If you have a product that you'd like to see featured in the future, contact Mikey at mikey@paperroxscissors.com.





## REPRESENTATIVES CALL TO GIVE BENEFITS EARNED TO THOSE DISCHARGED UNDER "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Representatives Gwen Moore (D-Wis.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Jared Polis (D-Colo.) and David Cicilline (D-R.I.) wrote to the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to ensure that gays and lesbians discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" get the benefits they earned.

Late last year, President Obama signed legislation authorizing the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." These letters come at a crucial time in the repeal process as Secretary Gates has requested a plan – by tomorrow – that moves repeal forward and recommends Department policy changes.

The letters ask Secretaries Gates and Shinseki to address the issue of discharge characterizations in the repeal process. Some gay and lesbian service members discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" or previous policies were discharged in a way that may block access to health care for veterans, education through the GI Bill and other benefits.

Congresswoman Moore said, "Even after we have ceremoniously repealed 'Don't' Ask, Don't Tell' we know there are still consequences. For some gays and lesbians the policy might as well have been – don't ask, don't tell, don't provide veterans benefits they earned. We need to get rid of that silent part because we can't leave anyone behind as our nation moves forward.

Congressman Frank said, "While we cannot completely undo the injustice that has been done to gay and lesbian service members, we can at least diminish the harm they suffered by preserving the benefits they earned."

Congresswoman Baldwin said, "It's time to right a grievous wrong and fully recognize the military service of gay and lesbian Americans discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." One way of recognizing their service is to allow them the benefits they rightly earned. We cannot undo the injustice these former servicemembers have already suffered, but we can begin to serve them as honorably as they served our country."

Congressman Polis said, "All the men and women who wear the uniform of this country deserve not only our deepest respect, but also our unwavering support regardless of whether they are straight or gay. Repealing DADT was an incredible victory for our nation and strengthens our armed forces, but the fight is not yet entirely over. As we fully implement the repeal of DADT, we must take action to ensure fair treatment for the many soldiers who, despite bravely serving our country, were discharged under this policy. They have earned it."

Congressman Cicilline said, "While the discriminatory DADT policy has been repealed, there are still soldiers who may suffer from lack of benefits due to a former dishonorable discharge. The brave men and women defending our country abroad put their lives on the line so that we at home do not have to. These courageous servicemen and women deserve the benefits they rightly earned."

Full text of the letters can be found on Congresswoman Moore's website. <u>Letter to Secretary</u>
<u>Gates Letter to Secretary Shinseki</u>

Also signing the letters were: Representatives John Yarmuth, Henry Waxman, Luis Gutierrez, Shelley Berkley, Pete Stark, Bobby Rush, Ed Markey, Anthony Weiner, Lois Capps, Mike Doyle, Betty McCollum, Betty Sutton, Barbara Lee, Edolphus Towns, Danny Davis, Maxine Waters, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Russ Carnahan, Chellie Pingree, Al Green, Gregory Meeks, Bob Filner, Jan Schakowsky, Keith Ellison, Jim Moran, Karen Bass, Donna Edwards, and John Lewis.



#### **OUTWORDS BOOKS TOP PICKS: FEBRUARY, 2011**

In honor of Black History Month, in February the Outwords Books Top Picks Outwords Books will feature New & Noteworthy titles illuminating the African-American LGBT experience.

Please note: the titles listed below are just a sampling of title on display throughout the month of February.

#### For the Guys:

1. "The Cross of Redemption: Uncollected Writings of James Baldwin"

This collection offers Baldwin's previously uncollected essays, profiles, reviews, and letters, fully displaying the breadth of his struggle to come to terms with the injustice and, worse, the immorality of life in a nation that prided itself on equality. Baldwin is biting and insightful in his critique of religious fundamentalism, the hypocrisy of the American art and cultural scene, the challenges of Black Nationalism, and the complexities of race and identity. Baldwin shows a masterful sweep of language and ideas and feelings that continues to resonate.

#### 2. "In My Father's House," E. Lynn Harris

Bentley L. Dean III runs the Picture Perfect modeling agency in South Beach. His father, a homophobic Detroit millionaire, disowned him after he broke off an engagement and had an affair with a male TV sports reporter. Strapped for cash, he reluctantly agrees to supply gay, bi or very open-minded eye candy for a VIP party hosted by Seth Sinclair, a closeted gay celebrity. When Jah, an 18-year-old student Bentley's been mentoring, covers for a no-show model and begins an affair with Seth, big trouble looms.

