

QUEST

MAGAZINE Vol. 22, #9 September 2015

Jacob Bach
Gay Scout Leader

Photography by Mark Mariucci MariucciPhotography.com

OUR 30TH ANNUAL YEAR OF CELEBRATING
LGBT+ COMMUNITY & FILM

MILWAUKEE **LGBT** FILM/VIDEO FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 15-25, 2015



OPENING NIGHT! ORIENTAL THEATRE

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

Sharon Shattuck's lovely portrait of a family – her own – as it embraces their father's transition.

Director and her father in attendance.



OCTOBER 18TH UWM UNION CINEMA

TAB HUNTER CONFIDENTIAL

Jeffrey Schwarz's lively documentary/conversation about the 1950's heartthrob and the realities of living in the Hollywood closet.



OCTOBER 21ST ORIENTAL THEATRE

THE SUMMER OF SANGAILÉ

Alanté Kavaïté's beautiful film about one young woman's dreams of flying and the love that gives her wings.

Winner! Best Director – World Cinema, Sundance 2015



CLOSING NIGHT! UWM UNION CINEMA

HENRY GAMBLE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Stephen Cone's exquisite drama around the birthday party for one closeted teen, growing up in a Christian household.

Over 25 films across 11 days! Complete schedule info:

UWM.EDU/LGBTFILMFESTIVAL



Peck School of Arts
DEPARTMENT OF FILM

When he asks. You should know.
Get Tested. It's FREE!



BESTD
 CLINIC

Mondays & Tuesdays
 6:00pm-8:30pm

1240 East Brady St.
 Milwaukee • 414.272.2144
contactus@bestd.org



GAY MEN AND THE NEW WAY FORWARD By Paul Masterson

The experience of being gay has changed since Stonewall. For many of us, our recent political and social gains have settled our activist nature. We have become complacent and, especially for the up-and-coming LGBT generation, identity isn't much of an issue. Gay men are relaxing, if not basking, in the seemingly unencumbered freedom of being out without the negatives of self-hate or victimization by society at large. Still, despite that certain level of equality, gay men still need to find their role in the greater community.

Activist and author Raymond L. Rigogliano believes gay men have a greater and heroic mission. His book, *Gay Men and the New Way Forward* sets down his theory of gay spiritual purpose and the means to fulfill it. The traditional outsider LGBT lifestyle has been replaced by our integration into the mainstream. For some that should suffice. We strove for acceptance and we have it, more or less. But for Rigogliano, it is not enough to conform to the expectations of those who have graciously extended us basic civil rights. For him, the challenge of being LGBT is even more important now than it ever was before.

Rigogliano focuses on what he calls the gay consciousness and addresses the question "what next?" His answer is a special role for gay men as teachers and leaders. He makes an important point: equality is not sameness. Beyond that, he believes in unique and inherent gifts that, by virtue of our essential nature, every gay man possesses.

Rigogliano synthesizes this idea into 14 gay male gifts. These fall into three categories: 1. Serve and heal humanity; 2. Reinvent manhood; and 3. Free and enrich the human spirit. Like every other group and ethnicity, gays are different. Like those other groups, difference is an asset that contributes to the greater community. Everyone has multiple layers of identity, like race and gender. We are susceptible to bias like anyone else but because of our difference we should identify as outsiders, outside of the norm, even outside of our families. Our gay difference crosses boundaries and unifies gay people of other cultures and beyond.

A concept that comes of that gay consciousness is Masculine-Feminine Intelligence. As in the Native American two-spirit nature, Rigogliano

believes gay men possess male and female aspects that easily intersect, allowing gays sustainable manhood with feminine traits. These combine and express the full range of humanity. The out gay man therefore has a broader definition of what it is to be a man. He is more than just masculine because he embraces the feminine. As such, he serves as example to all. Still, the author acknowledges our fear of expressing our female nature. Our society has defined masculinity as aggression and exploitation. It is a misinterpretation of masculinity and thus it is the gay male's role to lead a new movement of redefined masculinity. His premise is that gay men have to be in leadership positions because we have access to this new definition.

This call to leadership faces internal obstacles like our mutual sexual objectification. Rigogliano sees the inability of gay men to turn off the cruise

control as a block to mutual learning. It is fulfilling to mentor and be mentored. We need to see each other as people rather than exclusively as potential sex partners. Once we accomplish that, gay men, with their balance of masculine and feminine, can lead the human family and contribute to the greater good. That social role acts as another argument for equality. Our passion and the mission of doing something important can make us more powerful than we already are.

Gay Men and the New Way Forward contains a self-assessment test at the end of the book. It is hoped that readers will discover their gifts in the process.

A reading and workshop with the author is scheduled in Milwaukee on October 4. For information see Ray Rigogliano's website: www.gaymenofwisdom.com

**Now that marriage equality is the law of the land,
what's next for the LGBT movement?**

Gay Men and The New Way Forward

Reading, Discussion, & Workshop

In his groundbreaking new book, *Gay Men and The New Way Forward*, Raymond L. Rigogliano proposes a new vision for gay men and timely answers to this question. His book shows how gay men serve and heal humanity, reinvent manhood, and free and enrich the human spirit. During this event with the author, you'll complete the Distinct Gay Male Gifts Self-Assessment and explore your findings with others in small groups.

**What's next for gay men?
Discover the answer within you.**

Sunday, October 4, 1:00 – 4:00pm
First Unitarian Society
1342 North Astor Street, Milwaukee
 \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door
 (includes a copy of the book)

Register/learn more: www.gaymenofwisdom.com/calendar.html

Bronze Optical, Milwaukee, is pleased to sponsor this event.

Holton Street Clinic Inc.

3251 N. Holton St. Milwaukee WI, 53212
 414-264-8800 Find us on Facebook also!

Mon. Wed. Thurs. 8-4, Tues. 8:30-3,
 & every other Fri 8:30-12:30
 & Alternating Sat. clinic from 9-12
 for gay/bisexual men *Call for schedule*

formerly **STD Specialties Clinic**

**September 2015 Outreach Schedule
 FREE HIV & SYPHILIS Testing at:**

Fluid, Mon. 14th 9:30-11:30 • Kruz, Fri. 18th 7-9
 Harbor Room, Fri. 18th 10-12 • Woodys, Thurs. 24th, 9-11
 Club Icon, 25th, 9:30-12:30 (Kenosha)
 LaCage, Wed. 30th, 10-1ish

The Iron Diaries – Fitness & Health

Last time I gave you a little introduction into how I think & operate. This time around, I'll just tell you: I don't sugarcoat things and I'll tell you how it is – good, bad, and ugly. You'll never hear me beat around the bush – because in the end I'm not here to blow smoke, and you're not here to waste your time...

That being said, let's talk about one of the most used & abused topics out there: **GOAL SETTING**. I guarantee every one of you has heard someone give some talk about setting goals and it has been absolutely beat into the ground by now. How many times can you hear, "be specific!", "write it down!", "tough but attainable!" before you just stop listening?

The truth is most of us relegate goal setting to December 31st and have already given up on them by February or March – 92% of Americans fail at them every year.

Why is that? Because we never take the time to formulate the **HABIT** needed to attain the goals and therefore never really give ourselves the chance to succeed. It takes time. It takes persistence. It takes patience. But those habits stay with you much longer than any goal will.

On average it takes 66 days to forge a completely new habit – so what good is that '3 Day Fix', '7 Day Detox', '30 Day Fat Loss Challenge', or whatever other catchy fitness gimmicks are out there?! – Absolutely none.

There is no magic formula for forming successful habits. There also isn't a blueprint on attaining your goals. What I can give you though are my

10 Ways to Guarantee You Won't Ever Reach Your Goals:

1. Relying solely on motivation and ignoring habits.
2. Focusing only on your goal instead of WHY it is so important to you.
3. Keeping your goals to yourself – never making yourself accountable.
4. Making your goals easily attainable and not striving for MORE.
5. You believe 'you are fine just the way you are' – no changes needed.
6. When it gets tough – you modify your goals or just outright quit.
7. Never seeking advice from anyone.
8. Taking on a bunch of less significant goals at once.
9. The goals themselves tend to be vague or broad to allow wiggle room.
10. Continually repeating the same mistakes over and over.

