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# Gay man called hero in Giffords shooting

From WiG and AP reports

Daniel Hernandez Jr. applied pressure to Gabrielle Giffords' wound Jan. 8, hoping to slow the flow of blood, hoping to save the congresswoman's life.

On Jan. 10, Arizonans hailed Hernandez, 20, as a hero.

The out gay intern, a political science major at the University of Arizona and a member of the Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, had been working with Giffords' office for less than a week when he was assigned to help with traffic control and register constituents during the Congress on Your Corner meeting outside a Tucson Safeway Jan. 8.

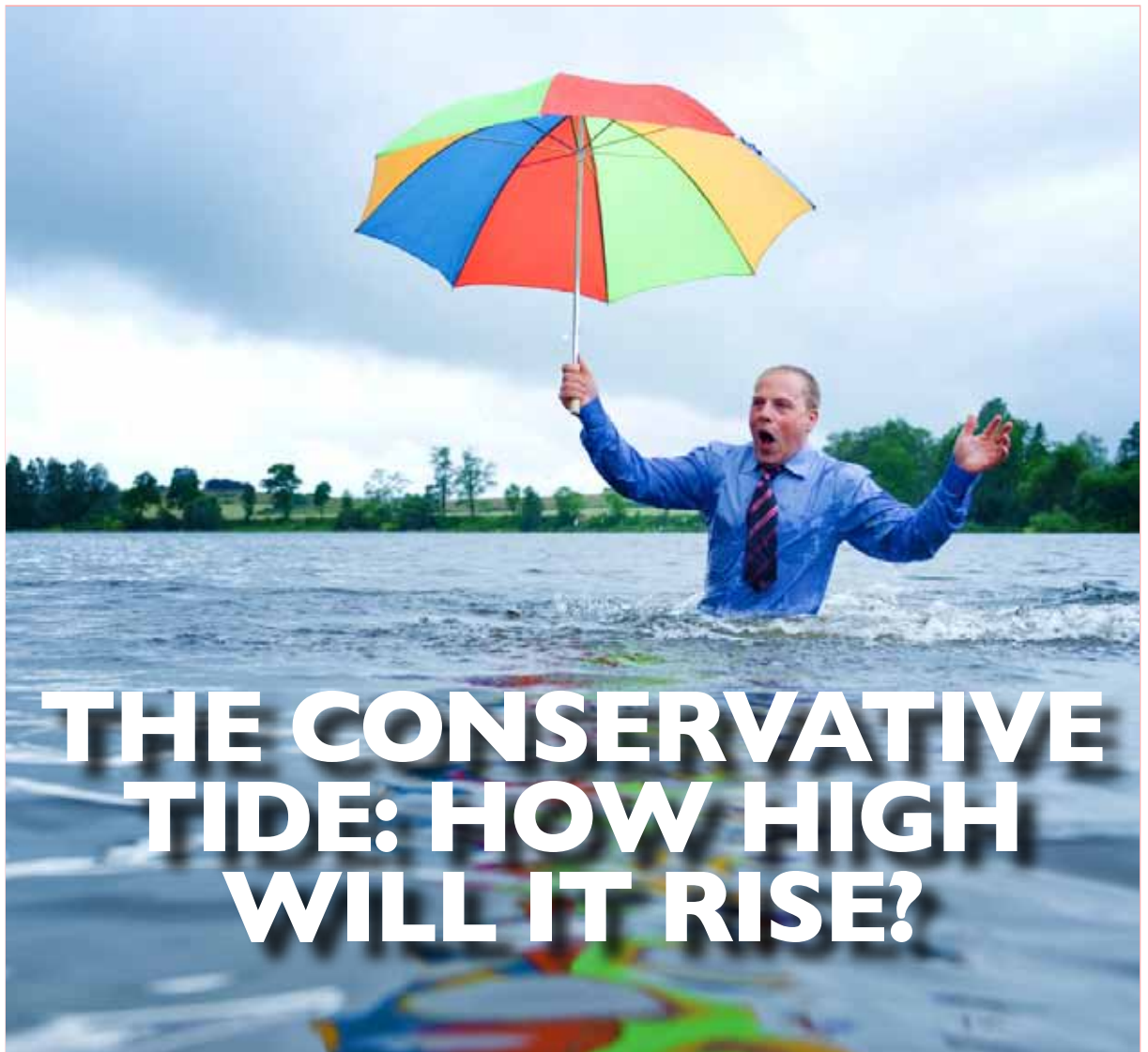
That Saturday morning meeting was disrupted by gunfire. Jared L. Loughner, 22, is accused of shooting 20 people – killing six and wounding 14. Recovered documents, online postings and witness accounts indicate that Loughner raged about government intrusions on his rights. He now faces multiple federal counts, including the attempted assassination of Giffords, who after a bruising campaign with a Tea Party Republican was elected Nov. 2 to her third term in the House.

When the shooting started, Hernandez was around the corner, about 30 feet from Giffords, 40. He said he heard the gunshots and he ran in her direction.

Using his nursing training, Hernandez began tending to the victims. He checked for pulses, going from victim to victim.

When he saw Giffords lying on the ground, Hernandez rushed to her, brought her to his chest so that she wouldn't choke on her blood and applied pressure to the wound in her forehead, first using his hands and then using butcher smocks from the grocery store.

Holding her hand in his, Hernandez accompanied Giffords to the hospital, where, as of WiG press time, she remained in critical condition.



# THE CONSERVATIVE TIDE: HOW HIGH WILL IT RISE?

By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

In his inaugural address, Gov. Scott Walker might have fired his administration's opening salvo against LGBT equality when he vowed to "honor and respect the foundational role of the family in our society."

Although most LGBT people would agree with Walker's statement on its face value, it sounded to many like standard-issue rhetoric from the anti-gay right. "I certainly saw that line, and it certainly is a

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concerning line," said Fair Wisconsin executive director Katie Belanger.

Amid the rising conservative tide in Wisconsin, as throughout the nation, LGBT citizens and political progressives are anxiously watching the Tea Party-infused GOP and searching for signs of coming struggle. Although most of the newly elected Republicans ran campaigns focused on creating jobs, eliminating defi-

cits and reducing government, their social views are largely in step with those of the radical right.

"We can't even see the end of the right wing they're going to run to," predicted Wisconsin Democratic Party chair and former Fair Wisconsin director Mike Tate.

"We know that they're going to come out and do some very anti-LGBT stuff," he said. "If they start per-

secuting LGBT people, it sends a signal right out of the gate that these people are going to dismantle the Wisconsin way of life."

But Belanger was relieved that the first round of legislation proposed by the incoming GOP did not include a measure to repeal the state's domestic partner registry. "It's really going to be interesting to see how closely (Republicans) stick to their jobs agenda," she said. "Hopefully, they'll stick to the jobs development stuff, but it's something that

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# LGBT news with a twist



By Lisa Neff & Louis Weisberg

### SECONDHAND ROSE?

Barbra Streisand is working to secure the film rights to remake "Gypsy," the New York Post reports. Streisand would direct the movie and star as Mama Rose, the pushy mother of legendary stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.

The 1962 big-screen version of the Broadway classic by Arthur Laurents starred Rosalind Russell as Mama Rose and Natalie Wood as Gypsy Rose Lee. It flopped with critics and audiences alike.

Laurents, who famously guards his work, told the Post he's all in favor of having Streisand interpret "Gypsy."

"Barbra and I have been getting along very well now for some time," he said. "We've talked about it a lot, and she knows what she's doing. She has my approval."

### AND HE SHALL BE LEVON

Elton John and his longtime partner David Furnish welcomed their first child, born via surrogate mother in California on Christmas Day.

Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John, whose second middle name

comes from John's 1971 hit song "Levon," about another Christmas baby, weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

Details about the surrogate parent were not released.

### NO WELCOME WAGON FOR LINDS

Us Weekly reports that Lindsay Lohan, who recently completed 90 days of rehab at Betty Ford Center,

has moved into a new home next door to her ex, Samantha Ronson, in Venice Beach, Calif. Apparently Ronson had nothing to do with the move.

A source for the celebrity rag is quoted as saying that Ronson only learned about Lohan's plans after she saw her being moved in. "She was shaking her head and looking disgusted," the source said of Ronson. "She kept saying, 'I didn't plan it this way.'"

### OH, MARY!

An online publication has posted pictures that show U.S. Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Calif., in a compromising position with

another woman.

In the pictures posted by Radar Online, Mack appears to be having her breasts licked by Edra Blixseth, a Bono campaign donor and former billionaire who is currently under investigation for fraud by the FBI. Mack is the widow of the late Sonny Bono, who was elected to Congress in 1995. She took over Bono's seat after he was killed in a Nevada ski accident in 1998.

In November, Mack won her re-election bid over Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, who is openly gay.

### CLOSE UP

Actress Glenn Close says she's offended by the unauthorized use of her image in a lewd video that aired on a closed-circuit system aboard a U.S. naval ship in 2006. The video became public Jan. 2 and prompted an outcry that cost the man responsible for the video - Navy Capt. Owen Honors - his command. Close is seen in the video sitting at a desk, wearing a USS Enterprise badge with a parrot in her lap. "I am distraught that my image has been used to perpetuate something that

I abhor," Close said of the video. Her statement read, "The cynical, unauthorized use of my image in this video is deeply offensive and insulting, and was the result of a seemingly innocent request made during a visit to an aircraft carrier over four years ago."

### KIND OF A COMPLIMENT?

Bill James, a county commissioner in Mecklenburg, N.C., recently hit the "send" tab to e-mail his thoughts on gays in the military to colleagues on his board. James wrote that gays are "sexual predators" and allowing them to serve openly threatens military readiness and unit cohesion. That's the insult. And the compliment? Well, he did refer to U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., as "the leading homosexual in Congress." That's not quite as powerful as House speaker, but ...

### RISE AND GLITTER

"Precious" actress Mo'Nique, who won an Oscar statuette for best supporting actress last year, will announce the Academy Award nominees Jan. 25, joining Tom

Sherak, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the early morning tradition. The 83rd Academy Awards ceremony will take place Feb. 27 at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood. Wisconsinites will tune in on ABC to see Anne Hathaway and James Franco co-hosting and a line-up of co-presenters that includes Jeff Bridges, Halle Berry, Sandra Bullock, Marisa Tomei and Oprah Winfrey.

### LOW CRUISING

A man who posed online as a lesbian stricken with cancer to entice teenage girls into relationships was sentenced to more than 10 years in prison.

According to his plea agreement, Douglas Lee Patrick, 39, of Baltimore pretended to be a cancer-stricken 18-year-old girl on social networking sites, where he solicited the girls to send him pictures of their genitalia.

A search warrant executed at his home in 2009 resulted in the seizure of videos and images depicting child sexual abuse from his computer.



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## Man found dead at Milwaukee bathhouse

By Louis Weisberg  
Staff writer

A 54-year-old man was found dead in Milwaukee's Midtown Spa, 315 S. Water St., on Jan. 3. The cause of death is under investigation.

The man, whose name was not released, was last seen alive on video going to

his room at the gay bathhouse at 3:42 p.m. on Jan. 2. A staff member found him unresponsive the next day with a chain wrapped around his neck, according to the spa manager, who identified himself only as Michael.

The room, No. 275, is the only one in the facil-

ity equipped with chains, but Michael told the medical examiner's office that the man did not request that room in particular. The man had been a spa member since 2005.

"This will most likely be determined an accidental death," Michael said. "He got

himself into a position he couldn't get out of. I do not believe for a moment that he intended to harm himself. He just thought he would try something and it ended very badly for him."

The deceased man's wife said she did not believe her husband was depressed,

according to WISN news. The ABC affiliate reported that the man was a registered sex offender, convicted of second-degree sexual assault of a child in 1991.

Michael said the man was "quiet and kind" and liked by the spa's staff. "We are as saddened by his

loss as his friends and family," he said. "He was a valued client and he will be missed."

Milwaukee's Midtown Spa is part of a chain of gay bathhouses that also operates locations in Austin, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Hollywood, Los Angeles and Wilmington, Calif.

### REGIONAL BRIEFS

#### WOMAN WHO TRIED TO STOP DAHMER DIES

Glenda Cleveland was Jeffrey Dahmer's neighbor, and the serial killer could have been stopped two months earlier if police had listened to her.

