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# State turns right

#### By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

In a striking political reversal from just two years ago, conservative Republicans prevailed in races throughout the state on Nov. 2.

It was the first time since 1938 that Republicans in Wisconsin gained a governor and U.S. senator in the same election, and the state was the only one where Democrats lost the governorship, a Senate seat and the legislature.

The GOP also took several congressional seats, capturing a majority of them for the first time in 14 years. The sweep brought many Republicans into local offices formerly held by Democrats as well.

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"It feels like in the space of two years our country has gone from riding this crest of hope to running in fear," said transgender activist and union organizer Brice Smith at Milwaukee's Serb Hall, where Democratic gubernatorial nominee and pro-equality candidate Tom Barrett delivered his concession speech.

Most of Wisconsin's newly elected Republicans kept silent on the stump about LGBT issues, instead focusing with discipline on the economy. According to exit polls, social issues barely registered, if at all, on the public's radar

Just as in 2008, voters were in the mood to throw out the bums, and Democrats in Wisconsin were unable to overcome pervasive national feelings of discontent.

When pressed during the campaign, Gov.-elect Scott Walker said he'd overturn the state's domestic partner registry law and eliminate employment benefits for the same-sex partners of gay and lesbian state workers. But Walker, who has close personal and professional relationships with gay individuals, tried to avoid discussing LGBT issues, as did other Republicans.

Katie Belanger, executive director of Fair Wisconsin, said that's a positive sign.

"Since 2006, the dialogue about LGBT issues really Local election page 3



PHOTO: AP/STEW MILN

Providence, R.I., Mayor David Cicilline will be the fourth openly gay member of Congress. The Democrat, shown here after his primary victory, won the race in Rhode Island's First Congressional District, defeating Republican John Loughlin by 51 percent to 44 percent.

# Gay candidates score at the polls

#### By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

Today, three of the 435 members of Congress are openly gay. That number will increase by one in January, when a new House of Representatives is sworn in and seated in the capitol.

On Nov. 2, Rhode Island voters elected openly gay

Providence Mayor David Cicilline, D, to Congress, keeping the seat held by Patrick J. Kennedy in the Democratic fold.

Also on Election Day, voters in her Wisconsin district elected to send lesbian U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D, back to D.C. Voters also re-elected openly gay Reps. Barney

Frank, D-Mass., and Jared Polis, D-Colo.

However, Democrat Steve Pougnet, openly gay mayor of Palm Springs, Calif., lost his bid to unseat Republican Mary Bono Mack. The race went 52 percent for Bono Mack, 41 percent for Pougnet.

Baldwin faced Republican Chad Lee and, according to unofficial results, won with 62 percent of the vote.

Polis also had an easy win.

He faced three opponents

Republican Stephen Bailey,
Constitution Party nominee
Jenna Goss and Libertarian
Curtis Harris – but none
were serious contenders.

Polis received 56 percent of
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**GREEN BAY CONSIDERS ANTI-GAY LAWSUIT, PAGE 8** 



#### **POLITICAL** HYGIENE

A shelf-stocker who works at an undisclosed supermarket posted this picture online.

#### WHAT ABOUT **MONEYLENDERS**

San Antonio, Texas, discontinued Latino Catholics support same-sex naturally are less than one in 60 a Mass that it had offered for marriage, while an additional 36 million. more than 15 years to the gay percent of white Catholics and 22 and lesbian community. The action percent of Latino Catholics sup- my head around what was happenwas taken in response to com- port same-sex civil unions. This ing. But now I've come to terms plaints the Vatican received from level of support is considerably with it, I'm excited," Keevers told the secret group Defenders of the higher than that of Americans as Woman's Day magazine. Magisterium. Change.org reported a whole. that San Antonio's gay Catholic community, which includes many TEN TIMES A HOMO same-sex couples with children, is In the final days of the midnow searching for a new place to term election, a robocall to vot- of this year.

**OUT OF SYNC** Speaking of the Catholic Church,

one out of every three adult Americans raised in the nation's second largest denomina- fringe-right Christian group.

Catholics overwhelmingly sup-donated by a U.S. law student. port legal recognition of samesex unions. Forty-one percent of

ers in Midland County, Mich. Sessoms, an out lesbian candidate for the state house of representatives, is "homosexual." Church has left it behind. If these to be a robocall record. The calls

Melissa Keevers, 27, did not undergo fertility treatment. The St. Ann Catholic Church in white Catholics and 46 percent of chances of conceiving quintuplets

Rosemary Nolan, 21, had a daughter via the same donor.

The guints are due at the end

#### warned them that Toni THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Linus, the great pumpkin, was found in a patch in Wisconsin. Guinness World Records conword 10 times, which is believed Wisconsin grower produced the world's heaviest pumpkin – 1,810.5 their own church, it would be the Campaign for Michigan Families, a record holder. Chris Stevens of pumpkin, which measures 15 feet A lesbian couple in Brisbane, Harvest Fest in Minnesota. He American Catholics are turned Australia, is expecting quintuplets said then that his feat was the off by the Church's anti-gay hate after one of the women was arti-result of a mix of sunshine, rain, rhetoric. A recent survey showed ficially inseminated with sperm cow manure, fish emulsion and

## **BROADWAY VS.**

Broadway performers are singing out against bullying as part "It took me a long time to get of the ever-expanding "It Gets Better" video project on the Web. Performers with "Spring Awakening," "Wicked," "Rock of Ages," "Chicago," "Memphis," "Billy Elliot," "Jersey Boys," "Mama Mia" and other shows have recorded videos urging people to, as a chorus sings in "Spamalot," "Look on the bright side of life."

#### **BROADWAY VS. BULLIES II**

By Lisa Neff & Louis Weisberg

New York performers also have joined in a "We Are The World"-In fact, the call dropped the "H" firmed in late October that a style anthem promoting a positive message about life. The song, "It Gets Better," written by Jay Kuo lapsed Catholics were to form about Sessoms were produced by pounds, 85 pounds over the prior and Blair Shepard, contains the line, "Don't give up/'Cause your life New Richmond showed off the is like a book/All you have to do is turn the page." See the videos In addition to the church's **FIVE TIMES A MOTHER** in circumference, at the Stillwater at www.itgetsbetterbroadway.com.

#### IN DEVELOPMENT

ABC Family is working on bringing to TV the story of Constance McMillen and her fight to bring her girlfriend to the high school prom. McMillen, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union. won a \$35,000 settlement against the Mississippi school district that canceled the school dance rather than allow McMillen to attend with a same-sex date and in a tux. Too early to say who might be cast to portray McMillen, but with this conflict being our modern day "Harper Valley PTA," there's got to be a role for Barbara Eden.

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# POLITICAL GAZE

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ing Feingold.

## Kleefisch's gay uncle urged voters to support the Barrett-Nelson ticket

Local election from I

has improved in Wisconsin." Belanger said. "I think people learned in 2006 that talking against the gay community only serves to rile it up. While some (politicians) are willing to go out on a limb, most understand that using the gay community as a wedge for political gain doesn't work."

Lt. Gov.-elect Rebecca Kleefisch, an avowed evangelical Christian, was one of the few GOP candidates who wandered off message and into hot water. Her remarks comparing gays to animals and inanimate objects on Christian radio went viral on the Web and sparked outrage on college campuses.

Even Kleefisch's openly gay uncle spoke out against her and urged voters to support Barrett and his proequality running mate Tom

The Walker campaign kept Kleefisch, who has no experience in political office or any sort of management, invisible during the campaign. She was not allowed to debate her opponent Tom Nelson or to appear at public events where media might be present.

On election night, Kleefisch appeared briefly before a cheering crowd of GOP supporters in Pewaukee awaiting Walker's arrival "Our hour is com ing," she said, using a coded phrase by which evangelical Christians refer to the second coming of Christ.

Kleefisch was not the in 2006, never seemed to had to register 10 same-sex sex wedding of gay friends in against the Defense of only evangelical-backed can- coalesce behind him this couples as domestic partdidate who triumphed in time around, despite aggres- ners since August 2009. Wisconsin on Election Day. sive outreach from his cam-State Rep. Leah Vukmir, a paign Tea Party zealot who has modeled her public profile District, Chippewa County Michelle Bachman, handily seat held by Kristin Dexter. defeated pro-equality state Bernier cited the desire that includes portions of domestic partner registry as re-election this year. Wauwatosa, Waukesha and one of her reasons for seek-Brookfield. LGBT voters, ing legislative office. who had been instrumen-

Former reality TV star ideology if elected.

Sean Duffy prevailed over pro-equality state Sen. Julie Lassa in northern Wisconsin's in the image of Minnesota's Clerk Kathy Bernier won the 7th Congressional District. District, which includes sometimes put him at odds Democrat David Obey had held the seat for a genera-Sen. lim Sullivan in a district to overturn Wisconsin's tion but decided not to seek

during his primary campaign tal in Sullivan's victory over registry was a burden to her nent showed voters video of another anti-gay evangelical as county clerk, saying she'd him and his wife at the same-

California, But Duffy vowed Marriage Act in 1996 - and to follow right-wing anti-gay one of only seven of them

Pro-equality U.S. Rep. Steve Kagan lost his seat in the 8th Congressional Green Bay, to political new- with leaders on both sides

Duffy was embarrassed ity U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold Republican Ron Johnson, a tinuing the fight for equality. Bernier complained the when his Republican oppoloss of this political cycle.

Feingold was one of only political office, dipped into community." 14 senators who voted his personal fortune to fund

U.S. Senate's only non-millionaires, stuck to his guns and refused outside cash. even turning down help from the Democratic Senatorial

his race. Third-party sources

funneled more than \$1 mil-

lion into commercials blast-

But Feingold, who prided

himself on being one of the

Campaign Committee. For progressive and proequality voters in Wisconsin the bright spots on Nov. 2 were few and far between Open lesbian Tammy Baldwin easily won re-election to Congress in her liberal district, which includes Madison, taking over 60 per-

cent of the vote. Milwaukee's pro-equality U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore also coasted to re-election.

In western Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District, Democrat Ron Kind narrowly held on to his seat in a race that was not thought to be close heading into the final weeks of the election.

Another victory for equality was the election of Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson to the state Senate. Larson defied this year's conservative backlash by defeating a less progressive incumbent in the Democratic primary in September.

JoCasta Zamarripa, a proequality candidate, became the first Latina elected to the General Assembly. She will replace retiring state Rep. Pedro Colón in Milwaukee's Assembly District 8. He was the first Hispanic elected to the Legislature.

Fair Wisconsin's Belanger said that overall her organization is disappointed but undeterred by the outcome of Nov. 2.

Feingold, whose political "Today (Nov. 3), I am drivpion of good government ing to Green Bay to fight the to the lawsuit to overturn of the aisle, remained true the domestic partner regis-Most progressive pundits to his principles in his vigor- try," she said. "We are not said the ouster of pro-equal- ous fight to defend his seat. stopping for a minute in conwas the most devastating wealthy plastics manufac- We are going to redouble turer who has never held our efforts to defend our



PHOTO: AP/IEFEREY PHELPS

remaining in office.

independence as a cham-

U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold (left) lost his seat to political newcomer Ron Johnson (right). Feingold was one of only 14 senators who voted against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act.

## MILWAUKEE GAZE

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## Milwaukee rally remembers victims of violence

#### By Louis Weisberg

20. Andrew Olaciregui faces the summer, in the wake of Larkin in early May.

chanted as they worked their hurt by dumb actions." way up North 10th Street transgender rights group.

and gloomy skies, the march's incidents include a hit-and-Nearly 100 LGBT activ- mood was positive. Some run accident in which a gay ists and allies gathered in participants were veter- man was killed in front of Milwaukee's MacArthur ans of such rallies, including a gay bar, the unresolved Square Oct. 23 for a rally to Stephanie Hume and Jacquie slaying of a gay man who remember recent victims of Lindo, the former coordina- was found dead in his apartviolence and suicide and to tor of the Milwaukee LGBT denounce bullying and other Community Center's anti- shot to death by her part-

Marchers carried signs and port people who are being Milwaukee MCC Pastor

The march was followed ers wore blue T-shirts that Milwaukee police officers.

"We're here to mourn which were provided by the the four violent deaths in an American value." event's organizer FORGE, a Milwaukee of LGBT people

Despite the solemn theme Cook-Daniels said. Those violence program.