#### 3. "Visible Lives: Tribute to E. Lynn Harris,"

In a powerful tribute to bestselling author and literary icon E. Lynn Harris, bestselling authors and friends Terrance Dean, James Earl Hardy, and Stanley Bennett Clay honor him with sexy, original novellas in the genre he helped creategroundbreaking stories of black, gay men searching for love in a taboo world.

#### 4. "Love on a Two-Way Street," J.L. King

Music mogul James Lamar "Juice" Kennedy has a ruthless drive for sex, money, and power. When he meets sensuous, angel-voiced Brianna, he's determined to sign her to his label and get her luscious legs wrapped around him. With her silky skin and provocative curves, he finds her as fiery in the bedroom as she is on the charts. But Juice likes to have his cake and eat it too, and a hard-bodied man is one other dessert he can't resist.

#### 5. "An About Face," M.W. Moore

The final years of prison don t get any easier for former NCAA track athlete Miguel Morris as forces still try to derail his hopes for early freedom. In March 2005, he's paroled and hits pay dirt when an Internet design firm hires him as a technician. Notwithstanding financial success, he relearns the brutality of the free world when jealous colleagues hurl sexual innuendos. In addition, a contemptible parole officer clamps down on his travels to promote his artwork, a therapeutic passion. Despite obstacles, Miguel is determined to live proudly.

#### For the Gals:

#### 1 "Dangerous Pleasures," Fiona Zedde

Renee Matthews is ready for a purely physical connection, on her terms: sex in the dark with a total stranger—a night of breathless passion without complications. An online ad leads to the first of many anonymous trysts. Renee knows these encounters are risky. Nothing has ever compared to such exhilarating desire—certainly not her ex, or the "perfect" potential boyfriend her parents keep pushing her way. But as the excitement escalates, so does the danger. And walking away from her midnight lover may be more difficult than Renee ever expected.

#### 2. "Cyber Case," Nikki Rashan

Jovanna, a successful mortgage broker, and her criminal lawyer girlfriend, Melanie, have established a warm, tender, and secure relationship during the four years they've been together. But when business and friendship intertwine, the promise of their certain future is threatened. An online fixation turned temptation shakes up their once solid companionship. Will Melanie remain loyal to Jovanna, or will she succumb to an unanticipated and provocative online invitation?

#### 3. "Sister Outsider," Audre Lorde

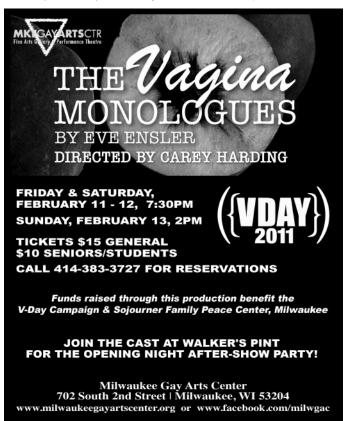
Black poet and feminist writer Audre Lorde is an influential voice in 20th century literature. In this varied collection of essays, Lorde takes on sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia, and class, and propounds social difference as a vehicle for action and change. Her prose is incisive, unflinching, and lyrical, offering a message of struggle but also of hope—one that still resonates with us after more than 20 years.

#### 4. "She Slipped and Fell," Shonda

Tina Jones is alluring and outspoken. Kendall Long is sexy, yet delicate. Whether separate or together, they cause quite a stir among the male population. An innocent fall, however, propels their friendship to a new plateau — one where each is compelled to explore and confront her sexuality. Will Tina and Kendall risk stepping outside of their comfort zone into unfamiliar territory, defying society, God, and their families, in their quest to discover who they truly are?

#### 5. "Precious," Sapphire

Abused by her mother, raped by her father, Claireece Precious Jones grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, and unloved. So what better way to learn about her than through her own, halting dialect? "Sometimes I wish I was not alive," Precious says. "But I don't know how to die. Ain' no plug to pull out. 'N no matter how bad I feel my heart don't stop beating and my eyes open in the morning." An intense story of adversity and learning the mechanisms to cope.