"Are you sure?" she kept asking police on the phone when they insisted that a dazed and naked boy trying to escape from Dahmer was actually an adult involved in a lovers' spat with him.

The youth was 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone, and he was about to become Dahmer's next homicide victim. Cleveland's daughter, Sandra Smith, and niece, Nicole Childress, had spotted the boy fleeing from Dahmer in an alley May 27, 1991. They were rebuffed by police at the scene, but they told Cleveland, who then called police numerous times.

She became a symbol of good at a time of so much bad in Milwaukee.

Cleveland died Dec. 24,

2010, at the age of 56. In a touch of irony, it was Milwaukee police officers acting on a citizen tip who entered Cleveland's apartment and discovered her body on the floor. Neighbors had become concerned after not seeing her for a few days.

The medical examiner's office ruled it was a natural death caused by heart disease and high blood pressure.

#### HIV-BIAS SUIT RESOLVED

Lambda Legal and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin resolved a discrimination lawsuit they brought on behalf of Melody Rose, a woman living with HIV who was denied gallbladder surgery.

Rose's suit contended that she was denied surgery due to her HIV status by Dr. Steven M. Cahee, the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic and Agnesian Healthcare.

"Ms. Rose is pleased that this lawsuit has been

resolved," said Scott Schoettes, staff attorney with Lambda Legal's HIV Project. "When we brought this lawsuit, it put doctors everywhere on notice: You don't get a free pass to discriminate based on unfounded fears regarding the transmission of HIV."

#### NEO-NAZI CONVICTED IN GAY-RELATED CASE

Jurors in Chicago convicted a neo-Nazi of encouraging violence against a gay jury foreman in a 2004 trial of a white supremacist.

William A. White, 33, could face up to 10 years in prison when sentenced. During a trial that lasted three days, prosecutors told jurors that White threatened the foreman by posting the man's name, photograph, address, cell phone number, sexual orientation and even his cat's name on his neo-Nazi website. Defense attorneys argued it was protected free speech.

White is serving a two-and-a-half year prison sentence in a separate case in Virginia on a 2009 conviction

for using his website, e-mail and telephone to harass strangers.

Prosecutors conceded that White did not explicitly call for attacks on the foreman in the 2008 posting. But they argued that, given White's history of advocating violence, simply listing the personal information amounted to a clear call for fellow neo-Nazis to seek vengeance.

White's website, which has since been shut down, regularly attacked non-whites, Jews and gays. The site, over-throw.com, drew national attention in 2008, when it featured an article about a possible assassination of then-Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

The jury on which the foreman served convicted white supremacist Matthew Hale for soliciting the murder of a federal judge in 2004. Four years later, White wrote about the foreman in a posting entitled "The Juror Who Convicted Matt Hale."

#### INDY LGBT GROUP DROPS LAWSUIT

An Indiana group that pro-

vides programs for LGBT teenagers dropped a federal lawsuit against the state over its refusal to issue it a specialty license plate.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles says in the settlement agreement that it's highly likely the Indiana Youth Group will be approved if it applies again.

The bureau says the group was rejected because it didn't make it clear that money from plates wouldn't go to administrative costs. As long as the group's application makes it clear that won't be the case, the agreement says it will likely be approved.

The group had accused the bureau of using arbitrary standards in deciding which groups could use the fundraising plates.

#### ANTI-GAY IOWA GROUP SEEKS ELECTION OF JUDGES

Emboldened by their successful campaign to oust three Iowa Supreme Court justices for backing a unanimous ruling that allowed gay marriage in the state, political

conservatives are pressing to revamp the state's system for selecting the court's members.

Groups recently testified for and against a conservative-led effort to re-write the rules that govern the makeup of the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission, a 15-member board that nominates three district-level judges for the governor to choose from for each open position on the state Supreme Court.

The commission, created by voters in a 1962 amendment to the state constitution, is comprised of seven members elected by the Iowa State Bar Association, seven members chosen by the governor and the high court's senior justice, who acts as the commission's chairman.

Anti-gay, right-wing groups want to change the process to allow voters to select future judges for the state's highest court.

Those arguing to keep the current system point out that it was approved by the Iowa electorate and has worked for nearly half a century.

"The people of Iowa said in 1962 that we want a system that's based on merit," said Iowa Assistant Attorney General Mark Schantz. "The people of Iowa decided in a full-blown general election that we don't want to elect our judges."

Bob Vander Plaats, who heads the conservative group the Family Leader and who headed the anti-justice campaign, said his group is setting out on a 99-county campaign over the next 11 weeks to rally evangelical conservatives.

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convened with "an agenda chock full of special favors for corporate interests and the religious right at the expense of ordinary Americans and our fundamental rights."

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## New year brings old expectations

By Lisa Neff  
Staff writer

The new year arrived in the U.S. capital colored with expectations, forecasts, promises and threats similar to 1994, when Bill Clinton was in the White House and Newt Gingrich held the gavel in the House of Representatives.

The 112th Congress was installed Jan. 5 with lofty speeches about bipartisanship and unity, but with familiar ideological clashes and fighting partisan words in both chambers.

In the midterm election, the GOP gained in the U.S. Senate, where Democrats still hold a majority, and seized the majority in the U.S. House. The new order's first orders of business include rule changes, funding cuts and a push to repeal the healthcare reform measure passed by the last Congress.

#### ON THE HILL

Going into 2011 with enthusiasm and optimism, Log Cabin Republicans, the national gay GOP group that in 2010 waged a successful legal challenge to the gay military ban, offered congratulations to new House Speaker John Boehner and pledged to work with incumbents and rookies on the central issues facing the nation.

"It is time to get to work on ... rehabilitating the economy through job creation, tax reform and restraining government spending," said LCR executive director Christian Berle.

On the other side of the LGBT political spectrum, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force cautioned that hostile forces have taken hold in Congress and state legislatures.

"Extremist groups like the Tea Party, the National Organization for Marriage and Focus on the Family have made homophobia their loudest battle cry — and they're using fear and ignorance to raise millions of dollars to trample our rights," said NGLTF executive director Rea Carey.

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An analysis from the Human Rights Campaign found that in the midterm election, the number of "anti-LGBT" lawmakers increased by 53 in the House and five in the Senate. "Not only do those opposing basic equality hold positions of power as House leaders and committee chairmen, their ranks have swollen to 225 — a solid majority of the cham-

ber," the HRC analysis read. "This presents not just a roadblock to progress but also the threat of legislation that could be damaging to the community."

At the nation's largest LGBT organization, HRC staff rang out 2010 with a celebration of victories, specifically the late-hour votes to repeal "don't ask, don't tell," the prohibition against gays serving openly in the Armed Forces.

But HRC president Joe Solmonese said the new year will bring big — if familiar — challenges. "The obstacles to equality will only grow" in the next year," he said.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a watchdog group formed to dismantle DADT, is organizing to devote the next year to working with the Defense Department on implementing DADT's repeal and assisting servicemembers through the process.

SLDN executive director Aubrey Sarvis also predicted some "congressional oversight and mischief" from lawmakers who sought to block repeal in 2010.

The most significant wins in 2011 likely will come from pending legal challenges to anti-gay marriage measures — the federal Proposition 8 fight in California that could overturn the constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman, and the federal case in Massachusetts that could overturn portions of the 1996 Defense of Marriage

Act, which withholds government benefits from legally married same-sex couples.

In legislative spheres, LGBT civil rights advocates predict that New York lawmakers will advance a marriage equality bill in 2011, while New Hampshire lawmakers likely will attempt to repeal the state's gay marriage legislation.

Democratic legislature and a Democratic governor, legalized marriage for same-sex couples in 2009. The first gay couples married in the state last January.

Now, with an influx of Republicans in both chambers, the Family Research Council and the National Organization for Marriage are investing in a campaign to repeal the marriage law.

Activists say the votes exist to pass a bill to strike gay marriage in the Granite State, but there may not be enough votes to overcome Gov. John Lynch's promised veto.

Also in 2011, state legislatures will take up anti-discrimination bills, including one in Florida and another in Georgia, and anti-bullying measures, including a reform bill in California.

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#### CICILLINE SWORN IN

David Cicilline, right, former mayor of Providence, R.I., was among the freshmen members of the 112th Congress to take an oath Jan. 5. Cicilline is openly gay and joins a small gay caucus that includes U.S. Reps. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Barney Frank of Massachusetts and Jared Polis of Colorado. Cicilline succeeded fellow Democrat Patrick Kennedy, who retired after eight terms.

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# Gay miner lodges sex harassment complaint

By Lisa Neff  
Staff writer

A gay miner claims he suffered from repeated verbal abuse and lewd gestures even after complaining to management of a Massey Energy Co. subsidiary.

Sam Hall registered his complaints in a sexual harassment suit filed in late December against the company in Kanawha Circuit Court in West Virginia. The miner is represented by Roger Forman, a Charleston, W.Va., attorney whose firm specializes in personal injury and employment law.

"Mr. Hall is gay and, given his gender preference, has

been harassed both by management and fellow miners," the complaint says. "Due to management's participation and provocation, most of the pervasive ongoing harassment has been caused or encouraged."

Massey Energy, based in Richmond, Va., was vaulted into headlines in April 2010, when 29 workers died in a mine explosion. The federal investigation into that incident continues.

The defendants in Hall's suit — which seeks unspecified damages — include Spartan Mining Co., a Massey subsidiary, and No. 2 Gas Mine foreman Randy Thomas.

A spokesman for the company called conduct like that described by Hall as "despicable," and said the miner's allegations will be taken seriously.

"We are going to investigate," said Massey attorney Shane Harvey.

Hall went to work for Massey in 2005 at its Winifrede Mine, where he was an underground trainee. He later worked at Spartan's No. 130 Mine, the No. 2 Gas Mine and the No. 5 Block Mine. The complaint states that the miner suffered sexual harassment at each assignment.

Sexual harassment is

defined as unwelcome sexual advances or other sexually motivated conduct in a workplace. Harassment can be verbal or physical, in the form of sexual comments or dirty jokes, the showing of lewd pictures, repeated requests for dates, inappropriate touching or physical intimidation.

At Winifrede, after Hall went horseback riding with a co-worker, a co-worker teased him about a "Brokeback Mountain moment," referring to a love story about two male cowboys.

At the No. 130 Mine, a co-worker used anti-gay slurs

toward Hall. When he complained to supervisors, Hall said the harassment escalated. In one incident, he found a note on his car that read, "I like little boys."

Next, while working in the No. 2 Gas Mine, Hall said co-workers shook their penises to taunt him. He also found anti-gay slurs scrawled on his locker.

At another mine, a supervisor laughed at the harassment, the complaint states.

At yet another mine, Hall said he felt threatened by a co-worker's statement that he "would like to see all faggots die" and unprotected by a superintendent who

laughed at his complaints.

Hall eventually took his concerns to Spartan Mining Co. president John Jones and other executives, who suspended a co-worker for three days and transferred Hall to another mine, where he still works and where he maintains the harassment continues.

The harassment complaint states that Massey-Spartan and its management created an oppressive and hostile work environment.

In addition to seeking damages, Hall wants the court to order the West Virginia Human Rights Commission to monitor the company.

# Navy captain loses command over lewd videos

By Lisa Neff  
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A Navy captain lost his command for demonstrating poor judgment in creating

a series of lewd shipboard videos four years ago.

Capt. Owen Honors on Jan. 5 was replaced as commander of the USS

Enterprise, an aircraft carrier scheduled to depart for the Middle East this winter. Honors was the executive officer aboard the Enterprise

in 2006, when he made a series of sexually explicit videos that were released over the New Year's holiday weekend by the Virginia-Pilot newspaper.

The newspaper released three excerpts of the videos, which contained anti-gay slurs, depicted male sailors in drag, female sailors showering together, a mock rectal exam and simulated masturbation.

Honors made the videos to play on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier's closed-circuit video system before the showing of nightly movies for the ship's 6,000-member crew.

"The responsibility of the commanding officer for his or her command is absolute,"



PHOTO: COURTESY Navy Capt. Owen Honors

Navy Adm. John C. Harvey Jr. said Jan. 5 in Norfolk, Va. "While Captain Honors' performance as commanding officer of USS Enterprise has been without incident,

his profound lack of good judgment and professionalism while previously serving as executive officer on Enterprise calls into question his character and completely undermines his credibility to continue to serve effectively in command."

