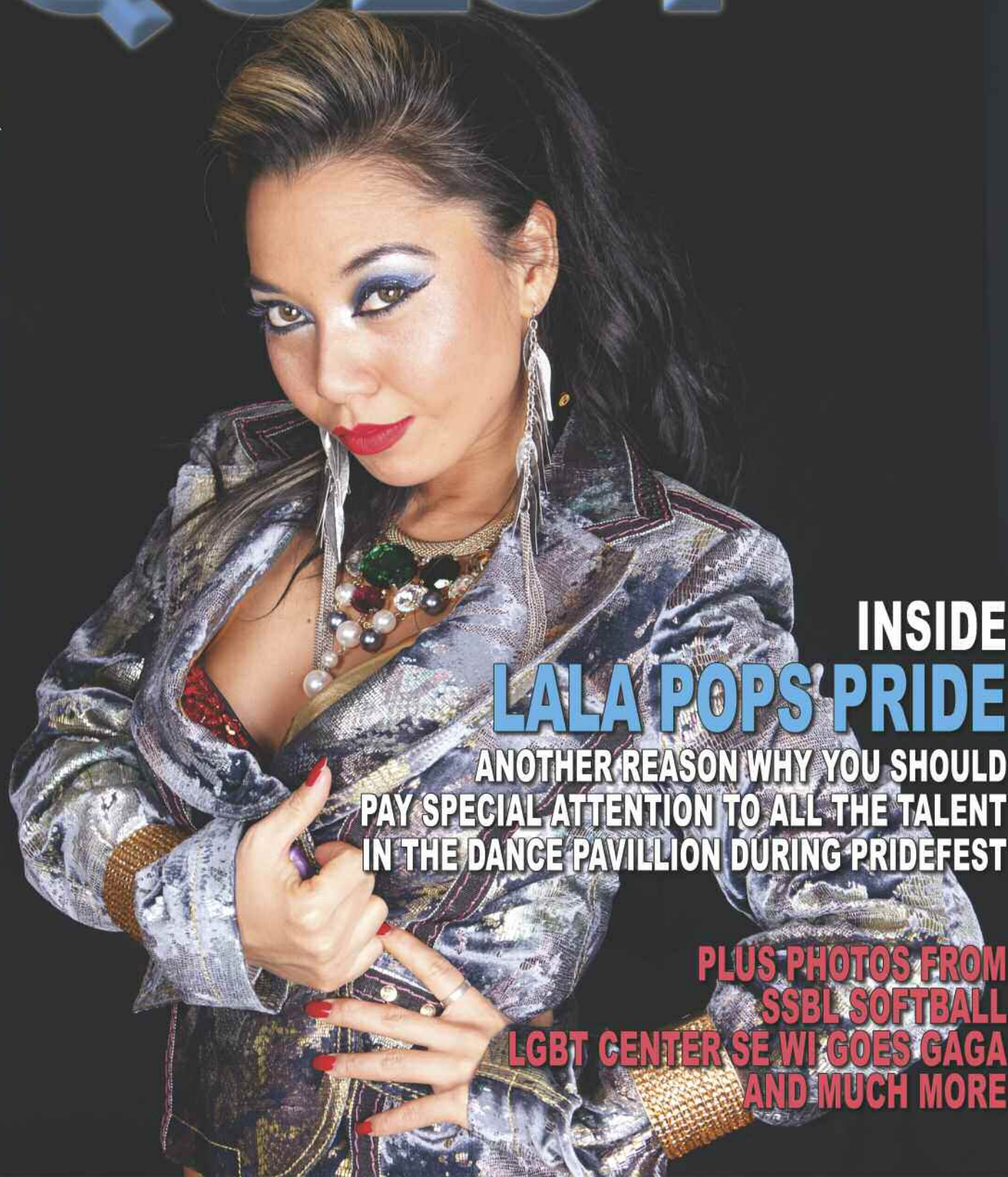


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MADISON MINOTAURS RUGBY SWEEP SPRING SEASON

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE WINNING 2011 MIDWEST IGRAB TOURNAMENT IN CHICAGO

Madison - The Madison Minotaurs Rugby Club ended their 2011 spring season with a shut out performance in the Midwest IGRAB Rugby Tournament held in Chicago last weekend, beating the St. Louis Crusaders (34-0), Charlotte Royals (34-0), Kansas City Carnivores (17-0 and 19-0), and the Chicago Dragons (12-0) in the Championship game.

This shutout victory closed their spring season after winning all their IGRAB season games against teams from Toronto, Minneapolis, Chicago and St. Louis. Their fall season games

will start up in September.

The Madison Minotaurs are members of Wisconsin Rugby Football Union (WRFU), Madison United Rugby (MU) and the International Gay Rugby Association and Board (IGRAB). The team was established in 2007 as an all-inclusive Division III team. The team is open to players of all skill levels, sizes, orientations and ages. Currently the team has 22 active players.

The Madison Minotaurs represent the smallest city in the IGRAB League, which represents global cities including Sydney, New York, San

Francisco, Toronto, Dublin, Paris and London.

The Madison Minotaurs currently are fundraising for the 2012 Bingham World Rugby Cup, to be held in Manchester, England in June 2012. The Bingham Cup is named for Mark Bingham, one of the 9/11 victims who helped retake United 93 and had just founded the first US gay rugby club.

Player recruitment is currently underway for the fall season with practices already starting on Monday and Thursday evenings. More information can be found at www.MadisonMinotaurs.com or facebook.com/MadisonMinotaurs



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LALA Pops Pride

By JC Alvarez

LALA's unique mix of music, culture, fashion and performance present a creative formula that is purely her own design. Born in Hong Kong from Chinese parents and raised in Canada, LALA is blending eastern and western traditions that speak to an entirely new generation of dance music fans. She'll perform her new dance smash, "I Miss You", at Milwaukee Pride on June 11th.

"My first introduction to music was through Bollywood," explains LALA. She was captivated by the colorful mélange of music, dance and fashion from Indian pop culture. "Even though my home life stuck close to our Chinese roots, I found myself drawn to East Indian traditions. Still, I knew I would need to reach beyond them if I were to make it in the United States."

Confident in her ability to sing, and testing the limits of her comfort zone, a young LALA experimented and exposed herself to all types of music. "I became deeply entrenched into the hip-hop and r&b worlds," she says. "I love r&b music because it allows you to stretch your vocals to the highest heights. All the greatest singers that I admire come from the world of r&b."