#### **DIVERSION OF THE DAY** Community Events Calendar

#### Friday, February 11

Hybrid (Milwaukee) Matty Perkin's Birthday Party with shot boys and 2-4-1 til midnite!

LaCage (Milwaukee) A LoveFest Weekend 10 pm (repeats Saturday)

**LGBT Center of SE WI** LOVE BITES-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY Radisson Hotel Racine 223 Gaslight Circle Harborwalk (Zepher Room) 7:30-11:30 P.M. Singles, Couples, Friends, join us for Music, Appetizers, Cash Bar, Mingling. RSVP: Email programs@lgbtsewisc.org or (262)664-4100

The ROOM (Milwaukee) Karen Valentine's Valentine Show. 10 pm with a Special Guest

#### Saturday, February 12

**TEMPT (Milwaukee)** Big Balloon Banaza (Balloon drop) win bottle service, bar tabs and cash **Studio 8 (Manitowoc)** Club 1226 Reunion Party 8 pm

#### Sunday, February 13

Kruz (Milwaukee) Leather Castaway's M. C. "UNDERWEAR PARTY" Beer/Soda Bust. 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. Prizes - "UNDERWEAR CONTEST" -FUN!!

#### Monday, February 14

Ballgame (Milwaukee) Valentine's Day Special! Sweethearts get thier 2nd drink free today.

Outwords Books (Milwaukee) Outwords Men's Book Club. 7 pm. As spring (hopefully) approaches, the Outwords Men's Book Club will meet on Monday, February 14th. The book for discussion is Sal Mineo by acclaimed journalist Michael Gregg Michaud.

**TEMPT (Milwaukee)** Solo or a couple, enjoy comp chanpagne and 2-4-1 cocktail lovers night

#### Thursday, February 17

Boom (Milwaukee) Boom's 11 Year Anniversary Party 8pm Food and drinks specials

#### Friday, February 18

Montage (Milwaukee) Transformers Turns 9 with special birthday guest Nova D'Vine

#### Saturday, February 19

Boom (Milwaukee) Long John Underwear Party 10pm 2-4-1 if in underwear.

ICON (Kenosha) Mr & Miss Club ICON Pageant 9pm

KRUZ (Milwaukee) M.A.U.L. Bear nighte 10pm - close

Madison Gay Video Club ""The String (Arabic w/subtitles)" (TLA Rel., dir. Mehdi Ben Attia, 2009) "More Than You Can Handle" (Bel Ami, dir. Marty Stevens, 2010) 8 PM, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

#### Friday, February 25

ICON (Kenosha) The Smirnoff Taste Challenge

LaCage (Milwaukee) Recessionista Party with garnd prize drawing of \$300

Napalese (Green Bay) Free HIV testing from 8-10pm. Beer/Soda Bust sold at door for \$9. Raffle to raise funds for ARCW and BC4M. Snacks to be provided. Fun for ALL!

#### Saturday, February 26

Hybrid (Milwaukee) Snow Shoe Pub Crawl starts 3 pm

ICON (Kenosha) Ronnie Nyles performs Live 8 pm

Napalese (Green Bay) Bear Club Pub Nite! 9pm - close

TEMPT (Milwaukee) Stop & Go Light Night

#### Wednesday, March 2

Harmony Cafe (Green Bay) LGBT Roundtable 6:30 p.m. Any community members or agency staff members who plan LGBT-oriented events or programs are welcome to join us.

#### Thursday, March 17

Ballgame (Milwaukee) Ballgame's Best Anniversry Party Ever! Details coming...

#### Thursday, March 24

Club XS (Green Bay) Free HIV testing from 10pm-midnight.

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#### Saturday, April 30

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## New LGBT Cinema on DVD by Glenn Bishop DAVID'S BIRTHDAY

Having just screened "David's Birthday," screened for the second time in fact, Glenn is thoroughly ready to place the entire blame upon the cadaverous shoulders of Thomas Mann.

