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RECORD TURNOUT ESTIMATED FOR PRIDE ALIVE IN GREEN BAY

Green Bay – Excellent weather and a packed crowd combined to make Pride Alive come alive on July 9. Joanne's Park on Green Bay's east side was once again the location for the pride celebration that is a program of Rainbow Over Wisconsin. Over 3000 is the attendance estimate offered by Andrew and Andrea, co-chairs. Most everyone agreed attendance appeared up from last year.

The food vendors were more than doubled from the previous year, and there was something for everyone's palate. Other booths offered merchandise for sale or offered information on organizations or political parties. The main stage offered live bands all afternoon, and DJ Cody from Chicago took the stage early evening.



One attraction that is grown again this year is the history tent. T-shirts, other artifacts from bars long past and lots of photos allowed people to get a glimpse of how things use to be.

After sunset the party didn't stop, it just moved. Shelter was the location for the Official after party called Fever (sponsored in part by this magazine) and featured dueling DJ's from Chicago, adult film stars on stage and of course DuWanna Moore and other female impersonator performing for a jam packed house. Meanwhile, Napalese Lounge entertained a full house until close with a special show featuring Elsie on stage.

The Pride Alive Weekend ended on a high note with the Chez Bouche show live at Riverside Ballroom on Sunday night. Show director Randy Bouche' estimated about 150 people for the show with over 100 there for dinner before the show which featured comedy and dance that harks back to the best of burlesque and Vaudeville. Guest vocalist Zoomie opened the show.

If you have ever seen the CC Rae Show and enjoyed it, but have not caught this new revue, you should go when it is in your area next. There is a mix of acts from former shows, and you may also remember Dan E Dance who is now with the group. These entertainers have really come into their prime and I think will improve even more as the show continues in other cities.

Be sure to check the Quest Photo Galleries online for all the photos. www.quest-online.com We can't print them all here.

Special thanks-photographers Mike Peters, Troy Zierer, Doug Rickert and Bruce McKay for providing Quest with these wonderful pictures on this and other pages in the magazine.



A weary team from the Argonaut leather-levi club retrieved trash from Joannes Park in Green Bay on Saturday during the waning hours of the 2011 Pride Alive event. The club, now 37 years old, is the longest running gay organization in Wisconsin.



Young people were a hefty portion of the crowd Saturday at the 2011 Pride Alive in Green Bay, including this group dancing next to the DJ Cody stage. Below: Political and social messages were also abundant.



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PRIDE

OUTWORDS BOOKS 18TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK WRAPS UP WITH NOVELIST KAGE ALAN, GAYLIAS: OPERATION THUNDERSPELL



Kage Alan will read and sign copies **Gaylias: Operation Thunderspell** at 2:00pm on Saturday July 16th, 2011 at Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee, located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee - Outwords Books wraps up a fabulous 18th Anniversary Week with a reading and signing on Saturday July 16th with Kage Alan, author of the popular **Andy Stevenson** series as well as the recently released **Gaylias: Operation Thunderspell**

In **Gaylias: Operation Thunderspell**, Kage puts a deliciously camp take on the spy novel.

Two agents, Nicholas Inker and Anthony Hamilton by name: one's American, the other is Chinese. One has the brains, the other the brawn. The one talent they share, besides annoying each other, is that each possesses an arsenal of insults for anyone caught in their crossfire. Next on their list is The League, the latest international threat; a terrorist group with an unknown agenda and untraceable funding. Guided by Debora, their trigger-happy handler, Nicholas and Anthony are assigned to uncover The League's innermost workings. What they find, however, is completely incidental to their real mission; each is determined to get the last word in, no

matter how high the body count.

Kage Alan resides in the Detroit area with his half-Asian & wholly domineering partner, and their fish, all of whom are affectionately named "fish". After spending 3½ years writing somebody else's book, Kage ventured out on his own and wrote his first comedy, **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to My Sexual Orientation**. Work quickly proceeded on the sequel,

"Andy Stevenson Vs. the Lord of the Loins," Following the release of **Gaylias**, Kage delved right into book 5 while already getting a bead on number 6.

This is a free event and all are welcome. FMI, please visit www.outwordsbooks.com or call (414) 963-9089.

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WISCONSIN CAPITOL PRIDE & LE DAME FOOTWEAR ANNOUNCE MISTER & MISS WISCONSIN CAPITOL PRIDE 2011

Madison - Mr and Miss Capitol Pride takes place July 16th 2011, at Club 5 (5 Applegate Ct.) with showtime set for 7pm. There is no cover, however a donation is recommended and appreciated.

The competition will open with the fiercest Queens battling it out for the crown. Followed Madison's finest Men and Drag Kings showing their stuff for the title of Mister WCP. The night will finish out with a fashion parade showcasing the shoes from Le Dame Footwear and styles from Contours Lingerie of Madison, and hosted by Madison's own Josie Lynn. The crowns will be claimed by the winners shortly after.

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All money donated at this event will go towards the Wisconsin Capitol Pride Parade Celebration Brick By Brick 2011. For more information, or to check out some of the fashions, become a fan on Facebook or go to: Wisconsincapitolpride.org or Ledame.com

SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MILWAUKEE LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is looking for creative and hard working volunteers to help with several events this year. Volunteers will be setting up the room, making name badges, showing guests where to gather, and helping to clean up after each event. In general there will be two pre-event meetings about 1-2 hours in length to plan for each event. Previous volunteers have enjoyed the events and meeting new people.

• Our Spring Appeal Memorial Celebration will be held Sunday, August 14 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the Community Center; about 100 attendees.

• Member/Donor Celebration will be held Tuesday, September 20 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Wild Earth at Potawatomi Bingo Casino; about 175 attendees.

• 2012 Annual Gala will be Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm at Woodland Dreams Ballroom of Potawatomi Bingo Casino; about 250 attendees.

Contact Patrick Price (414)292-3065 to sign up for these fun events!

Marketing Volunteers Also Needed!

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is seeking volunteers to help with marketing our events and programs through newsletters, website, print and other social media. Volunteers may participate in the development of a Marketing Plan, execute ads and other print media, develop social marketing campaigns, and any other creative ideas volunteers might have about marketing. The group will meet about once

a month to develop plans and strategies for making the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center a high visibility organization. About 5-8 hours a month. Please contact Patrick Price at (414)292-3065 to learn more about the committee.

MADISON'S OLDEST BOWLING LEAGUE CHANGES WEBSITE ADDRESS

Madison - You'll need to point your browser to a new address when trying to find information on Madison's Gay Bowling. The new address is www.madisongaybowling.org. It used to be dot com at the end.