The event began with a Others were newcom- the deaths of the two male march around the Milwaukee ers. Sagar Tolani, a member victims because they were County Courthouse, where of the Milwaukee Graduate closeted and sources would the convicted killer of trans- Assistant Association, said he not identify them as gay on gender woman Chanel Larkin only began learning about the record.) All four victims is set to be sentenced Dec. transgender issues over were African-American. up to 25 years in prison and Larkin's death. "This is some- falls hardest on those who a \$100,000 fine for shooting thing we all need to be aware are transgender and people

and east on West State by speeches on the square Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee. Street. A number of march- under the watchful eyes of "We must stand strong address the rally but broke this (violence)," Brice Smith let me, the other people on

ment and a lesbian who was ner. (WiG did not report on

"Hatred and discrimination of," he said. "I'm here to sup- of color," Cook-Daniels said.

> statement from U.S. Rep. together to end hate vio- down and was unable to told the rally. "People are this stage, those around you lence," she read. "Hate is not speak.

since May," FORGE's Loree Carla Clemmon tried to that more of us will face or doubt that you are loved.



Wendy Woodruff read a Two men listen to speeches during an Oct. 23 rally in MacArthur Square.

yearning for a sense of com- ... remind you that you are "As more of us continue munity. Today that's what we loved." Larkin's grandmother to live our truth, it's possible are doing. If you ever forget

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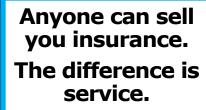


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## **MOVING ON UP**

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center opened to the public Nov. 3 in its new, larger home at 252 E. Highland Ave.

The expanded size will allow the center to increase its services, according to Patrick Price, director of philanthropy. Those services will include a new mental health clinic targeting the needs of the LGBT community.

The clinic was made possible in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Johnson Family Foundation, Price said. The clinic will be developed over a three-year period in collaboration with lewish Family Services.

The Johnson Family Foundation also awarded the center \$50,000 for broad technical assistance and development, Price said. CenterLink, the national organization of LGBT community centers, will help the center determine the best use for the funds early next

- Lucky Tomaszek

The community room of the new Milwaukee LGBT Community Center sits empty, awaiting movers Oct. 30. The space at 252 E. Highland Ave.

# **UW-Waukesha protesters greet Kleefisch**

#### By Louis Weisberg

One week before she was Rebecca Kleefisch made a ernor who takes an openrare and brief public appear- ly hateful stance toward a of invisibility. ance at UW - Waukesha, group of people," student only to be greeted by stu- Dee Landers said. dents protesting her anti-gay

scheduled to address a stu- Bemi said. dent Republican group Oct. After winning the 26. The students spoke with a Republican primary in Fox6 reporter as the lieuten- September, Kleefisch refused ant gubernatorial candidate to debate Democratic oppo-

the way Kleefisch is "per- out of sight that AP photog- man that read, "What if it's a

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petuating the idea that it's not OK to be gay."

The protesters regrouped in a room where Kleefisch nized by the campus group They stood silently against Pride Alliance brought about a back wall, their numbers 30 sign-carrying protest- nearly equal to those of ers together in front of the Kleefisch's supporters, Pride building where Kleefisch was Alliance co-president Jessica

raphers were unable to get female table?" a picture of her during the

But Kleefisch, a former

spoken evangelical Christian, appeared several times on A demonstration orga- spoke for about 15 minutes. right-wing radio and television programs during her primary campaign, telling one radio host that allowing people of the same gender to marry is identical to allowing people to marry clocks, tables or dogs. She said the

Several UW – Waukesha was whisked secretly into the nent Tom Nelson or to protesters carried signs refbuilding through a back door. appear at any public press erencing Kleefisch's remarks Kyle Callen said the pro- events. Her Republican Party on same-sex marriage, test was called to object to handlers kept Kleefisch so far including one held by a young

Bible should be the authority

"The last thing we need campaign. Editorial boards Kleefisch said her contro- I sounded insensitive, that's She said Pride Alliance is the elected lieutenant governor, right now is a lieutenant gov- throughout the state con- versial statement was taken wrong." demned Kleefisch's strategy out of context. "I was talking In addition to protest- on the UW - Waukesha about a slippery slope and ing Kleefisch's appearance campus, behind the Campus what we would have to do on campus, Pride Alliance is Crusade for Christ. TV news anchor and out- in legislation to define and planning to hold public vig-

redefine what marriage is," ils for every gay youth who During her talk on campus, Kleefisch told students. "If commits suicide, Bemi said. second largest student group



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MIDTERM MADNESS

## POUTCAL GAZE

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## Barney Frank survived a tough challenge from a Tea Party favorite

General election from I

the vote, according to unof-

Frank, though one of the more powerful and prominent members of Congress, faced a tough challenge from Republican Sean Bielat, a Tea Party favorite who amassed a hefty war chest for his campaign. A third candidate on the ballot was Tax Revolt Independent Don Jordan.

In the final month of the campaign, the Democratic Party dispatched some help to Massachusetts, including the crowd-pleasing Bill Clinton, and Frank, a member of the House since 1981, survived a fight for another term, winning with 54 percent of the vote

"Barney Frank is nothing if not a fighter, and we're very happy he will return to the House and continue to fight for the people of Massachusetts and for all LGBT Americans. Nobody has worked harder or longer in the U.S. Congress the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Barack Obama helped rally an, bisexual and transgender support for Cicilline, whose Americans who long for the Facebook page the morn- day when we will be treated ing after the election con- equally under law."







for fairness and equality for Openly gay U.S. representatives Tammy Baldwin (left) and Barney Frank (top right) won their rethe LGBT community," said election bids. Openly gay Palm Springs, Calif., Mayor Steve Pougnet (bottom right), lost his bid for Chuck Wolfe, president of Congress to incumbent Republican Mary Bono Mack, the widow of Sonny Bono.

tained congratulations from In California, Bono Mack "friends" around the world. campaigned with an endorse-fundraising, endorsed 164 Wolfe said Cicilline "will ment from the Log Cabin be a strong advocate for all Republicans while Pougnet election cycle. Rhode Islanders, but he will went into the race with the also be an authentic voice backing of many other LGBT

In Rhode Island, President for the millions of gay, lesbigroups, including the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

> The victory fund, which helps train openly gay candidates for office in addition to assisting with campaign

On VF's list of top races: Democrat Marcus Brandon won his race for North Carolina representative and will become one of five openly LGBT officeholders serving in state legislatures.

Democrat Jim Gray won his race for mayor in Lexington, Ky., defeating incumbent Jim Newberry. "This is a tremendous victory for Lexington, for

Kentucky's LGBT community and for fairness," Wolfe said. "We are proud of lim Gray and his fantastic campaign staff who fought hard for this win."

• Republican Dan Hill lost a close race for Nevada State Assembly.

 Democrat Laurie linkins won her race for

## DID YOU

Six openly LGBT Americans have served

- Gerry Studds, D-Mass., from 1973
- Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., from 1981 to 1997. He came out
- lim Kolbe, R-Ariz.
- He came out in 1996. Tammy Baldwin,
- when first elected in Jared Polis, D-Colo.,
- from 2009 to present. He was out when first elected in 2008.

Washington State repre-

- Demorat Aaron Kampfe lost his race for Montana state senator

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in Congress:

- to 1997. He came out Barney Frank, D-Mass.
- from 1981 to present. He came out in 1987.
- in 1994.
- from 1985 to 2007.
- D-Wis., from 1999 to present. She was out

- Democrat Kolakowski won her race for Alameda County, Calif., superior court judge.

iected to have 51 Democrats And maps were redrawn and 47 Republicans. The

With some races still unde-

cided as WiG went to press

Nov. 2, with voters giving the GOP picked up at least six Republican Party the major- seats, including in Illinois, ity in the U.S. House and where Republican Mark Kirk awarding gains to the GOP was the projected winner in in the U.S. Senate and gover- the race for Barack Obama's nors' mansions. old seat. The morning after, the For the U.S. House, pro-

often either a coup or a Nov. 3, the Senate was pro-

GOP's top leaders refrained jections showed Democrats from claiming a coup and with 185 seats and a political disaster. But activ- One Election Day loss was ists with the populist conser- that of U.S. Rep. Patrick vative Tea Party trumpeted Murphy, D, a champion of Lesbian Victory Fund's 164 troversy for the Sunshine refused to defend in court in the race for governor. a revolutionary victory and the DADT repeal effort. At endorsed LGBT candidates, State and captured national the anti-gay amendment Paladino, in the final month activists with left-leaning deadline, II House seats movements, from LGBT civil remained undecided. rights advocates to environmental reformists, warned of Democratic leadership of Congress.

possible disaster in 2011. Forces, must be passed dur- hold pro-equality majorities

By Lisa Neff

disaster are involved.

When maps are redrawn,

Going into Election Day, more challenging in roundit seemed the only certainty ing up the votes needed to equality. Increasing their in national politics was that advance pro-LGBT legisla-Barack Obama would con-tion." tinue to occupy the White he isn't running again until allies struggled and lost at the for everyone."

legislatures and 37 governor- ers.



The Tea Party's anti-gay Sharron Angle.



PHOTO: COURTESY

The race was full of con-

Meek carried the endorse-

ment of HRC and other

strengthened his support

from the community with

position paper that Equality

Florida called the most pro-

Rubio, a charismatic

Cuban-American and Tea

Party darling, is considered

a potential candidate for vice

In the final weeks of the

president or president.

#### Democratic leaders denied Republicans with 239 seats. Gov.-elect Jerry Brown of California (right).

Additionally, of the Gay and 106 won, including David attention in its final days, known as Proposition 8. Cicilline, who in January will with claims and counter-"The past four years of be the newest out member

"There is no sugar-coating encourage Meek to bow out LGBT activists said the makers from being able to the loss of so many of our and deliver his votes to the midterm message meant that move the most damaging leg- straight allies in Congress, governor. significant civil rights legisla- islation and amendments for- but we can be proud that tion, specifically the repeal ward," said Joe Solmonese of our community continues to of the "don't ask, don't tell" the Human Rights Campaign. expand its voice at all levels LGBT groups, but Crist policy banning gays from "However, the 110th and of government in America," serving openly in the Armed 111th Congresses did not said Victory Fund president Chuck Wolfe. "Out public his opposition to the now ing the lame-duck session of on every issue. The 112th officials are having a sizable defunct gay adoption ban impact on the local, state and and the release of an LGBT national debates about LGBT numbers is a vital part of a gressive of any Florida govlongterm strategy to change ernor. America's politics and make House – but that's because that though some incumbent our country freer and fairer

**KEY FEDERAL** 

RACES

LGBT leaders emphasized polls, equality-minded candi-The entire U.S. House was dates in races against vociferup for grabs, as well as 37 ous anti-gay candidates did U.S. Senate seats. Numerous fairly well, suggesting that hotly contested seats in state anti-gay rhetoric repels vot-

Congress will prove even

stopped anti-equality law-

## National Organization for for U.S. Senate, defeating door to door for Reid, who, - candidate Libby Mitchell Solmonese. Democrat Kendrick Meek not without criticism from had promised to work to

by Crist with 30 percent and

Meek with 20 percent.

an independent.

In California, longtime ally

Barbara Boxer, D, held her

Republican Party to run as Rubio, with 90 percent of Las Vegas area, the commu- a distant third in the race results were 50/50. In South precincts reporting, had 49 percent of the vote, followed break the Senate race.

cent of the vote.

greater dignity and justice," ning just a percentage point

said WFW campaigner Jane

## IN THE STATES...

CEO Meg Whitman spent a legalization of marriage for sell her candidacy to a major- percent to 46 percent. ity of voters. The Republican, the constitutional amendment against marriage equal- have been filed for 2011. ity, lost her gubernatorial bid

claims that the Democratic the vote, with 71 percent of as a homophobic meltdown leadership and Crist tried to precincts counted Nov. 3. and publicly denounced gays

In Florida, pro-equality canas sick perverts.

In New Hampshire, NOM failed in its campaign to unseat incumbent Gov. John In California, former eBay Lynch, D, for supporting the fortune on her gubernato- gay couples. Lynch defeated rial campaign but couldn't Republican John Stephen 52

Lynch's victory was said who had the backing of the to be significant symbolically, National Organization for as well as vital for protecting Marriage and who voted for marriage equality in the state three repeal bills already

In New York, Democrat to Democrat Jerry Brown, Andrew Cuomo defeated who as attorney general Republican Carl Paladino Brown had 54 percent of LGBT activists characterized



#### Newly elected U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

trailed GOP candidate Rick tive candidates with strong In Nevada, Senate Majority Scott in the race to suc- backing from HRC also won Leader Harry Reid, D, ceed Crist as governor. Sink their elections on Tuesday, deflected a challenge from had 48 percent of the vote leading activists in the state U.S. Senate seat against a Republican Sharron Angle. to Scott's 49 percent with to predict that 2011 might challenge from Carly Fiorina, Reid, with 99 percent of pre- 89 percent of the precincts be the year lawmakers legalwho was backed by the cincts counted, had 50 per- counted when she conceded ize marriage for gays and mid-morning Nov. 3.

