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**Wisconsin natives Michael Knaapen, left, and his husband John Becker, right, embrace outside the Supreme Court in Washington on June 26 after the court struck down a federal provision denying benefits to legally married gay couples.**



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## Politically queer

*One of the state's most generous equality allies, Chris Abele defies labels and stereotypes*

**By Louis Weisberg**

Staff writer

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele – millionaire, philanthropist and proud LGBT ally – is that oddest of ducks on Wisconsin's current political scene. He's

a progressive Democrat who's willing to deal with Republican leaders on behalf of his constituents. In fact, he actually talks to Gov. Scott Walker.

"In my current job as county executive, it's kind of my job to have as good a

relationship as I can with whoever's in the majority, so I can get things done for the county," he says.

Once upon a time, in an America that seems far away, Abele's bipartisan, prag-

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# News with a twist



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## Morris the Cat.

### PURRFECT POLITICIAN

Morris the Cat – El Candigato Morris – is running for mayor in Xalapa, a city in eastern Mexico where voters are weary – and wary – of human politicians. The black-and-white kitty has a slogan, “Tired of Voting for Rats? Vote for a Cat.” There are other animals running for office in 14 states in the July 7 elections, including Chon the Donkey in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, Tina the Chicken in Tepic, and Tintan the Dog in Oaxaca City.

### VROOM, VROOM AT THE VATICAN

Get your motor running...Tens of thousands of Harley-Davidson bikers gathered in Rome in mid-June for a blessing from Pope Francis, who arrived at the company's 110th anniversary celebration standing in an open-top Jeep®. AP reported that thundering Harley engines drowned out the “Our Father,” but things quieted when the pontiff began the Mass in St. Peter's Square. Francis spoke both to the bikers and to the thousands of Catholics gathered for a two-day anti-abortion rally. The pope did not attend the gay Pride march that weekend.

### IN THE DOG HOUSE

In the United States, a survey by Public Policy Polling finds that 20 percent of voters prefer to spend time with their pets over people. The poll also shows that dogs seem to engender



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warmer feelings than cats. About 81 percent of voters say they either “like” or “love” dogs. Just 3 percent are afraid of dogs, 2 percent are allergic, 10 percent are indifferent and 4 percent think “they should all live in the woods.” So that thing with Seamus the Dog probably really hurt Mitt Romney's campaign.

### PRIEBUS' BIGGER TENT

Wisconsin's Reince Priebus, Republican National Committee chairman, recently urged the conservatives gathered for the Faith and Freedom Coalition Conference to embrace the party's efforts to broaden support by at least appearing to be more tolerant on big issues like immigration and gay marriage.

### PALIN'S PUP TENT

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, delivering the closing

speech at the Faith and Freedom Coalition conference, took a contrary position and said the “good old boys” in the Grand Old Party can't quiet the conservative base. “Just let them tell us to sit down and shut up,” Palin said, “which I refuse to do.”

### GETTING EVEN?

A San Francisco gay rights blogger has pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct after taking a photograph of gay District Supervisor Scott Wiener in a City Hall toilet last October and posting it on his blog. Michael Petrelis snapped the picture to protest Wiener's support for an ordinance banning public nudity.

### ROAD RAGE

Ultra-right extremists continue to challenge France's new marriage equality law. They recently demonstrated at the French Open. And now the extremists think they can win support for discrimination by stag-

By Lisa Neff & Louis Weisberg

ing protests at the country's most beloved sporting event, Le Tour de France, which begins June 29 in Corsica and ends July 21 on the Champs-Elysees in Paris. Someone's pedaling in the wrong gear.

### NO GROOMS

Claude Binaud, mayor of the southwestern French town of Matha, is among his country's anti-gay protesters. He recently refused to marry a local man and his partner, in violation of the law. He qualified his refusal, however, by saying that he “might marry two girls” because “they can have children.”

### UPDATED TOAST

Britain's Royal Navy says it is dropping the traditional sailors' toast to “our wives and sweethearts” and replacing the timeworn language with a gender-neutral reference to “our families.” The practice of toasting “our wives and sweethearts” – occasionally followed with

a bawdy “May they never meet!” – has long been a part of naval culture. It's one of the seven traditional toasts delivered over dinner for each day of the week, in this case on Saturday. The Tuesday night toast to “our men” has also been updated to “our sailors.” The military said the toast was being updated to “reflect cultural changes” in the navy, which has included female sailors for more than two decades.

### BEING TRUE

American Apparel marked LGBT Pride Month with a new line of T-shirts created in partnership with GLAAD. It's not the first time that the Los Angeles-based clothing retailer has taken such a public pro-gay stance. American Apparel first began printing its “Legalize Gay” shirts to protest passage of California's Prop 8 in 2008 and has since handed out over 50,000 of the shirts at Pride rallies and other events.

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## Wausau overcomes confusion, stages march for equality

### From WiG reports

About 300 people rallied to celebrate LGBT Pride on June 22 in Wausau in what was billed as the "first-ever" gay Pride march in the city's history. They walked from Marathon Park to the 400 Block park in downtown Wausau.