The Navy reassigned Honors to administrative duties at Naval Air Force Atlantic in Norfolk and assigned Capt. Dee Mewbourne to command the Enterprise.

The Navy continues to investigate the video production and shipcast to determine whether other senior officers were involved.

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# Marriage debate resurfaces in NM

Out-of-state same-sex marriages likely are valid in New Mexico, Attorney General Gary King said Jan. 4 in a legal opinion expected to reignite a debate over whether New Mexico should limit marriage to a man and a woman.

King reached that conclusion in a non-binding opinion, but the Democrat cautioned there's no way to predict how New Mexico courts will rule on the same-sex marriage question. There's no pending court challenge on the issue.

New Mexico hasn't out-

lawed same-sex marriage, but it hasn't endorsed it either.

New Mexico law, King said, considers an out-of-state marriage valid unless it's contrary to a strong public policy. However, the decades-old law doesn't explicitly address the question of same-sex marriages.

Former Attorney General Patricia Madrid issued an advisory letter in 2004 that said New Mexico law limits marriage to a man and a woman and county clerks should not issue licenses to same-sex couples.

But King said "we do not

believe that the reasoning in the advisory letter is enough to establish a strong or overriding public policy against same-sex marriages in New Mexico."

"Without an identifiable adverse public policy in this area, we conclude that a court addressing the issue would likely hold ... that a valid same-sex marriage from another jurisdiction is valid in New Mexico," King said.

State Rep. Al Park, D-Albuquerque, requested the legal opinion about 18 months ago.

-AP

# Chick-Fil-A tied to anti-LGBT groups

Chick-Fil-A has been tied to an anti-gay group that promotes "coming out of homosexuality" and opposes same-sex marriage.

The Georgia-based restaurant chain is listed as a co-sponsor of Pennsylvania Family Institute's "The Art of Marriage" events, two workshops scheduled to take place in south-central Pennsylvania Feb. 11-12.

After the gay website GoodAsYou.org posted an ad for the event, subtitled "getting to the heart of God's design," Chick-Fil-A denied its corporate sponsorship.

In a statement posted on Facebook, the company wrote, "As our fans, you

know we do our best to serve our local communities and one of the ways we do that is by providing food to schools, colleges, civic groups, businesses, places of worship, not-for-profit groups, etc. At his discretion, the local (i.e., Pennsylvania) operator agreed to simply provide a limited amount of food. Our Chick-Fil-A operators and their employees try very hard every day to go the extra mile in serving ALL our customers with honor, dignity and respect."

However, GoodAsYou.org reports that Chick-Fil-A "is practically joined at the hip with the entire 'protect marriage' movement" through its

charitable arm, the WinShape Foundation. The foundation supports the National Organization for Marriage's Ruth Institute, as well as "ex-gay" activists like Alan Chambers.

WinShape also sponsors events for Focus on the Family Institute and the Family Research Council, which are among the most vehemently anti-gay groups in the country. Both were designated hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center for spreading lies about LGBT people that reflect tactics used by Nazis to provoke hatred of Jews.

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# Appeals court punts Prop 8 question

By Lisa Neff  
Staff writer

A federal appeals court declared Jan. 5 that it needs a ruling from the California Supreme Court before it renders a decision in a landmark dispute over the state's anti-gay marriage amendment.

Before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is the question of whether the state amendment, known as Proposition 8 and passed by a majority of California voters in 2008, violates the U.S. Constitution.

But before the appeals court can rule on that question, the judges want the state supreme court to decide whether the ballot measure sponsors can defend Prop 8 in place of state officials who declined to do so.

Both California's governor and attorney general refused to defend Prop 8 in court because they viewed the measure as unconstitutional. So, the ballot measure's proponents intervened as volun-



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Senior Circuit Judge Michael Daly Hawkins, left, Circuit Judge Stephen R. Reinhardt, center, and Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

tary defendants in the federal case.

The situation created a puzzle for the appeals court.

"Because we cannot con-

sider this important constitutional question unless the appellants before us have standing to raise it ... it is critical that we be advised of

the rights under California law of the official proponents of an initiative measure to defend the constitutionality of that measure ... when

**The court said it would accept and follow the decisions of the California Supreme Court.**

the state officers charged with the laws' enforcement, including the attorney general, refuse to provide such a defense or appeal a judgment declaring the measure unconstitutional," read the opinion released Jan. 5 from the appeals court.

The court further stated that it would "accept and follow" the supreme court's decision.

The appeals court order to the California court came nearly a year after the Prop 8 trial before U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker. In

August 2010, he ruled that denying marriage rights to gays and lesbians violated the U.S. constitutional guarantee of equal protection and due process.

Walker wrote, "Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license. Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite sex couples are superior to same-sex couples. Because California has no interest in discriminating against gay men and lesbians, and because Proposition 8 prevents California from fulfilling its constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis, the court concludes that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional."

It is unclear whether Walker's ruling will stand – and the scope of its impact – if the court rules that the Prop 8 proponents cannot pursue their appeal.

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# Mixed bag of nuts

The state's new Republican leadership burst through the gate Jan. 3 with a bizarre legislative agenda that represents a sharp turn away from the job-creation rhetoric spouted by GOP candidates during last fall's campaign.

Republican lawmakers introduced a flurry of bills that reflected eight years of pent-up conservative anger. From their first hours in power, GOP members signaled that their governing agenda would be set by the lunatic fringe.

Most of the measures proposed by Republicans are laughably obscure, including bills that seek to allow off-duty police officers to carry guns in schools; eliminate Election Day voter registration (a thinly veiled strategy for suppressing black voter turnout); use taxes to penalize embryonic stem cell labs; permit homeowners to kill intruders; repeal bans on Native-American mascots; end state regulation of elevators; and allow children under 12 to operate snowmobiles.

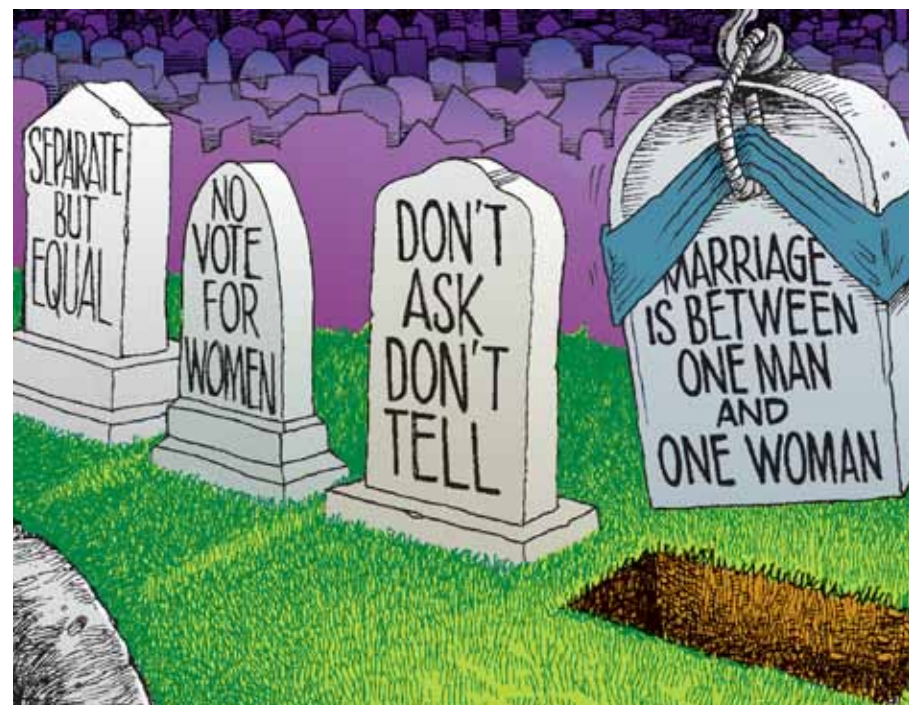
It's impossible to imagine how this mixed bag of nutty ideas will help achieve Gov. Scott Walker's promise to create 250,000 new jobs.

What all of these haphazard ideas share is the philosophical stamp of the Tea Party movement, which seeks to eliminate all functions of government except those that shovel tax-free cash into the craw of the military-industrial complex. That's of great concern to us, because racism and homophobia are foremost among the Tea Partiers' rallying points. In fact, judging from the militant rhetoric displayed at their demonstrations, the Tea Party resembles nothing so much as a hate group.

This bodes poorly not only for the LGBT community and other minority groups, but for all of Wisconsin. The Tea Party represents a step backward into a time of Wild West shoot-outs, political assassinations, sweatshops and unrelenting environmental destruction. As demonstrated by their first day in power, tea partiers want to eradicate consumer protections, building codes and all sorts of other regulations that are essential to the functioning of a modern society.

We hope that calmer heads will soon prevail. The GOP must distance itself from the Tea Party's wild-eyed belief that the liberty of wealthy white heterosexuals can only be achieved by the violent dismantling of Western civilization.

Otherwise, the Republican's midterm victory will be short-lived, but their damage to the state will be long-term and extensive.



{ Letters }

### MORAL BANKRUPTCY

Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecky announced he will argue before a federal judge that the archdiocese is bankrupt, although no judgments have been made against it, no debt declared and no trials scheduled.

Declaring bankruptcy is an admission of guilt. Listecky will be saying to the federal judge, "We are going to be found guilty of fraud, so bail us out of all the damaging testimony and records that would be released through the course of a fraud investigation."

Victims in the pending fraud cases against the Church were ready and willing to meet with Listecky and mediate a settlement. But they would not talk about monetary compensation until the archbishop sat down with them and discussed concrete child protection measures that would guarantee the safety of children in the community form clerical predators. Among their proposals was that Listecky release all the name of known clerical offenders, including child molesters being

shielded in the archdiocese by religious orders.

Listecky, who met only twice with plaintiffs' attorneys and never with victims or their families, simply would not talk about anything but money. That is why this bankruptcy maneuver was anticipated. Listecky, even before entering mediation, was threatening victims with bankruptcy in his public statements rather than negotiate any of the accountability and safety measures victims were asking for.

The Roman Catholic Church is, indeed, a financial institution whose resources are vast and unknown. But, it is first and foremost, from its humble beginnings in the streets and catacombs of Rome and throughout the community of believers in truth and justice. And moral bankruptcy, for any church, is a far greater catastrophe than a financial one.

*Peter Isely  
SNAP Midwest director*

I remember the first gay Pride I attended while in col-

lege. It was in Juneau Park at the time, and I was part of UWM's Gay and Lesbian Community group – now a more expanded and inclusive resource center.

There was a candle-lighting ceremony, with people from different aspects of LGBT life on the stage to start it off, pastors, professionals, activists and the like. I had the honor of representing "students." Even more of an honor, I stood next to Miriam Ben-Shalom, and lit my candle from her candle.

It's great to hear she is still out there fighting, and I want her to know that the flame she lit that day still has not gone out. It has spread.

Her courage and conviction have continued to inspire and motivate me. She may not be a drill instructor for the reserves anymore, but I suspect that there are many like me who are ready to keep fighting until we win, strengthened by her example.

*Thank you, Miriam Ben-Shalom, and congratulations on your part in this most recent victory.*

*Marcus Maichle  
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# So they said

“If I were gay, you know. I think Woody Allen is one of a long list of men I might go gay for. Oh, and anyone in the “Twilight” movies. I don’t know any of their names, but all of them. The wolves, the vampires? They’re all fantastic.”

– Recovering sex addict David Duchovny perhaps unintentionally illustrating the extent of his addiction.

“You know what, maybe I’m just gay.”

– Actor James Franco responding to a reporter’s question about why he’s portrayed so many gay characters in films.

“Your federal judge is dead and your (fag-promoting, baby-killing, proud-sinner) congresswoman fights for her life. God is avenging Himself on this rebellious house! WBC prays for your destruction – more shooters, more dead carcasses piling up, young, old, leader and commoner – all. Your doom is upon you!”

– Westboro Baptist Church’s statement on the Tucson, Ariz., shooting that critically wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killed six others, including a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl. The church planned to picket the victims’ funerals.