In Maine, LGBT activists

didate Alex Sink, a Democrat, Several New York legisla-

"The focus will move campaign, the LGBT group were hoping for the election from the ballot box to the Marco Rubio won the race Working Families Win went of a Democratic governor state capitol," said HRC's

and Charlie Crist, the state's the community on strategy, restore the marriage equaloutgoing governor who, mid- has steered the effort to ity measure repealed by vot- to marriage or adoption, campaign, abandoned the repeal DADT in the Senate. ers. But with 93 percent of but voters in Arizona faced WFW estimated that with precincts reporting. Mitchell a push to legalize medical 250,000 LGBT citizens in the had 19 percent of the vote, marijuana – at press time the nity's vote could make or with Republican Paul LePage Dakota, voters defeated a and Independent Eliot Cutler, medical marijuana measure "Voting is the doorway to who, at press time, were run- 63 percent to 37 percent.

# Green Bay may join anti-gay suit

By Louis Weisberg

might join with Wisconsin turning the law. Family Action's efforts to overturn the state's domestic partner registry law.

involve the city in the law- 200 benefits offered to het- the suit's outcome. But she the council to consider suit was approved Oct. 25 erosexual married couples, said it would help sway public extending medical benefits to age to stand up before his when the council votes on by the council's Protection including hospital visitation opinion on the issue if count he same-sex partners of city employer and his city gov- Sortwell's proposal. and Welfare Committee, act-rights and family leave for cil passed the measure. ing on a request from Ald. medical emergencies. Shae Sortwell. The measure, which was being considered the registry "mimics mar- ate it," she said. by the city's full council as riage" and thus violates a

makers and enacted in 2009, Press Gazette that she did proposal was an act of retalithe registry grants same-sex not ask for the city's help ation against an openly gay An unusual proposal to couples 41 of the more than and doubts it will influence city truck driver who asked

But WFA's suit contends

department to contact WFA status "substantially similar" Green Bay City Council and offer its support in over- to that of marriage.

Approved by state law- Appling told the Green Bay

"That sends a very powerful message, and we appreci-

Seventy-five same-sex summer. WiG went to press, would constitutional ban on same- couples in Brown County

partners under the state law, according to Fair Wisconsin WFA president Julaine director Katie Belanger.

> Observers said Sortwell's workers. But Dave Fowles' ner benefits was dropped without comment over the

"I think the most disturb-

'It's mindboggling.

ing part is that this is really about retribution for one individual who had the cour- action in Green Bay Nov. 3 ernment and ask for equal the most minimal protec- ing ban.

mitted couples."

"It's mind-boggling," Fowles told the Press Gazette. "It's like you're taking progress and you're tearing it down."

Belanger said Fair Wisconsin would take

Elected to city council request to look into part- treatment," Belanger said. for the first time this year, "(City council members) are Sortwell also backed an ordifocusing on political tactics nance to exempt Green Bay to undermine and strip even from the state's public smok-

## Lesbian sues GOP candidate, says he got her pregnant

With just days to go explanation for her pregnan- utor. Harris says King then claims for battery, violation of stump, King has referred to filed a lawsuit against the has been in a monogamous 26, where she passed out on of emotional distress and head." Republican candidate for relationship with a woman his couch. Later she awoke in negligent supervision, on the King refused to return and hasn't voted in a decade. Wisconsin secretary of state, for four years. charging that David King got her pregnant after she passed that King got her drunk on

there could be no other Berlin-based costume distrib-

In her lawsuit, Harris claims unbuttoned, she says. margaritas over lunch, when Charlette Harris contends they both worked for a New

before the election, a woman cy, because she's a lesbian and took her to his home Aug. privacy, intentional infliction Gov. Jim Doyle as "a crack tion, telling WTMJ-TV that

Harris says she discovered

Milwaukee County, includes God Squad. On the campaign campaign.

his bedroom with her pants part of BuySeasons costumer e-mails and messages to the King's Democratic oppo-Associated Press. But he nent, Secretary of State Doug King is a Tea Party activist told the Milwaukee Journal La Follette, told the TV staher pregnancy a month later. and fundamentalist Christian Sentinel that the lawsuit is tion he has nothing to do The lawsuit, filed Oct. 26 in who founded the Milwaukee a ridiculous plot against his with the lawsuit.

she isn't motivated politically



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# Anti-gay depictions of school are wrong and unfair



It's a sad day for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community when a member of our community exploits an ally just to make

Several weeks ago, Zach Patterson, a Junior at Beloit Beloit went to the advisors later he wore it anyway. ing hard to eradicate the use marriage. That's a lie. of "is so gay" as a derogatory



Memorial High School in school. But several weeks

"Marriage is so gay" T-shirt. Daily News, wrote an article He asked his advisors if they that stated Beloit Memorial him to wear it in school. asked Zach to remove his

eradicate. Zach was also asked to remove his T-shirt pro-gay. Since staff members interpreted the T-shirt in dif-

T-shirt because it made use remove his T-shirt because I am an open of a phrase that the school's it supports gay marriage. staff has worked hard to The ads ask people to support Zach and his activist efforts by, of course, buying because it could be misin- a "Marriage is so gay" T-shirt. terpreted in so many ways. Thousands of LGBT activists Some staff members saw it as and our allies have taken the who attend a jab at traditional marriage. bait and purchased a T-shirt Some thought it was anti-gay, without knowing they're **the school.** and some thought it was pawns in this ridiculous money-hungry game. I am an open lesbian in

of the school's Gay Straight Last week, Justin Weaver, asked to remove his T-shirt teachers at the high school nor does the school have any a member of the LGBT com-Alliance and showed them his a reporter at the Beloit - just to be on the safe side. and I'm on good terms with interest in promoting an anti- munity puts a knife in a valu-After Zach's story made a couple of top administra- gay agenda. the Beloit Daily News, it tors at the high school. I am thought it would be OK for High School administrators started to go viral on the aware that Beloit Memorial the "Marriage is so gay" camp should question the motive. Internet – with a lot of help has a GSA club. I also know have done to the staff at Because Beloit Memorial "Marriage is so gay" T-shirt from the folks over at the that the school recognizes Beloit Memorial High School High School has been work- because it supported gay "Marriage is so gay" camp. National Day of Silence and is unacceptable. Weaver has and producer of Sisters Talk The creators of this T-shirt that there are posters up promoted the idea that Beloit Radio, an internationally syndi-Zach was not asked to have been running Facebook at the school that provide Memorial High School is anti- cated online radio show for the remove his T-shirt because it advertisements that exploit acceptable alternatives to gay just to shock and anger LGBT community. You can listen that it might not be a good supported gay marriage. Zach the story. The ads falsely the derogatory phrase "is so people - because shock and to the radio show at http:// idea to wear the T-shirt at was asked to remove his state that Zach was asked to gay." Armed with this kind anger are powerful emotions sistertalkradio.net.

# lesbian in Beloit with two children

ferent ways, it was assumed Beloit. I have two children of information, I can honestly that students would do the who attend Beloit Memorial state that Beloit Memorial same. Therefore, Zach was High School. I know several High School is not anti-gay, for local LGBT youth. When

that can help sell newspapers. The "Marriage is so gay" camp - members of our very own LGBT community - has jumped on the bandwagon because shock and anger has helped them sell more T-shirts. Bulldozing a valuable LGBT ally just to make a buck is pathetic and inexcusable.

The administrators and teachers at Beloit Memorial High School have worked hard to create a safe space able ally's back, every mem-What Justin Weaver and ber of the LGBT community

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# State's worst bully

In late October, a committee of the Green Bay City Council voted to authorize the city to join forces with Wisconsin Family Action in a lawsuit to overturn the state's domestic partner registry. No other municipality in the state has considered such an action.

Observers are convinced this attack on LGBT people came in response to a city worker's request that the council consider domestic partner benefits for its gay and lesbian employees. They also believe the action was ordered by WFA chief Julaine Appling, who's notorious for such retaliatory behavior.

Appling has made fighting LGBT rights her life's work. She was the driving force behind the constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil unions in the state, and now she's leading the charge to overturn the partner registry.

Appling even lobbied the General Assembly against a law to address antigay bullying in Wisconsin schools.

Why is Appling so obsessed with hurting LGBT people? Ironically, she's precisely the sort of person anti-bullying laws seek to protect. Although she frequently claims to be straight, so are many of the kids being bullied into suicide. They're persecuted simply because they are perceived to be gay – just as Appling is.

The rumors about Appling have been rampant for years. Masculine in looks and mannerisms, Appling has never married. Neither has Diane Westphall, with whom she shares the home they have owned together in Watertown for years. They also work together at WFA. When Westphall's father died, his obituary listed Appling as one of his daughters.

Only Appling and Westphall know the intimate details of their relationship. but no one would argue they appear to be a lesbian couple.

As the world has seen repeatedly in headlines about evangelical leaders outed under embarrassing circumstances, self-loathing is a powerful motivator for anti-gay fervency. Whether Appling is driven by self-hatred or some other form of misplaced anger, we might never know.

But we do know that Appling's twisted crusade helps fuel shame in LGBT youth and violence against them. We know that she is a vicious bully with bloody fists and a sick, angry soul.



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"Same sex marriage aside, do we have to wear the same pajamas?"

# [Letters }

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A study published in the

Although a slave, Tituba

#### **BULLYING IS** WITCH-HUNTING

This Halloween many of witches and went door-to- put out a report titled two views of women: the door trick-or-treating. But not all of our children did.

Due to homophobic bullying some of our LGBTQ children already feel like they are looked upon as witches.

And in some places across the globe children would never pretend to be witches, Hell House tour guides direct women threatened the because the consequences them through rooms where Puritan's paradigm of male are too deadly.

Throughout history, people described as witches have performed, including scenes theological belief was that been tortured, persecuted and even murdered. And it is brought to hell after com- the company of each other usually society's most vulner- mitting suicide and a gay man without the presence of a able who are targeted, just as dying of AIDS is taunted by man. And without the preswe see with bullying.

Many would argue that ent-day form of witch-hunt- the NGLTF stated. ing. And let us not forget the role religion has and continues to play in both witchhunts and anti-gay bullying.

"Hell Houses" are today's ance of LGBTQ people. Residing just a stone's contemporary form of both anti-gay bullying and witch- throw from Salem, Mass., I of the children in Africa and hunting. Created in the late am reminded of one of this of the recent death of our 1970's by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, "Hell Houses" are witch-hunting - the Salem anti-gay bullying and I was religious alternatives to tra- Witch Trails of 1692. ditional haunted houses. They are tours given by evangelical the first women accused of churches across the country witchcraft, Tituba, who was a

designed to scare and bully black slave.

people away from sin. And

one of those sins is homo- was nonetheless subjected to the same gender restrictions In 2006 the National placed on Puritan women. our children dressed up as Gay and Lesbian Task Force And Puritan men had only

> "Homophobia at 'Hell good wife and the bad witch. House': Literally Demonizing Clerics' sanctioning of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Exodus 22:18, "Thou shalt Transgender Youth" explain- not suffer a witch to live," ing how hell houses specifi- not only gave men biblical license to control women "Instead of spooking youth but also to kill them.

with ghosts and monsters, Homosocial circles of violent scenes of damnation dominance, giving rise to the for a variety of "sins" are charges of witchcraft. The where a teenage lesbian is women ought not to be in a demon who screams that ence of a man, of course, women could not help but anti-gay bullying is the pres- from God forever in hell," engage in sorcery, paganism and lesbianism.

Witchhunts have always Journal of Psychology stated created moral panic, mass that a strong belief in Satan hysteria, and public lynching is directly related to intoler- of society's most vulnerable and marginalized.

This Halloween, I thought nation's earliest examples of LGBTQ children here to reminded of our present and Little is known about past witch-hunts.

The Rev. Irene Monroe Cambridge, Mass

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# So they said

"We tend to learn through holocaust, more effectively and thoroughly, than by anticipating the holocaust. It would be great if we could change our course knowing that if we don't, then something truly horrendous and unforgiving is about to happen. But we rarely catch it in time.

-Tony Kushner speaking to the Los Angeles Times about the revival of his Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Angels in America."

"He was a fightin' son-of-a-gun. He was a big guy, and strong. He could have beaten me up. He was brave, and in as much risk of dying in battle as I was."

- Calvin Fritz, an 84-year-old Navy vet from Belleville, Ill., talking about a gay sailor he served with aboard the USS St. George in the Pacific Ocean during World War II.