Bowling out Loud is Madison's longest running GLBTQ Bowling League, and is open to all members of the Madison Community - gay, straight, or otherwise. The all-inclusive league, prides themselves on having a fun time bowling no matter what your walk of life or bowling skills. Bowling is held at 3pm on Sunday afternoons at Village Lanes on Madison's Near east side www.villagelanesmonona.com starting in early October, and runs for approximately 25 weeks (length of league to be determined).

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THE DATING DIET By Anthony Paull It (Kind of) Gets Better

I'm acting a little crazy lately. I can't help it. I'm a writer, and I can't afford meds so I take extra vitamins and work out a lot. I thought it would help, but it only causes me further expenses. Like last week, I pulled my abdominal muscle trying to do a backwards sit-up and ended up in the ER because I convinced myself I had appendicitis. Diagnosed with a bad diet, I was later informed by my dad that I wasn't really ill. I was just faking it to get groped by a doctor.

"Please. He examined my stomach," I replied.

"That's plain sick. He could have jerked you off. He charged enough."

Welcome to my life. My father wants me to be a slut because then I'll lead a more interesting existence. Nobody wants to hear about a boyfriend who loves me. How boring! Dad wants me foaming from the mouth, bopping a doctor on the exam table.

"Why do you think he put you in a backless nightgown...to show off that ass," he told me.

"Thanks, but I'm not desperate," I attested.

"Who are you kidding?" At the store, he watches me sort through various antacids. "Why do you think you're doing back flips at the gym? You're trying to keep your man. I know those games."

Games? I'm not playing games. I'm at the gym to stay fit. Everyone's doing it. Is that bad? Apparently yes, I'm not allowed to exercise. I have to rest my stomach. Oh, and according to the doctor, I can't consume liquor, caffeine, or sweets either. Instead, I must maintain a high-protein diet. You know chicken, fish, the occasional load in my face. But then again, I suppose that I can't have sex either because I'm not fit enough to do back-flips in bed.

I want to talk to Dan Savage. I'd like to tell him, yes, it does get better, but it also gets complicated. He left

that part out. That as an adult, instead of being bullied by peers, you get bullied by television and magazines that program your stupid brain into thinking you always need to lose five more pounds to be attractive; that never changes.

Well, it does a little.

I mean, it gets harder to lose five pounds, and eventually, you just give up.

Maybe that's the 'better' part.

You stop caring.

Instead of playing leapfrog at the gym, you happily drown in a pound of Twinkies and tell everyone to suck it. That's what I'm doing today, except I'm out of sweets and I'm not sucking anything at all. Well, I am kind of sucking in my stomach.

That's when my friend Donald calls, asking me to go on a walk. I agree, and we head downtown, where he talks of having similar problems. Though instead of exercising to feel attractive, he ditched a long-term boyfriend and has been having sex with random people.

However, the plan is backfiring. He enjoys the sex, but it's never enough. It's like that five pounds. Once you've experienced true love, it's hard to lose yourself in a one-night man.

Therefore, Donald recently looked to a friendship that had the potential of being upgraded to the next level. In the past, they were merely college mates, but Donald had always felt they could be more, that he could be the one.

For the reunion, Donald planned a dreamy camping trip in The Rocky Mountains, but forgot one important thing — he doesn't like camping or mountains. But he does like it in the butt, so that kept him quiet for the first



ten minutes of the trip. The next 48 hours were dreadful though. The illusion ended when his fantasy man began to tell him to shut up and listen to nature whenever Donald began to reflect on their past.

"Well, what did you want him to tell you?" I asked.

"I don't know...that I'm beautiful."

"You flew a thousand miles to hear that?"

"Wouldn't you?"

I guess I would, though I don't admit it. Instead, I tell him to turn on the radio and listen to some pop singer tell him instead. You're beautiful. Why is it hard to say it? Why is it harder to accept? Often, I hear friends say, it doesn't matter if you say I'm beautiful because you have to. But when does it matter? When some random guy is trying to get in your pants? Or when you lose those five pounds you didn't need to lose in the first place?

A friend recently introduced me to writer Masaru Emoto who claims that positive changes can occur to water crystals just by attaching positive words to them. An ordinary water crystal told 'you are beautiful' flowers into an intricate snowflake. Perhaps that's why a grown man, made up of 66% water, would fly 1,000 miles to hear it — because we all long to bloom.

So tonight, when I rest, I say it over and over. I'm beautiful. The gym won't say it, neither will the magazines or TV. They'd rather I buy their products for a boost; they'd rather brush me off if I'm not airbrushed. As an adult, it's good to realize that. Still, I fear for the kids, because some won't make it. And for those that do, life won't get better until we do something to change it.

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Below Will Sharkey takes pics o the fSisters of PI Riders For Hope Fundraiser After Party at ICON in Kenosha.



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"Hidden" by Tomas Mournian

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You hated being "It".

In fact, nobody liked being "It" when playing Hide & Seek. "It" was the banished position, the spot for losers, the hardest role in the game.

Was it possible, after all, to find all the other kids and tag them before they had a chance to get Home? Not really, and besides – "It" missed the hiding part, which definitely displayed creativity.

And "It" missed the heart-pounding, screaming race to get Home in the end.

But Hide & Seek is just a game. In the new novel **"Hidden"** by **Tomas Mournian**, staying concealed may be a life-or-death matter.

Ahmed was drugged.

At least, he was sure he was. He felt really high, and everything was slow. His father and Stepmother Number – was it Four? – had come to pick him up at Serenity Ridge, and they expected complacency on the way home. No problems here.

But even woozy, Ahmed knew that escape was essential. There was no way he was going to be sent back to SR, a "residential treatment facility" for queer teens.

So when whispers turned out to be correct – that there was a certain truck stop near a certain sign in the middle of the desert where he could find help – Ahmed told his father that he had to "go".

And when two women motioned for him to follow them, he went...

Passed from vehicle to vehicle, Ahmed ended up in a bus station with a phone number in his hand and a ticket to San Francisco. But getting there – and finding the safe house he was told to seek – wouldn't be easy: there were men, bounty hunters, whose job it was to find runaway teens who could potentially embarrass their parents. And they were looking for him.