“This hypocrisy is just truly too much. Enuf already – the more someone complains about the homos the more we should look under their bed.”

– Right-wing lesbian blogger Tammy Bruce tweeting to her followers against the “don’t ask, don’t tell” ban on gays serving in the military.

“I think I have to do everything I can to make sure that the important moral, retention, recruitment and battle effectiveness of the military is minimized as much as possible. It is a law and I have to do whatever I can to help the men and women who are serving particularly in combat cope with this new situation. I will do everything I can to make it work.”

– U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., talking to Fox News about implementing the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell.”

“I was born a white male, a white gay male, and I don’t celebrate being white or male, so why should I celebrate being gay?”

– Flamboyant figure skater Johnny Weir talking to Meredith Vieira about his recently released autobiography, which acknowledges his sexual orientation.

“The comments they made – they were insulting. You just wouldn’t expect it to happen in Palm Springs, of all places. I mean, it’s like the gay mecca.”

– Mariah Hanson, owner of Club Skirts and a promoter of the Dinah Shore golf tournament, commenting on the anti-gay slurs by local police that led to the resignation of the city’s police chief.

“New Jersey is sending a powerful message to every child that school will be a safe place for them to learn and grow, not a place for them to dread.”

– N.J. state Sen. Barbara Buono commenting on the state’s new anti-bullying law.

# Meet Wisconsin’s new majority



Now that Republicans control the entire state government, one would naturally expect a different policy direction in Wisconsin. But looking at the extreme views of the conservatives now in charge should give the LGBT community and the state in general some concern about how far to the right that new direction might swing.

Many of us already know about the extreme right-wing positions of legislators such as Leah Vukmir, Glenn Grothman and Terry Moulton. They have earned some of the worst anti-equality records in the Legislature. Less well known is how extreme many of the freshmen lawmakers are on social issues.

The progressive group One Wisconsin Now has launched meetthemajority.com, a website that highlights the extreme views of many new state legislators. The Democratic Party of Wisconsin also recently

## Wisconsin Family Action endorsed nearly every freshman GOP lawmaker in the state.

views on other social policies. Incoming state Sen. Pam Galloway, R-Wausau, declared in 2009 that the federal government’s Medicare program was unconstitutional. New state Rep. Roger Rivard, R-Rice Lake, subscribes to Glen Beck-style conspiracy theories and has cautioned that our country is “on the path to a godless society.” On immigration policy, he says, “Just being born here should not be a ticket to citizenship.”

solely to fight LGBT equality and a woman’s right to choose, endorsed both of these freshmen, along with nearly every other incoming Republican freshman lawmaker. WFA sponsored the constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in 2006. The group also fought bullying legislation in 2009 and is now pursuing a lawsuit to rescind the state domestic partner registry established last year.

Aside from LGBT issues, many of the new Republican state legislators hold extreme

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# The recipe for political violence

I got together with friends recently and watched “Milk,” Gus Van Sant’s movie about the life and death of gay pioneer Harvey Milk. For me it was the second viewing of the film, and it was just as emotional as the first time.

I came out and became politically active in the mid-1970s. Along with members of the Gay Community and Feminist Center at UW-Milwaukee, I helped organize fundraisers to defend the Dade County, Fla., gay rights ordinance from Anita Bryant’s repeal campaign and to defeat the Briggs Initiative in California, which would have prohibited gays and lesbians from working as teachers.

Harvey Milk’s political leadership of San Francisco’s gay community and his bigger-than-life personality made him a media star, and we knew about him even here in Milwaukee. He was a source of inspiration as the movement revved up and the forces of reaction began to organize against us. When we heard that Milk was murdered, we were shocked and

angry. Watching the cold-blooded killing re-enacted in the movie brought renewed tears and heartbreak.

Later that night at home, I went online to catch up with the outside world and learned of the assassination attempt on U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and the killing of six others, including a child and a federal judge, in Tucson, Ariz.

Once again, some unhinged loner with an axe to grind and easy access to weaponry has destroyed others’ lives and shaken our sense of security. Once again, it has happened in an atmosphere of hatred and fear-mongering. However different Harvey Milk and Gabrielle Giffords may be and however complex or inscrutable the motivations of their assailants, both atrocities were carried out in the contexts of political and social cultures saturated with violent images and

rhetoric. Harvey Milk was killed during a time when right-wing campaigners claimed that homosexuals “recruited” children into the “gay lifestyle” and therefore should be prohibited from teaching. Basic civil rights provisions outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, jobs and public accommodations were decimated as giving recognition to “deviants” and “perverts.” The growing political activism of gay communities at the local level was seen as threatening to the status quo, whose knee-jerk response often amounted to “They don’t belong here” or “They’re taking over.”

The movie captured this sentiment perfectly by having Dan White, who killed Harvey Milk, mutter at one point, in jealousy and bafflement, “Where did you come from?” Milk was an intruder, an alien to him.

Fast forward to Arizona, a place Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik says has become “a mecca for prejudice and bigotry.”

Last year, Arizona adopted a law making the failure to carry immigration papers a crime and giving police broad powers to detain anyone suspected of being an alien. Then the Mexican-American studies program of the Tucson school district was declared illegal by the state (while the programs in African, Asian and Native-American studies remain intact). Add false, inflammatory statements by Gov. Jan Brewer, a tolerance for vigilante groups and the loosest gun restrictions in the country and you have the recipe for political violence.

In the immediate wake of the Tucson shooting, politicians and pundits are promising to rein in their rhetoric. We’ll see how long that lasts. If it does not, and the vitriol keeps flowing, the country will continue to corrode and splinter.

We all need to do our parts to be civil to one another and to demand that our leaders model civility as well. That alone won’t solve our problems, but it’s an important – and essential – beginning.

# Equality advocates prepared to defend registry

By **Louis Weisberg**  
Staff writer

Equality advocates are uncertain whether Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker will continue to mount a legal defense of the state's domestic partner registry. But they've taken steps to ensure the registry is represented in court, regardless of the governor's decision.

In December, Fair Wisconsin won legal stand-

ing for the group — along with five same-sex couples — to intervene in the case. Lambda Legal will represent the group in a suit that's pending in Dane County Circuit Court.

"To be accepted as an intervening party is the highest level of involvement you can have as an outside party," said Fair Wisconsin executive director Katie Belanger. "So we are one of the lead

defendants, and we get to participate in the defense."

Wisconsin Family Action, an anti-gay evangelical Christian organization, filed the lawsuit against the registry last year, charging that it is unconstitutional because it mirrors marriage, which is forbidden by a 2006 voter-approved amendment to the state constitution.

Equality proponents argue that the registry is not "sub-

stantially similar" to marriage, as prohibited by the amendment. The registry confers only 41 of the more than 200 benefits provided by marriage in the state and none of the 1,138 benefits and responsibilities available to married couples from the federal government.

When WFA initially filed suit, Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen declined to defend the regis-

try in court, saying he agreed that it is unconstitutional. Gov. Jim Doyle hired an independent legal team, headed by Madison attorney Lester Pines, to represent the law that he'd introduced.

"Gov. Doyle worked tirelessly to defend the domestic partner registry," Belanger said. "Now that Walker is governor, will he continue to take on that responsibility? We're taking a wait-and-see approach."

In the meantime, Belanger said her group's legal standing in the case gives it the ability to intervene if Walker decides to opt out of the case.

"The registry will be defended to the fullest extent with us at the helm," Belanger said.

She anticipates a decision in the suit no sooner than mid-year. It's likely the decision will be appealed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

# 'At 8:01 a.m., Republicans began their bait-and-switch away from job creation'

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we're really watching."

For now, Belanger is taking a wait-and-see approach about the new Republican majority. So is Bill Keeton, director of government relations for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. While Belanger is concerned about the domestic partner registry, Keeton will focus on the GOP's proposal for HIV/AIDS-related funding and Medicaid programs.

During his campaign, Walker made conflicting statements about cutting the state's BadgerCare program. Various sources estimated that he would enact policies to eliminate between 68,000 and 350,000 people from healthcare coverage under the program, which includes many Wisconsinites with HIV/AIDS.

But Keeton is confident that HIV/AIDS funding has bipartisan support in

Madison.

"The fight against AIDS has really been something that members of both parties have embraced," Keeton said. "We've worked hard all these years building consensus and not focusing on programs where there's dissension."

Tanya Atkinson, vice president of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, is more wary of the impact conservatives will have on her area of interest — sexual health and reproductive freedom.

"Signs indicate the new leadership will be pursuing a dangerous agenda," Atkinson said. "Their goals are to outlaw abortion, even in cases of rape and incest, to restrict access to birth control, and to stop comprehensive sex education that also protects students from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender."

"If Scott Walker and new legislative leaders are serious about reducing government

intrusion and enhancing fiscally responsible healthcare practices, they should support strengthening the health of Wisconsin with access to basic reproductive healthcare."

On the Legislature's opening day, lawmakers proposed a flurry of measures that, while not attacking LGBT rights or reproductive freedom, contained a strong conservative bent.

"At 8:01 a.m. this morning, the Republicans began their bait-and-switch away from job creation and onto right-wing social issues," said openly gay state Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Madison, in a statement released Jan. 3.

"Between 8:01 a.m. and 8:02 a.m. this morning, Rep. Joel Kleefisch circulated 15 co-sponsorship memos to all legislators asking us to become sponsors of right-wing legislation, highlighted by permitting guns on school property, eliminating same day voter registration and

a bill that prohibits certain stem cell research equipment from a proposed tax exemption," Pocan said. "Not one bill will create jobs. Less than one hour later, Rep. Dean Kaufert circulated further expanded gun legislation."

"Wisconsinites deserve better from Republicans on their first day on the job, but this is just the start," Pocan added. "It makes me wonder what other right-wing bills they are going to introduce."

Since Jan. 3, many Democrats have echoed the charge that GOP lawmakers have wandered off their campaign message of job growth and budget cutting. An Associated Press analysis of eight bills submitted by Walker during his first week in office concluded they would increase the deficit by \$80 million a year over the next two years.

Democrats, already incensed over Walker's decision to give up \$823 million

in federal funds for a high-speed rail project, now say the governor's decision to have Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen join a lawsuit against federal healthcare reform will prove costly both to the state and the nation.

"At a time of deep financial crisis, Scott Walker has sent J.B. Van Hollen on a costly political errand that, if it were successful, would have the effect of denying healthcare to tens of thousands of Wisconsinites and adding \$1 trillion to the federal deficit over the next 20 years," Tate said. "Van Hollen has already shown how political this is by consulting with Texas Republican operatives on the taxpayer dime. He must now be explicit about what costs there will be to Wisconsin taxpayers when their lawyers are doing Scott Walker's partisan bidding, instead of fighting crime."

In order to fulfill his campaign promise of creating

250,000 new jobs over the next four years, Walker is relying primarily on bills to make Wisconsin more attractive to corporations by giving them tax breaks, curbing union power and making it extremely difficult for consumers to sue manufacturers and other companies. This combination of proposals led Tate to charge that Walker was trying "to turn Wisconsin into Mississippi."

More of Walker's economic plan will be revealed when he submits his budget next month.

Democrats say they will tap more than 15,000 volunteers to counter any Republican proposals that are not targeted to improving the state's economy and to hold Republican freshmen legislators accountable for their campaign promises to focus on the economy and the budget. In a similar spirit, the progressive group One Wisconsin Now has launched meetthemajority.com, a website that's designed to be "a continuing clearinghouse of information about the 31 new conservative members of the Republican legislative majority."



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# Progressives vow to hold GOP lawmakers accountable

By **Scott Foval**  
Contributing writer

On the eve of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's official inaugural celebration at Madison's Monona Terrace, local progressive groups united to raise \$4,000 to feed the hungry while sending a message of defiance to Republican leaders.

One Wisconsin Now hosted Rock The Pantry at the Majestic Theater, 115 King St., in response to Walker's inaugural ball, which many have criticized for benefiting his political campaign and the Wisconsin Republican Party.

In contrast, former Gov. Jim Doyle's inaugural balls were benefits, raising more than \$500,000 for Boys and Girls Clubs in Wisconsin. One Wisconsin Now executive director Scot Ross said Rock The Pantry would benefit Wisconsin's Feed America campaign efforts.