Daily Herald Media described the event as festive and said it was almost "anti-climactic" after plans for a different gay Pride march were canceled.

Advertisements of a Pride celebration began circulating in the spring, catching the attention of Wisconsin's Christian right leaders and, for different reasons, also drawing concern from Wisconsin's LGBT community.

The right denounced the celebration of gay Pride, while community activists questioned the identity of the parade organizer and the validity of the event.

A pink flyer circulating in Wausau and an ad posted on Craigslist announced a Pride parade would take place on June 22.

In early June, City Hall confirmed that someone had filed paperwork to hold the parade and a festival, but the individual wasn't Daxx Bouvier, the man identified in various press reports as the founder of the event. City officials also said that proof of insurance had not been provided and the necessary fee was not paid.

Meanwhile, the two men listed as contacts in the Craigslist ad promoting the parade

said they had nothing to do with it and that Bouvier was a fraud. They disputed his Web biography describing him as a millionaire philanthropist.

One of the men, in a phone interview with WiG, said Bouvier listed him as a contact to "mess with my relationship with my fiancé." He described Bouvier's claims about himself as "outrageous."

According to his Web biography, "Daxx Bouvier resides in Beverly Hills, CA and Granite Peak, WI born in June (year unknown) adopted at the young age of 4, world traveller and philanthropist, best known for his lavish parties and support of animal rights with a net worth estimated at \$60 million dollars working on his memoirs and creating his own fragrance as well. No occupation history."

Local activist Shannon Thomas said she feared a scam against the community. So she began organizing the March for Equality, mostly on Facebook.

By June 20, the Pride parade promoted by Bouvier had been canceled but Thomas' march was on. A statement on the March for Equality page on Facebook read, "PLEASE make sure everyone and their grandmother knows the March for Equality is still on, and we welcome all! We have a message to deliver, and we will NOT cancel the march, no matter what."

Meanwhile, Pride plans were drawing harsh criticism from the Christian right and at least



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### Celebrants at the March for Equality, Wausau's first LGBT Pride event.

one elected official.

At a city meeting, Wausau Ald. David Nutting called gays "deviant-behaving individuals" and encouraged people to turn their backs on the parade.

And, in an action alert to members, Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling

complained, "Our experience with homosexual parades is that they're nothing more than a display of immorality and propaganda."

The statement did not provide the details of Appling's "experience" with "homosexual parades."

## Stevens Point adopts domestic partner benefits

### By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

Stevens Point City Council recently voted 9-2 to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of city workers.

The move came after Fair Wisconsin approached Mayor Andrew Halvorson and asked for his help in enacting the policy, which a growing number of government entities and businesses in the state have already adopted.

The original proposal applied only to same-sex couples but the plan was amended to include heterosexual couples. The city estimates that the cost of offering the benefits will be "minimal."

Following the vote, Halvorson said the policy would make the city more competitive in attracting top-notch workers and send a message that Stevens Point is an inclusive community.

"The City of Stevens Point is accepting of who you are, for what you are and it doesn't matter and that, I think is the best message and probably in essence, one of the proudest moments that I have as a mayor and I'm representing a community that sends those messages and that to me is very important," Halvorson said.

"This decision marks another important

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# Wisconsin Supreme Court to hear right-wing challenge to domestic partner registry law

By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has decided to review a challenge to the state's domestic partner registry.

The registry grants same-sex couples only a handful of basic legal rights. But members of the fundamentalist Christian/corporate-right group Wisconsin Family Action filed a lawsuit in 2010 alleging that it nonetheless violates a 2006 constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage or anything substantially similar.

Last December, the 4th District Court of Appeals upheld the registry, citing a number of rights that married couples enjoy but same-sex couples can't obtain through the registry. Fair Wisconsin, which together with Lambda Legal is defending the registry law, had hoped the state Supreme Court would simply let the appeals court

ruling stand, said FW executive director Katie Belanger.

The June 12 announcement that the court would review the case was vague, failing to include an explanation for the review or state if and when the court might hear arguments or render a decision.

"We don't know what the timeline is," Belanger said. "They could review it and still dismiss the case."

The decision to review the case comes at a time of rapid social and legal momentum for the issue. All of Wisconsin's neighboring states have moved forward in some way on marriage equality, and the U.S. Supreme Court issued two landmark rulings on marriage rights on June 26.

Minnesota adopted a marriage equality law earlier this year, and the Illinois Senate has approved legislation that would allow

same-sex couples to marry in that state. In Michigan, Senate Democrats have proposed overturning the state's anti-gay marriage ban.

Gay and lesbian couples have been able to marry in Iowa since April 2009, when that state's Supreme Court ruled that denying them the right was unconstitutional.

That same year, then-Gov. Jim Doyle signed Wisconsin's partner registry into law. The registry provides 43 basic rights, such as the ability to inherit a partner's estate in the absence of a will, hospital visitation, and the ability to access family medical leave to care for a sick partner. By contrast, marriage

in Wisconsin confers more than 200 rights and protections to heterosexual couples.

Two-parent adoptions by people of the same sex is illegal in Wisconsin.