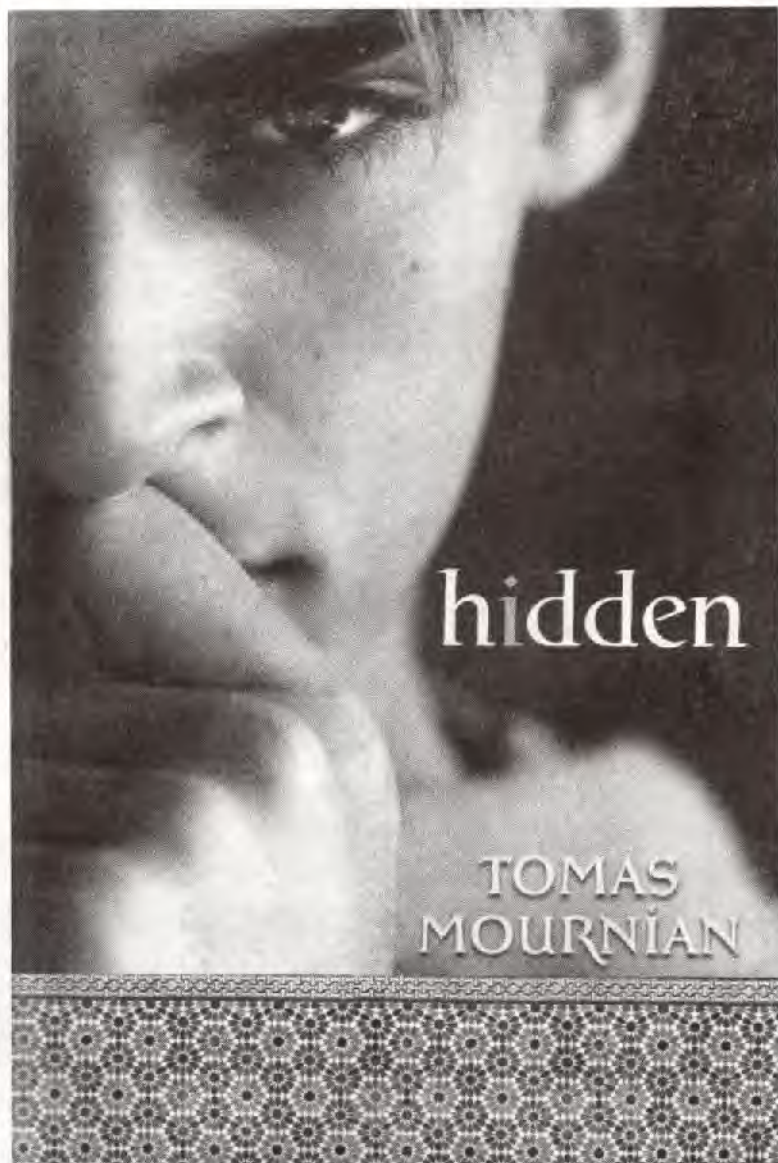
In the safe house, Ahmed became "Ben". Someone dyed his hair and told him that he couldn't look out the window. He was told that he couldn't leave, either, but the other kids living there found a way: there was a rooftop area, perfect for smoking and listening to music. It was comfortable, and semi-private. It was the perfect place to escape the drama of too many kids hiding.

It's only a book. It's only a book. It's only a book. Those are the words you'll want to remember while reading this pulse-racing novel.

"Hidden" is an easy book to get caught up in. The first half is pure classic chase-scene, complete with evil henchmen, vicious dogs, and an Underground Railroad-like passage to safety. You almost want to look over Ahmed's shoulder for him, lest he get caught.

Then author Tomas Mournian switches gears by adding a tiniest amount of malevolence to the discomfort of a dozen varied personalities packed in a small area for an unspecified time. This only ratchets up the tension, making "Hidden" a heart-pounder.

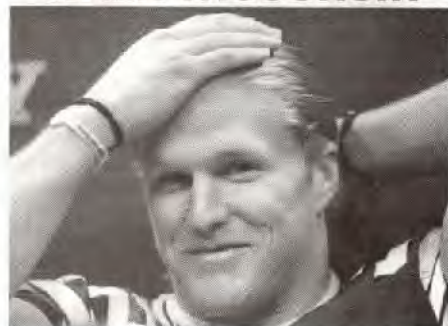
Perhaps meant for older teens, I think this book is an excellent read for any adult, too. If you're looking for a book from which your attention may never escape, "Hidden" is one to seek.





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WISCONSIN COURT UPHOLDS DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS, LAMBDA LEGAL & FAIR WISCONSIN CELEBRATE VICTORY

Editor's Note: This story broke on June 20, just after we had gone to press and couldn't be included in our last issue. We posted it online immediately, but since some people are not able to use the internet, we are printing it here late.

Madison - On Monday, June 20, 2011 the Circuit Court, Branch 11 in Dane County Wisconsin upheld as constitutional the state's Domestic Partner Registry.

Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge Daniel R. Moeser wrote, "Ultimately, it is clear that Chapter 770 does not violate the Marriage Amendment because it does not create a legal status for domestic partners that is identical or substantially similar to that of marriage. The state does not recognize domestic partnership in a way that even remotely resembles how the state recognizes marriage. Moreover, domestic partners' have far fewer legal rights, duties, and liabilities in comparison to the legal rights, duties, and liabilities of spouses."

"The law is clear - the domestic partnership law does not violate the Wisconsin constitution," said Christopher Clark, Senior Staff Attorney in Lambda Legal's Midwest Regional Office based in Chicago. "The research the court provided in its ruling today is a showcase of material proving that the proponents of the antigay marriage amendment repeatedly told voters in 2006 that the Marriage Amendment would not ban domestic partnership benefits."

In June 2009, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle signed domestic partnerships into law, granting limited but important legal protections to same-sex couples, including hospital visitation and the ability to take a family medical leave to care for a sick or injured partner. Wisconsin Family Action, an antigay group, brought a lawsuit in Dane County Circuit Court arguing that the domestic partnership law is a violation of Wisconsin's constitutional amendment banning marriage equality. Shortly thereafter, Lambda Legal successfully moved to intervene in the lawsuit on behalf of Fair Wisconsin and five same-sex couples.

"We are pleased that the Court upheld the limited protections provided by domestic partnerships because they are essential in allowing committed same-sex couples to care for each

other in times of need," said Katie Belanger, Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin. This is an exciting day for Wisconsin. Domestic partnerships marked our state's first step toward full equality in nearly 30 years. Judge Moeser's decision will ensure that we can continue advancing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Wisconsinites in the years ahead."