"We are here as progressives to send a very clear message to Gov. Walker and the new conservative majority that when you try and cut public education, when you attack public employees, when you make gay, bisexual, transgender and lesbian citizens second-class citizens, we're going to fight you on that, and fight every step of the way," Ross said. "If they try and rescind the domestic partnership protections, if they try and enact draconian laws, we're going to be there, and we hope the community will join us in fighting these."

People attending the event said Walker and his new conservative Republican leadership in the Legislature are already indicating they intend to roll back many of the state's most progressive public policy initiatives.

A new campaign at MeetTheNewMajority.com,

produced by One Wisconsin Now and unveiled at the event, details the backgrounds of new conservative legislators. The unveiling received thunderous applause from the more than 350 attendees at Rock the Pantry.

Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, a vocal critic of Walker's decision to reject federal transportation funding to bring high-speed rail to Wisconsin, said he feels there is opportunity now for progressives to regroup and hold Republicans accountable.

"The economic vision we're getting so far out of Scott Walker and Republicans seems to be about turning the clock back on stem cell research, turning the clock back on domestic partnership benefits, turning the clock back on state employees," he said. "It all seems to be about how can we roll things back, but what

we need to be successful is to think about the future — to catch the wave of things that are happening throughout the world. We have an opportunity now to make that case about what constitutes a modern economy."

FAIR Wisconsin's Katie Belanger said her group and others are preparing for whatever the new governor and Legislature throw at them.

"We have our work cut out for us moving forward," she said. "At the same time, we're going to be holding (Republicans) accountable. They said they were elected to create jobs and improve the state economy, and repealing a domestic partner registry doesn't accomplish either of those."

"We have only just begun to fight," Ross said.

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# Giffords is a moderate who has earned praise from the Human Rights Campaign

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"She's definitely a fighter, whether for her own life, or standing up for people in southern Arizona," Hernandez said of his representative.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said, "Daniel Hernandez ... showed no fear in the face of gunfire. His quick action in going to Gabby Giffords' aid - likely saved her life."

Brewer, acknowledged those who responded in the attack during her State of the State speech Jan. 10 and asked Hernandez to stand for recognition. She called him an extraordinary American.

## DISCOURSE AND DEBATE

That same day, Jan. 10, Loughner made his first appearance in federal court and the president led the nation in a moment of silence for the suffering and the dead.

The days before and after were full of debate over the role of "vitriol" - as the Pima County sheriff termed it - in violence in Arizona's 8th

Congressional District and across the country.

Giffords succeeded Republican Jim Kolbe, who came out as gay in 1996 and retired in 2006 after 11 terms representing southern Arizona.

Giffords "has been a very successful politician, a very successful representative through an engaging personality and by being centrist on many issues," Kolbe said Jan. 8.

The congresswoman is a member of the moderate Blue Dog Coalition of Democrats, and also one of 82 members of the LGBT Equality Caucus. She has earned praise from the Human Rights Campaign for her record on LGBT issues, including opposition to the gay military ban and support for employment non-discrimination. But she also has earned criticism for not joining a push to repeal the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act or to enact legislation to protect bi-national same-sex partnerships.

In the 2010 campaign season, Giffords came under attack from conservatives for her opposition to Arizona's new anti-gay immigration law and her support for the president's healthcare reforms.



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**Daniel Hernandez, an intern for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., speaks outside University Hospital Jan. 9, in Tucson, Ariz. Hernandez attended to Giffords and others immediately after the shooting outside a Tucson supermarket. Hernandez has been hailed as a hero.**

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With the political disputes came personal threats. In March, after her "yes" vote on healthcare, Giffords' Tucson office was vandalized and former vice presidential

candidate Sarah Palin posted a political map that used gun scope crosshairs to target Giffords' district.

Giffords, at the time, said, "We're on Sarah Palin's targeted list, but the thing is, that the way that she has it depicted has the crosshairs of a gun sight over our district. When people do that, they have to realize that there are consequences to that action."

There also was an incident in which a man with a gun showed up at a town meeting with Giffords.

Longtime gay rights activist Cleve Jones said the rhetoric, the threats and the assassination attempt reminded him of the slayings of gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone in 1978.

"Harvey received so many death threats that he stopped looking at them. He almost assumed he would be killed, because of the hate speech and incendiary language that foes of equality hurled with impunity," said Jones, who

was stabbed by a skinhead in 1985.

Jones called for activists to demand that the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which is chaired by U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., investigate the ties between violence and politically-motivated talk of violence.

"While no one knows for sure what drove Jared Loughner to commit this heinous act, we do know that the toxic political discourse in this country today lays the groundwork for this kind of violence. We shouldn't stand for it," Jones said.

Other LGBT activists encouraged support of a MoveOn.org petition drive urging politicians and the media to promote debate, not hate. As of Jan. 11, more than 200,000 people had signed.

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## TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS LGBT SUICIDES

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention created task forces in late December to address suicide prevention efforts among three high-risk populations - LGBT youth, Native Americans and military servicemembers and veterans.

The NSSP, a private-partnership campaign established in September, previously created three other task forces to address suicide prevention.

"I am heartened that we are focusing attention on communities hardest hit by suicide. By shining a light on their struggles I am optimistic we can help them identify solutions and bring hope for a better tomorrow," said Gordon H. Smith, co-chair of the campaign. Smith is a former U.S. senator who championed passage of the 2004 Garrett Lee Smith Memorial

Act following the loss of his son to suicide.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS ANTI-BULLYING BILL

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Jan. 6 signed the state's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, which advocates said provides a template for anti-bullying laws in other U.S. states.

The bill passed Nov. 22, 2010, with a 73-1 vote in the assembly and a 30-0 vote in the senate.

Forty-five states have anti-bullying laws, but experts maintain the laws contain loopholes and lack teeth. Garden State Equality, New Jersey's statewide LGBT organization, said the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is a sweeping overhaul of the state's program.

"We are grateful to the prime sponsors ... for their leadership that brought Democrats and Republicans



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**New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie**

together rapidly," said GSE chair Steven Goldstein. "The overwhelmingly bipartisan support for this landmark legislation will give impetus to other states across America, whether they are blue or red, to adopt anti-bullying laws just like ours. The era of vagueness and

loopholes in anti-bullying laws is over; and hope for our children has begun."

## MODEL IN CUSTODY; COMPANION KILLED

A model who had recently been a contestant on a Portuguese reality TV show was taken into police custody hours after his companion, a celebrity Portuguese television journalist, was found castrated and bludgeoned to death in a New York City hotel.

The journalist, 65-year-old Carlos Castro, had arrived in New York in late December in the company of his boyfriend, the model Renato Seabra, to see some Broadway shows and spend New Year's Eve in Times Square, according to a family friend.

Police found Castro's body in the hotel Nov. 7. Seabra had left the hotel but was detained by police hours later after he sought care at

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. Police said the victim suffered serious head trauma. The medical examiner's office will determine the cause of death.

## GLSEN ANNOUNCES NO NAME-CALLING MONTH

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network recently secured another major partner for its No Name-Calling Week, which is taking place later this month.

Barnes & Noble, the world's largest bookseller, become an official partner in the eighth annual campaign, which will take place in thousands of schools across the country Jan. 24-28.

"We are excited to work with Barnes & Noble, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, Cisco and all of our more than 50 participating organizations to make this the most successful No

Name-Calling Week yet," GLSEN executive director Eliza Byard said.

No Name-Calling Week, created by GLSEN and Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in 2004, is an annual week of educational and creative activities designed to end name-calling of all kinds, with lessons and activities for elementary, middle and high schools.

The week was inspired by the young adult novel "The Misfits" and is presented in collaboration with more than 50 national education and youth service organizations, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the National School Boards Association and the National Education Association.

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## SWEET AMBROSIUS Singer's new video tackles gay bashing

By Mesfin Fekadu  
AP writer

R&B singer Marsha Ambrosius tackles gay-bashing, suicide and homophobia in the urban community in her latest music video.

Her song "Far Away" was written after a close friend attempted suicide.

"Because they're in such a bad place in their lives, there's nothing you can do to help someone if they can't help themselves," she said.

In the clip, a man seen with Ambrosius appears to be her boyfriend. They walk in a park, say hello to a group of men and to a woman and her children. Later, the video shows the man kissing another man. When the men return to the same park, now holding hands, the mother pulls her kids away. And when Ambrosius' friend is alone, he's assaulted while the American flag stands tall in the background. The

clip concludes with the man lying on his couch; a suicide letter and dozens of pills are visible.

Ambrosius says the video will speak for those who don't have a voice.

"I lost a friend and I've had friends that have attempted suicide. There are people that don't have a voice to speak out and show what is happening and what can happen, so I just wanted people to see the honesty in it and be aware," she said.

The 33-year-old singer, first introduced as one-half of the Grammy-nominated, British soul duo Floetry, says she has a strong gay following - and needs to support it.

"I go to my shows and my audience is predominantly gay. ... I've been approached by many who've said my music has influenced them and we'll speak about experiences that they've had. It's

just only right that I give that voice back," she said.

Ambrosius co-wrote Michael Jackson's 2002 hit song "Butterflies" and has collaborated with rappers like Nas, Busta Rhymes and Game. The clip was directed by Ambrosius' manager, Julius Erving III, and is the second single from her solo debut, "Late Nights and Early Mornings," due out Feb. 22. Ambrosius says what she offers is honesty, when other recording artists hold back.

"I think many musicians separate themselves from what they're actually going through in real life for fear of being judged for, you know, what their political views are (and) what they feel personally about things that are going on in the real world," she said. "Music for me is personal and that's the only way I know how to approach it."

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# Chazen Art Museum goes medieval

By Kat Murrell

Contributing writer

The Chazen Art Museum is tucked away on the University of Wisconsin - Madison campus, currently obscured by the construction of its new incarnation - a large addition scheduled to open in October. The extra space is welcome, as the Chazen has a collection that reads like a concise encyclopedia of about 3,000 years of art.

Currently on view as a temporary show is "Hidden Treasures: Illuminated Manuscripts from Midwestern Collections," which brings together about 40 examples from 16 universities, libraries, museums and private collections.

The hush of the exhibition space, with dimmed lights to minimize damage to fragile documents, cultivates a meditative atmosphere in which close viewing of detail reigns supreme. Under these conditions, the flicker of gold leaf adds to the sumptuous quietude. Pages from various Bibles, breviaries, books of hours and other types of medieval tomes are displayed in frames and vitrines.

The works have an almost archaeological quality, as they're mostly separated from their original context. The archaic language of Latin, and even the old forms of Dutch and French, are impenetrable to most casual viewers. But our eyes glide over the words, admiring the exquisite lines and drawings.

Illuminated manuscripts, termed as such for their embellishments and decorations, combine visuals with text in a variety of ways. The drawings in the margins of a manuscript from the



COURTESY: CHAZEN ART MUSEUM

This page from a choir book, dating to about 1440, is on view in "Hidden Treasures: Illuminated Manuscripts from Midwestern Collections."

Sistine Chapel offer a parody of a skirmish, pitting a knight against an armed lady. At the top, a bishop gazes with longing at a psaltery-strumming woman who perches on the edge of a paragraph.

Human experiences of sense and sensuality are often combined with representations of an otherworldly realm. In one example, the letter "C" forms the frame in which a monk, engaged

in self-flagellation, looks up with an enraptured expression as the figure of God floats above. This picturing of the mystical as literal is by no means uncommon to the medieval mind.

Concrete realities of life were not unknown in these images, however.

A particularly interesting one appears in a Dutch-produced book of hours from about 1470, depicting a funeral scene. Rendered in somber grays with exceptional clarity, a cloth-draped casket is attended to by clergy. Mourners sit in church pews. Unexpected and interesting, however, is the figure of a diminutive beggar with a peg leg, leaning on a crutch and holding out an empty cup for alms. The stark realities of life, death and destitution are condensed in this small, poignant image.

"Hidden Treasures" remains on view through Feb. 27, but the permanent collection offers many additional works of interest. Artifacts from ancient Greece and Rome are prominently displayed, and temporarily adding to the Chazen's holdings are additional medieval artworks on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

One of the most provocative works in the contemporary galleries at the Chazen is Beth Cavener Stichter's "A Rush of Blood to the Head." This large sculpture shows two pale goats rearing up on hind legs, locked in a tight embrace and a passionately deep kiss; their prominent erections underscore the overtly sexual nature of the work.