She began crafting lyrical hip hop rhymes that spoke to her culture and Asian influence. "But people saw it as

cultural music," LALA continues, "and I wanted to be more mainstream." Feeling she would never find true acceptance in hip hop, she resigned herself to explore even more genres. "I was drawn to dance music because I love to perform and the reaction from the crowds in clubs is instantaneous."

LALA hooked up with the remix/production team Maniacalm on the single "Never Forget You", a song that would become her first Billboard charting hit. "Maniacalm was looking for a singer to sing on the track, and when they offered it to me, I didn't think twice about it."

The single, released on Red Stick/Strictly Rhythm Records, caught fire in dance clubs and radio nearly instantaneously, rising to #5 on the Dance Radio Airplay charts. LALA and Maniacalm quickly followed it with the sonically stirring "I Miss You" (co-written by LALA), a song that is playing in clubs and on dance radio now and is about to begin climbing the Billboard charts.

"I am so grateful of the reception I have received from gay fans," says LALA. "They're the first crowd to really get me and understand my desire to be loved for my differences. When I'm on stage in front of my gay boys and girls, I feed off their positive vibe. I swear I would shower in it if I could."



See LALA live at Pump! Dance Pavilion (PrideFest Weekend)

June 11, 2011 from 8:45-9:00pm

For more of LALA visit her online at www.lalathemusicartist.com

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WISCONSIN CAPITOL PRIDE PARADE/RALLY DATE ANNOUNCED

Madison - The Pride Parade & Rally will be held on Sunday August 21, 2011. The Wisconsin Capitol Pride Board has decided it is in the best interest of the organization to host a one day event only. The original intent of having a Pride celebration on Saturday August 20, 2011, in the downtown area of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, has been omitted for 2011. With balances still remaining from last year's event, the organization, felt it imperative not to add to those debts.

"We are diligently working very hard to pay off those balances. We believe we have a responsibility to ourselves and to the community to start fresh with a clean slate as we move forward and plan the 2012 Pride celebration," stated Julie Busche, WCP co-chair, in a prepared press release to Quest on May 20, 2011.

Stating 2011 is a rebuilding year for Wisconsin Capitol Pride, "Brick by Brick" has become an appropriate theme for this year's events. WCP

will be stepping into a supportive role, helping promote all pride activities and events being held across the Madison area for the entire week prior to the WCP hosted Parade & Rally.

"We gladly support & welcome all of the Madison area LGBT friendly businesses and Allies who wish to help and support us as we rebuild and move forward & plan for 2012. We still intend to partner with and support local and area businesses in their quest for success all year long," states Julie.

Advertising space is still available in the 2011 WCP Pride Guide as well as opportunities to host fund raising events through the rest of the year. WCP has an updated website and a Facebook page. Most of their information will still be posted on the website and the Facebook page creates a quick way to stay in touch and up-to-date with details. The organization will continue to announce & promote events as they are added to the Pride Week schedule.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available to sponsor the 2011 Pride Parade in Madison. All interested parties should visit the website for further information. All donations are tax deductible.

Applications to participate in the Parade are available for download on the website. You can march in the parade or build a float to advertise your business, group, or cause. Have fun and be creative!

The Parade is also looking for volunteers. After all if it were not for the volunteers who help us every year there would be no Pride Parade at all! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kim P, Volunteer Coordinator at: volunteer@wisconsincapitolpride.org

The WCP Pride Parade & Rally is a LGBT family friendly oriented event currently in its 3rd year of operation. FMI please feel free to contact cochairs@wisconsincapitolpride.org or visit www.wisconsincapitolpride.org

VOLUNTEER WITH NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN'S PRIDE ALIVE!

It's true what they say - that all the cute ones are...Pride Alive volunteers!

Green Bay - The third annual pride event held at July 9 at Joanne's Park in Downtown Green Bay is seeking volunteers to help with the event. Please consider helping out at this year's Pride Alive event as a volunteer and get a free t-shirt, too! 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.

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? All ages can help out with this one!

Ongoing opportunity: Have a car? Want to let your favorite businesses and hangouts know about Pride Alive? We need help putting up posters and flyers all over Northeast Wisconsin. If you want to help get the word out, please email us at info@newpride.org and we'll get you more in-

formation on how to help out. The more people that know about the event, the better a crowd, and the more fun you get to have!

If you want to sign up to help out for a few hours, or email info@newpride.org or call 920-562-3830.

"We couldn't make these events a success without your support! Thanks again for volunteering and see you there!" says co-chairs Andrew DeBaker and Andrea Shultz.

STILL TIME TO GET A BOOTH!

p.s. If you represent a business or organization that wants a booth at Pride Alive, there's still time. We're always looking for new food vendors, businesses and groups that care about LGBT equality. There's even a special price for non-profit organizations. Click here to get your own copy of the booth registration packet. Email us if you have any questions. But hurry! The deadline for booth registrations is June 10th!

Pride Alive is A Program of Rainbow Over Wisconsin, a 501(c3) located in the Fox Valley/Green Bay area and has served the LGBT community since 1996. (*Quest is a member.*)

CHIPPEWA VALLEY 2011 PRIDE DATE SET

Eau Claire - Chippewa Valley Pride, based in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has been set for August 4 through 7, 2011. The trademark Pride Picnic will be held Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Braun Bay Pavilion in Eau Claire's Carson Park.

Chippewa Valley Pride has a new website listing other events as well as a listing of other regional pride celebrations. The new website is www.chippewavalleypride.org and has some events listed.

"If your website offers pride listings, please consider including ours as well as any other information you choose," says Christopher Iannone from Chippewa Valley Pride.

OTHER PRIDE EVENTS IN WISCONSIN

La Crosse, WI: Pride Along the Mississippi
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RIC FEST GOES NATIONAL

Ric Fest gets ready to raise money this summer at the NEA-RA in Chicago and is looking for volunteers to help out at the table.

Milwaukee - Ric Fest is going national this summer in Chicago. Last year at the National Education Association-Rep Assembly in New Orleans, we raised the \$2,000 needed for our first national scholarship. The scholarship will be given out this summer to a deserving student from around the country. The selection committee will be made of NEA leadership, NEA-LGBT Caucus leaders, and SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) committee members. Despite the controversy from far right people disliking the name, the NEA-Drag Queen Caucus is back in force this summer trying to raise money for next year's scholarship. Drag Queens have been the backbone in a lot of fundraisers around the country, including AIDS, breast cancer, and the like. It's fitting that we use the name to help raise money for our future leaders. For anyone interested in helping out by working the NEA-DQC table in Chicago this summer, June 30-July 6, please contact the Ricardo Correa Scholarship Foundation at (262) 573-3321 or by e-mail at Ric.fest@yahoo.com. You don't need to be a drag queen to volunteer, just someone who cares about gay and lesbian youth! People who can help for a half day, full day, or the whole week are greatly appreciated!