To read the decision visit: http://www.lambdalegal.org/in-court/legal-docs/appling_wi_20110620_decision-and-order.html

For more information on this case, Appling v. Doyle, visit Lambda Legal's case page at <http://www.lambdalegal.org/in-court/cases/appling-v-doyle.html>

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Cambridge, Massachusetts to pay gay married employees more than straight employees

Cambridge, Mass. — Cambridge, Mass., plans to offset the federal government taxes same-sex couples have to pay in by adding extra money to the paychecks of gay and lesbian employees who are married to their

same-sex spouses.

It is intended to fix what the City Council calls an "unfair" imbalance in the way the federal government taxes health care benefits for same-sex couples.

This will add a total of \$1,500 to \$3,000 to the 22 workers' annual salaries, an unusual move considering the economic woes state governments are facing around the nation.

"This is about equality," Cambridge City Councilor Marjorie Decker told the Associated Press. "This is a city that models what equality really means."

None of the thousands of legally married gay and lesbian couples in Massachusetts can receive the federal benefits offered to heterosexual married couples because the federal Defense of Marriage Act doesn't recognize same-sex marriages. Those benefits include Social Security survivors' benefits, immigration rights, family leave and the ability to file joint tax returns.

Hopefully DOMA will be repealed in the future and the federal government will recognize these inconsistencies in states that allow gay marriage or civil unions.

Creator of Queer As Folk Series Coming Back to Showtime Channel With New Gay Series

Russell T. Davies the man who brought the American version of Queer As Folk to Showtime has another series in the works featuring gay men.

"Cucumber", now in the development stage will differ from the older series in that the lives of the characters are not going to be about the young and handsome men featured prominently in the original "Queer As Folk." Instead, it's going to focus more on older gay men and some of their jealousy to the types of characters that would've been found in the original QAF.

Davies who is better known for his hit sci fi series "Doctor Who" and "Torchwood." He has been tied up doing the Who series and spin-offs and is now finally getting back to this story that had apparently been in development since as early as 2007.

While we wait for "Cucumber," you can always sate yourself with the delicious fourth season of "Torchwood" that moved from BBC America and is now on Stars Premium Channel. (I'm waiting for it to show up on Netflix.)

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John Kerry Defends Obama's 'Evolving' Gay Politics

The President supports recognizing gay and lesbian couples with civil unions, and said he's "evolving" on marriage. LGBT activists and allies have criticized President Obama for that statement.

Senator John Kerry, disagrees and made remarks in an op-ed published Sunday in the Boston Globe.

Pundits ask whether President Obama can afford to "change" his position on gay marriage. It's a phony debate about a real issue.

Marriage is deeply personal - our positions are based on unique combinations of reason, belief, and experience, not polling and politics.

Everyone is entitled to his own view, in his own time, including the president.

While Kerry agrees the president should be able to move at his own pace, the senator also insists, "The America we aspire to doesn't have any second class citizens," and concludes, "Although it sometimes take too long, America always ends up on the right side of history."

"Is this a journey for all of us?" Kerry concluded. "Yes - and appropriately so, because it's a journey for our country. And although it sometimes takes too long, America always ends up on the right side of history."

Kerry stated it was time for Congress to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

John M. Becker Goes Undercover at 'Ex-Gay' Therapy Clinic

In his facebook comment John M Becker writes, "BREAKING: This story, friends, is the reason I've been so absent from Facebook lately. For nine days, I was undercover in MN for TWO, receiving scientifically-discredited "reparative therapy" (which falsely claims to change people from gay to straight) at Marcus Bachmann's clinic with hidden cameras in tow. Until now, the use of "reparative therapy" at the Bachmann clinic had only been rumored. No longer."

Now the organization Truth Wins Out has his exclusive Investigative Report posted online and it has been reprinted with permission by the Advocate online as well. To read the report go to:

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Verbal Acumen

**A Dramatic Reading at
MGAC, July 21, 22**

According to its authors, Dr. Ray Proctor and Olivia Dawson, *Verbal Acumen* might just be a play about friendship. It might question the intricacies of African-American friendships. It might be a play about intellect versus intuition. It might be a play about finding and defining love. It might have a rousing Gospel number. It probably won't have an angry black man or a pregnant teen mother or mention liberal white guilt, privilege or entitlement. It might be about how two lives can intersect for a period of time and two people find a way to be honest with each other. It might be a play about nothing at all.

But it's not. *Verbal Acumen* negotiates the terrains of pretense, race and friendship. Sometimes it interrogates the complexities of being black in a world that is not. Occasionally the play talks about expectations and what happens when those expectations are not met. At times, it looks for ways to be black and gay...to exist...on stage and in the world without being a stereotype. Parts of the play focus on rejection and tenacity. But mostly it's just a play about two people who learn to love each other, in spite of themselves.

About seven years ago Ray Proctor met Olivia Dawson in The Next Act Theatre's production of *Between Men and Cattle*. Proctor was a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, pursuing a PhD in Shakespeare Studies. He received his PhD earlier this year. Dawson was a professional actor working in Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago. Dawson subsequently enrolled in the MFA program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The pair became roommates, friends and colleagues. They now live in Chicago.

QUEST spoke with Dr. Proctor and Ms. Dawson about their work and its intentions.

QUEST: Let's start with a basic question. How did *Verbal Acumen* come about?

Ray Proctor: We were looking for some way to express ourselves to lift our spirits. We were finishing school at UW Madison and both in a place of transition. We were looking for something to keep us focused on why we are in theatre.

Olivia Dawson: We had a conversation and it turned into a scene. We passed the laptop between us creating the dialogue. In the original scene we're in a coffee shop talking about men - about what we liked and didn't like. When it was done, we thought "We can't perform this in front of people."

RP: Olivia and I lived together so we had a storehouse of things that happened to us. We rehashed the episodes and conversations we had while living together. We added more and more until we had a play.

OD: When we finished a scene we had to ask ourselves, is it offensive? We hope it's not.

QUEST: So the situations are all real?

RP: Yes, we cut and shaped them by fictionalizing them but they're real and distinct. Shaping the conversations into a play made it about our friendship. What happened to us is the dramatic action.

OD: We are polar opposites. That translated well to the page. We couldn't have made it up.

QUEST: It sounds like the plot is about the two characters forming a relationship.

RP: Correct. The characters are Eva and Benny. It's about their barely knowing each other to becoming best friends.

QUEST: How do you define their relationship?

OD: Both characters comprise the lead in the play. They're equal as individuals but one entity as a relationship. Yet they are two completely different characters. People comment on the relationships. We didn't want Eva to come across as a fag hag. We shaped her as a presence. Eva is her own woman.