Way back when, a long, long ago, German author Thomas Mann wrote an extraordinary novella titled, "Death in Venice." the story of Gustav von Aschenbach, a famous author now in his early fifties. Whilst on holiday in Venice, Aschenbach becomes obsessed with a beautiful 14 year-old Polish youth named Tadzio. Literary critics, not to mention those wonderfully wacky folks at Wikipedia, suggest that the character of Aschenbach is a mere literary plaything for Mann's exploration of Apollonian reason besieged by Dionysian passion. Or perhaps the boy Tadzio is the embodiment of an ideal of beauty Aschenbach has long sought and now with whom he cannot help but become infatuated.

When Mann's diaries were unsealed, the writer's struggles with homosexuality came to light. Surely, Glenn would have thought; "**Death in Venice**" would have proved a sufficient red flag.

Now let's jump roughly a century. Italian director Marco Filiberti has just released on DVD his second feature film, "David's Birthday."

"David's Birthday" offers up two married couples enjoying a seaside holiday on the Italian Riviera. Matteo (Massimo Poggio, a psychologist, is by all appearances happily married to the lovely Francesca (Maria de Madeiros) with whom he has a young daughter. The joke is that their friends, Diego and Shary (Alessandro Gassman, Michela Cescon) have been married and separated so many times that even they have lost track.

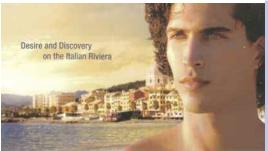
Yes, yes, this is starting to sound all very "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice."

Or at least it does until the arrival of David (Thyago Alves), Diego and Shary's absolutely drop dead gorgeous son. An underwear model in his free time, David has been attending college in New York. David's visit coincides with his 18<sup>th</sup> birthdav.

Cue music: the theme song to the old, classic, "Mary Tyler Moore" television show comes immediately to mind.

"Who can turn the world on with her smile? Who can take a nothing day, and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile? Well it's you girl, and you should know it With each glance and every little movement you show it."

Did Glenn mention that David is absolutely







drop dead gorgeous?

Taking a break from reading Proust, Matteo is stunned to see the strapping lad that David has become. Seeing for the first time this extraordinarily beautiful young man boasting not only a killer smile but a mop of curly hair and a chiseled torso, Matteo is speechless; quite nearly breathless. Matteo's infatuation is absolute upon learning that David, smiling, does remember Matteo: "Yes, you used to hold me in your arms."

The moment is positively pregnant with sexual tension.

Much like his fictional predecessor, Matteo can only watch in abject frustration as David romps the sundrenched beach with his new friends; watch in much the same fashion as Aschenbach watched Tadzio so many years before.

With David's every little smile, every little glance, Matteo's heart cannot but become further inflamed.

But what of David? Invariably the center of attention due his physical beauty, David initially seems disaffected, a genuinely friendly lad and one awfully taken with new gal pal Aurora. Yet when teased about kissing her David curtly insists, "She kissed me."

David is particularly attentive to Matteo even as Matteo has taken to spying on the young man. Carefully lurking in the bushes, Matteo gazes

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

After what has seemed a steady diet of rather mundane American gay cinema, Glenn wasn't ready for the heady sexual melodrama that director Marco Filiberti has conjured up in "David's Birthday." From the film's operatic opening to the sexy drama unfolding on sundrenched beaches of the Italian Riviera, Filiberti would have appeared to have dusted off Mann's tale of obsession as inspiration. set it as best he could to Wagner, adding just a dash of Tennessee Williams. The result is visually stunning, always fascinating if occasionally a touch too "Dynasty." The four leads, each exceedingly well cast, are wonderfully three-dimension; flawed but appealing. Alessandro Gassman's Diego, something of an aging Peter Pan, is just the sort of man/boy to appeal to the otherwise shrewd, slightly detached Shary (Michela Cescon). Similarly, Maria de Madeiros' sweet, fragile Francesca believably balances Massimo Poggio's self-absorbed, somewhat condescending Matteo. Surely this holiday, as the many the two couples would seem to have taken together in years past, would have gone without a hitch if not for the arrival of David.

So dazzled was Glenn with Thyago Alves's David, that Matteo's infatuation proved entirely believable, as is his all too human struggle to fight it. So out of his depth is Matteo that not even Proust can help neutralize the temptation of David's dazzling smile and nubile flesh. Rather less certain is Glenn of the extreme consequences of their passion once unbridled.