As recorded in Madison's The Capitol Times last spring when the sculpture went on view, artist Stichter said, "What I try to do in my more recent work is take subjects that are already uncomfortable and try to soften them somehow, try to make them beautiful and ...

more poignant and sensitive."

Going off campus and onto State Street, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art hosts other current exhibitions of note. A work by Iranian-born Shirin Neshat is on view through March 6, loaned by the Art Institute of Chicago. The 13-minute piece titled "Rapture" is stark and poetic, dealing with dualities on a number of levels. It is a room-sized installation with large screens at two ends of the gallery space; the viewer sits between while both screens vie for attention. It is impossible to see both simultaneously.

The stark landscape of Morocco sets the background. On one screen, a crowd of men in black pants and white shirts act en masse. They parade through the narrow streets and arches of an old citadel, praying, fighting and watching the opposite screen, where a crowd of women dressed in the traditional Iranian chador form a similar collective. The push and pull of the two groups speaks to a sense of the polarity so rife in the world today. Shall never the twain meet? It is a question explored, but unanswered.

The MMoCA opens a new exhibition on Jan. 22 with the work of Brooklyn-based artist Shinique Smith. The exhibition, called "Menagerie," draws on the art history realm with references to mid-century aesthetic approaches such as abstract expressionism and minimalism - but with a post-modern twist. Organized by the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami, the exhibition includes an illustrated catalog.

Artwatch  
DEBRA BREHMER

Winter Gallery Night is inching closer. On Jan. 21, in the darkest days of our brittle clime, the art world

will rally with some fine, toasty offerings. For those brave enough to wander in the crisp night air and risk losing their gloves, rewards await.

The Haggerty Museum of Art on the Marquette campus opens its new star-studded photography show

called "The Truth is Not in the Mirror: Photography and a Constructed Identity." The 23 artists in the show include Tina Barney, Chicago's Dawoud Bey, Philip-Lorca de Corcia, my personal favorite Rineke Dijkstra, Lee Friedlander, David Hockney, Thomas

Ruff - and the beat goes on. Haggerty director Wally Mason organized the show, which focuses on the slippery contingency and cultural shaping of personal identity as it is siphoned through the lens of a camera. There's a lecture by Minnesota photographer-

turned-superstar Alec Soth at 6 p.m. on Jan. 26. He packed the house at Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design a few years ago. Alas, issues of identity seem to be in the winter air, because across town at Peltz Gallery, 1119 E. Knapp St., "Visions, Voices,

Viewpoints and Victories of African American Artists" is opening. This is a group show curated by Della Wells. Elaine Erickson, 207 E. Buffalo St., is also opening a group show focusing on artists' self-portraits.

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# Dark gay romance is best part of 'Phillip Morris'

## Film

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By far one of the darkest gay romantic comedies to ever hit the silver screen, the long-delayed "I Love You Phillip Morris," according to the film's opening, "really happened." In the film's first few minutes we watch as Steve (Jim Carrey), a devout Christian police officer with a wife, Debbie (Leslie Mann), and daughter, undergoes a remarkable personal and sexual transformation after surviving a serious car accident. Coming out of the near-death experience forces him to come out of the closet and begin life anew. He does

so with Jimmy (Rodrigo Santoro). At the same time Steve embraces his homosexuality, he also unleashes an unpleasant side of his personality, pushing himself up through the corporate ranks via a series of lies and scams. Busted for his illegal behavior, Steve goes to jail, where he meets the mild-mannered Phillip (Ewan McGregor).

The most unlikely, tender and touching of romances unfolds between Steve and Phillip. They are each other's physical and emotional comfort. Following the end of his incarceration, Steve presents himself as Phillip's lawyer and, in spite of having no formal law school education or a degree, he assists in Phillip's release. From there, the cou-

ple begins to build a life together on the outside. But, unknown to Phillip, it's not long before Steve is back to his scamming ways. Once again, the law comes knocking, and so it goes, with each of Steve's successive jailbreaks and hair-brained schemes.

Throughout it all, we never doubt for a moment that Phillip is the love of Steve's life. In the ultimate display of his love, Steve even fakes having AIDS to be reunited with Phillip.

It's a non-traditional love story to be sure, but "I Love You Phillip Morris" is a welcome, if tiresome, addition to world of queer cinema. All the credit goes to Carrey and McGregor, who give the most offbeat performances of their careers.



Ewan McGregor and Jim Carrey play characters who are very much in love in "I Love You Phillip Morris."

# Paltrow can't save this Southern-fried fiasco

## Film

GREGG SHAPIRO

Country wrong is more like it. How Shana Feste, writer/director of the powerful "The Greatest," can be responsible for this Southern-fried fiasco is a mystery. A cheap patchwork quilt of a flick, with sewn together swatches of "A Star Is Born," "Crazy Heart,"

"Dreamgirls" and "All About Eve," "Country Strong" is thoroughly weak.

When aspiring singer/songwriter Beau (gorgeous Garrett Hedlund, the best thing here, as he was in "TRON: Legacy") isn't playing Nashville barn dances, he works as an orderly at a rehab facility. That's where he meets Kelly (Gwyneth Paltrow, who can sing even if she can't act), a country superstar in recovery. She's struggling not only with sub-

stance abuse, but also the loss of her unborn child following a drunken tumble from a Dallas stage.

Kelly's hubby James (Tim McGraw) wants his meal ticket back on her feet and back on stage, so he secures her early release. Kelly wants Beau (who she's banging) to be her opening act, but James has his heart set on semi-beauty queen Chiles (Leighton Meester). Let's just say they both get their wishes and soon

the tour buses are heading toward Texas.

Predictably, Kelly falls off the wagon as regularly as Sarah Palin shoots critters. Beau finds himself pulled in various directions as Kelly's lover, caregiver and opening act and the object of Chiles' interest and James' disdain. Meanwhile, Kelly and James' marriage begins to crumble as Kelly unravels on tour, even breaking down on stage in Houston. James' lack of sensitivity to his wife's situation is exacerbated when he books studio time with Chiles to record a song that Kelly wanted to sing.

With all odds against her, Kelly must prove herself in Dallas. And wouldn't you

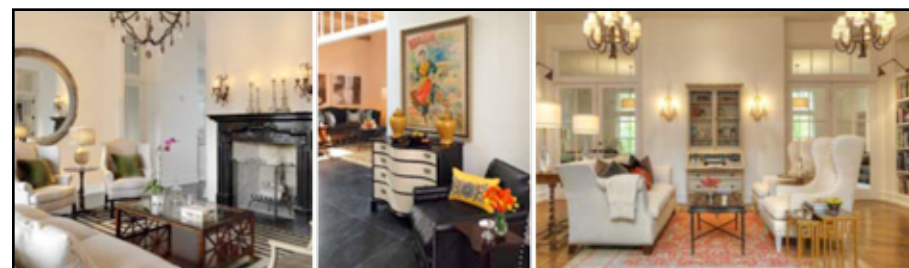


From "Country Strong."

know it, she does! But more tragedy lurks just around the corner.

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on multiple levels, time will tell if "Country Strong" is Feste's two-step misstep or a sign of things to come.



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### 'CHER: THE FILM COLLECTION'

Just in time for Cher's return to the big screen in "Burlesque" (a 21st-century "Showgirls" to be sure), "Cher: The Film Collection" (MGM), a six-DVD anthology of her movies, has arrived for her fans. Perhaps it's meant to remind us of the broad range of films in which the singer-turned-actress has appeared.

From her 1967 movie debut alongside ex-husband Sonny Bono in the William ("The Exorcist") Friedkin-directed "Good Times" to her Oscar-nominated portrayal of Karen Silkwood's lesbian roommate and co-worker Dolly in the Mike Nichols-helmed biopic "Silkwood" to her Oscar-winning performance in the rom-com "Moonstruck" to openly gay filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli's autobiopic "Tea With Mussolini" (alongside Lily Tomlin), Cher's films are as varied as her recording career.

Unfortunately, the package excludes two of Cher's best performances in films from other studios – "Come Back to the Five



and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" and "Mask" – but it nevertheless displays her development as an actress over the course of more than 30 years.

### 'RIVERS WASH OVER ME'

Following the sudden death of his mother, James Baldwin-reading, artistic gay high school student Sequan (Derrick L. Middleton) leaves New York for Jefferson, Ala., and moves in with relatives in "Rivers Wash Over Me" (Strand Releasing/D Street Pictures). He shares a room with his cousin Michael (Cameron Mitchell Mason), the star forward on the varsity basketball team, who essentially begins to rape and terrorize Sequan on a regular basis.

Michael's mother LuEllen (Leslie Jones) knows something is going on under her roof, but she can't quite figure it out. Sequan's Uncle Charlie (Darren Sills-Evans), the town sheriff, tries to keep an eye on his nephew, but he's also limited in what he can do for him.

Sequan finds unexpected comfort in the school tramp, a girl named Lori (Elizabeth Dennis), who goes out of her way to befriend him. In spite of living in a drug haze and relishing her role as a sex kitten, she turns out to be more perceptive than one might expect and

introduces Sequan to her gay brother Jake (Aidan Schultz-Meyer). The threesome quickly grows close and makes a plan to escape the dead-end that is Jefferson, but tragedy is lurking just around the bend.

The overuse of stereotypes and caricatures bogs the movie down on occasion, but the story of the baptism of redemption provides some balance.

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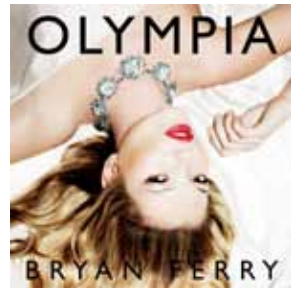
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BRYAN FERRY

It's almost impossible to imagine any Bryan Ferry fan not being delighted by his stellar new album "Olympia" (Astralwerks). With the exception of a cover of Tim Buckley's "Song To The Siren," it's his first album of original material in more than 15 years.

Ferry is reunited with some of his former Roxy Music bandmates on a few of the tracks. Maybe that's why the album feels like the best combination of what he did in Roxy Music crossed with his finest solo work.

Opener "You Can Dance," featuring Flea on bass, is even built around a vintage RM sample, making it sound at once nostalgic and fresh. Flea is joined by Jake Shears and Baby Daddy of Scissor Sisters on "Heartache By Numbers," on which Ferry transforms despair into a rainbow of desire.

Teaming up with Groove Armada, Ferry delivers the best dance track of his career on "Shameless," helping to make "Olympia" an accomplishment of Olympic proportions.

BEN FOLDS

Collaborations are a tricky business, but Ben Folds teaming up with prose writer Nick Hornby as lyricist on "Lonely Avenue" (Nonesuch) pays off in spades. Maintaining Folds' trademark balance of humorous and somber songs, the disc kicks off with the blogger-putdown "A Working Day" before getting serious on the gorgeous "Picture Window." "Practical Amanda" and "Belinda" are in a similar vein and equally effective. The classic-pop homage "Doc Pomus" is a wonder to behold, as is "Claire's Ninth" (about a child of divorce) and the bizarre "Password."

the gay-friendly "Queen of America." Of course, Page knows how to rein it in when necessary, which he does on "Clifton Springs" and "All The Young Monogamists."



MICHAEL FRANTI

With its radiant island warmth, "The Sound of Sunshine" (Capitol) is the perfect name for Michael Franti's latest album with Spearhead. While it's not the usual political set of songs we've come to expect from Franti, it's nevertheless refreshing. You can practically feel the sea breeze on the title track, as well as on "Shake It" and "Only Thing Missing Was You." There are musical references to Lennon ("Anytime You Need Me") and U2 ("I'll Be Waiting"). There's even a dance track — "The Thing That Helps Me Get Through."



STEVEN PAGE

Barenaked Ladies were sort of a Canadian Ben Folds Five, making primary front man Steven Page the band's Ben Folds. Following his 2009 departure from the band he co-founded, Page emerges with his first solo disc, the infectious "Page One" (Zöel Anthem).