Ric Fest Scholarship Winner picked

This spring, the Ricardo Correa Scholarship Foundation board met for their annual board meeting. The officers were voted on; the by-laws were updated (Check out Ricfest.org for bylaws, scholarship applications for the state and national to download, and upcoming fundraisers.), but most important of all the new Wisconsin scholarship applications were read and voted on.

The newest scholarship winner was unanimously approved. Emmanuel is a student in the Milwaukee Public Schools. He will be attending UW-Milwaukee as a computer engineering major this fall. He was recommended by his Admission Possible coach, "a program that assists low-income high school students of promise to achieve their dreams of college education." His coach told the scholarship committee, "Emmanuel is a wonderful young man who brings nothing but positive energy with him wherever he goes." He works ten to twenty hours a week for the Milwaukee Multicultural Institute while taking rigorous college prep courses in school. His hero is the chief executive officer of the institute. Emmanuel wrote that his hero, Nelson Soler is an "openly homosexual male that I know...who has really pushed me forward in my education and my self-awareness." Coming from an abusive home as a child and being told he was a good for nothing idiot, his grandmother was the only one to tell him she loved him.

Emmanuel wrote, "Though, I am still new to the LGBT community, I have always fought for their rights... I had a rough childhood with constant

taunting from my family...but I always kept a positive outlook in life...I have learned enough to know that the road I have chosen will only continue to get bumpier, but why not sit back and enjoy the free roller coaster ride?"

Despite the fear of being ostracized by his family, he agreed to have this article in Quest. His last name and school were kept out of the article to protect Emmanuel from undue stress as a proud, bisexual Latino as he becomes the first person in his family to go to college. Congratulations, Emmanuel for your courage, hard work, and perseverance!

ANGELS OF HOPE MCC MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Green Bay - Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will embark on a new chapter in its history, Sunday June 5th, 2011. At that time, Angels of Hope MCC will have its first gathering in the Heritage Mall, 139 East 2nd Street, Suite L-4 in Kaukauna at 6pm.

On Sunday June 19th, they will be hosting an Open House from 2pm to 4pm. At the Open House, guests will find out why Kaukauna was selected as the new location. Light refreshments will be available. The gathering will follow at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday Gatherings are 6 pm at the new location. For more information, emailinfo@aohmcc.org or check out the website: www.aohmcc.org or on Facebook: Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR NEEDS PEOPLE FOR INTERVIEWS

Daniel Pinello, a political science professor is researching the implementation and effects of state constitutional amendments that ban marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships, etc. for same-sex couples. So far, he's conducted more than 125 in-depth interviews in Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas to determine the grassroots impact of these so-called Super-DOMAs. Next month, he will be in Wisconsin to investigate the aftermath of Question One from 2006 and hopes to interview a diversity of lesbian and gay pairs in committed relationships, including those couples who are raising children, as well as widows/widowers. He is looking for people who may be willing to be interviewed for my research. I'll be in Madison July 9-11, Appleton/Green Bay/Oshkosh July 12-14, and Milwaukee July 15-17. Interviews last no more than 60 minutes. E-mail to dpinello@jjay.cuny.edu

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If you were around “back in the day,” and by that I mean, the last couple of decades of Milwaukee’s gay 20th century, you may remember going to restaurants that catered to an almost exclusively LGBT clientele. Those places were a community response to either overt discrimination at mainstream venues or simply an option where we could feel comfortable. For the most part, they were owned and operated by members of the community.

Glass Menagerie immediately comes to mind. It opened in 1977 as the *Sideboard*, a restaurant attached to the M&M Club serving a soup and sandwich lunch menu. In 1983 it became known as the *Glass Menagerie*. It featured a general menu of down-home food with specialties – like its famous Monte Cristo burger. Of course, it had a Sunday brunch and a traditional Friday fish fry. The restaurant expanded with the addition

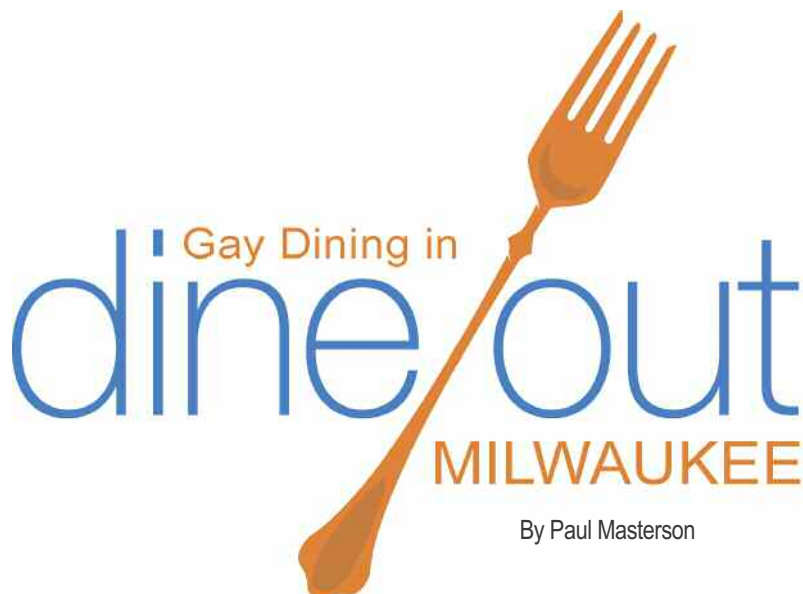
of an atrium and a patio. For many, it was their favorite place to dine with friends. It closed, along with the M&M Club in 2006, ending nearly three decades of LGBT culinary history.

Another eatery with a somewhat checkered history was Walker’s Point Café. It opened in the mid-1980’s. It was located next to the old

tifully renovated old Milwaukee storefront, the Tazzbah menu offered sandwiches and wraps as well as the obligatory Milwaukee fish fry. It’s auspicious opening and initial success, buoyed in part by the closure of M&M’s, only sustained the business until late summer of 2007. Despite its excellent food and atmosphere, the

1100 Club on South 1st Street and Washington Avenue. Anyone who remembers it fondly recalls its late night after-bar ambiance rather than the food. With a full diversity of patrons from drag queens to leather guys after hours, to young LGBT people during the day, Walker’s Point Café offered a central meeting point for the community.