This is what I want to leave you with: If you are comfortable in anything you do, usually that means you're either not pushing yourself hard enough or you've become complacent. Hopes and dreams will never come find you; you must take deliberate action to move forward. Attack the process with all your effort and I guarantee you will exceed all expectations when it is all said and done...

Like what I have to say? Think this article sucks? Have questions about diet, training, or supplementation?



d.lattomus@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/dlattomus
instagram: @darronlattomusfitness

Darron Lattomus, Certified Personal Trainer, NPC Amateur Bodybuilding & Physique Competitor, and 1st Phorm Trainer

The Chanticleer Guest House

4072 Cherry Road (CTH HH) Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
866-682-0384 • 920-746-0334
www.chanticleerguesthouse.com

Bryon & Darrin invite you!

8 Suites & 4 cabins, set on 70 private acres with double whirlpools tubs, fireplaces, homemade breakfasts, a heated pool, sauna, hiking trails, and more!

The World Leader in Premium Nutritional Performance

1st phorm

Our guarantee is simple:
If you purchase our products and you aren't convinced they are the highest quality, best nutritional products you have ever used **just return the unused portion for a 110% refund of your purchase price.**

www.WeAre.1stPhorm.com

When it's time for "To have, and to hold", Come to **Diamonds & Gold**.

ARTCARVED

Take a look at the new "Inside and Out" wedding bands from Artcarved designed with you in mind.

Diamonds & Gold LTD.

2071 Central Drive
Green Bay, WI
920-437-6811

On the web at: www.diamondsandgoldgb.com
Find us on facebook & Twitter

AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY
CROSSHATCH PROTECTION SINCE 1934

Love is Love

GIA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MINI OF CHICAGO & KETEL ONE PRESENT

MINI OF CHICAGO

Ketel One VODKA

OUT IN THE PARK

Six Flags GREAT AMERICA

7PM-12AM

Private LGBT Charity Event

A Spectacular Night of Amusement and Entertainment to Benefit

NORTHALSTED BUSINESS ALLIANCE

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY AMANDA LEPORE & PABLO HERNANDEZ

HOSTED BY TRANNIKA REX

\$40 Advance Tickets with FREE Parking BUY NOW

GaySixFlagsChicago.com

LIVE MUSIC

DJs of SCARLET

WITH GENEROUS HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GRAB QUEST

Walgreens

CHARLIE'S CHICAGO

T. Rains

TAVERNA 30

CHICAGO PRIDE.COM

BEST Gay CHICAGO

LIVE MUSIC

DJs of SCARLET

WITH GENEROUS HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GRAB QUEST

Walgreens

CHARLIE'S CHICAGO

T. Rains

TAVERNA 30

CHICAGO PRIDE.COM

BEST Gay CHICAGO

Of Art, AIDS, and Censorship... Eggs Benedict served up at MAM By Paul Masterson

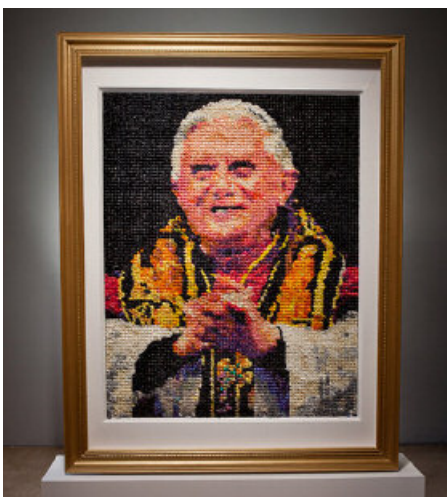
You may have read about it in Oslo's Dagsbladet, Munich's Sueddeutsche Zeitung, London's Guardian, or the New York Times. Even if you deign to read the local pulp, you should know about the Milwaukee Art Museum's latest acquisition, *Eggs Benedict*. Not since the opening of the now iconic Calatrava addition over a decade ago has Milwaukee and its Art Museum garnered so much international press. It's not a 100 million dollar Warhol or a Rembrandt, either. It's actually a portrait made by a local artist, Niki Johnson. What makes her work so press worthy is the medium she used in an otherwise classically posed image of Pope Benedict XVI. You'll remember him. He's the ex-Hitler Youth who rose through church ranks to become the first German pope. Not surprisingly, he loved traditional vestments and ceremony. He's the one who bowed out gracefully and resigned in the midst of a scandal involving gay and other Vatican intrigues. Anyway, he also made a famous statement while on a junket to Africa. Essentially, he said there's no sense distributing condoms in Africa since it will only help spread AIDS. That was enough to inspire the artist to create a work made of condoms, 17,000 of them, in fact.

Then our own Joe Pabst stepped in. A local gay philanthropist, art enthusiast, and AIDS activist, he acquired the work and donated it to the museum. It's not the first AIDS related artwork he's given to MAM. In 2012 he gifted Taryn Simon's photo *Live HIV* for World AIDS Day and was the subject of

one of Jim Goldberg's "Milwaukee's Best" polaroids that were part of a MAM photo shot. He inscribed his with "I have AIDS."

But, unlike the others, the latex likeness caused a bit of stir. Even before the piece was put on view, conservative political pundits, piqued papists, and sundry critics condemned it. They also attacked the artist, the donor, and the museum. Even Milwaukee Archbishop Lestekci took time off from his busy schedule of reorganizing the archdiocese's bankruptcy to issue an appropriately appalled statement.

To address this premature ejaculation of exasperation, museum director Dan Keagan unwrapped the rubber resemblance and put it on view ahead of schedule. Like Michelangelo's *Pieta* in St. Peter's, to be safe, it was encased in prophylactic plexi-glass sheath should some zealot wish to harm it. Then, to fulfill the artist's intent to create a conversation on the subject of condoms, art and AIDS, Pabst collaborated with MAM to hold a public forum. To a packed house, various representatives, including the artist herself, were on the dais speaking on behalf of the work or against it. Needless to say, the conversation got a bit heated with roughly a quarter of the house decrying the work as a shameful insult and the rest vigorously approving its purpose and message. There were many ironies to digest. The panel's guest Catholic theologian (the Archdiocese declined an invitation to attend... no doubt too busy



with its sex abuse scandal) pointed out that ultimately the fuss was simply about the basic Catholic doctrine that artificial contraception was a sin. And, although the Pope opposed distributing condoms to prevent of HIV, Catholic charities were spending lots of money for AIDS treatment.

All in all, *Eggs Benedict* provided the perfect platform for the discussion. We should all be grateful for the courage of the artist in creating it, Joe Pabst for donating it to the Milwaukee Art Museum, and the museum itself for vetting the piece and accepting it as an important addition to its collection. Meanwhile, brunch will never quite be the same...



ARCW MEDICAL CENTER
Manage your HIV • Reduce HIV transmission

GET 2 UNDETECTABLE

ARCW
AIDS RESOURCES CENTER OF WISCONSIN
Excellence in HIV Health Care

Wisconsin's **only HIV patient-centered** medical home, offering medical, dental, mental health, pharmacy and social services.
Appointments are available now.

ARCW.org
1.800.359.9272

Quest Magazine
Volume 22 Issue #9 September 2015
PO Box 1961 Green Bay, 54305 920-655-0611
editor@quest-online.com
www.quest-online.com

Publisher: Mark Mariucci (ZA)
Contributors: Paul Masterson, Glenn Bishop, Dear Ruthie, Michael Johnston, Brent H
Photography: Mark Mariucci, Will Sharkey, Paul Masterson

Quest/Outbound is published monthly and is distributed free throughout Wisconsin in area bars & businesses that cater to the LGBT community. Quest® 2014 All rights are reserved. Publication of the name or photograph of any person or business in this magazine does not reflect upon one's sexual orientation. All copy, text, photographs and illustrations in advertisements are published with the understanding the advertisers have secured the proper consent for use, and Quest may lawfully publish & cause such publication to be made & save blameless Quest from any & all liability, loss and expense of any nature arising from publication.