"If a couple has been together all that time – and there are gay relationships that are more solid than some heterosexual ones – I think it's fine if they want to get married. I don't know how people can get so anti-something. Mind your own business, take care of your affairs, and don't worry about other people so much."

- Actress Betty White speaking out in favor of same-sex marriage to Parade magazine.

"If it don't fit, you must quit."

- Peter Laberbera, president of Americans for Truth about Homosexuality, calling on embattled Bishop Eddie Long to resign his position as a mega-church pastor. Long has been sued by four young men who claim he coerced them into sex

"(The National Organization for Marriage) has emerged as the number one anti-gay force in the country. They are heavily involved in defeating proequality candidates this cycle as a tax-exempt social welfare organization, without disclosing their donors. This is why HRC has launched a campaign around outing who NOM is."

– Human Rights Campaign spokesman Kevin Nix

"I've never served with such an idiotic, racist, sexist, homophobic person in my life. If you think that the minimum wage needs to be three dollars an hour, vote for Bill Brady. If you think that women have no rights whatsoever, except to have his children, vote for Bill Brady. If you think gay and lesbian people need to be locked up and shot in the head, vote for Bill Brady."

- Illinois Sen. and Chicago mayoral candidate Rickey Hendon, also known as "Hollywood Rickey Hendon," speaking on the campaign trail against Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Brady.

"(Clarence Thomas) was always actively watching the women he worked with to see if they could be potential partners. ... He was obsessed with porn."

- Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' ex-girlfriend, Lillian McEwen, talking to the Washington Post. McEwen decided to go public about Thomas after his wife Virginia Thomas left Anita Hill a voice mail asking her to apologize for making similar statements during Thomas' controversial nomination hearing. Virginia Thomas is a fringe leader of the religious right and the Tea Party.



I am looking over my ple who desperately want to tragic as well as the romantic smoothie into the eyes of be the subject of an ad. They aspects of the phenomenon. a man I've just met, making go about seeking eye contact small talk and finding the situ- with strangers and then later regret," Firkus said. "(Missed ation fascinating. I've agreed search the site hoping one of Connections) is a medium to meet him after reading those strangers will be there for people to express their his sentimental post on the looking for them. Missed Connections page

they're looking for a good ple of all ages and backgrounds frequent the site.

Sometimes it works like it's supposed to: People or a healthy sense of closure. Some people have even Missed Connections.

behind the words.

of Craigslist.com. Although I his message was sweet. I a Missed Connections post. cal theater." wanted to meet the man Last year, a Milwaukee area barista was very bothered More than 6 million indi- when a Radio 102.1 person- regularly. He found a wide municate our stories. viduals have visited Missed ality read a post about her on variety. Some posters wrote Connections. Whether the air Her manager told me them to themselves, mourn- is often a trigger for dyslaugh or a shot at love, peothere was a stream of strang-nected from. Others wrote time different is the ability looking for her.

in 2011). His show, based new peace. Missed on real missed connections

"(The musical) deals with dissatisfaction, their loose- of yearning and tragedy as But some people are less ends, that itch they can't evidence that love has degenthan flattered when they dis-scratch. Wildly dramatic, erated over the years. But was not his target, I thought cover they're the subject of happy or sad, they are musi- we are now a public society.

find old friends, lost loves Brian Firkus asked this on the heart strings were the doors. question as he worked on posts to dead girlfriends that And in the end, we find found their spouses through Musical" (slated for the stage on to the past or looking for as ever.

People from earlier gener-Connections is used by peofrom Craigslist, explores the ations see our public displays



Social networking sites, blogs During his research, Firkus and yes, even Craigslist, serve perused Missed Connections to satisfy our need to com-

It's a sad truth that love that following the broadcast ing the life they felt discon- function. What makes our ers visiting the coffee shop, to their emotionally distant to anonymously broadcast spouses in a plea for the couthe personal minutia about What does all of this say ple to go back to an earlier, our lives that were once disabout our society? Playwright happier time. Tugging hardest cussed only behind closed

"Missed Connections: The revealed the poster holding that humans are just as lonely

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# No freedom without security

Recent news about sui- We need cides and homophobic attacks has made it clear that LGBT people are still living in a very hostile climate. That hostility is likely to accelerate as economic dislocation organizations sponsor menare used by extremists to fuel the search for scapegoats. Gay people have joined Muslims and Latinos as the most popular targets today.

protect ourselves, individually and collectively?

First of all, we need to protect our kids. Media pundits say the sui-

cides of LGBT youth are that administrators protect institutions are not new. occurring at a time when there are more support ser- perpetrator/s, and enforce arson has destroyed several closer communication with vices, gay-related curricula district policies on behavior Metropolitan Community local police. This is easier and gay/straight alliances than and non-discrimination. ever before in the schools. of gays overall and the grow- help our kids, such as the Atlanta, and the zealot been problematic, especially ing numbers of kids coming out contributes to the Education Network or Milwaukee Gay Arts Center ers, we are entitled to equal homophobic reaction.

There's an element of truth to this, but it's also a convenient way to blame ourselves and our institu- doctor for performing abor- and head off broader threats the victims and discredit gay tions. activism. The solution is not to head back to the closet value of self-defense pro- to think more seriously but to redouble our efforts grams, and I think they should about security measures at is really free unless they are to support LGBT kids.

to brotect ourselves.

ed to LGBT services or curmunity. They had a powerful child or know of a child who communities today. is being harassed, demand

of Lesbians and Gays.

I'm a big believer in the LGBT organizations need extremists. Many schools and LGBT ming through LGBT centers. organizations are housed on these issues is now.

Self-defense classes provide practical tips about avoidance behaviors and teach basic skills that enable you to defend yourself or escape an attack.

The best self-defense and at venues where LGBT and changing demographics toring programs. Contact classes also imbue par- events are held. Community them and volunteer to be a ticipants with self-respect, leaders should plan now and mentor to LGBT youth. Get self-confidence and solidar- consult with security experts involved with your school or ity with others, values that to prevent anyone or anyschool board on issues relat- reduce fear and build com- thing from being harmed. lewish organizations and So what are we doing to riculum. Better yet, consider impact on women during the women's health clinics, which

running for a school board heyday of feminist organizing have faced threats themseat to positively influence in the 1970s and 1980s and selves, have instituted various school policies. If you have a could do the same for LGBT security systems and policies at their facilities. They may be Threats against LGBT a helpful resource.

LGBT leaders also need that child, discipline the Over the past twenty years, to establish and maintain Churches, terrorist Eric said than done. Relations Contribute financially Rudolph planted one of his between police and LGBT They say the higher profile to the organizations that nail bombs at a gay bar in communities have often Gay, Lesbian and Straight who complained about the in Milwaukee. But as taxpay-Parents, Families and Friends a few years back had a web protection. Better commusite linked to a memorial to nication could help to solve We also need to protect Paul Hill, who murdered a individual bashing incidents to organizations by anti-gay

> It's a truism that no one be a regular part of program- the buildings in which our secure, so the time to work

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#### **COMPANY DONATES T-SHIRTS TO**

company that makes "legal- ous applause. GazetteXtra. ize gay" T-shirts, donated 500 com reported. of them to UW-Whitewater in response to a September start to change and be openhate crime. The company minded because stuff like this shipped the T-shirts to the really shouldn't be happenstudent organization IMPACT ing," she said. "I know I'm not to give away.

bought a full-page ad con- have the right to knock me demning the attack in the down." campus' student newspaper. American Apparel report-

was wearing the T-shirt near Washington, D.C., store Barker was the third gay

two men Sept. 26.

lied Oct. 15 to protest the assault, as well as another

**UW-WHITEWATER** she was attacked, addressed inspiring." American Apparel, the the Oct. 15 rally to thunder-

"Hopefully, people will going to change for anybody In addition, the company just because they feel they

Freshman Lauren Meyer ed that employees of its anti-gay bullying.

the UW-Whitewater campus received threatening phone teen to commit suicide in when she was punched in the calls after the "legalize gay" Outagamie County since May even witnessed teens taunt- told ClickOnDetroit. "Corey face and called a "faggot" by T-shirt was displayed in its 2009, and his death came ing Cody at their home. She was the most loving, giving, Hundreds of students ral- smashed.

a company that believes in harassed. attack that occurred on the freedom of expression and campus in December 2009. equal rights," the company woman's fellow students to

Although Meyer provided police with a detailed physical er Darla said she suspects description of the suspects, that bullying did play a role no one has been taken into in her son's death. She told

#### OFFICIALS DENY CODY BARKER **WAS BULLIED**

that the suicide of Cody J.

store window, which was amid a spate of national sto- asked students to look out funny person. ... When he ries about gay youth tak- for each other. "American Apparel is ing their lives after being

In that incident, a woman said in a written statement. the poster child for this doing," she said. "If you see that her grandson was out-"Despite the unfortunate issue," school Superintendent somebody getting picked on, going before becoming selfmen in a campus parking lot event that triggered (the Chris VanderHeyden told the stick up for them. Just help conscious. and punched in the face as attack on Meyers), the imme- Post-Crescent. "As soon as each other." they said, "God fucking hates diate response of this young it was announced that this young man was gay and that Meyer, wearing the same hold a campuswide rally as a he killed himself, everyone T-shirt that she wore when show of unity was incredibly immediately started connecting dots that weren't there."

> However, Barker's mothquickly the school district bullying did not play a role. acted to quash the allegation.

"(Teens) are smart about Officials with the Schiocton when they do it," Barker was because he recently realized pretty shocking something school district refute charges quoted as saying. "They don't he was a homosexual and like that would happen here," do it in front of a teacher. I Barker, 17, was related to know there was name-calling school by his peers because I know that went on."

"Right now everybody's look like they're having a bad completely. He withdrew." looking for someone to be day, ask them how they're

## REPORTED

A 19-year-old openly gay took his own life Oct. 19.

Mich., medical examiner's where I belong," Jones said. office confirmed that Corey the Post-Crescent that she Jackson's death was a suicide, Boyd said the campus has a was "dumbfounded" at how but police said that anti-gay very accepting environment.

His family disagreed.

he was getting pressured at he said. and dirty looks in the hallway. he told his family and nothing changed here," Jackson's

Darla Barker said she grandmother Carolyn Evans "(When) you see some- ized his sexual preference body in the hall and they had changed, he changed

lackson's aunt Kim lones said he was having a difficult

"He said, 'I don't know what's wrong. Ever since I Oakland University student came out people are treating me different. I don't know The Oakland County, what to do, I don't know

Student legislator Darrell

"Oakland's an accepting school and we're pretty "I believe (it happened) broad and diverse so it's

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# Chicago LGBT Jews possible target of terrorists

#### By Matt Simonette

An LGBT Jewish congregation is believed to have been with calm bemusement," the target of a thwarted ter- Edwards said. "I think our rorist attack.

Government announced Oct. 29 that packages containing explo- has faced protests from the sives were addressed to two Rev. Fred Phelps' Westboro Chicago-area Jewish organi- Baptist Church, Edwards zations. The packages were questioned why a Jewish en route from Yemen to the members would be on a for-United States.

Or Chadash Rabbi an official with the Jewish and his co-president were United Fund of Metropolitan reassuring members via Chicago advised him that his e-mail that the situation was predominantly LGBT con- under control. gregation was one of four Congregation on Lake about this." Michigan in the city's Rogers Police have begun patrols Park neighborhood.

Congregants

at night services Oct. 29.

"The news was greeted first thought was, 'Why

officials someone as small as us?""

eign terrorist group's radar. William Wahler, co-presi-

"We have to remember heighten security efforts. Or and foremost," Wahler said. Chadash meets in a build- "But that doesn't mean that classes on Oct. 31. ing owned by Emanuel we're not going to be vigilant

were parking lot, and officers on of this."

police boats are keeping the building under surveillance from Lake Michigan, according to Wahler.

"Ironically, there is probably no safer place to pray in Chicago than Emanuel right Although the congregation now." Wahler said.

Wahler said his congregation has received an immense outpouring of support from around the world. Many intercepted late last week community of only about 100 Chicago Jewish organizations pledged advice and support.

"One thing I keep saying is Or Chadash is not marginal-Laurence Edwards said dent of Or Chadash, said he ized in the Chicago lewish community," Wahler said.

Or Chadash and other Chicago-area synagogues proceeded with business as usual over the weekend. area synagogues that should that this is just a rumor, first Edwards taught his regularly scheduled Sunday morning

"We're just going to watch out for things out of the ordinary," Wahler said. "We of Emanuel Congregation's can't stop our lives because



Congregants do a prayer for bread after Sabbath services at Temple Emanuel in Chicago Oct. 30. Rabbi Michael Zedek said he was told by a "very well placed and reliable" lewish official that the smaller Or Chadash congregation was one of the targets of a foiled terror plot. But he and Or Chadash Rabbi Larry Edwards said neither had been contacted by law enforcement officials. The FBI in Chicago has not confirmed which synagogues were targeted.