A relatively recent addition to the restaurant scene was the Tazzbah. It opened on the 1700 block of West Pierce Street in December, 2004. A beau-



By Paul Masterson

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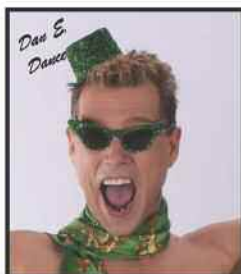
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off-the-beaten-path location resulted in an ever-decreasing number of patrons.

Grubb's Pub which later became ETC, and is part of LaCage is the most recent to end food service (at least for now.) There were others restaurants that came and went over the course of the 1980's and 90's. Few lasted more than a couple of years. For hungry patrons, some bars still offer pizza, popcorn and peanuts. But it's just not the same.

Mona's Out and About

There's only one remaining LGBT owned restaurant in Walker's Point still catering to a community clientele. Mona's Restaurant and Nightclub at 1407 South 1st Street opened in 2003 with a full spectrum of amenities: a dance floor, bar and a restaurant with outside dining on the patio. Its menu has changed over the years but the mainstays like pizza, burgers, wraps and desserts have remained. Prices have always been reasonable.

A new menu is being launched for this summer season. Innovative new selections include specialty burgers, homemade pizza, barbecue chicken and lots of appetizers.

Owner Pam Norby has followed the taste trends of her patrons. She's planned the new

menu accordingly. "We are totally aware of new health consciousness in eating - a lot of the new menu is based on Dr. Oz's advice. There are salads with boiled egg and honey roasted peanuts, sweet potato fries, and veggie pizzas. Still, our customers have certain expectations so we'll continue to serve our classic dishes as well, like the Mighty Meaty pizza. But, above all, we know there's a range of tastes we have to satisfy. Variety is the key. There'll be daily specials like Cajun Chicken, Black Bean Chili, and more than a few surprises" Norby said.

"We've expanded the appetizer list, too. Some people just want a snack to go with their drinks. But again, we want to make even a light meal memorable as well as satisfying. Our staff is American and Mexican so our cuisine reflects those influences. We have a spectacular nacho recipe with Mexican queso fresco instead of the typical yellow cheese. It gives a fresh new experience to what has become dull standard fare. And, we'll have incredibly delicious Coconut Shrimp based on a Fort Lauderdale recipe. Again, there are classics like huge Mozzarella Sticks that bring us back to Wisconsin," Norby said.

PrideParade kicks off Mona's new Sunday Brunch

Sunday morning has long been an excuse to go out for brunch. Mona's new brunch menu will be launched on Sunday, June 12, to coincide with the PrideParade assembly right outside the restaurant. In the past, PrideParade participants have enjoyed Mona's as a first stop for the morning set up. This year they'll enjoy an entirely new brunch concept. Of course, it'll be served on Mona's outdoor patio.

"People love the patio. It's been especially popular with the brunch crowd. The brunch will be different than in the past. Rather than a buffet style we decided to go with fixed menu selections. We have 10 entrees to choose from. They range from the typical egg selections to a wide variety of omelets. Brunch will be served through the summer and fall on the patio as long as weather permits," Norby said.

Food service at Mona's is offered Tuesdays through Fridays from 4-10pm and, in addition to the brunch, from 6-10pm on Sundays. Due to bar events, the kitchen will be closed on Saturdays.



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NEW MILWAUKEE CLUB PAYS HOMAGE TO THE LEGENDARY 70'S GAY DISCO, CIRCUS

by Mark Mariucci

Milwaukee – June 4 marked the opening of a new club for LGBT party goers who love dance and shows. Riding on the wave of the new Burlesque theme kicked off by a recent movie of the same name starring Cher and Christina Aguilera, is the new Circus Club. Located in the same place that used to be Rain you'll be treated to burlesque type shows, great dance music and perhaps a circus theme too.

"The Circus Club entertains gay nightlife with an elevated culture of libation, a fantasy dance floor, live performances and tented lounges including an exclusive fun house party room. The 14,000 square-foot, multimedia complex features three bars in eccentric environments. The dance floor is a particularly special attraction featuring an array of lights and colors to invigorate the senses and send the beat deep into your soul," says Ringmaster

Mitchell Olszewski.

In addition to the fantasy dance floor and live performances there are tented lounges and an exclusive fun house party room.

The original Circus in Milwaukee you will remember was owned and run by George Prentice and Jim Seebooth. Today's incarnation pays homage to that name but is run by entrepreneurs Mitchell Olszewski, Robert Smith & Andrea Farr.

"With significant renovations, plush interior, and fanciful Three Olives drink menu, guest DJs, and celebrity hosts, the Circus Club opens not merely for revelry, but for endless, lavish, spectacular entertainment," continues Mr Olszewski in a spirited press release sent to Quest.

Encouraging expressive attire and embracing the many flavors of sexuality while providing classy amenities, including valet parking, table service,

party rooms, private lounges, costume stewards, interactive entertainment, dance floor hits, electric sounds, and burlesque performances, Mitchell says, "Come one, come all to the best night of your life, one you'll never forget. The Circus Club is a perfect addition to the gayborhood and a daring display of pageantry and illusion."

The last time I was in a disco with a circus theme, it was in Sicily, 2002 and it was housed in an actual circus tent. Perhaps this new place will rekindle a few of those memories. In any event it should provide some new excitement to the areas nightlife.

Circus Club hours will be Fridays 9 p.m. - 2:30 a.m., Saturdays 8 p.m. -2:30 a.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. -2:00 a.m.. More nights will be added later. The club will accept table reservations and offers party room rentals and outdoor gaming. Just email rsvp@theCIRCUSclub.com or call 414-301-1424.

Mr. Olszewski assisted in the growth of several nightclubs in the Milwaukee market including Wherehouse, Hot Water, and more recently, Hybrid Lounge. He is also the owner of MJORmedia and www.mkegay.com.

SHORT FILMS AND YOUR SUGGESTIONS JOIN MILWAUKEE LGBT FILM/VIDEO FESTIVAL AT PRIDEFEST

Milwaukee - Dinner parties undone by desire; queer teens waging war; one trans guy's wedding plans; inadvertent cross-dressing; Black Panthers; music video; one levitating butt, and more will be unfurled as part of the screenings the Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival will be sharing at PrideFest on June 11 and June 12

At 8pm on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, the Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival will be presenting a number of highlights from previous festivals. The screenings will be at the Stonewall

Tent at the southern end of the grounds.