To get Quest emailed to you, send an email with **Subscribe to Quest** in the subject line.
editor@quest-online.com

or download from our website
www.quest-online.com

30th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival

Oct. 15-25, 2015

By Glenn Bishop

arts.uwm.edu/lgbtfilm

It is a bit early, perhaps, to exclaim, as Glenn is wont to do, “Oh my, its Film Festival weather.” Still, Glenn might be forgiven for his haste. Glenn worries what with the constantly changing technologies, particularly the ability to stream movies from the likes of Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu, that the old fashion notion of the LGBT Film/Video festival, an extraordinary communal activity, might soon succumb to the same fate as that of the Drive-In Theater.

So, it is never too early to start promoting the sure to be fabulous 30th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival, thinks Glenn who distantly recalls attending the festival sometime back in the 1980s.

Festival Director Carl Bogner has been kind enough to set Glenn up with screening copies of the Opening Night and Closing Night offerings. Glenn’s usual guide to the best of the Film Festival will be featured in the October issue of **Quest**.

Opening Night promises a wonderfully accomplished documentary entitled, **From This Day Forward**. In attendance at the Oriental will be director Sharon Shattuck and subject/father Trisha Shattuck. For Closing Night, Bogner has selected **Henry Gamble’s Birthday Party**, in which popular filmmaker Stephen “**The Wise Kids**” Cone continues his exploration of religious and sexual themes during an evangelical family’s emotionally charged day-long birthday celebration.

Opening Night, Thursday, October 15, Oriental **FROM THIS DAY FORWARD** with director Sharon Shattuck and subject/father Trisha Shattuck in attendance

It is not particularly surprising that for the Film/Video Festival 2015, that Festival Director Carl Bogner has chosen a documentary for Opening Night, after all **I Am Divine** opened the Festival two years ago; the fabulous chronicle of the Topp Twins, **Untouchable Girls** opened the Festival another two years prior to that.

For 2015, Bogner has selected **From This Day Forward**, from director Sharon Shattuck, a documentary which explores the impact her father’s transitioning had upon her otherwise fairly ordinary Midwestern family.

When Sharon was 13 years old her dad told her that whenever she would get married, “I hope that you’ll let me wear a dress when I walk you down the aisle.” Sharon, at the time, “remembers feeling this sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach because I didn’t ever want that day to come.”

With her nuptials fast approaching, Sharon Shattuck decided that it was time to go home, “When I was younger, I pretty much rejected my dad. For me, a lot of the past is unresolved. As hard as it might be for my family, I want to ask questions I couldn’t ask back then.”

For the most part, Sharon Shattuck stays resolutely behind the camera, although moviegoers are able to watch her and the whole family over



the years thanks to a veritable treasure trove of home movies and family photos. Even some of her father’s earliest forays into wearing women’s clothing had been caught on film.

While Sharon remains determined to have questions answered, as a filmmaker she is savvy enough to weave the story of Trisha’s personal journey along with that of her own journey, her mom’s as well as her sister, Laura’s.

Some of the documentary’s most candid moments come when Sharon interviews her sister. Even younger than Sharon, she admits to being mortified as her dad became Trisha and as the stay-at-home dad, had often volunteered to act in the role of parent/chaperone at every school activity. What an extraordinary challenge for two little girls, who would watch **Full House** or **Family Matters** and wish for the sort of normal families television sitcoms had long promised.

Sharon’s mother Marcia is candid if rather more reticent. Growing up in the 1950s did little to prepare Marcia for a transgender boyfriend, later husband. She and Trisha spoke to Sharon and her sister about having a divorce but ultimately decided to stay together despite the challenges that would lie ahead. She and Trisha clearly share great affection, despite the years and the many changes. Only when the subject of reconstructive surgery comes up does Marcia balk.

In the end, Trisha takes center stage, an ingratiating individual, exceedingly frank in charting her struggles in transitioning, the toll this had on the other family members and particularly how often she finds herself blurring the line between feminine and masculine.

All in all an excellent documentary exploring the challenges (and rewards) for non-traditional families (**Highly Recommended**)

Closing Night, Sunday, Oct. 25, UWM Union Cinema **HENRY GAMBLE’S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

The members of Glenn’s monthly cinema circle, for the most part, grew up during the kinder and gentler era of early 1960s sitcoms such as **The Donna Reed Show**, **My Three Sons** and **Father**

Knows Best.

Glenn feels obliged to mention this fact because of the rather extraordinary opening scenes of **Henry Gamble’s Birthday Party**, the film scheduled to close the sure to be fabulous 30th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival.

Here we are introduced to cute, soon-to-be 17 year old Henry Gamble (Cole Doman). His friend Gabe (Joe Keery) is there for a sleep over. The room is still. The two comely lads are talking penis size, specifically tallying their respective penis length. Gabe admits to 6 inches whilst Henry claims an extra half. Gabe is also open about the young lady who is the object of his current infatuation, indeed quite happy to share his jack off fantasies with his best friend. For his part, Henry’s decidedly quiet although his gaze seldom leaves his friend.

Yet such a discussion as takes place between Henry and Gabe and indeed what follows, could never have taken place on any of the prime time sitcoms of the 1960s Glenn continues to watch with wonder and delight.

Still, the allusion to those chaste 1960s sitcom continues next morning as Henry’s family plus Gabe are all on hand for the sort of hearty breakfast June Cleaver would have effortlessly whipped up on a daily basis. Filmmaker Stephen Cone takes care to tweak the homey tableau as it is in fact Henry’s dad, aka Pastor Bob (Pat Healy) who is the bringer of the feast.

The setting for Henry’s party is absolutely idyllic, all sunlight shimmering merrily under a cloudless sky. Henry and Gabe might be the first in the pool but they are quickly joined by Logan (Daniel Kyri) who is something of an outsider, because he’s gay and because he is a Christian of color. The large in-ground pool is soon filled with frolicking teens and dare Glenn mention that cinematographer Jason Chiu’s camera never tires of catching both boys and girls in the act of peeling off shorts and t-shirts. In one extraordinary sequence, Chiu captures Emily (Mia Hulen), the girl of Gabe’s dreams as she strips down to a scant, awe-inspiring bikini. Gabe literally cannot take his eyes off the slow-

motion striptease. The camera pans a bit to the right and captures Henry, his eyes, as always, on Gabe. Panning a bit further yet and Chiu’s camera catches Logan wistfully watching Henry, watching Gabe watching Emily.

Oh, what a muddle, thinks Glenn.

Henry Gamble’s birthday party is peopled with a curious hodgepodge of Henry’s teen friends and assorted oldsters including Henry’s parents plus church staff resulting in an intoxicating Christian microcosm for director Stephen Cone, who here doubles as screenwriter.

Nominally the title character, Henry’s narrative is just one of many, even within the Gamble family. Henry’s mother Kat (Elizabeth Laidlaw) is clearly quite unhappy, giving her son’s party scant attention while his sister Autumn (Nina Ganet) finds her brother’s party the perfect time to have a meltdown

with her once and then once-again boyfriend.

Indeed a myriad of other, supporting characters vie for attention over the course of the afternoon, some more effectively drawn than others. Glenn was particularly smitten with Christine (Melanie Neilan), openly lesbian and delightfully mischievous when quizzing Henry’s sister Autumn about having biology as a major at a Christian College. Less successful is shrewish Bonnie (Hanna Dworkin), a self-righteous old prude, obsessed with the evils of sex trafficking and who reminded Glenn of the Dementors from the **Harry Potter** films, creatures who drain all of the joy, hope, and happiness out of all around them. A perfect example of one of Bonnie’s victims is her deeply forlorn daughter Grace, wistfully played by newcomer Darci Nalepa.

Neither invited, nor made to feel welcome is

Ricky (Patrick Andrews), an emotional train wreck of a character who might be gay and more disturbingly, may have tried to commit suicide. Director Stephen Cone makes no more effective an indictment of the hypocrisy of these Christians who are content to allow unsubstantiated rumors about Ricky to be spread. Even Pastor Bob, outwardly a warm and genial family man, tragically fails Ricky.