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#### **SF BAY GYMS TO LEAVE GOLD'S**

chises in the San Francisco Bay area are cutting ties with hear from inside the adminthe bodybuilding chain over istration, they wanted this she was tricked into going to its CEO's contributions to a to be part of their efforts a "sham prom" while other Karl Rove-backed group.

tor of operations for Gold's Presidential Appointments Gym Bay Area, says Rove's Project of the Gay & Lesbian American Crossroads sup- Leadership Institute. ported anti-gay candidates in In a sign of how times have the midterm elections.

In a statement, Dickerson tees - about two dozen called CEO Robert Rowling's required Senate confirmation \$2-million donation "unfor- - have stirred much controtunate," saying many of the versy. gyms' members and employees are from the LGBT com- JUDGE AWARDS

Rowling, a Texas billionaire. CASE is head of TRT Holdings, Inc.,

ports candidates who are fis- bring her girlfriend. cally conservative.

locations in Wisconsin, Liberties Union had sued including a new flagship club the Itawamba County School in downtown Milwaukee.

#### **OBAMA APPOINTS** RECORD NUMBER OF GAY OFFICIALS

Barack Obama has appointed more openly gay officials than any other president in his-

mate of more than 150 appointments so far - from agency heads and commission members to policy officials and senior staffers surpasses the previous high of about 140 reached during two full terms under Several Gold's Gym fran- President Bill Clinton.

"From everything we at diversity," said Denis Don Dickerson, direc- Dison, spokesman for the

changed, few of the appoin-

# FEES IN PROM

A federal judge has Gold's Gym's parent com- ordered a Mississippi school ing he made on Facebook. district to pay about \$81,000 He told Fox News his in legal fees and expenses in a member Clint McCance 6. Opponents of Prop 8, the contribution had nothing to lawsuit filed by a lesbian stu- used the terms "queer" and do with gay rights. He says dent whose prom was can- "fag" repeatedly in the post-American Crossroads sup- celed because she wanted to ing, in which he promised to

Gold's Gym has seven and the American Civil District in a challenge of the ban on same-sex dates for in response to a Facebook the school dance.

In response, the school

Gay activists say the esti-

students partied elsewhere.

high school.

Constance McMillen

The court ruled in March that McMillen's rights were on Mr. Clint McCance's opponent Kelly Ayotte to violated.

her senior year at another

#### SCHOOL OFFICIAL **WHO WANTS GAYS TO DIE** RESIGNS

An Arkansas school board member told CNN that he'll resign following a national outcry over an anti-gay post-

Midland School Board disown his own children if Constance McMillen they're gay and stated that lates the federal constitution. including seven deaths in than 2,000 videos intended he enjoys "the fact that (gay people) give each other AIDS

McCance's posting was that discrimination written lying. campaign asking supporters rably leads to shame, humilito wear purple to show solicanceled its April 2 prom. darity after several gay and hostility. The consequences department do not protect family, your friends, and to Less than halfway through Parents sponsored another lesbian youths killed them- are all too often very, very students against harassment your country. And there is so his first term, President dance, but McMillen claimed selves, reportedly because of tragic."

"Seriously they want me of five U.S. states to have gueers killed themselves?" is if they all commit suicide. I cant believe the people of Leader of Manchester but not." this world have gotten this were refused. stupid. We are honoring the fact that they sinned and has a constitutional right safe for all of our kids," he killed thereselves because of to choose what to print

CNN's Anderson Cooper the paper believes marriage that he regrets his state- is between a man and a ments and will resign his woman.

"I'm sorry I've hurt peo-Amid the uproar, she finished ple with my comments." McCance, said.

"I strongly condemn the statements that appeared Facebook page," Tom Kimbrell, Arkansas commissioner of education, said in a

## **PROP 8 HEARING**

Oral arguments in the appeal of the landmark Proposition 8 case will take court in San Francisco Dec. constitutional amendment banning same-sex couples from marrying in California,

into the Constitution "inexoation, ostracism, fear, and

"It's about changing the ment of LGBT individuals. environment that leads to of LGBT teen suicides."

#### NH PAPER: NO **GAY MARRIAGE NOTICES**

New Hampshire's largest newspaper is defending its New Hampshire is one 2011.

and opposes the new law. On Oct. 28, McCance told Publisher Joe McQuaid said

Prior to this week's election, Democratic Senate candidate Paul Hodes called on the paper to change its policy and respect the state law. He challenged Republican denounce its decision.

An Ayotte spokesman said government officials have no Arne Duncan business telling a free press what to do.

#### FEDS ISSUE ANTI-**HARASSMENT GUIDELINES**

The U.S. Department of out having to worry about place in a federal appeals Education is advising school the constant threat of harassdistricts of a legal responsi- ment." bility to protect students and combat bullying.

department follows a series ItGetsBetterProject.com, maintain the measure vio- of youth suicides this year, which has collected more In a brief filed with the the first two months of the to combat bullying and preappeals court, attorney 2010-11 school year thought vent suicides. Theodore B. Olson wrote to be related to anti-gay bul-

Duncan said that while cur- Clinton, who said, "Your life rent laws enforced by the is so important - to your "Overturning Prop. 8 is orientation, they do include personally and professionally about more than giving same- protection against harass- - there are so many opporsex couples the freedom and ment of members of reli- tunities for you to develop equality they deserve," said gious groups based on shared your talents and make your Chad Griffin of American ethnic characteristics as well contributions." Foundation for Equal Rights. as gender and sexual harass-

"Bullying is a problem that events like the recent string shouldn't exist," Duncan said Oct. 26. "No one should ever feel harassed or unsafe in a school simply because they act or think or dress differently than others."

Meanwhile, the White House, in concert with the decision to refuse to pub- Education Department, is lish marriage notices for gay preparing to host an antibullying conference in early

"We've got to dispel the to wear purple because five legalized marriage for same- myth that bullying is just a sex couples. Two men get- normal rite of passage, or McCance wrote. "The only ting married in Portsmouth an inevitable part of growing way im wearin it for them recently wanted to publish a up," President Barack Obama marriage notice in the Union said in a news release. "It's

"We have an obligation to The newspaper says it ensure that our schools are



added. "Every single young person deserves the opportunity to learn and grow and achieve their potential, with-

Obama also made a direct appeal to youth in The guidance from the a video, taped as part of

First Lady Michelle Obama also taped a video as did Education Secretary Arne Secretary of State Hillary based on religion or sexual much waiting for you, both

- from AP and WiG reports





Gregg Shapiro: Were you James Franco (right) stars as Allen Ginsberg in "Howl," opening Nov. 5 at the Times Cinema, 5906 readers of poetry before becom- **W. Vliet.** 

ered doing our research on ing a film about a poem, so leffrey Friedman: I read a the film. GS: What was it like working

little poetry, not much. Emily Dickenson, Walt Whitman. as co-directors? RE: Like this: We kind of I had read "Howl" in high school, but I wasn't an avid look at each other and say, We told Allen's story using trying to make sense of it confluence of circumstances Hamm and others, in much

it goes over my head. you do this." GS: What was the impetus behind the film?

RE: So (there is) a lot of RE: I think it was Allen as back and forth. (Then) going live on its own ... in differan artist ... trying to figure off and having your own out the source of his creative reflective time and then com- first reading of the poem at could hold. self, particularly with this ing back together with new the Six Gallery and imagined poem. It was the "treasure ideas and fresh approaches how it might have been to Ginsberg's cadence down pat, work with James. He came the language in the poem hunt" aspect of this project and hashing it out again.

go through, as a man and as representing different parts of using art from Eric Drooker, an artist, to write this poem. the film's history. Why did you who had collaborated with as Allen was when he wrote ing. We just had a first draft parts) really help to create A lot of it was a coming-out decide to present it this way? process, which we discov-

we looked for different ways how the poem was received San Francisco. of looking at the poem. One by society at large. That was of the ways was Allen's story what the trial represented and (his creative process). for us. Those people were ture at UCLA. It was a whole Rob Epstein: No. ... Most of am I going to do this? OK, reated interview and with some cases. flashbacks from scenes from We wanted the poem to

ent ways. We recreated the much as we thought the film living icon and personifying, For example Mary-Louise be there that night. We also as if he was born to play the on the project very early, is on screen for maybe 5 GS: The film is sort of a recreated it as an imaginative part. What was involved in his He was very excited about minutes, but she makes such IF: It was what Allen had to cinematic quilt with panels ride through the poet's mind, process of becoming Ginsberg? it and very committed to it a strong impression as that IF:We knew we were mak- understanding of (him).

RE: It's about 80 percent of Dean story on television. He we really wanted actors that the poem. ... That's about as wasn't afraid of taking on a would make an impression.

GS: James Franco has

Ginsberg and had a good the poem. He grew up read- of a script. So we had sev- this composite impression of ing the beats and hanging out eral opportunities to work the period.

Then we wanted to see at City Lights Bookstore in

IF: (lames) is a poet himself. RE: He also studied litera- terrific actors, including Mary-"Are you going to do this, or his own words in the rec- and trying to suppress it in that made him right for the smaller supporting roles. part. He is also a great actor. GS: Is "Howl" recited in its We were really impressed by acters) are on the screen for what he did with the lames such a short period of time, rather than impersonating. Parker, playing a 1950s English

to really explore what the words meant to Allen, where these experiences came from. James had a long time to think about that.

with lames on the script and

We wanted

the **boem** 

to live on

its own. We

recreated the

first reading

and imagined

how it might

have been to

be there.'

Then we asked him to listen to Allen's readings and we gave him an interview he did with Studs Terkel. He looked at some early film of Allen, saw how he' walked, how he moved and how he used his hands.

GS:The film also has a cast of Louise Parker, Jeff Daniels, John

RE: Because those (char-JF: We had a long time to teacher who was appalled by RE: James is the same age way before we had financ- character. ... (The supporting

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GREGG SHAPIRO

In their latest film, award-

winning filmmakers Rob

Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman

("The Times of Harvey Milk"

and "The Celluloid Closet")

take a dramatic detour away

from documentaries. "Howl"

(Oscilloscope Laboratories) stars lames Franco as gay

poet Allen Ginsberg. The

movie, filmed both in black-

and-white and color, as well

with live action and ani-

mation, is a composite of sequences involving the

creation of the classic, but

controversial, poem "Howl."

Ultimately it is through that

poem that Ginsberg is able

to express his feelings for

his friend and fellow writer

Jack Kerouac (played by Todd

Rotondi), and Franco's effort-

less portrayal of the poet is

ing involved in the "Howl" film

nothing short of poetic.

poetry reader.

# ART GAZE

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installations, was shifted to

the east corridor, and the

Modern bronze sculptures

that are normally displayed

there were moved to the

west hallway. What is lovely,

even though we can't see

both hallways at the same

time, is the dialog between

Hallways are linear like the

presentation of history. In

one we have the standard

white man's hall of fame,

with modern sculptures

by lacques Lipchitz, Henry

Moore, Gaston Lachaise, etc.

These serious art stars of

## The rubber meets the art in new exhibit

#### By Debra Brehmer

Contributing writer

I thought for sure Chakaia Booker's series of sculptures made from re-claimed automobile tires would finally succeed in looking good in the long hallway of the Calatrava addition at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Her show is part of an exhibition series called "On-Site" that focuses on artists interacting with this non-traditional space.

In a sense, all of the artists in this series, including Liam Gillick, Richard Long, Santiago Cucullu and Andrea Zettel, have contributed interesting installations that allow us to newly experience Calatrava's dazzling ribbed passageway. Yet we are always aware of the struggle and tension between the art and the architecture. Nothing sits quite right in these long expanses of white.

Why? Because they are too complete in and of themselves. The experience nective channels diminishes anything that attempts to sculptures simply sit there, from the depths of its coarse, and textures. In some pieces, and vibe of the material in occupy them.