RP: We worked to find an equal voice. Their story is important. There's a humanity that belongs to the canon of the American voice in theatre. Yet the story of the gay black guy doesn't get told honestly. Benny is gay, dating interracial and a successful academic. The same is true for the Eva in this case because it's not about her oppression and pain.

OD: It's just about two real characters. Eva is not a churchwoman with lots of kids. Some of what Eva talks about is about race. She's but she's not about anger and angst.

QUEST: Traditionally black American theatre presents those issues of oppression and anger and certain core characters. How does your play fit into that? Or does it?

RP: It's not a black play. It's a play first. It's from an African American point of view. But those who

have seen it across the ethnic demographic respond by saying "it's a play about us."

OD: The archetypes in black theatre are standardized. They have become caricatures. Our characters aren't present in black theatre. Our characters are inconsistent and complex. It's just two characters and how they grow together. It's conversations that are personal. The play's universality is there exactly because it's personal.

QUEST: But, *Verbal Acumen* deals with racial issues...

OD: We didn't consciously write about race but it's so much a part of our lives that it is in us. We didn't consciously do that. Race as a theme really appears unintentionally. It's always a part of the world we live in.

QUEST: Who should see the play?

OD: Everybody. Everyone will take away something that speaks to them.

RP: The straight white male might not get it. They are very rarely the topic of discussion. It wasn't done on purpose. They should still see it, of course, but it's not about them.

Verbal Acumen is directed by Sherri Williams-Pannel and features Ray Proctor, Olivia Dawson, Bear Bellinger and Penelope Walker.

A reading with discussion to follow takes place Thursday & Friday, July 21 and 22 at 7:30pm in the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, 703 South 2nd Street in Milwaukee's Historic Walker's Point neighborhood. Refreshments available. Suggested donation is \$10 general/\$8 for students. Information: www.milwaukeegayartscenter.org 414-383-3727





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Outwords Books (Milwaukee) Author Event - Andrew Grey (A Serving of Love) and award-winning mystery writer Mark Zubro (Foolproof, A Simple Suburban Murder) - 7pm

Saturday, July 16

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Sunday, July 17

Club 5 (Madison) Miss Gay Isthmus - WI USofA Pageant 10pm

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Friday, July 22

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) 11th Anniversary Meet n Greet 9pm

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Saturday, July 23

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) 11th Anniversary Mr Harbor room contest 11 pm Entertainment, raffles, prizes

Hybrid (Milwaukee) Hybrid Hustlers Softball Fundraiser

Madison Gay Video Club - "Violet Tendencies" (Breaking Glass Pict., dir. Casper Andreas, 2010) "Violated" (TitanMen, dir. Paul Wilde, 2011) 8:00 PM, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

Shelter (Green Bay) Miss Shelter Plus 5pm

Sunday, July 24

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) 11th Anniversary Cookout & Bear Bust 3-7 pm plus meet Mr Harbor room 2012

Monday, July 25

Hybrid (Milwaukee) Christmas in July

Tuesday, July 26

LaCage (Milwaukee) Sex toys and male dancers Passion Party

Thursday, July 28

Cream City Foundation's "My Best Friend is Straight" 9:30 PM at North Point Lighthouse, 2650 N. Wahl Avenue, Milwaukee

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Friends/Quakers Meeting House, 3224 N. Gordon Place (off Humboldt & Auer Milw.) Dr. Tad Daley, author of the book "Apocalypse Never", discusses "How the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons Can Set the Path to Abolishment of War Itself." 7 p.m., Free and open to the public.

Saturday, July 30

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Thursday, August 4

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Friday, August 5

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Monday, August 8

Outwords Books (Milwaukee) 7pm Outwords Men's Club a discussion of Under the Mercy Trees by Heather Newton.

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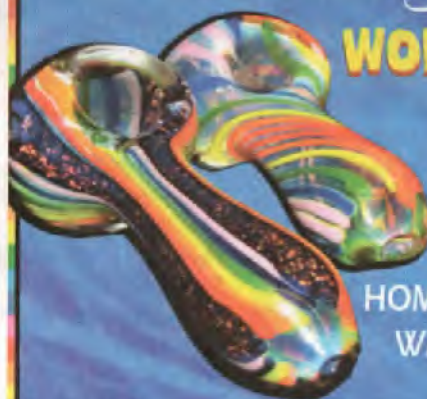
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The prospect of a cinema night featuring a Casper Andreas marathon left Glenn decidedly ambivalent. After all, hadn't Glenn misgivings of Andreas' debut, **Slutty Summer**, specifically the absurd DVD box cover photo of a handsome young man coily reaching over to grab something more than a handful of popcorn from the cute lad in the next seat?

Yet Glenn found this low-budget rom-com a pleasantly entertaining film boasting an engaging cast of quirky characters, plenty of scathingly brilliant one-liners as well as an ample yet unexpectedly restrained amount of lean male flesh.

Any promise shown in **Slutty Summer** proved a distant memory during the viewing of the subsequent **A Four Letter Word**, a loosely connected sequel which put Jesse Archer's party boy Luke under the harsh glare of the spotlight. Here sadly, Glenn found the warm glow of summer long past and the quirky, rather lovable characters of **Slutty Summer** having somehow managed to misplace their charm.

In **Violet Tendencies**, only Markus (Andreas) and Luke (Jesse Archer) return, joined by the former **The Facts of Life** favorite, Mindy Cohn. Cohn, who has spent the awkward, post-**The Facts of Life** years playing Velma in a variety of Scooby-Doo spin-offs, here plays Violet, "the last fag hag in Manhattan."

For once not cast in the role of host, Glenn became puzzled when a seemingly unceasing stream of **The Facts of Life** anecdotes were followed by gales of laughter. "Who is Jo Polniaczek?" Glenn asked at one point even more clueless than ever. "Why is she a lesbian icon?"

A quick IMDB check confirmed that **The Facts of Life** ran an astonishing nine seasons, spawning four TV movies including a 2001 Reunion. Thanks to those wacky folks at Wikipedia, Glenn also discovered that Cohn's character Natalie proved to be rather the naughtiest of **The Facts**

of **Life** gals; Natalie being the first of **The Facts of Life** to lose her virginity when she slept with her boyfriend Snake on their one-year anniversary. But surely there couldn't have been a little African-American girl on the show named Tootie? Not really?