Work to screen will include: Dinner at Lucy's (Stephanie Markowitz, 2009); Olivia (Sarah Louise Wilson, USA, 2010); Peace Talk (Jenifer Malmqvist, Sweden, 2006); O Happy Day (Charles Lofton, US, 1996); Kaden Later (Harriet Storm, USA, 2009); Cul En L'Air (My Levitating Butt) (Pierre Yves Clouin, France, 1997); A Summer Dress (Francis Ozon, France, 1996); For the Lucky and the Strong (Kim Sheppard, 2009); Birthday (Jenifer Malmqvist, Sweden/Poland, 2010); finally destroy us (Tom

Kalin, 1991)

Be sure also to stop by the Festival's booth in the Marketplace and enter a drawing to win a Festival pass. Also, share your suggestions for the upcoming 2012 LGBT Film Classics series. 2012 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival and the Festival will be showing landmarks of LGBT cinema throughout the year. What do you think are the classics of LGBT cinema?

The 24th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival is October 20-23. For more information <http://arts.uwm.edu/lgbtfilm>

For more information on PrideFest, see <http://www.pridefest.com>

PRIDEFEST MILWAUKEE CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR 24TH YEAR

Festival Opens June 10

Milwaukee - For the last twenty-four years, a dedicated group of volunteers has organized what has grown to become one of the largest pride experiences on permanent festival grounds. PrideFest Milwaukee will take place this June 10-11-12 on the Summerfest grounds on Milwaukee's lakefront - providing amazing entertainment, in an atmosphere where friends feel comfortable being themselves and demonstrating their pride as members and allies of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Entertainment this year features Oscar winning actress/comedienne Mo'Nique on June 10; the legendary ladies of hip hop, Salt-N-Pepa on June 11 and Country/Pop superstar LeAnn Rimes w/special guest Chely Wright on June 12. While these headliners shine on the Miller Lite Main Stage, well-

known DJ 's Dave Aude' and Chris Cox headline the PUMP! Dance Pavilion, surely the summer's hottest dance party.

"We have an incredibly diverse lineup this year," says Entertainment Director David Charpentier noting that both Salt-N-Pepa and LeAnn Rimes offer up "two musical styles making their first appearances" as PrideFest headline acts. "The fact that we can offer up so much entertainment and activities over three days for a low ticket price has long been a proud feature of our festival."

Organizers are thrilled to again offer up entertainment spanning 8 different stages, including areas for Family and children, health and wellness, Arts and Culture, LGBT History, youth activities, dance, music, magic, theatre, and more. Festival attendees can shop at more than 200 Food and Merchandise Vendors, take part in commitment

ceremonies, hear political talks, discover a new favorite musician, and cheer on volleyball teams as they battle it out in the 2011 PrideFest Volleyball tournament.

Admission tickets to the fest are available online at a discount up until opening day, when attendees can also purchase tickets at the gate. "One of our best deals is the three day weekend pass for only \$40" said PrideFest President Scott Gunkel. "People always come back, even when they thought they were only going to come for one day, so it's definitely worth getting." For the extra-special PrideFest experience, VIP tickets and reserved seating are also available for each Miller Lite Main-stage headliner.

Tickets, entertainment lineup, directions, & information can be found online at www.pridefest.com or on a smartphone at www.pridefest.com/webapp.

bookworm sez by Terri Schlichenmeyer

"Transition" by Chaz Bono (with Billie Fitzpatrick)

c.2011, Dutton \$25.95 / \$30.00 Canada 245 pages

The face in the mirror is yours.

Yes, you recognize that chin, the eyes that droop when fatigued, the mouth that's etched parentheses around itself, as if to enclose something you said. That's your hair. Those are your ears. That's your nose.

It's you there in the mirror – the outside you – but inside, well, what you see isn't what you know. In the new book **"Transition" by Chaz Bono (with Billie Fitzpatrick)**, you'll read what it's like to feel like you're in the wrong body, and how a tiny Hollywood darling became a man.

On the wall of his home, Chaz Bono has a picture of himself and his parents, taken when he was a toddler. They all look happy, Bono says, but he doesn't remember that day, or much of his childhood.

What he does remember, though, is that he always felt like a boy, even though he was the daughter of Sonny and Cher.

Bono says that, as a child, he dressed in boy clothes as much as possible and answered to a boy's nickname. He played with boys at school and his best friend was a boy. Nobody thought much about it, he says. That's just the way it was.

Puberty was rough and Bono came out as a lesbian, but something still wasn't quite right. He didn't identify with women, gay or otherwise, and distant feelings of masculinity colored his relationships with them and with his family. Still, he lived his life as a woman: falling in love, starting a band, buying a house, and trying to stay out of the public eye.

Bono's father seemed supportive of his lesbianism. His mother had trouble with it.

But happiness eluded Bono and he turned to drugs to cope with the frustration. By then, though, he thought he knew what he needed to do...

On March 20, 2009, he says "I drove myself to the doctor's office... I felt only confident that what I was doing was right."

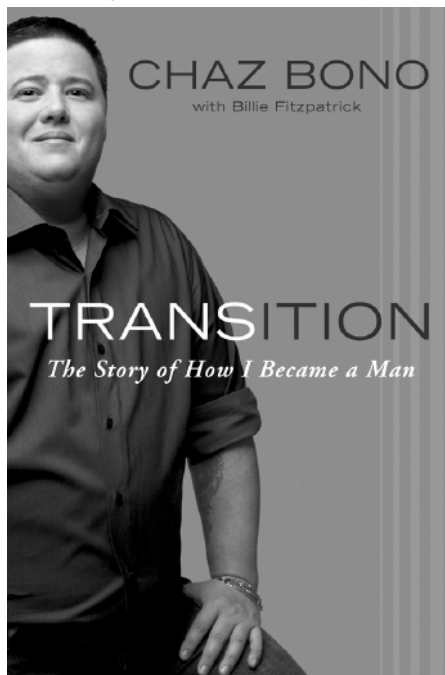
"After all the years of fear, ambivalence, doubts, and emotional torture, the day had finally come. I was on testosterone, and I have never looked back – not once."

Author Chaz Bono says at one point that he was never very good at transitions. He did a pretty good job at this one, with a few minor bumps.

"Transition" is filled with angst, anger, sadness, and pain, topped off with wonderment and joy. It's also repetitious, contains a few delicately squirmy moments, and its occasional bogginess is a challenge for wandering minds.