A distinctive and powerful vocalist, Page provides novel songs (some co-written by Stephen "Tin Tin" Duffy and Craig Northey). They're the kind you find yourself singing along to after the first few listens. Page could have a trio of dance-club hits on his hands, if the right re-mixers get ahold of "Entourage," "If You Love Me" and especially



BRANDON FLOWERS

With only three studio discs to their name, it might seem premature for Brandon

Flowers of The Killers to release a solo disc, but that's just what he did with "Flamingo" (Island). For the most part, this is Flowers' more sensitive side in bloom, whether on a twangy duet with Jenny Lewis on "Hard Enough," the neon flash of "Was It Something I Said?" and "Welcome To Fabulous Las Vegas," or the wistful "Only The Young" and "On The Floor." Can Maroon 5's Adam Levine be far behind?



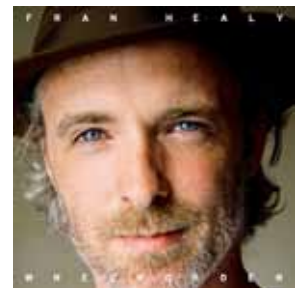
THE CORIN TUCKER BAND

One-third of the groundbreaking riot grrrl trio Sleater-Kinney, Corin Tucker returns as the head of household on "1,000 Years" (Kill Rock Stars) by The Corin Tucker Band. Leaving her queer ways behind for marriage to a man (!) and motherhood, Tucker comes out of Sleater-Kinney retirement with this set of 11 songs that echoes that band but also allows her to make her own personal mark. Frazey Ford, one-third of the trio The Be Good Tanyas, steps out on her own on "Obadiah" (Nettwerk). Her unusual vocals may be an acquired taste for some, but songs such as "Bird of Paradise," "Blue Streak Mama," "Like You Better" and a cover of Dylan's "One More Cup of Coffee" make the adjustment easy.



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Ben Folds performs on Jan. 27 at the Overture Center in Madison and on Jan. 28 at the Riverside in Milwaukee.



FRAN HEALY

Fran Healy, the voice of Travis, has come up with the surprisingly lackluster "Wreckorder" (Rykodisc). One of the disc's few high points is "Sing Me To Sleep,"

a duet with Neko Case. It could be the unintentional theme for this low-energy effort.

The fittingly titled "An Introduction to Syd Barrett" (Capitol) is a single-disc compilation honoring the late Pink Floyd founder Barrett. The first third of the disc consists of early PF tracks that make the "introduction" a well-rounded one. After that, it's Barrett in all his bizarre glory, on songs such as "Octopus," "Baby Lemonade," "Gigolo Aunt" and "Effervescing Elephant."

# 'Everything' and more: an interview with Kathleen Russo

Interview  
GREGG SHAPIRO

"And Everything Is Going Fine," Steven Soderbergh's documentary tribute to the late, beloved monologist Spalding Gray, is a non-traditional approach to documentary storytelling if ever there was one. Soderbergh and Gray's widow Kathleen Russo worked together, assembling film footage of Gray, both personal and performance-oriented. This allowed the late writer/performer to virtually tell his own story.

I spoke with Russo shortly before the film screened in Chicago, which was close to the seventh anniversary of Gray's death.

Gregg Shapiro: Of all the people Spalding worked with

over the years, was Soderbergh the right person to make "And Everything is Going Fine"?

Kathleen Russo: I had approached Steven and he immediately said yes. They knew each other because Spalding did "King of the Hill" with him and "Gray's Anatomy," which I produced. He had never really done a documentary on Spalding, because "Gray's Anatomy" was a film of the monologue and "King of the Hill" was a feature. This was a different format for him. Jonathan Demme would have been great to do something like this but he had already done a sort of documentary about Spalding ("Swimming To Cambodia").

GS: It's not a bunch of talking heads talking about Spalding. Essentially, it's him telling his own story through his performances and interviews.

KR: Yes, he was the uni-

mate talking head. He's telling his own story, which I love. When Steven first told me that he wasn't going to go the traditional route by doing interviews with his family members and brothers and friends ... at one point we talked about having well-known people reading Spalding's words over between segues of the film, but he said we didn't need to add anything to the film, because Spalding is telling the story. We don't need anyone else's voices in it.

GS: In the midst of the movie, there's a fascinating segment from one of Spalding's monologues where he talks about his gay experimentation. Why did you choose to include that in the film?

KR: I have a great story about that. That was from "47 Beds," which was before I met Spalding. I'd never

seen it because it was on three-quarter inch tape and we didn't have machinery to run it. I'd never seen it before Steven put it into this film. So I was showing the first cut to the kids (her children with Gray) and all of a sudden this comes on (laughs) and we all looked at each other across the room (laughs). It was something we had never discussed as a family (laughs). At first the kids were kind of like, "I don't know if I want that out there in the world." They're by no means homophobic or anything like that. It's their dad and it was something they didn't know about him. The way I justified it was, "This was something your dad did as material, it was a part of his life. It was a real-life experience and he put it on stage as material."

GS: "And Everything is Going Fine" also features numerous

interview segments from a variety of sources, including CBS New Sunday Morning, E!, MTV, Charlie Rose, Bobby Rivers and a very young Jay Behar...

KR: ...who a lot of people don't recognize, at first. GS: Is part of the film's mission to ignite renewed interest in Spalding's films and books?

KR: To renew interest, yes, for those people that were fans. I've been on tour with the film at different film festivals all year and I always ask at the Q&A how many people saw Spalding or knew his work. Only about half of the people in the audience would raise their hands. I thought, this is really accomplishing something I never set out to do, which is to hopefully create a new audience for his work. For me, that's very gratifying.

Read more news at www.wisconsin-gazette.com.



"And Everything is Going Fine" screens on Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Goodman's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn, Chicago. It also is available through IFC on Demand (ifc-films.com) on cable services.

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**"Liberace!,"** written and directed by Brent Hazelton, continues its world premiere at Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells, through Jan. 16 in the Stackner Cabaret. Call 414-224-9490.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells, presents the Milwaukee premiere of Alfred Hitchcock's **"The 39 Steps"** through Feb. 13 in the Quadracci Powerhouse. Call 414-224-9490.

JAN. 14, FRIDAY

**The Pushovers,** a "lesbian smart pop folk rock band" from Brooklyn, Baltimore, and D.C., performs with **Chelsea Z** at 8 p.m. at Paradigm Coffee and Music, 1202 N. Eighth in Sheboygan. Call 920 457-5277.

Renaissance Theaterworks continues its 2011-12 mainstage season with **"Crumbs From The Table Of Joy,"** by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, through Feb. 6 in the Studio Theatre at Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. Call 414-291-7800.

Thirsty Pagan Brewery, 1623 Broadway in Superior, presents **Arrianne Norrgard. Excuse Me Princess. The Lisps and The Half Hearts** at 8 p.m. Call 715-394-2500.

Danceworks Studio Theatre, 1661 N. Water, presents **Here Comes Trouble! A Danceworks DanceLAB production** directed by Sarah Wallisch, tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Call 414-277-8480.

**Friday Night Live,** featuring music by the Boys of Detention and DJs Multidimensional Fortitude and Cody Domino, starts at 8 p.m. at Zen Den Lounge in the InterContinental Milwaukee Hotel, 139 E. Kilbourn. Call 414-978-2161.



The Pushovers



Liz Phair on Jan. 21

**WIGOUT ON THE TOWN**  
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JAN. 15, SATURDAY

DJ Cody Domino mixes tracks at **A-Glow White Party and CD release party** at D.I.X., 739 S. First. Call 414-510-2417.

JAN. 16, SUNDAY

Club 5 Bar, 5 Applegate Court in Madison, presents a **live female impersonator show**, at 10 p.m. Call 608-277-9700. Club Garibaldi, 2501 S. Superior, welcomes **The Lisps** at 8 p.m. Call 414-483-6335.

JAN. 17, MONDAY

Boswell Book Company, 2559 N. Downer, welcomes **Jaimy Gordon**, author of "Lord of Misrule," and **Christine Sneed**, author of "Portraits of a Few of the People I've Made Cry: Stories" at 7 p.m. Call 414-332-1181.



JAN. 18, TUESDAY

**Johnny Weir**, champion figure skater, signs copies of his new book "Welcome to My World" at 5 p.m. at Boswell Book Company, 2559 N. Downer. Call 414-332-1181.

JAN. 20, THURSDAY

**"Big Boys"** by Rich Orloff runs through Feb. 13 at Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road in Elm Grove. Call 262-782-4430.

JAN. 21, FRIDAY

Longtime friend of the LGBT community **Liz Phair** performs at 8 p.m. at Turner Hall Ballroom, 103 N. Fourth. Call 414-286-3663.

**Jerry Grillo Band** is at Miss Katie's Diner, 1900 W. Clybourn, beginning at 5 p.m. Call 414-344-0044.

The Racine Theatre Guild, 2519 Northwestern (Highway 38) in Racine, presents **"Don't Hug Me,"** with book and lyrics by Phil Olson and music by Paul Olson, through Feb. 6. Call 262-633-4218.

The Midwest premiere of **"Nobody Lonesome For Me"** by Lanie Robertson runs through March 13 in the Stackner Cabaret at Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells. Call 414-224-9490.

JAN. 22, SATURDAY

Grammy-nominated world music diva **Angelique Kidjo** takes to the Capitol Theater stage in the Overture Center for the Arts, 201 State in Madison, at 8 p.m. Call 608-258-4141.



JAN. 23, SUNDAY

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JAN. 26, WEDNESDAY

The Hansberry-Sands Theater Company presents **"The Meeting,"** a play by Jeff Stetson, tonight and tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the UWM Union Ballroom, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Call 414-229-5538.

The beloved Stephen Schwartz musical **"Wicked"** runs through Feb. 20 at Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, 400 W. College Ave. in Appleton. Call 920-730-3760.

**"Speaking In Tongues"** by Andrew Bovell runs through March 13 in the Stiemke Studio at Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells. Call 414-224-9490.

JAN. 27, THURSDAY

Jean's Jazz Series Presents **Randal Harrison Trio** and **Ava Logan Trio** At 7 p.m. at The Racine Theatre Guild, 2519 Northwestern (Highway 38) in Racine. Call 262-633-4218.

**Bethenny Frankel**, author of "Naturally Thin" and star of "The Real Housewives Of New York City," is at The Pabst, 144 E. Wells, at 7 p.m. Call 414-286-3663.



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## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

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Congregation Shir Hadash, 414-297-9159, [www.cshmilw.org](http://www.cshmilw.org).  
Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th St., 53205, 414-344-1746, [www.crosslutheranmilwaukee.org](http://www.crosslutheranmilwaukee.org).  
Divine Word Lutheran Church, 5505 Lloyd St., 53208, 414-476-3189, [www.divinewordlutheran.org](http://www.divinewordlutheran.org).  
First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 N. Astor St., 53202, 414-273-5257, [www.uumilwaukee.org](http://www.uumilwaukee.org).  
Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211, 414-962-9190, [lakeparklutheran.com](http://lakeparklutheran.com).  
Metropolitan Community Church, 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204, 414-383-1100, [www.milccc.org](http://www.milccc.org).  
Milwaukee Friends Meeting (Quakers), 3224 N. Gordon Pl., 53212, 414-263-2111, [www.milwaukeequakers.org](http://www.milwaukeequakers.org).  
Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave., 53211, 414-964-1513, [www.plymouth-church.org](http://www.plymouth-church.org).  
St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233, 414-964-1513, [www.stjamesmilwaukee.org](http://www.stjamesmilwaukee.org).  
Unitarian Church North, 13800 N. Port Washington Road, 53097, 262-375-3890, [www.ucnorth.org](http://www.ucnorth.org).

## SPORTS

Front Runners/Front Walkers, 414-443-0379, [ullwolf.com/frontrunnersmke](mailto:ullwolf.com/frontrunnersmke), [thbolt@milwpc.com](mailto:thbolt@milwpc.com).  
Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club, 3957 81st St., 53222, 414-616-3716, [moenell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moenell@sbcglobal.net).  
Milwaukee Gay Soccer League, 1012 E. Clark St., 53212, 414-405-5878, [www.milwaukeegay soccer.org](http://www.milwaukeegay soccer.org).  
Milwaukee Gay Volleyball League, [www.milwaukeegayvolleyball.com](http://www.milwaukeegayvolleyball.com).  
Saturday Softball Beer League, 2333 N. 56th St., 53210, [www.ssbmilwaukee.com](http://www.ssbmilwaukee.com).