As Cone did with his acclaimed, **The Wise Kids**, the focus in **Henry Gamble’s Birthday Party** is how characters seek to align their religious beliefs within the daily challenges of a world dominated with rampant exposure to social media and changing notions of sexual freedom.

Often quite entertaining and despite boasting plenty of cute, shirtless lads, still Glenn was prepared to flee **Henry Gamble’s Birthday Party** even before the credits began to roll.

Sing Sing Sing

The City of Festivals Men’s Chorus is seeking singers to join our group. We value creating a safe atmosphere of compassion and respect, where we nurture each other’s development both personally and musically. **Open rehearsals begin** on Monday, September 14 from 7 to 9 pm at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave., Milwaukee. Artistic Director (608) 445-6767.

For more information see:
www.cityoffestivalsmenschorus.org.



September Special !

10% Off
all 2016 Calendars

15% Off
3 or more Calendars

OUTWORDS

Books • Gifts • Coffee

STORE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 11am - 7 pm, Friday & Saturday 11 am - 8 pm, Sunday Noon - 5 pm
Or Order Online Anytime at www.outwordsbooks.com
2710 N. Murray Ave., Milwaukee, 53211 (414)963-9089 www.outwordsbooks.com



Interview with Openly Gay Boy Scouts Leader JACOB BACH

Back in late July, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) lifted its long standing ban of gay adult leaders. It has allowed gay scouts since 2013. The organization of 2.5 million members made the decision in acknowledgement of the growing reality of LGBT rights in all aspects of American life.

Well known Milwaukee comedian Jacob Bach is an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable. Only one US President, Gerald Ford, was an Eagle Scout. He is also member of the Order of the Arrow, the honor society of the BSA. An early 20something, he is currently active in scouting as a leader because of that recent ruling.

QUEST spoke with Jacob Bach about his career as a gay scout and his new role since the lifting of the ban.

QUEST: Tell us about the backstory of your days as a Boy Scout.

Jacob Bach: Scouting has had the most personal impact on me. I was in the midst of scouting when I came out at age 15. My fellow scouts and leaders knew about me. There was the ostrich effect. I was never acted against in a negative way. There was one insulting joke that made me mad. Prior to the ruling I always stayed involved but not registered as a leader. I never wanted to deal with the repercussions of my being gay should either a local or national BSA council take exception to my sexual orientation. Now I'm officially back and I am the camp-out and events coordinator for my local council.

QUEST: Was the "ostrich" response a tacit policy throughout scouting?

JB: No. I know plenty of people on a national level who dealt with far worse. There are horror stories. I can cite an incident. In 2005, a BSA employee, a high up of the national council, had just lead his entire area through hurricane season. He did an incredible job. However, he was fired when someone gave the national council, scouting's ruling body, a receipt from a gay resort he found that belonged to the employee. Nationally, there have been cases of Eagle

Scouts being kicked out when their orientation was revealed. Eric Jones, a Missouri eagle scout was kicked out for coming out to his camp counselor. It was very don't ask don't tell.

QUEST: Why did the BSA change its policy on gay scouts and leaders?

JB: People have to keep in mind that scouting is a place for youth to learn how to live by a moral code, not to develop hate or even your sexuality. That's not the purpose of it. The purpose is to teach youth how to become leaders and outstanding citizens. Scouting now does that. America has to understand that hate causes horrible pain in people's lives. The reality is there are gay youth. Some in BSA were afraid of gay culture leaching into their own culture. They were worried about child molesters and sexual predators. But that can be any person, even a mom. BSA is so far separated from sexual development that there should be no problems. Yes, the age is delicate with puberty, but the exposure to gay scouts or leaders is not going to influence one way or the other. The lifting of the ban, however, does have the exemption for churches. The BSA adheres to the tenants of the country. I respect that. Scouts for Equality are continuing that battle. But for me, we have won this fight for LGBT+ people

QUEST: How do you think lifting the gay leader ban will affect scouting?

JB: The BSA can find its stride now. The numbers are down. It's not cool any more. However, the BSA is now in a media glory and need to use that to get its numbers up. The adventure, the work ethic, respect developed for others as human beings, are what scouting is about. Now that the hatred is lifted from the organization, we can prove that. That's why I joined again. It's very common for gay people to be bitter against those who discriminated against them. I can't hold on to hate, especially when something like BSA is grounded in good. Among scouts it doesn't matter who you are. There were people from ages 10 to 96 at my camp this year. In scouting we're there to live by a moral code: do you best and do a good turn daily. It's to improve your community through those tenants.

Locally our troops and specifically the Three Harbors Council are more passionate and organized than ever now. Their summer camps have been taken away but there's a positive outcome after the lifting of the ban. For young adult leaders between 18-35 there's a rejuvenation of passion about making scouting accessible for everyone. Some troops have 60, others only have five people. The question is, how do we keep people involved? Adding "a Scout is equal" to the twelve points of the Scout Law would insure that people know that scouting is for everybody and not just a select few.

QUEST: And how will you engage now that you are allowed to be a leader? You mentioned camps being taken away.

JB: Aside from my involvement as a local leader, I have another mission. The camp that my troop and thousands of scouts over 85 years attended, LeFeber Northwoods Camps, is shutting down. We even had provisional troops for boys from the inner city who didn't have their own troops to experience summer camp. It's over 1,100 acres of incredible wilderness near Laona, Wisconsin. But there is a group of dedicated volunteers, current and former scouts that are looking to purchase the camp and reopen it as a Boy Scout Camp. The Baden Powell Northwoods Experience (bpnorthwoods.org) is trying to raise \$100k for the down payment. I'm supporting that campaign. We need to save it. We're getting close. People should go to the website to find out what it's about and donate.

And, beyond that I have one suggestion: Get your kids in scouting. It's a logical thing for LGBT parents, too.

In addition to his role as scout leader, Jacob D. Bach is the Artistic Director for T.I.M. (The Improvised Musical), a coach and performer with CSz Milwaukee and most recently the host and producer of the podcast Yeah, Bro! (find it on iTunes)

BOUND MAGAZINE

Volume 14 #9 September 2015



16th St Community Health Center Picnic at Jackson Park

8th annual fundraiser for Common Ground Ministry's Elena's House - a home & programs for people w/ HIV



Special thank you to Michael Lisowski from the "Queer Program" for thi photos on this page



LGBT Wi Chamber of Commerce
"Out in the Kitchen"

Max Arthur Mantle, Jamaican born author of 'Batty Bwoi' on Midwest book tour on the Queer Program and also at a meeting for BWMT (Black White Men Together)



Cordially Yours
by Michael Johnston

I don't know how it happened - - but once again it is September! Hope you had as much fun and memory making as I did this summer! Time to return to reality and the way the weather has been this summer - we still have some great days ahead - I hope!

This time of year everyone is thinking Green and Gold! Support the Green Bay Packers at your favorite drinkeries. Every bar shows the game - some offer great treats - food, shots, beer bust and drink specials. The Harbor Room, Woody's, Studio 200, Kruz, DIX, Walker's Pint, Fluid, La Cage, This Is It, Hybrid Lounge - - Please support your favorite Gay bar - so they can provide a winning football season for You!

My favorite New Find is a series of Fund Raisers for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center - "Really Grand Fridays - Unique People & Places" - or simply RGF. This fresh concept spotlights fascinating members of our community and leads us into their personal or professional spaces. A beautiful setting, entertainment, libation and delicious hors d' oeuvres from local eateries, providing an opportunity to meet, mingle, network with the LGBT Community and the LGBT-Friendly community, our Allies. The next one is Friday, September 18 - "Indulge In Bad Habits at Deerwood Studios" 8655 North Deerwood Drive Milwaukee 53209 with hosts Kelly Boecker of Peabody's Interiors and Wade Weissmann of Weissmann Architecture and The Local Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at Deerwood Studios. 21,000 square feet of luxury and grandeur will showcase a one-of-a-

kind collection of over 40 paintings of the Infamous Nuns by Ramon Pablo Vidali. This exclusive collection is being shared for this special occasion by Eric Nelson & Dr. Mark Hackbarth. To be a part of this "sacred" not-to-be-missed bacchanal visit www.mkelgbt.org/RGF to register or give a call to Karen Gotzler - the Executive Director of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at 414-292-3060.