For wondering minds, Bono is quick to defend and explain away his family's reluctance to accept his gender reassignment, but he's also willing to admit to being hurt by it. Still, contentment and awe shine forth at the end of this book, and readers will breathe a sigh of relief for it.

If you can face the slowness that crops up in "Transition" now and then, you'll find it to be a pretty good memoir. For you, it's a book to put your hands on.



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THE DATING DIET By Anthony Paull Til the World Ends

I don't get it. Allen Ginsberg writes poems about assholes and is declared one of America's most influential poets, and when I do the same thing, I get kicked out of newspapers. Is my asshole that appalling? Well, it was *appealing* in college. And according to some bathroom scrawls, it still is. But I'm not allowed to brag. At my age, I should know better. I should also know not to wear panties when I run low on boxer briefs. But that hasn't stopped me. I keep doing it. I find it sexy, even if the guys at the gym disagree. I don't know what their problem is. My panties contain the same cotton found in good, old-fashioned boy briefs. What's the big deal if I model them in public?

"Um, it's a BIG deal, because they're not meant to hold penises," my assistant Skip tells me. "How do you keep it from flopping out?"

"Please. It's not *that* big. I just wear a woman's large instead of a medium."

"You're working too much," Skip surmises. "That's why you're acting like this. You can't bust out in panties at the gym. Most people would consider that a biohazard."

"Well, I'm not *most* people."

Skip agrees, stating I've become far too removed from the public, that I don't know how to interact with normal people. I'm too busy making films and conducting flashy interviews, chatting with celebrities who are too fabulous to pump their own gas.

"Please. I'm nothing like them," I state. "I can't even afford gas."

"True, but you're always on that computer. You need to get out more. Are you going to the Harvey Milk Festival?" he asks.

I think, yes. Of course! What a great way to support equality, spend time with my boyfriend, and hang with *normal* people.

Too bad, at the event, I don't quite know how to interact.

In the midst of indie rock stars, I find myself talking about the upcoming Rapture, how it would be a great opportunity for a photo op. Those of us left behind, we can star in a glossy magazine spread with A-list locusts and the ghost of Britney Spears. "Do you think God would find that offensive?" I ask the band MeteorEYES. "You know, trying to capitalize on the end of the world? Isn't that what Britney did with her last single?"

In return, I get a few awkward glances in the VIP tent, where the 'who's who' drink champagne while snacking from an imported cheese tray that costs more than I make in a week. But hey, I'm just so FABULOUS. At least, that's what Skip says. I'm so amazing I don't know how to interact with people. Yet somehow, I interacted with enough of them to help him land a gig at the festival. You see, Skip's a musician, and he's really talented. But today, he's also really mad because his band mates forgot to show up. Well, at least in human form. Skip did get a text from one of them.

"You looking?" the text said.

"Looking for what?" Skip replied. "Where are you? We have a gig!"

Apparently, his band mate had forgotten about it even though they scheduled a month ago, practicing weekly. But hey, at least he remembered to cruise Skip right before the performance.

"He's not cruising me," Skip insists.

"And you say I'm the one with communication problems? What do you think he's doing? He's trying to SCREW you."

"But we're friends. We've been in a band for six months," he says. Blink, blink, my eyes go, as I stare at him with a neutral expression. "You're wrong. That's gross!" Skip says. Leaving my side, he gears up to perform alone.

During his set, I listen to Skip strum his guitar, but I'm not

thinking of chords. Rather, I'm tuned into my very own discord. Maybe I *don't* know how to relate to the world. At times, I feel left behind even without the Rapture. I just can't comprehend the actions of others. How is it that we can ask for sex over a phone but we can't ask for a date in person?

What's more embarrassing? I have all of these friends who are waiting, wishing someone would ask them to dinner, but it never comes. It's zero to sex. If this guy is interested in Skip, why didn't he make a move after practice? I mean, it's not hard. You linger. You initiate small talk. You introduce alcohol, and voila, you kiss. If you're smart, you might even get



laid. You see, there are building blocks to a relationship. Have we all been hiding behind our computers for so long that we can't navigate in the real world of sex on anything less than the rate of hi-speed Internet? Without a pod or a pad attached, I fear we're losing touch.

Still, after the set, Skip assures me there's hope.

"I got another text," he says. "You're right. He spelled out what he wants this time."

"And did you reply?"

"Not in a text," Skip smirks. "If he wants sex, he needs to ask for it in person. Until then, forgetting to reply is the best way to remind him he needs practice."



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A DIP IN CHILLY WATERS

By Mick Sandoval

Photography by George Starr



Before flexing his muscles on MTV's *The Real World*, Scott Herman was a self-described 'weakling'. At 12, he found weights in his father's basement and embarked on a rigorous six-days-of-the-week two-hours-each-day fitness program. He also changed his diet to a high carbohydrate plan of pasta, bagels, rice, and grilled chicken; then added Syntha-6, a protein supplement, along with multivitamins for added nutrients.

Ten years of training has given Scott Herman superhero looks and the confidence to match. He doesn't deny that the muscles help him in the dating arena, but he says they've also given him the strength to stand up for what he believes is right.

In response to the recent LGBT attacks and gay teen suicides, Scott has been a vocal advocate against discrimination. "It's not a problem we can ignore any longer," he says. "I've learned when you ignore bullies; they find someone weaker to pick on. Maybe it's the big brother in me speaking, but I want to be a shield for guys who may not be strong enough to take a stand."

In his latest shoot, Scott was convinced to take a dip in a cold New England lake in his underwear. The photographer said it would be symbolic of the dip he has taken in his fight for gay rights. Lucky for us, Scott bought it.

Where did you shoot these latest photos?