Booker's work would be the of them. They look crowded imen-like feel to this display. twisting and knotting, adding elegant forms. Her work oh- African sources, such as Nkisi perfect foil. She is an African- and uncomfortable. Many of We walk through and around extensions or leaving elegant so-gently holds associations figures, tribal headdresses, New York City and works tional sculpture pedestals erect distance pervades and more of an assertion of an sion, African fashion, factory tion patterns. But Ms. Booker with tire rubber. She cuts, or hang from metal stands, the work begins to feel man- underlying idea or form, such labor, the politics of oil-based occupies this space temposhreds and uncoils the tough, which constricts the spirit nered and uptight when it as the plant-like "Hybrid" economies and the overall rarily as a guest and those thick oil-derived material of the work. Only one piece should uncoil. and uses it to sculpt human- sits directly on the floor and There are some great "Industrial Perpetuosity II" These sculptures are all forever and will remain. We scaled forms that carry a one is on the wall. These two things about Booker's sculp- (2001-2010). robust, gestural street-savvy pieces mesh best with the tures, however. They effecgrace. Because the work is corridor, because they fuse tively and exuberantly trans- refuse - such as the sculp- dose of formal, sculptural Alliance is making significant gnarly, dense, textured and and interact with it. black, it seems that it would The problem with this point of their origin as tires. crushes auto parts, the con- ers find comfort. converse well with the light installation is that it tames Booker has developed an temporary artists Alison Saar and white of the space.



#### of walking through the con- A Chakaia Booker sculpture on display at Milwaukee Art Museum.

But I thought Chakaia lery. And there are too many almost a zoological or spec- letting tendrils fall, braiding, do this while still making her work pulls from diverse American artist who lives in the pieces occupy conven- the sculptures but a polite, tangles. In others, there's to plantation work, oppres- carved doors and scarifica-

(2003) or the wing forms of white fear of blackness.

There's something else nent collection is beginning to the power of Booker's work, immense vocabulary of how and Judy Pfaff or the African quite wonderful that happens reflect this important change. Unfortunately, there is no which should be a bit wilding this nasty material can be artist El Anatsui – they fully in this hallway Booker's work, conversation here. Booker's and unwieldy, oozing energy formed into various patterns intend to keep the history unlike the other "On-Site"

form and transcend the tor John Chamberlain who beauty, in which most view- inroads in acquiring works by

being merely utilitarian, has Museum Drive. On view until Despite the fact this is a the show. The surrealist fur-impressive exhibition his-Jan. 9, 2011, this airy survey museum show, it wouldn't niture is especially striking in tory spanning nearly three

the 20th century use bronze - molten, ballsy, expensive.

The black girl in the east hall wields her forms with used tires - also quite a strongarmed medium, but grown from different roots. The history of bronze lies

in the aristocracy and military. The history of rubber is industrial, economic and proletariat. Thus we have a clean PHOTO: ART ELKON display of the Western and non-Western canons decorating two parallel hallways.

Ms. Booker offers an just as they would in any gal- turgid black flesh. Yet there is it is as if she is coiffing hair, the work. Booker is able to entirely different lineage as other guys have been there about black skin but the mes- must note, however, that the When artists work with sage is delivered in a strong MAM's African American Art black artists and the perma-

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Shopping can be a specta- to catch. tor sport. Admiring objects,

exploring surprises in design, 1985: Shaping the New out from culinary tools.

For a concentrated dose compiles a variety of not- be surprising if piped-in its cutting playfulness, rather decades, Loeser's carved of high-end design that goes so-ordinary household items music and price tags sud- like couture designs among and painted pieces operate beyond any mere mall expe- and furniture. Clever twists denly appeared, such is the ready-to-wear fashions. rience, there are two shows are found in the transforma- boutique feeling that perme- The Villa Terrace functional, between purpose

contemplating the merger Century" is the latest major Maybe it's a result of the postmodern movements, and furnishing with "Tom UW-Madison, will give a preof form and function that exhibition at the Milwaukee conditioning that is part which anchors them to the Loeser: Trees are the Biggest sentation about the exhibielevates ordinary things from Art Museum, 700 N. Art of our consumer culture. scholarly underpinnings of Vegetable." An artist with an tion at 6:15 p.m., Nov. 10.

tions of chairs, sofas, lights ates the show. To counteract Decorative Arts Museum, and whimsy. Loeser, who "European Design Since and the exquisite lines drawn this, pieces are organized in 2220 N. Terrace Ave., takes is the head of the wood categories of modern and up the topic of decoration and furniture design area at

between functional and dys-

# 'Gay Bar' offers 1950s snapshot

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Gay Bar."

candid and straight, Helen was working on. Dean asked drunken passes as an enter- thing that came to mind was ferred the wit, variety and Dean and I were delighted fun she found among gay to find a copy of "Gay Bar"

book search. It was an with gay men. She worked intriguing but expensive item as housemother and cook "I own a homosexual bar," and not what I was looking in a gay rooming house, Helen Branson declared. "In for, so I didn't purchase it. then managed several gay the nomenclature of the Before long I found myself bars owned by others. In homosexual, it is called a in St. Paul breakfasting with 1952, deciding to operate my playwright friend Dean her own gay bar in her own Vivacious, unconventional, Gray, discussing a script he way, Helen took over a small Melrose Avenue tavern. In Branson operated a gay bar if I knew of any books that 1955, a year of major anti-gay in Hollywood in the 1950s. described gay life in L.A. in hysteria around the country, After years of fending off the 1950s. About the only she started writing her book. At a time when most tainer in L.A. nightclubs, "Gay Bar" - the excellent books on "the homosexual

this divorced grandmother "Gay L.A." had not yet been problem" were written by discovered that she pre- published. That same day, psychiatrists who viewed homosexuality as neurosis, "Gay Bar" was truly somemen. Enjoying their company at Quatrefoil Library in St. thing new and startling. It and deploring their plight, Paul. So began my excursion was the first book by a hetshe decided to give her gay into the long-gone world of erosexual to depict the lives friends a place to social- Helen Branson and her boys. of homosexuals with admiraize. And then she wrote an With her freethinking tion, respect, and love. It was extraordinary little book, ways and abiding interest in published under the author's "Gay Bar." Published in the occult, Helen was very real name at a time when it 1957 by a small press in San much on the edge, even by was uncommon for straights Francisco, it was soon out Hollywood standards. By the to speak out in support of late 1930s she was working gays. And the book's intro-I first became aware of as a palm-reading nightclub duction was written by a "Gay Bar" several years ago entertainer in gypsy cos- psychiatrist who stated plain- vations on gay men's lives, I haven, remarkably free of "Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men when I noticed the book's tume. This was the begin- ly, "I do not consider homo- sometimes wondered what police raids, vice squad sur- from the Rural Midwest and A snappy title among the ning of what Helen called sexuality to be a disease." the men themselves would veillance and other anti-gay Passion to Preserve: Gay Men

The Fabulous, True Story of a Daring Woman and Her Boys in the 1950s

#### **IN PERSON** Will Fellows will read from "Gay Bar: The Fabulous, True Story of a Daring Woman and Her Boys in the 1950s" at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at Boswell Book Company,

2559 N. Downer Ave.,

Milwaukee.

results of an online used- her "gradual convergence" Pondering Helen's obser- have said. I was fascinated hazards.

to discover in two homo- American culture has phile periodicals of that changed so much since the period, ONE magazine and 1950s, we can never fully Mattachine Review, a rich grasp what life was like for trove of voices from the gay people in that age of 1950s that complemented anxiety. "Gay Bar" is a time Helen's views. And so I began capsule that helps us to get a to imagine a new edition better grasp of where we've of "Gay Bar," an interleaving been and how far we've of the book's original text come. Many of the positive with other voices from the changes that young gays era, including a fuller portrait today are able to take for of Helen herself, thanks to granted were largely unimagmy conversations with her inable 50 years ago, even in places like Los Angeles and daughter and grandson. Today one might regard San Francisco.

Helen Branson as a woman By operating her bar ahead of her time, but for during America's most antithe gay men she befriended gay decade, Helen fostered she was there at just the safety, connection and hope right time. In 1955, when for her beloved boys, And the California legislature because she chose to write declared it illegal for a bar a book on their behalf, we to serve as a "resort for have this illuminating sketch sexual perverts," Helen had of gay men's lives in a time been running her bar for of momentous challenge and several years. Thanks to her change. commitment and savvy it

remained open, a relaxed Will Fellows is the author of as Keepers of Culture."





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# **Madison's Forward Theater** is feeling a good vibration



male patients, and a vibrator. Repertory Theatre, anoth- The doctor treats female Was there ever a better pre- er performing arts troupe "hysteria," thought to be scription for an "examining that fell victim two years caused by a buildup of water room" comedy?

Company opens its 2010- Forward has already made. The electric vibrator brings II season Nov. 4 at The its mark, kicking off 2010 "relief" to his patients, but to 21st-century audiences." Playhouse in Madison's with the Midwest premier of does little to cross the divide Overture Center for the Christopher Durang's "Why between the physician and Arts with Pulitzer Prize Torture is Wrong and the his wife Catherine (lessica nominee Sarah Ruhl's "In the People Who Love Them." It Bess Lanius). She longs to be Next Room, or the vibra- was a bold step for the closer to her husband, but Shots," in which he appeared city of Madison, the strat- that audiences will leave the tor play." The play was both new group, according to can only listen at the door to with Steve Buscemi and egy appears to be working, play "with a desire to be a 2010 Pulitzer finalist and Ganoung. Tony Award nominee.

munications between men Ruhl play."

"We scooped Chicago, of his world. "It's a comedy, but not a Milwaukee and Minneapolis member and gay Madison Christopher is a friend,"

The play, fresh from a Ganoung plays Mr. Daldry,

Broadway run, marks the the husband of one of the start of Forward's second female patients who visits the season, The company is one offices of Dr. Givings (Mark of two to rise from the Ulrich) during the late-1800s A doctor, his female and ashes of the former Madison - America's Victorian Age. ago to mounting debt and in the womb, with a won-Theater a declining economy. But derful new vibrating device.

In the current production.

sex comedy," explains cast with that one and now in the 1880s, the play is then, Ganoung has made curiosity among Ganoung us all together," he says. actor Richard Ganoung. "It's Ganoung, 52, says. "We also Ganoung says. "That has to cession to his life partner bers about the sexuality of about the total lack of com- were the first to get the do with how we're produc- and his own sensibilities. the American Victorian era. ing the play and Sarah's dia- Forward Theater Company When the vibrator was

"In the Next Room, or the vibrator play" runs Nov. 4 -21 at The Playhouse in Overture Center for the Arts. 201 State St., Madison, Call 608-258-4141 or visit www.forwardtheater.

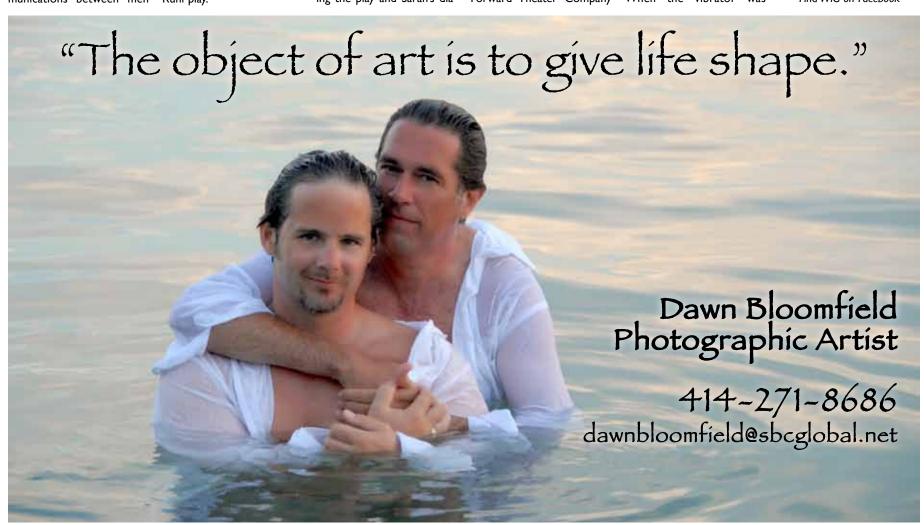
his office and live at the edge Stevens Point native Kathy Kinney. He came out after

Actors Equity theater group between Milwaukee and a time when homosexu-Spring Green, the home of ality would have flourlogue. It's ... very accessible sory committees. Based on love to be able to uncover gay audiences for his role in was the recent recipient of available. the 1986 indie film "Parting a \$75,000 grant from the Ganoung says.

The nature of the cur- and what they want." "Given that it takes place the film was released. Since rent production has raised remarkably contemporary," Madison his home, a con- and his fellow cast mem-

provides him with an artistic introduced, it was one of outlet that reaches beyond the most popular home what he can do on the stage. appliances after the iron, the The troupe is the only toaster and the tea kettle.