In **Violet Tendencies**, Cohn is rather less lucky in the affairs of the bedroom as Jesse Archer's uneven screenplay follows Violet in her fabulous if indeed sexually unfulfilling role as fag hag to a cute cast of gay thirty-something ragamuffins. Besides her sexually generous roommate Luke (Archer), there's Luke's hairstylist boyfriend Darian (Adrian Armas), Violet's co-worker Riley (Samuel Whitten) plus his novelist boyfriend Markus (Andreas).

The film's opening scene, a shameless commercial for a popular gay social networking website, finds Violet newly crowned as "the last fag hag in Manhattan." Yet as she walks home, alone, again, Violet has something of an epiphany and decides her new honor has got to go.

But how?

Night after night Violet has cuddled up with a big jar of Dickies Nut Butter and whilst donning the sexually confident persona Salome, she has routinely scraped the bottom of the heterosexual barrel with Frisky Friends dating service. Instead of finding a soul mate, she has been far more likely to end up with a "nooner" nightmare with a guy possessing a Postal fetish.

Yet even when she does connect with Mike (Christopher L. Graves), by all appearances a nice, normal guy, Violet begins babbling about her FUPA (Fat Upper Pussy Area) and warning her date off any cheese

Buy it, rent it or just forget it...

As off-putting as the film's shameless shilling of ManHunt.net is, producers Andreas and Archer struck gold in securing Mindy Cohn for the pivotal role of Violet. Always engaging, Cohn invests Violet with vulnerability, resilience and heart, little of which can actually be found in Archer's screenplay. Surrounding Violet, her boys fare rather less well. All are lookers, particularly Whitten's Riley. Yet Archer's screenplay, relying on a barrage of one-liners, fails to provide needed depth to flesh out other story lines, particularly Markus' attempts to convince Riley of the merits of gay fatherhood or Luke's inability to commit to his hunky boyfriend Adrian.

Is it too bitchy for Glenn to suggest that Archer is perhaps past his sell-by date to believably play slut puppy Luke?

Best of all, there's ample beefcake provided by Zeus (Marcus Patrick), a go-go boy with a bright smile as well as the proverbial heart of gold. Even when the narrative begins to meander, there's always Zeus, happily somewhere in the background, slinging about his well-stretched thong.

Just the facts...

Violet Tendencies has a running time of 101 minutes in English and is available on DVD with a SRP of \$24.95. The ample DVD extras include the Original Theatrical trailer, deleted scenes Audio commentary with director Casper Andreas and star Jesse Archer Interview(s): on-set interviews with the cast and crew Bonus footage: Under the Pink Carpet: The NYC Premiere of **Violet Tendencies**.

Look for Jesse Archer in the upcoming **Eating Out: Drama Camp**

for dinner for fear of clogging his anal cavity. Well, warn him off she does.

Her coterie of gay friends might love her to bits but heaven forbid that they might accompany her to a straight club. Instead, her BFF Riley (Whitten) insists that it is just a matter of time before Violet finds a "fag stag" of her very own.

Don't know what a "fag stag" is? Nor did Glenn. Is Violet forever destined to play the role of "fag hag" or will she, like Snow White in that rather more traditional fairy-tale, find a Prince Charming of her very own?

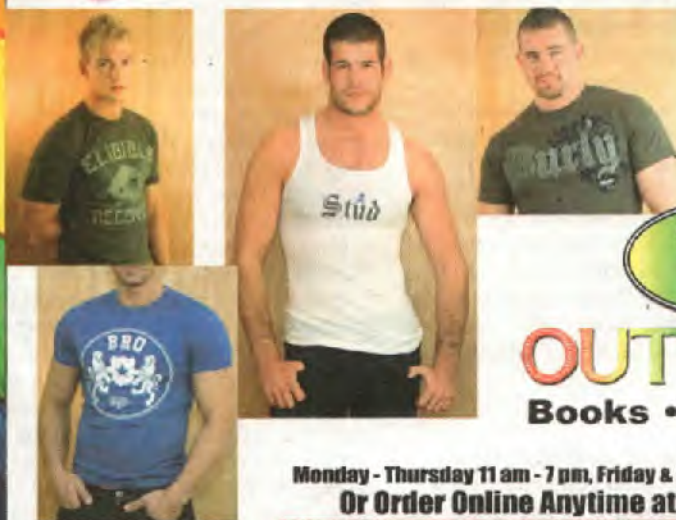


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A Roller Coaster Ride of Emotions

Dear Uncle Barbie,

I have written you in the past because I was devastated about my girl breaking up with me. Well, we have had this yo-yo type relationship—break up, then make-up. Now, I question if our relationship is damaged and unfixable. I am not sure that I love her the same way. I know I love and care about her very much. I have been questioning our relationship since we moved back in together after living apart for nine months.

Now, the problem is that I have a major crush on someone, and the other party has one on me. We have a lot in common, but my fear is that I am not sure what to do. I have invested 4 years with my girl trying to make it work. I use to look to the future and all I saw was her. What do I do about this crush I have on this other girl that has captured my attention with full force. I cannot help but play the "what ifs" in my head. I am unsure if my current relationship is completely salvageable or if I am just comfortable in it and to scared to leave. I could explain a bit more, but it would take up your whole column. *Signed,*

Mixed Emotions

Hello Emotional Mess,

Let me get right to the point. If you are having these type of serious doubts about your relationship, then you are already well on your way out of it. It is called uncoupling. You are in the process of uncoupling. For some people, this process is very quick. Once they realize that they are unhappy in the relationship, they bail. Other people take a lot longer to uncouple—sometimes years.

But, here is the thing—I did not read anything in your email that indicated that your long-term relationship was failing. Just because you have a crush on a new person does not justify the termination of your current relationship. You asked if your relationship with her was damaged. Well, maybe so. But, that can be repaired. Nothing is impossible. What you need to do is make a stand for her. As the old saying goes, "If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything." Unless there is something terribly abusive going on in your relationship that you did not tell me, make a commitment to her and stick with it.

Look, the grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence. It is normal for people in a long-term relationship to occasionally wonder what if scenarios. However, just because

someone has a passing thought about how his or her life might have been different if they would have hooked up with someone else does not mean that they are going to dwell on it continuously. Nor does it mean that they are going to pursue that new love interest. You need to control your thoughts. Why? Because thoughts can lead to emotions. As you think, so you feel.