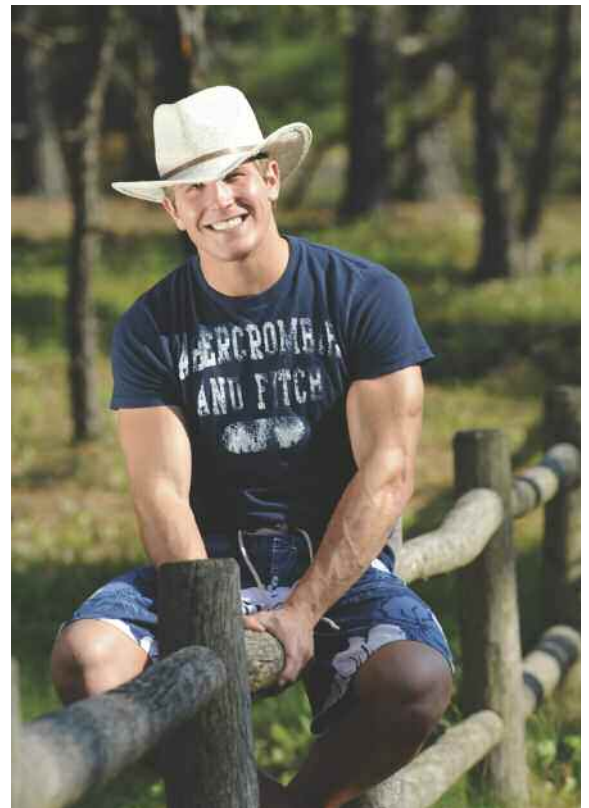
They were shot in a lake in Maine.

Early spring in New England is still chilly.

I am a New Hampshire boy. The cold is my friend.

No one said the life of a model was easy.

It isn't that the shoots are super hard. It's sitting around for long hours that can be a drag. I'm always on the go. When I arrive at a shoot, I want to bang out the pictures as quickly as possible.



Are you willing to do anything to get the perfect shot?

Most anything. (laughs)

Would you shoot a swimwear spread in the arctic?

Heck no. I give everything I do 110% but my Dad taught me a valuable lesson when I was young. He said, "Work smart, not hard". I'd prefer a swimwear spread in front of a green screen where they bring in a graphic artist to superimpose arctic scenes into the background.

Would you swim naked in a leach-infested pond?

I may be a model but I ain't stupid (laughs).

There was a serious side to the lake shoot.

I did it as symbolic nod to the dip I have taken in the fight for gay rights.

What made you take the plunge to publicly announce your support of gay rights?

I have spent my whole life standing up to bullies. I first became publicly involved with the gay community while filming "The Real World: Brooklyn". We did a lot of work with gay teens during the show.

Studies show that gay teen suicide attempts are four times that of heterosexual youth.

In high school, one of my friends came out junior year and I saw how the other guys treated him. I didn't like it. I remember thinking enough is enough. I had to do something about it so I made it known that if anyone picked on him, they would have to answer to me.

Were you as fit then as you are now?

I found fitness when I was 12. I was a very quiet, introverted, weak kid. I needed an outlet for my frustrations and so I began to workout in my basement with my Dad's old weight equipment. The basement was my place of Zen. I could be anything I wanted to be down there. I could push myself as hard as I wanted and each day became physically and mentally stronger. Fitness gave me confidence.

Is it true you were working as a fitness trainer at 14?

Not exactly. I started working at Gold's Gym when I was 14. The other trainers took me under the wing and I would offer advice to new members. I found I genuinely enjoyed teaching others how to better themselves. I was training people full-time at 18 and making a pretty decent living from it.

Do you agree that accepting differences in others is part of a healthy lifestyle?

It sure is. It's so important to be surrounded by positive energy. It is truly the lifeblood of your existence and to reaching your goals! I found that standing up for my friend in high school gave me a sense of power.

How so?

It was the first time I realized how powerful it is to stand up for what is right. If I can be a shield that gives strength to others, then that is what I am going to do.

Were you prepared for the negative feedback you would receive for supporting gay rights?

Not at all. I didn't realize the enormity of the hatred out there.

How has the fitness community reacted to your stance?

For the most part, they've been ok. However, some people continue to leave pretty rude comments on my Youtube videos. They call me fag lover. I get called gay a lot - like it's a bad thing. At the end of the day, I could care less what anonymous fools say because most of them would be too cowardly to say those words to my face. They have to wake up every morning and look at themselves in the mirror. I am not going to waste my time on their nonsense.

The locker room has long been a place for athletes to air discriminatory remarks against gay men. Do you react when you hear teammates jokingly calling each other fairies?

To be honest, I used to use words like "gay" and "fag" with my friends simply because I didn't realize why it was wrong. My brother and his friends have called me a "fag" for as long as I can remember. I didn't know what it meant when I was younger. I only knew it was meant as an insult. Now that I know better, I do not use these words and if I hear them being used "jokingly" I say something.

What do you say?

I simply point out that when you call someone gay in a negative way, you are saying that being gay is wrong.

How do you feel about gay men in the locker room?

Changing in front of anyone doesn't bother me. You can Google search my name and see me in my underwear. It's no big deal to me.

Would you feel comfortable showering next to a gay athlete?

I have never cared much for showering in front of other guys, straight or gay. I value my privacy.

What other issues are you passionate about?

My number one passion is fitness. I love to exercise and push myself to new limits. I also like to push others to meet their fitness goals.

In this busy world, why is important we set aside time for fitness?

Fitness is more than just looking good. It is important to set time aside for fitness because your need to take care of your body if you want to live long enough and enjoy a full life. Exercise is a great way to release stress and negative energy. You will be a happier human being if you exercise.

How much time is necessary?

The average person should spend no more than 45 minutes to an hour exercising a day. It's all about building a routine. Once you make fitness a perma-

nent part of your life, it always will be. Also, be sure to stretch in the morning when you wake up and before you go to bed.

How has being fit changed your world?

I owe my whole life and career to getting involved in fitness at a young age. We all have a purpose in life. I was lucky to have been able to find mine in fitness.

Does your partner share your passion?

She does. She would have to. This is what I do for a living. Scott Herman Fitness is my life and to have someone not involved would make for a huge gap in our relationship. I need someone that is going to support me 100%.

Does she share your feelings about gay rights?

She sure does. I couldn't be with someone who didn't have an open heart to everyone.

Scott, it's commendable that you would come out publicly in support of gay rights. But if you knew then what you know now, about all the criticism and hate mail you would receive, would you have been so vocal in your stance for gay rights?

I know in my heart what the right thing to do is and I will continue to do it no matter how hard the journey may be.

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Scott Herman's latest venture, Scott Herman Fitness, has been his most successful business to date. It continues to grow at a substantial rate every week, with approximately 30,000 subscribers or "Hermanites", as he affectionately calls them. 1,000 YouTube subscribers and Facebook fans are added each week. Here is an example of a recent exercise featured on ScottHermanFitness.com.