"David's Birthday" is indeed something of a guilty pleasure.

#### Just the facts...

"David's Birthday" clocks in at a nifty 106 minutes and is Italian with English subtitles.

"David's Birthday" is available on DVD from Wolfe Video with a SRP of \$19.95

Director Marco Filiberti's first feature film, "Adored," came out in 2003. Thomas Mann's "Death in Venice" was rated Number 1 by the Publishing Triangle's 100 Best Gay & Lesbian Novels.

upon David as he showers; later he peers through David's bedroom window and is rewarded with so intimate a scene that it very nearly takes "David's Birthday" into the realm of softcore porn.

As happened in "Death in Venice," the screenplay by Deborah De Furia, and director Marco Filiberti soon finds that some of David's family, particular David's mother Shary, have begun to suspect that something is amiss.

Are Matteo and David destined to suffer the fate of Wagner's Tristan and Isolde?







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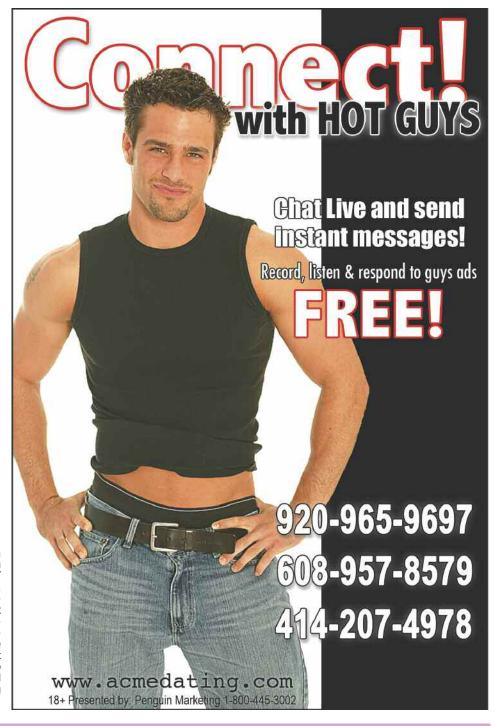
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#### LOVE IS COLORBLIND

#### Dear Uncle Barbie,

I'm in an emotional predicament. Thoroughly enjoying your wit and clever insight, I thought you might be able to ease my mind a bit. I have been in a relationship for almost four years now with a woman I love very much. But, I feel like I haven't been able to give her my complete unconditional love.

Here's why I think I haven't been able to. Prior to the start of our relationship my girlfriend had a boyfriend from Africa. She (not thinking about the consequences of her decision) married him to gain him residency as an American citizen. She was honest and upfront with me about this from the beginning, and I accepted it from a moral standpoint but repressed it emotionally. This has been a black cloud hanging over my heart since our love for each other began.

Her situation still isn't resolved, and it's preventing our relationship from going to the next level. I feel this might be something that will scar our relationship if we decide to stay together for a long time. What are your thoughts on

what I should do?

#### Signed, Seeking Resolution

#### Hello Seeker,

You are right; this IS an emotional predicament--if you choose to think of it as such. I believe it all comes down to a case of mind over matter--if you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Your emotions are troubled because you are viewing this situation as a problem instead of a learning opportunity. The simple fact is, your perception creates your sense of reality. It is up to you to decide how you want to interpret things. You give the meaning to the event. Look at the bright side; you acknowledged in your letter that she is trying to resolve the situation. That's good. Be patient, and take things as they come (no pun intended).

You mentioned unconditional love. To me, that means you love someone as is. I do not doubt that you love her. I just think that you need to work on your ability to trust that things are going to turn out for the best. That's what is really preventing you from going to the next level in the relation-



A defecation of desperate dialog.

ship. The last part of your letter expressed concern that this predicament could scar your relationship. Well, that depends on how much longer you continue to repress your emotions. As a therapist, I believe that emotional repression almost always results in psychological dysfunction of some kind.

My advice is that you have a heart-to-heart talk with your girlfriend. Be willing to listen to her in a non-judgmental way. Remember, you are not in this world to be a fault finder. Just love her the way she wants to be loved--and you will have to ask her for the details on that one. I sincerely wish you all the best.