## YOUTH/EDUCATION

Alliance School, 850 W. Walnut St., 53205, 414-267-5400, [www.allianceschool.org](http://www.allianceschool.org).  
Alliance for LGBTQ Youth, 1212 S. 70th St., 53214, 414-453-1400, [www.cssw.org](http://www.cssw.org).  
Gay Youth Milwaukee, P.O. Box 090441, 53209, 414-265-8500, <http://gayyouthmilwaukee.tripod.com>.  
Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance, 1442 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233.  
Marquette U G/L Alumni, P.O. Box 92722, 53202.  
Project Q, 315 W. Court St., 53212, 414-223-3220.  
UWM LGBT Resource Center, UWM Union WG 89, P.O. Box 413, 53201, 414-229-4116, [www.uwm.edu/Dept/OSL/LGBT](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/OSL/LGBT).

## FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY

Harmony Café, 233 E. College Ave., Appleton, 54911, 920-734-2233, [www.harmonycafe.org](http://www.harmonycafe.org), [skenevan\\_gw@wicc.org](mailto:skenevan_gw@wicc.org).  
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](http://www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org).

## GREEN BAY COMMUNITY

Argonauts of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 22096, Green Bay, 54305, [www.argonautsll.org](http://www.argonautsll.org), [info@argonautsll.org](mailto:info@argonautsll.org).  
Bear Club 4 Men, P.O. Box 13463, Green Bay, 54307, [www.bc4m.com](http://www.bc4m.com).  
Harmony Café, 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, 54303, 920-569-1593, [www.harmonycafe.org](http://www.harmonycafe.org).  
Positive Voice, P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay, 54305, 920-435-4404, [pvinc.org](http://pvinc.org), [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org).  
Pride Alive, 920-471-3260, [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org), [info@newpride.org](mailto:info@newpride.org).

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Angels of Hope MCC, P.O. Box 672, Green Bay, 54305, 920-983-7452, [www.aohmcc.org](http://www.aohmcc.org), [aohchurch@netnet.net](mailto:aohchurch@netnet.net).

## MADISON ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls, Club 5, 5 Applegate Court, Madison, 53713, 608-277-9700, [www.dcandc.org](http://www.dcandc.org)

## COMMUNITY

OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Suite P1, Madison, 53703, 608-255-8582, [www.lgbtoutreach.org](http://www.lgbtoutreach.org), [info@lgbtoutreach.org](mailto:info@lgbtoutreach.org).  
PFLAG-Madison, 4221 Venetian Ln., Madison 53718, 608-848-2333, [pflagmadison@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagmadison@yahoo.com).  
Gay / Bi Fathers Support Group, c/o Outreach, 600 Williamson St., Madison, 53703, [tooldforthis@tds.net](mailto:tooldforthis@tds.net).

## POLITICS

Fair Wisconsin, 122 State St., Suite 500, Madison, 53703, 608-441-0143, [www.fairwisconsin.org](http://www.fairwisconsin.org), [info@fairwisconsin.com](mailto:info@fairwisconsin.com).

## SPORTS

Madison Gay Hockey Association, [www.madisongayhockey.org](http://www.madisongayhockey.org).  
Madison Gay Volleyball, 608-347-8907, [www.madisonlbtvolleyball.com](http://www.madisonlbtvolleyball.com).

## YOUTH/EDUCATION

GSA for Safe Schools, 301 S. Bedford St., Madison, 53703, 608-661-4141, [www.gsaforsafeschools.org](http://www.gsaforsafeschools.org).

## RACINE/KENOSHA COMMUNITY

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin, 1456 Junction Ave., Racine, 53403, 262-664-4100, [info@lgbtsewisc.org](mailto:info@lgbtsewisc.org).  
PFLAG-Racine/Kenosha, P.O. Box 580058, Pleasant Prairie, 53158, 262-694-2729, [pflagkenosha@aol.com](mailto:pflagkenosha@aol.com).

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Bradford Community Church-Unitarian Universalist, 5810 8th Ave., 53140, 262-656-0544, [www.bradforduu.org](http://www.bradforduu.org).

## SPORTS

Wisconsin Warriors, P.O. Box 334, Somers, 53171, 414-759-8823, [www.wiwarriors.com](http://www.wiwarriors.com), [wiarriors@yahoo.com](mailto:wiarriors@yahoo.com).

## YOUTH/EDUCATION

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](http://www.thecentercv.org).  
LGBT Community Resource Center Seven Rivers, P.O. Box 3313, 303 Pearl St., LaCrosse, 54602, 608-784-0452, [www.7riverslgbt.org](http://www.7riverslgbt.org), [r.st.sauver@7riverslgbt.org](mailto:r.st.sauver@7riverslgbt.org), [lgbtcommunitycenter@yahoo.com](mailto:lgbtcommunitycenter@yahoo.com).

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ONGOING

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.\*

## THURSDAY

2:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, LGBT senior adults discussion, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, [ferington@charter.net](mailto:ferington@charter.net).  
6 p.m., third Thursdays, same-sex partners group, OutReach, Madison.\*  
6 p.m., Qgrads, 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.

## FRIDAY

1 p.m., Art Experience, SAGE Milwaukee.\*  
4-7 p.m., fourth Friday, Happy Hour with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin, rotating location in Milwaukee/Madison, [www.ppawi.org](http://www.ppawi.org).  
5:30 p.m., second and fourth Fridays, Pozitive Lite HIV/AIDS group, 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.\*  
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 Claire.\*  
8:30 p.m., second and fourth Fridays, Shoreline Milwaukee line dancing and lessons, Hot Water, 818 S. Water St., Milwaukee, 414-383-7593.

## SATURDAY

9 a.m., Frontrunners/Walkers Milwaukee Run Walk, starting at the Water Tower at the East end of North Avenue, Milwaukee, 262-285-7645.  
9 a.m., Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Madison, Wingra Park off Monroe St., Madison, 608-469-4882.  
3 p.m., second and fourth Saturdays, Women4Women, OutReach, Madison.\*  
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), general meeting.\*

## SUNDAY

10:30 a.m., AI-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, TheGalano 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, Outwards men's book club, 2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9089, [www.outwardsbooks.com](http://www.outwardsbooks.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 Valley, LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire.\*  
7 p.m., second Tuesday, lesbian reading group at Outwards Books, 2710 N. Murray Ave., 53211, 414-963-9089, [www.outwardsbooks.com](http://www.outwardsbooks.com).  
7 p.m., last Tuesday, Canasta night, SAGE Milwaukee.\*  
7 p.m., Rotating GLBT and Allied social group for adults, Harmony Cafe, Appleton.\*  
7 p.m., Women's Voice Milwaukee rehearsal, 630-890-5984.

## WEDNESDAY

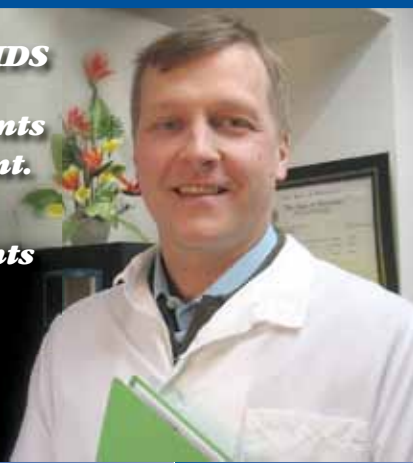
6 p.m., first Wednesday, LGBT cancer networking group, Gilda's Club, 7907 UW Health Court, Middleton, 608-828-8880, [www.gildasclubmadison.org](http://www.gildasclubmadison.org).  
6:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Wauwatosa Rainbow Association monthly meeting, [tosarainbow@yahoo.com](mailto:tosarainbow@yahoo.com).  
7 p.m., first Wednesday, Bear Club 4 Men monthly meeting, Napalese Lounge, 1351 Cedar St., Green Bay, Info: [bearclub4men@gmail.com](mailto:bearclub4men@gmail.com).

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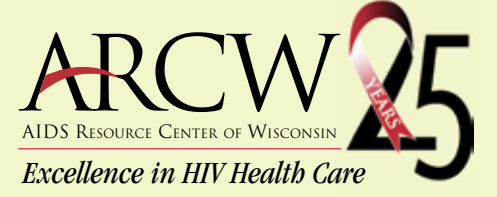
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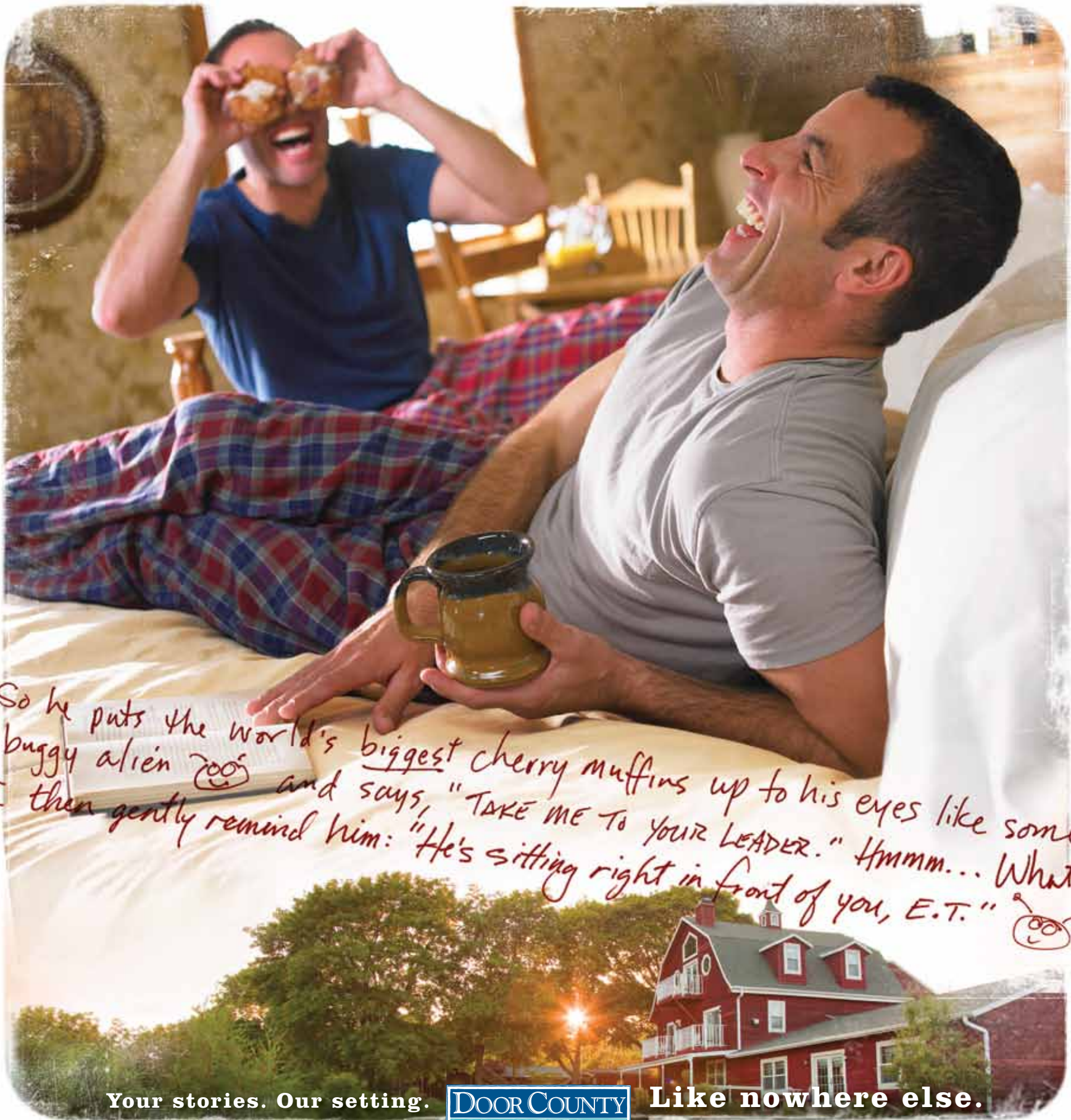


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