You say you do not know what to do about this new crush you have developed for another girl. I say, focus your thoughts on the person with whom you already have a long-term commitment. Let your mind be filled with how wonderful she is and how much you love her. Ask your self what you find desirable about her personality, body, mind, spirit, talents, sense of humor, etc. The list goes on and on. If you focus your attention on the one you are with, you will not be thinking about the new crush. You can only focus your mind on one thing at a time, so keep your thoughts on the one who has loved you all these years—not the latest flavor of the month.

If you divide your heart between two people, you will only create tension in your life. Your email gave me the impression that you are pretty stressed out. I think you are experiencing all this tension because you are trying to have it all. You cannot have absolutely everything you want in life. A wise woman once taught me that what really matters in life is not wanting to have everything but wanting what you already have. Respect the one you are with. Try telling her what you appreciate about her each day. (By the way, I practice what I preach. Every morning, I tell my life-partner something new that I appreciate about him. And, we are going on 10 years now.) It works. Try it. I guarantee that when you love, respect, and voice your appreciation for your romantic partner, it will reduce the tension and foster happiness.

Tapestry of Tension, Barbie



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Milw 53202 (414) 225-0244
director@creamcityfoundation.org

Diverse And Resilient
2439 N. Holton St. Milw.
WI 53212 (414) 390-0444
director@diverseandresilient.org
www.diverseandresilient.org

Equality Wisconsin
2717 E. Hampshire Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53211
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info@equalitywi.org

Fair Wisconsin 122 State St., Suite 309 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 441-0143
www.fairwisconsin.org

FORGE PO Box 1272 Milw, WI 53201 (414) 559-2123
info@forge-forward.org
www.forge-forward.org

G/L Community Trust Fund
PO Box 1686, Milw., WI 53201 (414) 643-1652
glcentermil@aol.com
glcommunitytrustfund.com

Galan Club 315 W. Court St. Milw, 53212 (414) 276-6936
mail@galanclub.org
www.galanclub.org

Gay / Bi Fathers Support Group c/o Outreach, 600 Williamson Madison 53703 Serving Dane, Rock, Jefferson Counties for location & dates! toooldforthis@tds.net

Gay Narcotics Anonymous
Meets Fridays @ 7 p.m.
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 (414) 276-6936

Gay Youth Milwaukee
PO Box 090441 Milwaukee, WI 53209 (414) 265-8500

Gemini Gender Group
PO Box 44211 Milwaukee, WI 53214 (414) 297-9328

Lesbian Alliance
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 (414) 272-9442
lamm@milwpc.com

LBGT Center of SE WI
1456 Junction Ave., Racine, WI 53403 (262) 664-4100
info@lgbtsewisc.org

LGBT Resource Center for the 7 Rivers Region
303 Pearl Street, PO Box 3313 La Crosse, WI 54602-3313
608-784-0452
www.7riverslgbt.org

Log Cabin Republicans
PO Box 199, Milw., WI 53201 (414) 755-1954
membership@lcrwi.com

Milw LGBT Community Center
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 (414) 271-2656
www.mkelgbt.org

Pathfinders
1614 E. Kane Pl. Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 271-1560
info@tcmlw.org
www.tcmlw.org

PFLAG Milwaukee
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 (414) 288-9198
pflagmilwaukee@hotmail.com

PFLAG Racine/Kenosha
PO Box 580058 Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 (262) 694-2729
pflagkenosha@aol.com

Positive Direction Milwaukee
(414) 461-5894

Positive Voice
PO Box 1381 Green Bay, WI 54305-1381 (920) 435-4404
info@pvinc.org
www.pvinc.org

Project Q
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 (414) 223-3220
kurt@projectq.org
www.projectq.org

Queer Program
PO Box 090441 Milwaukee, WI 53209 (414) 265-8500
queerprgm@aol.com

Queer Zine Archive Project
2935 N. Fratney St. Milwaukee, WI 53202
qzap@qzap.org
www.qzap.org

Rainbow Over Wisconsin
702 E. Wisconsin Ave. Appleton, WI 54911
rainbowoverwisconsin.org

SAGE Milwaukee 1845 N. Farwell - Ste. 220 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 224-0517
email@sagemilwaukee.org

Transgender Aging Network
6990 N. Rockledge Ave. Glendale, WI 53209 (414) 540-6456
loreed@aol.com

UWM LGBT Resource Center
UWM Union WG89 PO Box 413 Milwaukee, WI 53201 (414) 228-4116
jrmunay@uwm.edu
uwm.edu/Dep/OSLUGBT

Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202 www.wisrad.org

Art. Sports Entertainment Bowling Out Loud
www.madisongaybowling.org
bowlingoutloud@gmail.com

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Ken.forney@gmail.com

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www.creamcitychorus.org

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(414) 445-8080
creamcitysquares@gmail.com
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Different Spokes
Madison Cycling Group
personalpages.tds.net/~rherbst/

Front Runners (414)443-0379
ultrawolf.com/frontrunnersmk/ welcome.html

GAMMA - Milwaukee
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gamma@milwaukeeegamma.com
www.milwaukeeegamma.com

Holiday Invitational Tournament
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director@hitmilwaukee.org
www.hitmilwaukee.org

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233 E. College Ave., Appleton (920) 734-2233

Harmony Cafe Green Bay
1660 W Mason (920) 569-1593
www.harmonycfe.org

Madison Gay Hockey
www.madisongayhockey.org

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Moenell@msn.com
www.milwaukeeetennis.com

Milwaukee Gay Arts Center
703 So. 2nd St. Milw., WI 53204 (414) 383-3727
milwgcac@yahoo.com
milwaukeegayartscenter.org

Milw Gay Volleyball Assoc.
www.milwaukeegayvolleyball.com
director@milwaukeegayvolleyball.com

Milwaukee Pride Parade
PO Box 0091 Milw., WI 53201 (414) 607-3793
www.prideparademke.org

PrideFest (414) 272-3378
PO Box 511783, Milw., 53203 www.pridefest.com

Saturday Softball League
2333 N. 56th St., Milw. 53210 (414) 350-7147
www.ssbmilwaukee.com

Shoreline Country Dancers
2809 E. Oklahoma Milw, 53207
info@shoreline-milw.org
www.shoreline-milw.org

Theatrical Tendencies
6650 W State St. #120 Wauwatosa, WI 53213
414-755-2700

Women's Voices Milwaukee
5505 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee (630) 890-5984
womensvoicesmilwaukee@gmail.com

LGBT Social Groups
Argonauts of Wisconsin
PO Box 22096, Green Bay, WI 54305
argonauts@sboglobal.net
www.argonautswi.com

Bear Club 4 Men
Box 13463, Green Bay, WI 54307
www.bc4m.com
bearclub4men@gmail.com