The first one, in July, was a marvelous mix of guests, show tunes, sing-a-long, disco tunes - in the tastefully appointed pied a terre of Brian Reinkober & Michael Ulatowski in the Commission House. What a fresh, exciting way to support the Community Center and get to know new and exciting people in your own community.

Off The Wall Theatre 127 East Wells Street is off and running with their 2015/2016 Season. They have secured the great stage play "Tartuffe!" by Moliere. What college freshmen didn't have to read this classic? Making it far user friendly will be the theater genius of David Flores in the lead role and Randall Anderson as Orgon and the First Lady of OTWT - Miss Marilyn White. Tickets are \$25 and the run is: September 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 to get your tickets please call Donna at 414-484-8874 or visit: www.offthewalltheatre.com.

Looking for a "Supreme" evening of theater? And who isn't? The Milwaukee Rep (108 East Wells Street) Opens their 2015/2106 season with the Tony Award winning musical "Dream Girls" Tue, Sept. 22 - Sun, Nov. 1. You don't want to miss this homage to the 1960's, Girl

Groups, and our lost youths! If You have "One Night Only" spend it with the Dreams! Please call 414-224-9490 and "I'm Telling You" - you won't regret it!

The Palace Theater in The Dells kicks off their Fall Season with "Lombardi" Wed, Sept. 23 - Sun, Nov. 1. Perfect timing for a long drive to The Dells - viewing Mother Nature's "Leaf Show", enjoying a road trip and saluting the man that put Green Bay on the map! It will be football season too! Please call 608-253-4000 or visit info@dellspalace.com 564 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells 53965. For all You Packer Backers out there a definite touch down!

A little closer to home - the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre 158 North Broadway proudly presents - "Dear Elizabeth" by Sarah Ruhl Wed, Sept. 23 - Sun, Oct. 18 the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, Directed by Marie Kohler. This opus stars real-life marrieds, Carrie Hitchcock & Norman Moses, a modern day Lunt & Fontanne. This tale tells the story of a thirty year poetry exchange between to award winning poets, over 400 letters, how romantic! I fell in awe of Carrie Hitchcock last season when she starred in the Renaissance Theaterworks' "Lettice & Lovage". Ms. Hitchcock puts me in mind of Vanessa Redgrave - - come see for yourself and celebrate love! For tickets, please call 414-291-7800.

Not to be undone, The Skylight Music Theatre opens this Season with Puccini's "Tosca" at The Cabot Theatre of The Broadway Center 158 North Broadway. The diva, the artist, the lethal story - come spend a night at the opera! Fri, Sept. 25 - Sun, Oct. 11. Make your reservations by calling: 414-291-7800.

Sunday, September 27 Taylor's will be the place for the best Art Show/Fund Raiser out there! Patrons, fans, friends, artist, not-such artist take a block of wood and create a statement. These pieces are hung gallery style throughout the lounge and guests bid on them - - all pro-



Fetish Night

Saturday,
September 12th

Save the date:
10/03/15



Turnabout 2015

CLUB
Icon



6305 120th Ave Kenosha, WI 53142
www.club-icon.com



Latin Night

Saturday,
September 26th

ceeds go to AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and their annual Walk/Run taking place Saturday, October 3 at The Lakefront with Honorary Chair Lance Bass and his husband Michael Turchin. Always a fun time, and such a great cause!

Congratulations and Happy Belated Anniversary to one of my favorite spots! Twenty years – two decades of Taylor’s – Dan and Jimmy you must have opened straight out of school! Carolyn, Sharon, Tony and Staff always provide a first-rate, first-class experience on the corner of Jefferson and Wells – where you can hear the cathedral bells.

And that night after an afternoon of art -- Montage of La Cage will be where Baby Jane Hudson will hold his annual Birthday and Drag Show. Stop in and buy the ole girl a birthday sip. Happy, happy Jane!

Thanks to recent birthday boy, Dave Whitney of La Cage who engaged me in hosting “The Walker’s Point Block Party”. A special thank you to the major sponsors: Miller Coors Brewery, Jack Daniels, 88.9 Radio – all financially aiding this party to happen and hopefully become an annual summer must!

The businesses to thank and patronize are: Big Daddy’s and Big Mama herself, Stephanie DIX and their First Lady, Elizabeth Bet-z Boenning, the Wonder Woman of Walker’s Pint Bill Wardlow, the Fluid-Master, himself of Fluid Kris & Michael the First Couple of of La Cage. David Mason Fashions provided a very attractive booth, with attractive fashions and attractive models. Celebrity Bartenders: Lady Gia, Joe D, Craig of Switch fame, Jed Reed-formerly of This Is It, Club 219 and La Cage, Lizzie, Patrick, Justin from Fluid, Jesse, Jorge, and Adam from La Cage. The Main Stage DJ to the Stars – Marcus Angel, sound man – Bob Angeli, the talented performers: Dita Von, Eddie Candelaria, Skylar Infiniti-Ross and Marbella Sodi Brooklyn

I had a fab time, saw a lot of friendly faces, a great time for catch up with – Harry Sutton & Mike, Kidd O’Shea, The All-Star AARP Table: Bill & Gordon, Tommy Salzseider, Bob, Jim, Pete ...Lou and Jerry, Ward & Jimmy, Matt Collin, Patrick Couillard, Ryan Adams, Sharon Dixon and so many more -- my favorite bit of the night, a handsome gentleman came near me and informed me that the two police officers working the corner needed to speak with me, with fear in every bone of my body I went to see what they needed and they asked for a photo op! How flattering, anything for the men in blue!

Speaking of photo ops – my gratitude to my dear friend and fashion maven Jack Eigel, for extending an invite to be in his upcoming Francis Ford Photo Exhibit Jaws 5, I will now be permanently captured by the keen eye and vision of fame photographer Francis Ford! Of course, it goes without saying the fun that is had when Jack is in the room - -add Julie, Francis’ assistant and muse as well as Goldie Adams, Mary H. Nelson, Roger RamJet and Champagne and it’s a party! I’ll keep you posted when negatives turn into positives! The Exhibit is tentatively set for an Autumn Opening – I will keep you posted!

Mr. Harbor Room 15 has been sashed! Kudos to D. J. for earning this highly coveted title. Joselerio stunning charmer is next in line and picking up the rear – with a cute one, is Freddie – what an adorable smile! Joe D. stepped down from competing and made the Judge’s decisions a lot easier. My thanks and congratulations for offering Milwaukee and the world a place to party at for over 15 years – Gregg & Eddie! May the party continue for

another decade and a half! The Staff of HR: Always hot and friendly: Glenn, Huck, Stacey, Robert, Jorge, Brian and the rest... A pleasure working with Drake McSherry, Ross Katzman, and Mohawk Jeff on Sound/Music, the night went along seamless. A true pleasure working with the dynamic Miss Shannon Dupree – she brought the house and patio down three times, with three hot, hot, numbers! Ryan, Scott & Michael, Larry & John, Jeff Gosseck, Farmer Bill, Paul Larson, many, many more gathered and of course thanks Roger for all your assistance!

Speaking of fun nights on the town -- my hat goes off to Kruz, Jerry & Serge and Staff -- always makes me feeling like visiting royalty, you gotta love Nicky and Bobby!

Sorry to report that Angelo’s on Van Buren is temporarily closed. They’re in need and receiving a face lift -- can’t wait for my favorite Cabaret to open this fall.

What a night I had co-hosting the major summer event for the Cream City Foundation (CCF) “My Best Friend is Straight”. A pleasure working with my friend and former colleague, Elaine Maly, my appreciation and thanks to Peter Holbrook for asking me to this daunting challenge, an honor. And Eddie Lupella – CCF Associate who made an evening out of a lot of notes, scribbles, suggestions and what not! Lots of hard work, good effort, and dedication rose over \$60,000! The attendance and sponsorships were both record breaking!

Josie Osborne represented UWM – Milwaukee’s LGBT Film & Video Festival – Dr. Carl Bogner was out of the country. Josie was a fine fit and warmly received. Tanya Atkinson from Planned Parenthood spoke as well, both ladies speaking on behalf of their agencies as grant receivers – express their gratitude and celebrating their partnership/friendship with CCF. Our world has so many needs – can CCF help all – perhaps not, but the intent is there!