"This period seems like American Players Theatre. ished," Ganoung says. It also is one of the few "Homosexuality was banned companies nationwide that during Victorian times, but gives equal authority to its lesbianism was not, because executive, artistic and advi- 'nice girls didn't do that.' I'd the fact that every opening information about men that Ganoung was born in Lake night for the year has sold were lovers during that peri-Geneva and is best known to out and that the company od, but it just doesn't seem



# La-la-la lesbians

#### GREGG SHAPIRO

#### **IENNIFER KNAPP** Among the musicians

who came out of the closet in 2010. Jennifer Knapp, a popular singer in the contemporary Christian music world, was preceded by both Ricky Martin and Chely Wright when she came out as a lesbian. She has gained a whole new fan-base in the The album's title tune, a announcement, she proves beyond her years and disand the contemporary coundominates this album, as is

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LGBT community, despite song written for her newthe impact it may have on born daughter, contains the her core fans. On the album perfect message and senti-"Letting Go" (Graylin), which ment for someone new to was released around the the world. Ellis turns out time Knapp made her public to be, not surprisingly, wise herself to be a writer of plays the most delightful (and catchy and moving songs, caffeinated) sense of humor including "Dive In," "Fallen" on "Coffee Song." Love try of "Mr. Gray."

amazing modern folksinger/ songwriter Ellis couldn't possibly do anything else to ANNE McCUE

releases the album "Right what? On her new release On Time" (Rubberneck). "Broken Promise Land"

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made clear on "Everybody Wants To Belong," "Coming Home To You" and "You Are

ON STAGE you might expect a song with Fure, one of the grand dames Ellis performs at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 as part of the Millions For Music

Concert Series in Milwaukee. For reservations. e-mail millions4music@ wi.rr.com..

(Flying Machine) McCue's bluesy side unapologetically bares itself on "Ol' Black Sky," "Lonesome Child" and the on the disc. "Motorcycle Dream" definitely has a wistful quality and "Rock 'n' Roll Outlaw" rocks just the way

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Anne McCue

#### JAMIE ANDERSON

Jamie Anderson's ear-toear grin on the cover of her "Better Than Chocolate" on songs such as "Nine" and (Tsunami) EP is a pretty good indication of what even reveals a wicked sense you are going to find inside. of humor on "Blackberry including "Junior" by guitar "Public Radio" is a humor- Blues" and "Dog Gone virtuoso Kaki King,"Closer ous endorsement of the Blues" (to which most dog to the Surface" (Stonecutter) subject of the song's title lovers can relate). She also by Jen Porter, "a ways away" and Anderson even injects makes great use of backing (K)by Tara Jane O'Neil, Steff a smirk into the break-up vocals on "Millie" and "Grace title track, while "The Lonely blues of "Her Problem Now." of God," creating a gospel One" is the most straight- It's not all laughs, as you forward pop-rock number can hear on "January" and

#### **TRET FURE**



of the women's music circuit, returns with the luminous release "The Horizon" (Tomboy Girl). Love is at the heart of this disc, especially "To Find Our Love." Fure

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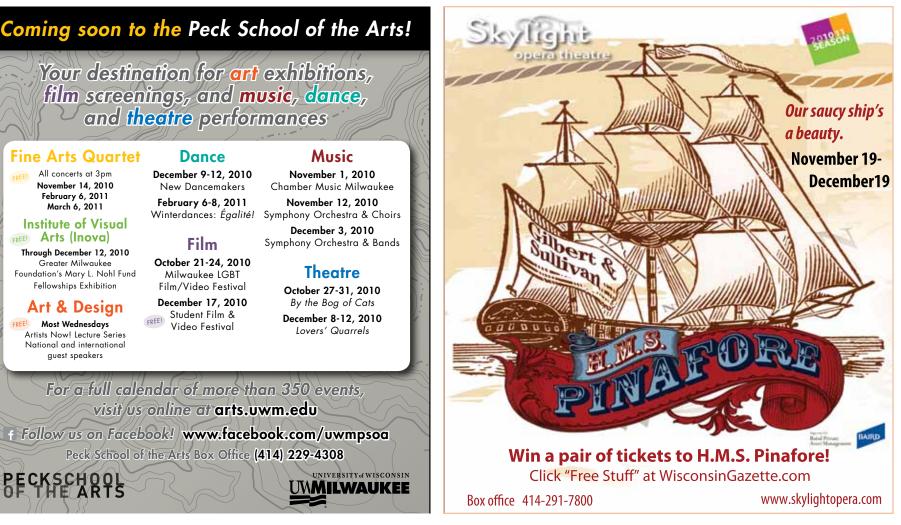


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#### **'FOR COLORED GIRLS**'

(Lionsgate)

There's little doubt that Tyler Perry wants his film version of Ntozake Shange's choreopoem "For Colored Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" to be this year's a watchful eye on her tenants. "Precious." But the film falls Crystal (Kimberly Elise) lives graceful, poetic and graphic short of that goal. Tyler Perry is no Lee Daniels.

Perry's screenplay. Expanding is a high-powered magazine on the original text, "For editor with a persistent tion, love and death is clumsy wants to be a hipper version caught in her throat?). Her of "The Women of Brewster latest husband is obviously ing the women experience Place," with most of the on the Down Low. characters living in the same and forth between traditional wig), Tangie's mother, reli-

poet-speak.

A star-studded cast of made-for-film community. Building manager Gilda

motherly woman who keeps Rashad are especially good. with the physically abusive, alcoholic father of her chil-Part of the problem is dren. Joanna (Janet Jackson)

There is also bartending. The language moves back (Thandie Newton in a cheap is difficult.

gious fanatic Alice (Whoopi formance-poetic voice of the Goldberg in a head wrap) play. The poetic tone exists and Tangie's younger sister mainly in the lead female Nyla (Tessa Thompson). character's monologues and Juanita (Loretta Devine) runs could potentially be off-put- an HIV-prevention workshop ting as an obscure form of at the health center and is in a dead-end relationship.

The actresses, who clearly strong female actors plays a know the power and value myriad of characters in this of the original material, seem willing to do whatever is necessary to breathe life into Girls Who Have Considered (Phylicia Rashad) is a god-their characters. Elise and

> But what should be a relationships, sisterhood, identity, rape, motherhood, faith, HIV, community, aborlenting bleakness of watchan almost endless series of down-low situation is ques- is haunted by the visions she



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Colored Girls" feels like it cough (is that foreshadowing and wildly uneven. The unre-

#### 'HEREAFTER'

(Warner Brothers)

appointment.

Leave it to Clint Eastwood ing as, well, "Midnight in The Garden of Good and Evil."

barely survives the tsunami, bargained for.

hardships and losses, with tionable. It feels like he's witnessed as she teetered lason (Frankie and George New York apartment build- er and coke fiend Tangie very little promise of hope, pandering to his devoted, between life and death. McLaren) are as close as religious and mostly female Profoundly affected by the brothers can be, helping Perry's handling of the audience without providing experience, Marie takes a each other with homework a cultural context for the sabbatical at the insistence and housework and coverbehavior (see the recent of her producer/boyfriend ing for their irresponsible scandal involving African- Didier (Thierry Neuvic), to mother when child welfare American pastor Eddie work on a book. But her services comes around to Long). It's one of a number original politically themed check on them. When Jason of missed opportunities that book proposal morphs into is killed, Marcus finds himself make this long-overdue film a project about, you guessed adrift and searching for a adaptation such a major dis- it, the hereafter.

Retired psychic George dead twin. to the psychic business he the course of the movie, to make the afterlife as bor- abandoned for a quieter, Marcus becomes aware less traumatic life. George of George, while George tries to stay the course, but does the same in the case Following a spectacular he reluctantly does a right- of Marie. By the time they opening sequence (the only on reading for Christos finally merge and meet, at spectacular thing in the film), (Richard Kind), which nat- a book fair in London, you involving a tsunami that urally backfires on him. A may think you have died-of devastates a seaside resort potential relationship with boredom. Just check your town in Thailand, we are cooking-classmate Melanie pulse, you're still here. And served up a trio of low-key (the vacant Bryce Dallas the credits are about to roll. Howard) also goes awry Marie (Cécile De France), when she insists on a read-PHOTO: COURTESY a French TV personality who ing and gets more than she

British twins Marcus and way to reconnect with his

(Matt Damon) is urged by Of course, the stories of his money-hungry brother Marie, George and Marcus Billy (Jay Mohr) to return aren't unrelated. Through

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Cécile De France (left) and Matt Damon in "Hereafter."

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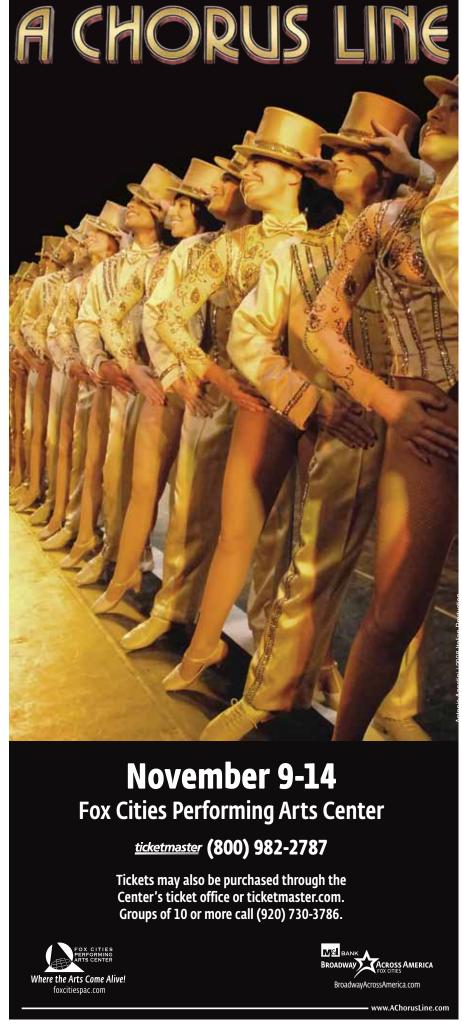
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#### 'DROOL'

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"Drool" is a feature film about an abused wife who goes on the lam with a "sister in crime" after murdering her husband. You can tell All but one of the characters that writer/director Nancy has some sort of same-sex Kissam must have watched her fair share of John Waters including Cheb orally servicfilms. Waters' use of sexual frankness, violence and other keep his job. shock value techniques are not a bad thing to imitate. of ideas, but only a couple of But "Drool" simply doesn't them get are fully developed. have the necessary spit to keep things lubricated.

Mousy Oklahoma housewife Anora (Laura Harring of 'PRINCE OF "Mulholland Drive") is married to the wretched racist SANDS OF TIME' Cheb (Oded Fehr), who is (Disney) verbally and physically abusive to her and their children. Jake Gyllenhaal as title char-Things come to a head when acter Dastan doesn't spend Anora's friendship with perky enough time shirtless to jusnew next-door neighbor tify you spending any time on Imogene (Jill Marie Jones), a this big-screen adaptation of Kathy K cosmetics salesper- a video game.

Anora shoots and kills Cheb in a moment of selfdefense and then heads east to the safe haven of Kathy K.'s (Ruthie Austin) house with Imogene and the kids, and Cheb's corpse in the trunk. interactions or attraction. ing his male boss in order to

"Drool" has an abundance DVD bonus features include the original theatrical trailer.

# **PERSIA: THE**

Sadly, in "Prince of Persia,"

slums of Nasaf, Dastan is Arterton) and a sacred dag-

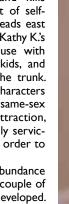




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#### Jill Marie Jones as Imogene Cochran and Laura Harring as Anora in Drool.

But this isn't just any dagger

raised alongside his sons Tus ger make a narrow escape. (Richard Coyle) and Garsiv (Toby Kebbell). Dastan is When the handle is packed blamed for the king's death with the magical Sands of following a raid on the Time, it can turn back clocks holy city, the capture of its like nobody's business. The An orphan born in the princess Tamina (Gemma

king's evil brother Nazim his hateful hands on it, and of succeeding. Thank good-

the featurette "An Unseen begins talking suggestively to aspect to the film.

"JUST SAY LOVE" (EI/Regent/here!)

Much less a movie adaptation of a play than a play (Ben Kingsley) is eager to get staginess of "Just Say Love" is the least of its probwith the assistance of the lems. Plato-quoting Guy When they eventually have ninja-like Hassansins, his das- (Matthew Jaeger) sits on a sex together in Guy's bed, it's tardly plot has a good chance park bench near a construct a transformative experience tion site reading, you guessed for both men. Then, Doug ness, Alfred Molina turns up it, Plato. Swarthy construc- invites Guy to his home (with as cut-throat but comical tion worker Doug (Robert Gita away) to meet his new-Sheikh Amar for a few laughs. Mammana) joins him and digs born son Charlie and spend The three-disc combo into his brown paper lunch the night in Doug's bed. The pack includes a Blu-ray, bag, which includes a beer, story takes an unexpectedly a DVD and a digital copy. Doug has good gaydar for a hippie-like turn, adding yet DVD bonus features include straight guy and immediately another hard-to-swallow

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adopted by a Persian king and ger. He, Tamina and the dag- World: Making of Prince of Guy. He's horny all the time because his girlfriend Gita is pregnant. An accommodating fellow, Guy brings Doug back to his place for some nonreciprocal oral sex.