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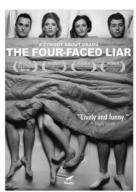
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First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee 1342 N. Astor, Milw.,53202 (414) 273-5257 office@uumilwaukee.org www.uumilwaukee.org

Footstep Fellowship First Presbyterian Church Cjapel (715) 355-8641 PO Box 171, Wausau, WI 54402 footstepfellowship@yahoo.com geocities.com/footstepfellowship

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Bay View GAYS (414) 482-3796 bvgpresident@bvgays.com www.bvgays.com

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Rainbow Association
(414) 258-8834
washhtsrainbow@aol.com
washingtonheightsrainbow.org

Wauwatosa Rainbow Association tosarainbow@yahoo.com

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Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin

820 Plankinton Ave. PO Box 510498 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 273-1991 www.arcw.org

Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic 12240 E. Brady St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 272-2144 bestd@execpc.com www.bestd.org

Children Service Society of Wisconsin

1212 S. 70th St. Milwaukee, WI 53212 (414) 453-1400 jane.ottow@cssw.org www.cssw.org

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Milw, WI 53202 (414) 271-2565 info@tccmilw.org

www.tccmilw.org
OutReach

600 Williamson St. (Ste. P1) Madison, WI 53703 (608) 255-8582 www.lgbtoutrach.org

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Chances R 417 Jay St, La Crosse (608)782-5105 Club 5 Bar/Restaurant 5 Applegate Ct Madison, (608)277-9700

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The Flame 1612 Tower Ave Superior, WI (715)395-0101

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FIERTE 5722 3rd Ave Kenosha (262)857-3240

JoDee's 2139 Racine St Racine (262)634-9804

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- 2 Boom (& The ROOM) 625 S. 2nd St (414)277-5040
- 3 Boot Camp 209 E National (414)643-6900
- 4 DIX 739 S 1st Street
- 5 ETC 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330
- 6 Fluid 819 South 2nd (414)643-5843
- 7 Harbor Room 117 E Greenfield (414)672-7988
- \* Hybrid 707 E Brady St (414)810-1809
- 8 KRUZ 354 E.National (414)272-KRUZ
- 5 LaCage 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330
- 9 Midtowne Spa (this is not a bar) 315 S Water (414)278-8989
- 10 Mona's 1407 S.First St (414)643-0377
- 5 Montage 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330
- 11 Nut Hut 1500 W Scott (414)647-2673
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- 12 This Is It 418 E Wells (414)278-9192
- 13 Triangle 135 E National (414)383-9412
- 14 TEMPT 324 E Mason (414)221-0228
- \* Two 718 E. Burleigh St.
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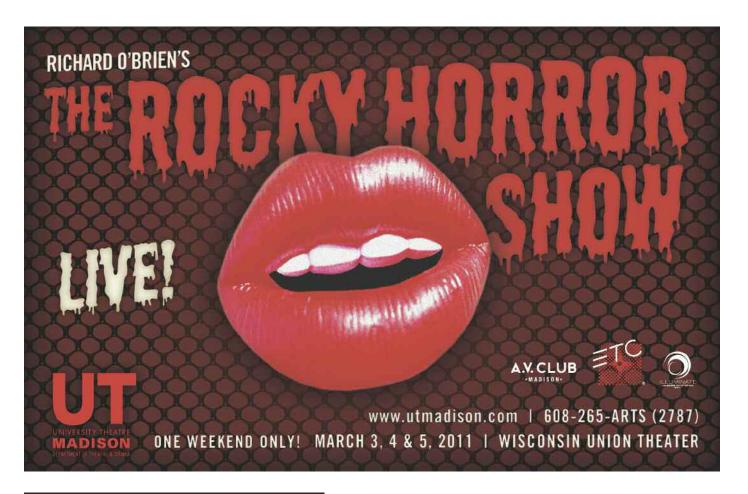
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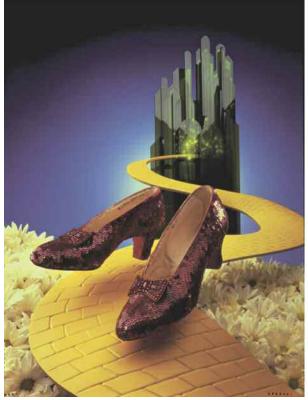
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