Personally, I have a fund with CCF, it’s The Valentine Fund – currently my fund is underwriting the Art Therapy program at ARCW! So I know first-hand the good, both Cream City Foundation and ARCW (AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin) do! Please don’t forget Saturday, October 3 – Next Month is AIDS Walk Wisconsin with Lance Bass – please be NSYNC with this year’s Walk! Keep in mind, if you believe in the performing or applied arts you too can contribute to the Valentine Fund in care of the Cream City Foundation.

Speaking of performing arts – two other funds that get grants from CCF The City of Festivals Men’s Chorus and Women’s Voices Milwaukee added a joyful sound and much pleasing harmony to the night, in what they do best – sing. What a night, to celebrate friends, fun and the Foundation!

Another fund raiser I had the honor to help with – PathFinders -- empowering youth and changing lives! That’s a mouthful isn’t it? There are too many teen runaways out there, both LGBT and non LGBT who are putting their lives in jeopardy just to stay alive. A dear friend, Sukey Pett wanted to make the world a better place and do something special this summer. Her friends at Club Timbuktu open their doors and that is where I come into the story. Sukey is a fan of Sunday Fun Day Show Tunes at Club Charlies and that is where we met and she shared her goal with me to do something, anything for PathFinders. I made an SOS to some friends and a Show – “Crazy Eights” 08/08/15 at 8 pm began. My thanks to the Stars who gave of their time, tal-

September, 2015 Bucket List

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Monday, September 7 | Labor Day |
| Friday, September 11 | Patriot Day |
| Sunday, September 13 | Grandparents Day |
| Monday, September 14 | Rosh Hashanah |

Thur, Sept. 17 (assorted dates) Sun, Sept. 27
“Tartuffe!” Off The Wall Theatre
127 East Wells Street 414-484-8874

Fri, Sept. 18 RGF Really Grand Friday – Benefit for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center “Indulge In Bad Habits at Deerwood Studios” 8655 North Deerwood Drive Milwaukee 53209

Tue, Sept. 22 – Sun, Nov. 1 “Dream Girls”
The Milwaukee Repertory Theater
108 East Wells Street 414-224-9490

Wed, Sept. 23 Autumn begins plus Yom Kippur

Wed, Sept. 23 – Sun, Nov. 1 “Lombardi”
The Palace Theater 564 Wisconsin Dells Parkway
South Wisconsin Dells 53965 608-253-4000

Wed, Sept. 23 – Sun, Oct. 18 “Dear Elizabeth”
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre 158 North Broadway
414-291-7800

Fri, Sept. 25 – Sun, Oct. 11 “Tosca”
Skylight Music Theatre 158 North Broadway
414-291-7800

Sun, Sept. 27 Art Pop – Benefit for AIDS Walk Wisc.
Taylor’s 795 North Jefferson Street

Sun, Sept. 27 Baby Jane Hudson’s Birthday Show
Montage/La Cage 801 South Second Street

Sat, Oct. 3 AIDS Walk Wisconsin The Lakefront

ents, tips, Saturday night, and in the summer heat -- to make a Revue to entertain, enlighten and educate -- B.J. Daniels, Goldie Adams, Maple Veneer, Phaedra Free, all sizzled sensationally, performing live: Corky Morgan, Marcee Doherty-Elst, and Brian Meyer on keyboard were without compare! You were in a word sensational! And what fun to see This Is It’s George Schneider in the house, a supporter of PathFinders – doing a number of fund raiser’s at his bar, Bill Wardlow & John-Mark Klapperich from Fluid, Scotty McBride & Dan Anderson, Patrick William, Uncle Ned’s Steve, Brad Yates & Michael Gentili, Michail Takach & Chris Francis, and so many other generous, caring faces. If you have a little something to share for PathFinders – keep in mind \$25 buys a bus ticket for school or work, \$50 a welcome home basket, \$100 pays for gas for Street Beat’s van. No cash -- you can always volunteer- the gift of time is valued as well – PathFinders 4200 North Holton Street Suite 400 Milwaukee 53212 414-964-2565.

Had a ball painting the town assorted colors at Fluid during the heat wave! Bill Wardlow and his beloved John-Mark hosted a colorful fundraiser for the Holton Street Clinic. They brought in Dawn Marie Mader of The Mindful Muse Studio – she conducts painting parties for adults and children – 414-882-1430. Dawn brings canvas, aprons, paints, rags, plastic and enthusiasms! She invites you to go into your inner recesses and just use the canvas as the recipient of what is going on in your head, heart and soul. What fun and cheaper than a shrink! At the end of this exercise you have a piece of original art, you created! Of course the ravishing Roy and gentlemanly Justin were on hand to fill our cups and our courage! The afternoon provided a reunion with my favorite dancer, the legendary Legs. What fun we had catching up! I call her my Gay God

Mother she introduced me to so many people, experiences and life—so long ago! Maple Veneer the tallest artist in captivity was there painting ever so tastefully, as well as the handsome Jack Pike, David & Jan Krivanek – friends from when I hostess-ed “Drag Queen Bingo” at Fluid, the engaging Ellen Wardlow from Crystal Lake (yes Bill’s sister – and quite the beauty) and David Wenten the Executive Director of the Clinic and his soon-to-be (as of 09/11) husband, Juan Flores. Strokes of Inspiration-painting your visual voice, all proceeds from this outstanding afternoon went to help continue the great outreach of the Holton Street Clinic, hopefully Bill and John-Mark will host another class this fall it was that much fun! And of course because it was a Wilma Wardlow Production there were lots of beverages of the adult variety and a bountiful buffet of great tastes to partake!

Because it was summer and Roger RamJet broke his piggy bank and purchased a new vehicle we channeled Charles Kuralt and were on the road – this time to Green Bay! The Downtown Green Bay Farmer’s Market – is very fresh and friendly and a fun way to start a summer morn. Unto the Green Bay Botanical Gardens – stunning and well worth the trip! Then to the magnificent metropolis of Neenah and the Bergstrom – Mahler Museum of Glass! Totally free! The world’s largest collection of paper weights! Neenah was where all the Paper Barons were --what does one’s spouse do if married to a paper baron, but collect paper weights. What a great gift to the community! After all this daytime activity, the edge of night was coming our way and so let the good times roll --

The Re-Mixx – Your Nightlife Destination in Neenah is where we toasted in the cocktail hour with owner Mickey and Linda behind the bar. What a huge place – great for a dance party!

Next on our tour Appleton and a visit to Rascal’s, John

was serving in their floral decked garden bar – and nothing is more fun that cocktails el fresco! From Rascal’s patio to the Bottom’s End – now known as The Hide Out Bar. Amanda is running the show here and she was the hostess with the mostest – as she made us feel very comfy in her Gay-Friendly establishment. Heading home, how about Oshkosh where we could rendezvous at Deb’s Spare Time with luscious Luke and pretty Peter. Local royalty David Bedore added much fun with chit-chat about the entire town’s goings on as his friend played the juke box – including a tribute to the late, great Miss Lynn Anderson – playing her one hit wonder—“I Never Promised You A Rose Garden”.

Club Charlies had a rousing sendoff party for our pet media star Kidd O’Shea as he leaves his birth town of old Milwaukee to head to our Nation’s Capital and take over ABC TV in DC. How long do suppose it will be before he is in the Big Apple doing “Good Morning America” or “The View” – maybe he could save it?

When you mention New York another Pop Star will be leaving our hamlet for Gotham City that maverick and champion of fashion and all good art taste Timothy Westbrook is leaving us. He will be returning to his birth state and taking on the rag trade with a vengeance! So glad to say I got to know him and have two of his creations! What energy, kindness, and vision – how long do you think before he is on the cover of WWD? So glad we had him on the cover of Quest first – and it was great fun interviewing him and being in his head for an afternoon!