Black & White Men Together
PO Box 80395, Milw 53208 (414) 461-5359
bwmtmilwaukee@aol.com
www.bwmtmilwaukee.org

Brew City Bears
PO Box 1035, Milw., WI 53201 (414) 331-3744
bc4men@aol.com
www.bcb4men.info

Brew City Soul Brothers
Brewcitybrothers@yahoo.com

The Brunch Club
jennieragland@wi.rr.com

Castaways
PO 1697 Milwaukee 53202

Dodge Co. LGBT Social Group of Wisconsin
420 S. Hubbard Street, Horizon, WI 53032 (920) 319-1090
mellow14u@care2.com
care2.com/c2c/group/dogbtsgow

Femme Mafia Milwaukee
myspace.com/femmefamiamke

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PO Box 1900, Milw., WI 53201 (414) 530-1886
gamma@milwaukeeegamma.com
www.milwaukeeegamma.com

Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611 Milw, 53234
bootedhog@aol.com

Men (MenEnjoyNudism)
Box 0631, Milwaukee 53207

N.E.W. Brotherhood
Box 12793, Green Bay, WI 54307
www.NEWBrotherhood.org

Rainbow Families c/o PFLAG
252 E Highland Ave. Milw, 53202
mkerainbowfamilies@hotmail.com

LGBT Welcoming Churches
Angels of Hope MCC
139 E 2nd St Suite L-4 Kaukauna WI (920)983-7453
achmcc@netnet.net
www.angelsofhopemcc.org

Church of Atheism
206 Vine St., Eau Claire, WI 54703 (706) 593-2686
church_of_atheism@yahoo.com
freewebs.com/churchofatheism

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

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footstepfellowship@yahoo.com
geocities.com/footstepfellowship

Fox Valley UU Fellowship
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www.fvuuf.org

Lake Park Lutheran Church
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office@lakeparklutheran.com
www.lakeparklutheran.com

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church PO Box 2421 1239 W. Mineral St. Milw. WI 53204 (414)383-1100
info@queerchurch.org
pastor@milmcc.org
www.queerchurch.org

Plymouth Church 2717 E. Hampshire Ave. Milwaukee, 53211 (414) 964-1513
plymouthchurch@choiceonline.com
www.plymouth-church.org

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stcyrilandmethodius@stcyrilnet.net
www.uicchurch.homestead.com

UAC-Christ Enlight Gatherings 3195 S. Superior Street Milwaukee, WI 53207
www.uacmilwaukee.org
RevJ@MilwaukeeMinistry.org (414)793-4828

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office@underwoodchurch.com
www.underwoodchurch.com

Union Congregational UCC
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Fax (930) 437-3785
unionucc@gbonline.com

Unity Church of Kenosha, Racine 9220 26th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143 Rev. Don (262) 914-8389
hellodjd@sboglobal.net

Neighborhood Associations

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

Washington Heights Rainbow Association
(414) 258-8834
washhtrsrainbow@aol.com
washingtonheightsrainbow.org

Wauwatosa Rainbow Association
tosarainbow@yahoo.com

Other Service Agencies with LGBT Programming

Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin
820 Plankinton Ave. PO Box 510498 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 273-1991
www.arow.org

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

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

STD Specialties Inc.
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www.STDSpecialties.org

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Speaking of team spirit! It was another picture perfect Saturday for SSBL softball at Milwaukee's Wilson Park. Players and fans were treated to an unusual sight of a particular player in a smart blue dress and wig. Seems someone had lost a bet. But, he did get around the bases and scored!

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Players 300 4th St, La Crosse (608)784-4200
Chances R 417 Jay St, La Crosse (608)782-5105
Club 5 Bar/Restaurant 5 Applegate Ct Madison, (608)277-9700

Plan B 924 Williamson Street, Madison
Shamrock 117 W Main Madison (608)255-5029
WOOF'S 114 King Street, Madison (608)204-6222 www.woofsmadison.com

Captain Dix (Rainbow Valley Resort)
4124 River Road WI Dells, WI (866) 553-1818

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Scoters 411 Galloway Eau Claire (715)835-9959

JT's Bar and Grill 1506 N. 3rd Superior (715)-394-2580

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

The Main 1217 Tower Ave Superior, WI (715)392-1756

OZ 320 Washington St, Wausau www.totheoz.com (715)842-3225

NORTHEASTERN WI (920)

Rascals Bar & Grill 702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton (920)954-9262

Ravens 215 E. College Ave Appleton (920)364-9599

Napalese 1351 Cedar Green Bay (920)432-9646

SASS 840 S. Broadway, Green Bay (920)437-7277

THE SHELTER 730 N. Quincy St. Green Bay 920-432-2662 • theshelterclub.com

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Debs Spare Time 1303 Harrison St Oshkosh (920)235-6577

PJ's 1601 Oregon St. Oshkosh (920)385-0442

Blue Lite 1029 N 8th, Sheboygan (920)457-1636

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Club ICON 6305 120th (Off I-94) Kenosha, (262)857-3240 www.club-icon.com

FIERTE 5722 3rd Ave Kenosha (262)764-9713

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

MILWAUKEE (414)

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3 btw lounge 231 E Buffalo (414)273-4289

4 CIRCUS 906 S. Barclay (414) 301-1424

5 DIX 739 S 1st Street

6 ETC 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330

7 Fluid 819 South 2nd (414)643-5843

8 Harbor Room 117 E Greenfield (414)672-7988

* Hybrid 707 E Brady St (414)810-1809

9 KRUIZ 354 E. National (414)272-KRUIZ

6 LaCage 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330

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11 Mona's 1407 S. First St (414)643-0377

6 Montage 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330

12 Nut Hut 1500 W Scott (414)647-2673

* PURR 3945 N. 35TH Milwaukee

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14 Triangle 135 E National (414)383-9412

* Two 718 E. Burleigh St.

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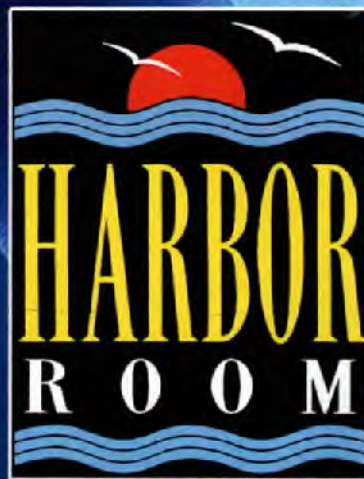
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