> A pattern is established with no strings attached. But predictably, as time passes, the guys form an attachment.

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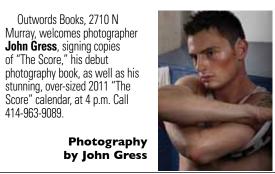
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PFLAG-Appleton/Fox Cities, 740 Kensington Road, Neenah, 54956, 920-722-7145. Rainbow Over Wisconsin, 702 E. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI 54911, www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org.

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Argonauts of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 22096, Green Bay, 54305, www.argonautsll.org, info@ argonautsll.org.

Bear Club 4 Men, P.O. Box 13463, Green Bay, 54307, www.bc4m.com.

Harmony Café, 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, 54303, 920-569-1593, www.harmonycafe.org. Positive Voice, P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay, 54305, 920-435-4404, pvinc.org, info@pvinc.org. Pride Alive, 920-471-3260, www.newpride.org,

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALIT'

info@newpride.org.

Angels of Hope MCC, P.O. Box 672, Green Bay, 54305, 920-983-7452, www.aohmcc.org, aohchurch@netnet.net.

# MADISON

Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls, Club 5, 5

Applegate Court, Madison, 53713, 608-277-9700, www.dcandc.org

OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Suite P1, Madison, 53703, 608-255-8582, www.lgbtoutreach.org, info@labtoutreach.org.

PFLAG-Madison, 4221 Venetian Ln., Madison 53718, 608-848-2333, pflagmadison@yahoo.

Gay / Bi Fathers Support Group, c/o Outreach, 600 Williamson St., Madison, 53703, toooldforthis@tds.net.

Fair Wisconsin, 122 State St., Suite 500, Madison, 53703, 608-441-0143, www. fairwisconsin.org, info@fairwisconsin.com.

Madison Gay Hockey Association, www. madisongayhockey.org. Madison Gay Volleyball, 608-347-8907, www. madisonIbtvolleyball.com.

## YOUTH/EDUCATION

GSA for Safe Schools, 301 S. Bedford St., Madison, 53703, 608-661-4141, www. gsaforsafeschools.org.

# RACINE/KENOSHA

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin, 1456 Junction Ave., Racine, 53403, 262-664-4100, info@ lgbtsewisc.org.

PFLAG-Racine/Kenosha, P.O. Box 580058. Pleasant Prairie, 53158, 262-694-2729, pflagkenosha@aol.com.

## **RELIGION/SPIRITUALIT**

Bradford Community Church-Unitarian Universalist, 5810 8th Ave., 53140, 262-656-0544, www.bradforduu.org.

Wisconsin Warriors, P.O. Box 334, Somers, 53171, 414-759-8823, wiwarriors.com, wiwarriors@ vahoo.com.

Rainbow Alliance, UW-Parkside, Student Center, L108D, 262-595-2685, http://www.uwp.edu/ clubs/clubtemp.cfm?clubID=38.

## OTHER

LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley. 1305 Woodland Ave., Eau Claire, 54701, 715-552-LGBT, www.thecentercv.org.

LGBT Community Resource Center Seven Rivers, P.O. Box 3313, 303 Pearl St., LaCrosse, 54602, 608-784-0452, www.7riverslgbt org. r.st.sauver@7riverslabt.org. lgbtcommunitycenter@yahoo.com

**ONGOING** 

#### **FRIDAY** 1 p.m., Art Experience, SAGE . Milwaukee

SAGE Office drop-in hours, 1-5 p.m. Monday and Thursday, Milwaukee. LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin drop-in hours, 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Racine.\*

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#### **THURSDAY**

2:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, LGBT senior adults discussion, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, ferington@ charter.net

6 p.m., third Thursdays, samesex partners group, OutReach, Madison.3

6 p.m., Qarads, UW Memorial Union Rathskeller, 800 Langdon St., Madison. 7 p.m., third Thursdays, Lesbian

Alliance movie night, LGBT Community Center, Milwaukee.\* 7 p.m., Q2-LGBTQ Youth Group, LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa

Valley, Eau Claire.\* 7:30 p.m., Four Lakes Bears, Michelangelo's Coffee Shop, 114 State St., Madison, 608-251-5299.

# Milwaukee Run Walk, starting at

4-7 p.m., fourth Friday, Happy Hour with Planned Parenthood Advocates 9 a.m., Frontrunners/Frontwalkers of Wisconsin, rotating location in Madison, Wingra Park off Monroe Milwaukee/Madison, www.ppawi. St., Madison, 608-469-4882.

5:30 p.m., second and fourth Fridays, Women4Women, OutReach, Pozitive Lite HIV/AIDS group. Madison.\* OutReach, Madison,\*

6 p.m., second Fridays, Lesbian Alliance game night and potluck, LGBT Community Center, Milwaukee.\* 6:30 p.m., Open Mic night, Harmony Cafe, Green Bay.\* general meeting.\*

7 p.m., AA, The Galano Club, Milwaukee.\* 7 p.m., Gay Narcotics Anonymous, The

Galano Club, Milwaukee.\* 7 p.m., Drop-in night, LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley, Eau

8:30 p.m., second and fourth Fridays, Shoreline Milwaukee line dancing and lessons, Hot Water, 818 S. Water St., Milwaukee, 414-383-75936.

## **SATURDAY**

9 a.m., Frontrunners/Walkers

the Water Tower at the East end of North Avenue, Milwaukee, 262-285-7645.

3 p.m., second and fourth Saturdays,

6 p.m., Rotating Activity Night each week, LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire.\* 7-8:30 p.m., third Saturdays, BWMT (Black and White Men Together),

#### **SUNDAY**

10:30 a.m., Al-Anon, The Galano Club, Milwaukee.

10:30 a.m., AA Step/Topic meeting, The Galano Club, Milwaukee.\* 1 p.m., Cream City Squares dances,

Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N.

Stowell Milwaukee 7 p.m., AA The Big Book meeting, The Galano Club, Milwaukee.\*

5 p.m., OutThere LGBT youth group meeting, OutReach, Madison. 5 p.m., third Sundays, PFLAG

Milwaukee, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa

7 p.m., second Sundays, Gay and Straight in Christ, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, N88 W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls, 262-502-0437.

#### **MONDAY**

7 p.m., second Monday, Outwords men's book club. 2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9089, www. outwordsbooks.com.

7 p.m., Spectrum-Social and networking LGBT group, Harmony Cafe. Appleton. 7:30 p.m., AA Came to Believe. The Galano Club, Milwaukee \*

#### **TUESDAY**

12:30 p.m., third Tuesday, Retired Old/ Older Lesbians (ROLLers), Madison. Info: 608-219-7751.

5:30 p.m., AA Over and Under 40; 7 p.m. AA The Blue Group. The Galano Club, Milwaukee.\* 6 p.m., third Tuesday, Fair Wisconsin

Action Network of the Chippewa

the Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire.\* 7 p.m., second Tuesday, lesbian reading group at Outwords Books, 2710 N.

> Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9089, www.outwordsbooks.com. 7 p.m., last Tuesday, Canasta night,

Valley, LGBT Community Center of

#### 7 p.m., Spectrum GLBT and Allied social group for adults, Harmony Cafe, Appleton.\*

SAGE Milwaukee.\*

7 p.m., Women's Voice Milwaukee rehearsal, 630-890-5984.

#### WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., first Wednesday, LGBT cancer networking group, Gilda's Club, 7907 UW Health Court, Middleton, 608-828-8880, www.gildasclubmadison

6:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Wauwatosa Rainbow Association monthly meeting, tosarainbow@ yahoo.com.

7 p.m., AA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, The Galano Club, Milwaukee.\* 7 p.m., first Wednesday, Bear Club 4 Men monthly meeting, Napalese Lounge, 1351 Cedar St., Green Bay, Info: bearclub4men@gmail.com.

\* See Community Listings, page 30, for address and contact information.

## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

## **THURSDAY**

7 p.m., "Queens at Heart" and "Forever's Going to Start Tonight" at the LGBT Film and Video Festival monthly screening, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., 53211, full program schedule available at arts.uwm.edu/lgbtfilm, UW-M Union Theater

## **FRIDAY**

#### Nov. 5

7 p.m., first meeting of the same-sex beginner ballroom/Latin dance class, drop-ins welcome. Delaware House, 2499 S. Delaware Ave., 53207. www.delaware-house.com.

## **SATURDAY**

#### Nov. 6

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., OPEN Workplace Summit at Cuna Mutual, 5919 Mineral Point Road, Madison, 53705, info@openmadison.org.

Portraits, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 252 E. Highland Ave., 53203, appointment required, donna@paw-proof.com.

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Rainbow Family (and pet)

2 p.m., reading by Therese Szymanski, author of the Brett Higgins series, Outwords Books, 2710

## N. Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9068, www.

outwordsbooks.com. 7:30 p.m., "Is that legal" presentation on trans rights by Laura Sette with FORGE, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 252 E. Highland Ave., 53202, www.forge-forward.org, askforge@ forge-forward.org.

## SUNDAY

#### Nov. 7

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Rainbow Family (and pet) Portraits, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 252 E. Highland Avenue, 53203, appointment required, donna@paw-proof.com.

2 p.m., Connecting the Dots Community Cares discussion with FORGE. Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 252 E. Highland Ave., 53202, www.forge-forward.org, askforge@ forge-forward.org.

## **TUESDAY**

#### Nov. 9

3 p.m., discussion on elder abuse with Ann Dorschal, OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Madison, 53703, 608-255-8582. outtheremadisonwi@gmail.com.

## **FRIDAY**

#### November 12

2:30 p.m., presentation on Hmong gay men, 336 Ingraham Hall, UW-Madison, 1155 Observatory Drive, Madison, 53715, luttal@ wisc.edu.

## **SATURDAY**

## Nov. 13

11 a.m., Third Annual Milwaukee Zine Fest, Falcon Bowl, 801 E. Clarke St., 53212. milwaukeezinefest.com. info@ milwaukeezinefest.com. 1-5 p.m., Christmas ornament crafting with SAGE

Milwaukee (adults of all ages welcome), 1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 220, 53202, 414-224-0517. 4 p.m., a signing by photographer John Gress, reception to follow. Outwords Books. 2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9068, www.

outwordsbooks.com. 6 p.m., full moon drumming circle and campfire with WanderWomyn Lesbian Social Group, debydoo2@yahoo.com.

9 p.m., Castaway's M.C. Anniversary Beer/Soda Bust, KRUZ, 324 E. National Ave., 53204.

## **SUNDAY**

#### Nov. 14

1-5 p.m., learn embroidery or cross stitching with SAGE Milwaukee (adults of all ages welcome), 1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 220, 53202, 414-224-0517, www.outwordsbooks.com.

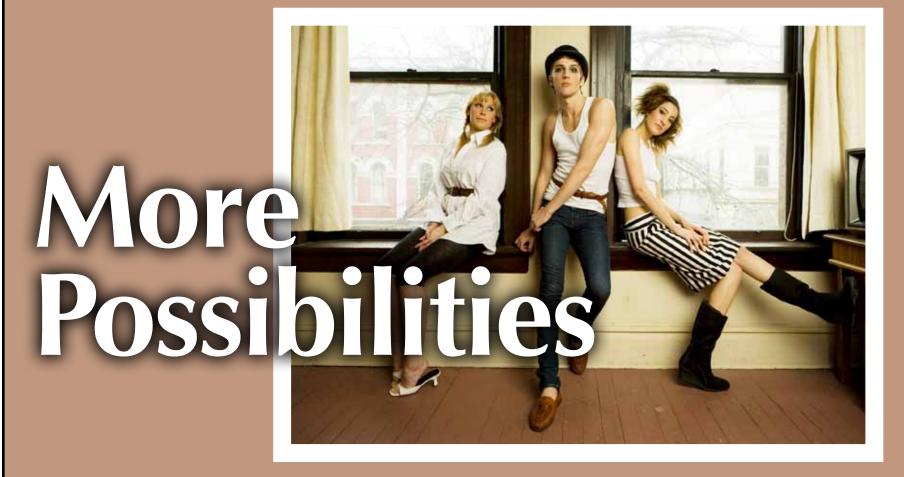
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