And speaking of head -- David Whitney – of La Cage fame -- had quite a 44th birthday! I wouldn’t even venture into what is going on in his cranium! But I do know he is much loved and appreciated as people from Fluid, DIX, Hybrid, La Cage and from far and near gathered to

salute their guru of groovy-ness! Danny bartended, as his fiancé Kevin (they will be tying the knot this month), Bill Lison & La Cage Friday-er Patrick, Justin from Fluid, Dale from DIX, Kris & Michael and many more merry makers kept it going from 1 pm to close! Dave never fails in at least getting me to smile if not laugh out loud riotously – truly a party waiting to happen! May the coming year make you as happy as that afternoon!


Happy Marriage to recently wed Larry & Dan (AKA Do-Da), long may you love!

Congratz to Tall Tony, nee Alexander, nee Bilot – after a very ambitious stint with ARCW (AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin) he is now directing his career and considerable energies in the Boelter Companies – Corporate Planner – Cooking School at their Super Store. What this means I haven’t the foggiest! But I do wish him all the luck in the world, Boelter is lucky to have him! I met Tony ions ago when he worked backstage at PrideFest – always so helpful and kind, so glad to see him advance. Of course Tony, being Tony -- wanted me to remind You all about AIDS Walk Wisconsin Saturday, October 3 with Lance Bass!

Yes indeed come and walk or run your Bass off! Also he wanted a shout out to that venerable drinking hall on First and National Avenue – DIX! They are in the running for the “Raise the Bar” title – one that they have won and made their own for the last few years. Wishing DIX continued success and hoping other bars, restaurants, Gay or other way will join the friendly competition of AIDS Walk (or Run) Wisconsin it truly is a win – win venture!

And so ends another column, as the song goes “See You in September” and here we are, enjoy the last of the summer wine, as I remain Still Cordially yours,.

KRUZ



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
CASTAWAYS BEER BUST (3 - 7 PM)
HORROR STORY: THE FOOD ROUNDUP

354 E National Ave
(414) 272-KRUZ
OPEN DAILY 3:00 PM – CLOSE

Welcome to Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen

Summer's over? What the hell? I feel like I just lost enough weight to squeeze into my thong and now I'm supposed to get my wool sweaters outta storage? Screw that! There's still plenty of warm-weather fun to be had, damn it!

That said, be sure to party...softball style! The Dairyland Classic Softball Tournament is back, thanks to the boys and girls of SSBL (Saturday Softball Beer League). They're bringing in players from all over the Midwest for a few days of games, friendship and plenty of partying. The tournament runs September 4 through September 6. For schedules, events and more, see ssblmilwaukee.com/pages/dairylandevents.

Don't miss the Dairyland closing party on September 6 at Montage. I'll be emceeing the 6:00 pm event, starring New York's Dorothy Bishop and her "The Dozen Divas Show." Catch this talented lady and her many voices, and say "goodbye" to all the hotties (and hotettes) from the softball teams before they head back home. (In other words, you've got one more chance to hook up with someone!)

Summer may not be entirely over for us adults, but little ones from coast to coast headed back to school this month. What better time than to revisit a few cafeteria classics while adding a little homemade flair?

Ladle out these lunchroom staples at your dinner table relive the joys of school days past. Each dish is loaded with convenience and comforting flavor. Slap on your best hair net, then eat good and shut up!

LUNCHLADY SLOPPY JOES

I couldn't write a column about lunchroom classics without this loose-meat mainstay. Sure, sure...the canned sauce makes meals a snap, but this homemade version comes together quickly and lets you customize things to your own tastes. Best of all, this recipe makes four sandwiches but easily doubles or triples for larger groups.

1 pound ground beef
1 onion, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce
1 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Dash of salt
4 hamburger buns

Spritz a large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Brown beef, onion and green pepper over medium-high heat until beef is no longer pink and vegetables are tender (about 8 minutes). Drain.

Stir in next four ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for another 8 minutes or until mixture is thickened. Serve on buns.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

Don't feel like chopping that onion and pepper? Hit your salad bar or check the produce section for chopped ingredients. Have you ever had Sloppy Joes with a slice of cheese on top? Try it! The cheese melts well and adds a great new flavor to these all-time favorites. You can also consider adding sliced pickles or even Frito corn chips to the sandwiches. Yum!

SIMPLE SALSBURY STEAKS

Order up! A cafeteria tradition and a diner specialty, these savory little patties come together quickly even on busy nights. Topped with gravy, they make a perfect meal as summer turns to fall.

1 pound ground beef
3 tablespoons plain bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon onion salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter
1 (6.5 ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1 small onion, sliced
1 jar beef gravy

Combine the beef, bread crumbs, onion salt and pepper in a large bowl. Shape beef mixture into four patties. Set side.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook patties for roughly 5 minutes on each side or until patties are no longer pink in the center. Remove patties from skillet and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add mushrooms and onions to the pan drippings. Cook over medium heat until mushrooms are cooked through and onions are tender. Add the beef patties. Top with gravy to taste. Warm through. Serve patties with additional gravy if desired.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

Don't over mix the beef mixture or the patties will too tough. Jazz up the patties with a dash of garlic powder or a little dried oregano. Sure you could make your own gravy with pan drippings, water, cornstarch and all that jazz...but why bother? Today's jarred gravy is just as good and saves a lot of time. Plus, you're adding a little from-scratch flavor from patties' pan drippings. Pick up mashed potatoes from the supermarket's hot-food bar for a down-home dinner that's sure to satisfy, sugar!

SNACK-TIME PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

What the what?! Homemade peanut butter cookies from four ingredients? That's right, honey! You'll get about 20 cookies from this no-fuss recipe.

1 cup creamy peanut butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 egg
1 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Meanwhile, combine all of the ingredients in a large bowl. Drop by a tablespoonful on a greased baking sheet. Using a fork, create a crisscross mark on top of each cookie.

Bake at 325 degrees for 10 minutes or until edges are lightly brown and cookies are golden. Remove cookies to a rack to cool.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

If you want to mix things up, stir a quarter cup of mini chocolate chips into the cooking dough. Spritz a fork with nonstick cooking spray before making the crisscross marks on the cookies. This will help prevent the dough from sticking. Sprinkle the cookies with a little extra sugar before baking if you'd like.

Have a recipe for Ruthie? Share it with her at DearMsRuthie@yahoo.com. If she publishes your dish, you'll get a free Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen T-shirt. Don't miss her cooking web series at www.RuthiesBitchinKitchen.com and Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen on Facebook.

Milwaukee Pagan Unity Council

Invites you to a Memorial Gathering for

ANTONIO GONZALES



Tony was tragically taken from us on July 16, 2015. Out of respect for Tony's family, we waiting to hold our Community Memorial.

Now is the time for our Community to celebrate Tony's life here with us and honor him and his journey to the Summerland.



Sunday September, 13, 2015 at Hart Park in Wauwatosa

We will meet at the bridge at 11:30 with Ritual at Noon

The bridge is located just south of the festival building

There will be refreshments served after Ritual and community sharing ~ RAIN OR SHINE!!!!

Please bring Bubbles if you have them, some will be provided

For further info or any questions please call 414-940-0673

Captain Dix / Rainbow Valley Resort
4124 River Rd | Wisconsin Dells, WI | (608)253-1818

#1 DJ in Madison
Tim Walters
starts @ 11:30pm

September 12

PRIDE

2015

POOL ALL DAY

JOSIE LYNN'S DRAG REVIEW
showtime 10:30pm

Captain Dix

www.captaindix.com

Avant-Garde®

Changing the face of the earth, one needle at a time

Please check out our website at
www.avant-garde-piercing.com

WE ARE CURRENTLY HIRING!
Looking for full time
piercers as well

Body Piercing your Play on the Game?
Then you need a team that has as big a drive as you do!
**At Avant-Garde body Piercing, they know
what you want and how to get you there.**

7219 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI
(414)607-4068

Captain Dix

RAINBOW VALLEY RESORT
ARTIST GLEN DINING ROOM

Where Friends Are Made...