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Friday, June 10

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Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) Manhunt Dance Party 11pm-3am

PJ's (Oshkosh) Free HIV testing from 7-9pm

Saturday, June 11

BOOM (Milw) Manhunt Presents Adult Star Spencer Reed

Fluid (Milwaukee) GLOW Party with DJ Kelly

Sunday, June 12

LaCage (Milwaukee) Pride After Party No Cover tonight

Midtowne Spa (Milw) Post Parade Cookout on the patio 1-5pm

Saturday, June 18

Club ICON (Kenosha) "Kink Cenera" Cahnra's Birthday 8 pm

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Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus (Madison) Spring Concert - 7pm
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Sunday, June 19

Fluid (Milwaukee) Trailer Trash Bingo

Friday, June 24

BOOM (Milwaukee) Patio Party with Beer Bust 5-9

Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) Squirt Lights Out Party

Saturday, June 25

BOOM (Milwaukee) Fetish Party

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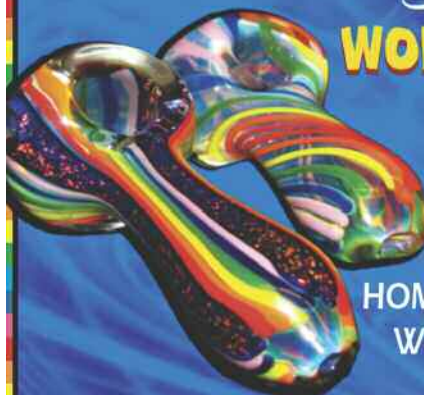
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ASK THE IRREVERENT UNCLE BARBIE Quick advice for sinners on the go!

(An effervescently gay advice columnist) Disclaimer: Although the author of this column holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, the tongue-in-cheek advice given is for entertainment only and is not a substitute for therapy. Barbie responds to all emails...whether you deserve it or not. Send questions to askunclebarbie@aol.com

THIS STUD IS A DUD

Hello Uncle Barbie,

I thought I would take a risk and write you even though I am sure you are probably going to hate me after you read my email. I get into physical fights with my wife. We haven't been married that long, a little under three years. It always starts off just pushing her around. But then, she makes me so mad that I end up hitting her.

I'm not a bad person. She just doesn't understand me. I was physically abused by my step-dad when I was little, so that's how I learned things. My step-dad would throw me around, and I couldn't do anything about it except crawl under the couch and hide, which I did sometimes.

I have found some support with my church. We have a men's Bible study group, and they teach me a lot. My wife, on the other hand, is not religious. She does not follow the path of righteousness. The Bible says that a wife should be submissive and obedient to her husband. That's God's will. But, instead, she disagrees with me all the time. Now, you understand my situation. What should I do? **Signed, Sam**

Hello Sad Sack Sam,

You want my advice? Ok, take a deep breath and find something to hang onto—the psychosis circus is about to start. Let the neurotic rides begin! Upon closer examination, your question collapses down to nothing more than an expression of male superiority and self-absorption disguised as a legitimate bid for information from me.

I'm sure it's very gratifying for you to retaliate on your mate for all your years of unhappiness as a child. The trouble is, however, this type of cathartic expression is extremely dysfunctional. You are taking your vengeance on an innocent person who has done you no harm. In the field of psychology, we call that indirect aggression, and it's VERY destructive! You are not being a loving husband; you are being a bully! In my mind's eye, I do not picture you as a strong adult. Instead, I envision you as a scared, little boy who acts as a tyrant to hide the fact that he is really feeble and weak. No, I do not hate you; I pity you.

You do not know the will of God, so stop trying to use the Bible to justify your pathological need to control women. That sort of religious, twisted logic blows my mind. (If you listen carefully, you can actually hear the sound of my head exploding.) You make it sound like you own her. Marriage papers are not ownership papers. I am not going to start volleying Bible verses back and forth with you regarding the role of women in a marriage. I'd

rather bring this issue to a psychological level. You seem to be dumping all your emotional waste on her. You cannot justify your immoral actions of mistreatment just because you subscribe to a sexist misinterpretation of God's will.

Based on your comments, you seem to be quite arrogant. In case you haven't heard, the price of vanity keeps going up every year. (Factor THAT into your relationship equation.) You have a history of emotional volatility. It is not her fault you have poor affect regulation. It does no good to vent your anger out on your wife. To employ a truism, if you drop a rock on your foot, it does not do any good to get mad at the rock. Yet, you habitually resort to violence to resolve conflict. I guess, when the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to view everything as a nail. This sort of unnecessary posturing only serves to pollute the web of the relationship. You need to develop other coping mechanisms to deal with your temper.

I strongly recommend individual therapy (not couples therapy) for you and your wife by a licensed psychologist (not pastoral counseling). You need more than just counseling by your church (although that would not hurt). I refuse to believe that your men's Bible study group condones the way you abuse your wife. The reason I recommend separate counseling for the two of you and not couples therapy is because the problem lies with you, not her. She may need to see a counselor to work on her self-esteem, but she is not responsible for your behavioral choices.

You stated that she "makes" you mad. No one makes you feel mad without your participation. You need to learn how to be in control of your own thoughts and actions. Take a 10 minute timeout if need be. There are several cognitive and behavioral techniques that you can implement to monitor your emotional state and control your anger. You can get the details of these techniques when you meet with your private therapist.

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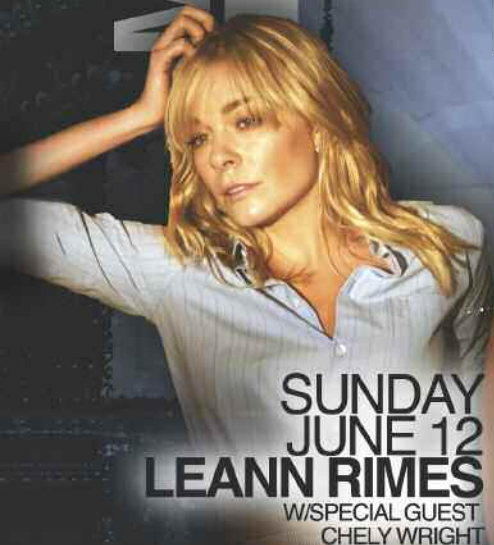


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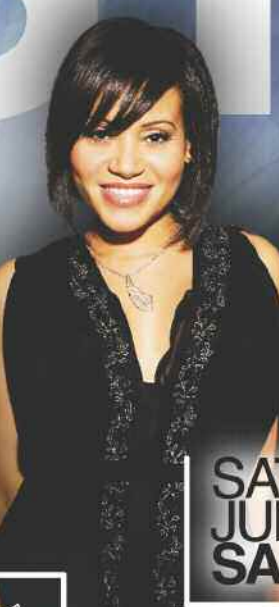
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