4124 River Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 WWW.CAPTAINDIX.COM (608)253-1818



Well, here we are in September back in school and all that jazz. But there is a bonus to the summer taking its leave of Wisconsin. Fall and winter are the best times to get pierced and tattooed! So let's get to it cause I know all you filthy little bastards out there want to me to get into some down and dirty nitty gritty that will leave you wanting to use your own home-made "glue" to stick the pages of your favorite rag together. But this time I don't know if I should go that direction or take the high road. And speak about this from a purely objective and almost medical point of view. Course then I remembered who I am writing this for and was forced to drink a few shots of Jaegermeister just to get through it and not feel dirty about myself. There I feel better about venting, so let's talk about uhhh, uhhmm, hmmm. Holy shit I don't have any ideas! Guess we will just have to do another reader mail column! Besides there is nothing more I like than answering hate mail with a buzz! And now onto the first reader!

MIDTOWNE SPA

Fall'n In Love!!!

Labor Day Weekend

SAT. - 9/5 - FOAM PARTY @ 11 P.M.
SUN. - 9/6 - BBQ @ 3 P.M.

MANHUNT Party

SAT. - 9/12 - @ 11 P.M.
JOCKSTRAP DRAWINGS!!!

Tops/Bottoms

FRI. - 9/18 - @ 11 P.M.
FREE GLOW BRACELETS!!!

Lites-Out Party

SAT. - 9/26 - @ 11 P.M.
MASKS PROVIDED!!!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| September 2015 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| LABOR DAY 6 | | FREE COLLEGE LOCKER | | \$10 NOONER LKO 11A-1P | | FOAM PARTY |
| BBQ @ 2 P.M. | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | BOOM! DAY | | | | MANHUNT PARTY |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | \$10 NOONER RM. 11A-1P | | \$10 NOONER LKO 11A-1P | | TOPS/ BOTTOMS PARTY | |
| FREE SPA TOUR | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | \$10 NOONER RM. 11A-1P | | | LITES-OUT PARTY |
| 26 | | | | | | |

Free Fast & Confidential Testing: Tues & Thurs from 6 - 9 p.m.
WEEKLY SPECIALS (NOW CHARGING SALES TAX):
 Mon & Wed: \$18 Rooms 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
 Tue. & Thu: Locker Specials 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
 Friday: \$18 Rooms 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

315 S. Water St. • Milwaukee, WI 53204 • (414) 278-8989
www.midtowne.com • See us on Facebook

*Brent,
I have been getting pierced for a long time now but every so often my piercings start to hurt again. Some of these I have had for over ten years, is it possible that they aren't healed yet? ~Steve*

Well Steve what you are experiencing is actually pretty normal. It happens to me about once a month. It is usually caused by the way you sleep. While you are sleeping you are undoubtedly rolling around and laying on your piercings. The piercing really doesn't like this and thus it ends up getting a little pissy (yes that is a technical term) and then it hurts for a few days to remind you that it's pissy. The best advice I have for you is to try to tape down your piercings when you go to bed to help protect them. Thanks for the letter.

*Brent,
I want to get my navel pierced but I have a history of passing out. Should I still go through with it? ~Sharon*

Sharon, having a knack for passing out is never a good thing, and you can still go through with getting pierced but I would recommend that you take the following steps to help your body deal with the piercing and hopefully not pass out on you. First I would suggest speaking with your Doctor as passing out regularly is never a normal thing. Provided nothing serious is going on and your doctor says getting the piercing I would suggest that you eat a medium to large meal about 1 to 2 hours before you come in and get pierced, this will give your body the energy to deal with the piercing process. Also I would bring a soda, or other drink high in sugar, with you so that if you do feel light headed then you can drink it and it will give your body a boost of energy. And finally when you come in stay relaxed. The more stressed out you get the worse the piercing experience will be as well as the more stress you will place on your body which can make you more likely to pass out. Thanks for writing in.

*Brent,
I have a slight problem with my tongue piercing. I didn't get it done by you and I am starting to wish that I did. I got it pierced about a week ago and it is crooked! It doesn't sit straight up and down in my mouth and it leans really far over to the right side of my mouth. How can I fix this? ~Not Quite Straight*

Wow, NQS first and foremost I always tell people to check out their piercer thoroughly, remember to ask questions and talk to people who have had work done there. NQS part of me wants to tell you to go back to that shop and get their advice because I kind of feel like I get stuck fixing everyone else's work in this city but I won't. (Because then I would have to take a few more shots so that my conscience will shut up!) First there is nothing that you can do about a crooked piercing stay for one thing. Take it out and start over again. Sorry but there is no fix, you are going to have to take it out, wait about a week or so and then get it re-pierced.

Well, it seems that I have once again run out of time and space in this month's column. Guess we will have to wait to see that wonderful hate mail until next time. What a waste of a good buzz! And just in time, my cocktail is empty. Until next time get pierced and tattooed and don't forget to show it off! Also don't forget to register to Vote in the upcoming election(s)! I say we pick whoever has the biggest bulge and the most scandalous webpage! (Now I really do need another cocktail I think I just made myself sick!) If you have any questions or want to see a specific topic talked about, send in your grievances and bitchy hate mail to

avantgarde@voyager.net

just put Skin and Steel in the subject line..

WISCONSIN LGBT BAR GUIDE LACROSSE/MADISON (608)

Impulse 132 W. Grand Ave Beloit, (608)361-0000
 My Place 3201 South Ave LaCrosse (608)788-9073
 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
 SOTTO 303 N Henry St Madison
 WOOF'S 114 King Street, Madison (608)204-6222 www.madwoofs.com
 Captain Dix (Rainbow Valley Resort) 4124 River Road WI Dells (866)553-1818

NORTHEASTERN WI (920)

Hideout Bar (Gay friendly) 2828 N Ballard Rd, Appleton 920-830-2137
 Rascals Bar & Grill 702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton (920)954-9262
 Round A Bout 1264 Main St Green Bay, WI 54302 920-544-9544
 Napalese 1351 Cedar Green Bay (920)432-9646
 No Limits 500 N. Baird St Green Bay (920)-544-4963
 THE SHELTER 730 N. Quincy St.Green Bay 920-432-2662
 XS Niteclub 1106 Main Street, Green Bay
 The Remixx 8386 State Rd 76 Neenah 54956 (920)725-6483
 Debs Spare Time 1303 Harrison St Oshkosh (920)235-6577
 Blue Lite 1029 N 8th, Sheboygan (920)457-1636
 Club Nautilus 434 Pennsylvania Ave. Sheboygan (920)451-0355

NORTHERN WISCONSIN (715)

The Lounge 2823 London Rd., Eau Claire, (715) 952-3456
 Scooters 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

MILWAUKEE (414)

Art Bar 722 Burleigh, (414)372-7880
 DIX 739 S 1st Street
 Fluid 819 South 2nd (414)643-5843
 Harbor Room 117 E Greenfield (414)672-7988
 Hybrid 707 E Brady St (414)810-1809
 KRUZ 354 E.National (414)272-KRUZ
 LaCage (lower & main floor) Montage (Upper) 801S 2nd, (414)383-8330
 Riverwest Public House (LGBTQ friendly) 815 E Locust St. 53212
 Studio 200 200 E Washington St
 This Is It 418 E Wells (414)278-9192
 Two 718 E. Burleigh St.
 Walker's Pint 818 S 2nd St (414)643-7468

SOUTHEASTERN WI (262)

ICON 6305 120th (Off I-94) Kenosha (262)857-3240 www.club-icon.com
 JoDee's 2139 Racine St Racine (262)634-9804

YELLOW CAB

GREEN BAY, WI

920-435-1111

Anywhere...anytime.

THEY WEAR THEIR **LOCAL PRIDE** JUST AS WELL AS SHE DOES.

Adopted dogs Roxie & Rocce and entertainer Dear Ruthie believe local pride starts with local pets. They support shelters and rescues that do, too.

Visit milwaukeeanimalalliance.org for a list of shelters and rescues that Adopt Local.

Milwaukee Animal Alliance
 @ MAA Cares
facebook.com/MilwaukeeAnimalAlliance

WOOF'S

MADISON

Madison's original downtown bear/sports bar!

114 King Street • woofsmadison.com

C3 Designs

Fine Jewelry & Original Artwork

8628A S. Marketplace
 Oak Creek, WI 53154
 (414) 764-3892