Right-wing justices, who have consistently supported positions taken by the state's GOP and Gov. Scott Walker, dominate the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The Walker administration and Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen have refused to defend the registry law, calling it unconstitutional. Court watchers wonder if right-wing political affiliations will influence the case.

Some unusual circumstances surround the proceedings. Two of the High Court's conservative justices have long been rumored to be gay. Plaintiff Julaine Appling, who heads Wisconsin Family Action, has never married and has lived for decades with another never-married woman. The two own a home jointly in Watertown.

Belanger said, "It's a little bit too early to tell what the next step is or when it will be taken."

But she said the bottom line is that the registry's legal defense team has a strong case and will continue to pursue it."

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victory for fairness, as Stevens Point joins cities across the state in creating an inclusive and welcoming workplace, making them a leader in our efforts to build a more fair and just state for all Wisconsinites," said Fair Wisconsin executive director Katie Belanger. "On behalf of Fair Wisconsin, I thank Mayor Halvorson, Alder Joanne Suomi and the Common



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**Stevens Point Mayor Andrew Halvorson.**

Council for their visionary leadership in creating a policy that treats all city workers fairly."

In an unusual move, the domestic partner plan went to the full council without prior approval by the council's personnel committee. The committee introduced the plan earlier in June, and although it met with no opposing comments, none of the committee members moved to second a motion to accept it. The committee must now develop the specific language of the domestic-partner plan as well as forms for its implementation in July.

As home of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, which has more than 9,000 students, Stevens Point is generally considered to be a progressive college town. The year-round population is just under 27,000.

Domestic partner benefits are offered by the cities of Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton, Eau Claire, and Racine, as well as La Crosse and Milwaukee counties.

Several major business in the state offer domestic partnership benefits, including SC Johnson, MillerCoors, Kimberly-Clark, Aurora Health Care, and American Family Insurance.

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# DOMA unconstitutional, Prop 8 effectively gone

By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

The Defense of Marriage Act's ban on federal benefits for married same-sex couples is dead. So is California's Proposition 8.

Both were struck down in historic June 26 rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court – rulings that advanced LGBT equality to a new level in the United States.

Rejoicing over the rulings began shortly after 10 a.m. EST in Washington, D.C., but also in dozens of cities across the country – and especially on the Web, where hundreds of thousands of people signed on to tweet, post and blog from the proceedings.

"What a thrilling day!" said Kevin Cathcart of Lambda Legal, an LGBT civil rights group that has been a pioneer in the battle for marriage equality.

Court insiders repeatedly stressed that because the cases were argued in late March, the justices would release the decisions late in the court's session. But LGBT people and their allies sat on pins and needles for the preceding two weeks, anticipating an announcement each time the justices took the bench. By coincidence, the decisions were released on the 10th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, which overturned state laws that criminalized gay sex.

Recognizing the significance of the date, Cathcart observed that in the span of a decade, America had gone from a country

with 13 states that outlawed same-sex sex to 13 jurisdictions that had legalized same-sex marriage. The latter number will change to 14 jurisdictions when same-sex couples being to marry – again – in California.

## THE DOMA DECISION

The Defense of Marriage Act decision has a direct impact on the more than 114,000 same-sex couples already married in the United States. As time goes on, it will have an even broader impact on the lives of LGBT Americans and their families.

DOMA was enacted in 1996, before any states legally recognized same-sex marriage. Today, same-sex couples can marry in the District of Columbia and nine states, and soon same-sex couples will be eligible to marry in Rhode Island, Minnesota and Delaware.

Section 3 of DOMA established a definition of marriage – the union of a man and a woman – for federal purposes. This has been used to deny married gay couples some 1,100 federal rights and benefits, including Social Security and tax benefits.

The Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations have enforced DOMA, but a couple of years ago Attorney General Eric Holder said the Justice Department considered the measure unconstitutional and announced that it would not offer a defense in the courts. Republican leadership in the U.S. House, with taxpayer money, hired their own lawyers to

defend DOMA before the Supreme Court.

DOMA's challenger, New York widow Edith Windsor, was represented by a team that included the American Civil Liberties Union. Because the government didn't recognize her same-sex marriage, Windsor paid \$363,000 in inheritance taxes after her wife died in 2009. Had her spouse been a man, there would have been no tax.

The Supreme Court justices faced several options with *United States v. Windsor* – to overturn DOMA, vacate the prior courts' findings, decide that the House Republicans didn't have standing to defend DOMA or remand the case to a lower court.

Writing for the 5-4 majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said, "DOMA is unconstitutional as a deprivation of the equal liberty of persons that is protected by the Fifth Amendment."

"DOMA's principal effect is to identify a subset of state-sanctioned marriages and make them unequal," he said for the majority, which included Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

The ruling means that legally married same-sex couples in states that have adopted marriage equality will have access to the same federal rights and benefits offered to other married couples.

"This was discrimination enshrined in law," said President Barack Obama, who was traveling on Air Force One. "It treated loving, committed gay and lesbian couples as a separate and lesser class of people. The Supreme Court has righted that wrong, and our country is better off for it. We are a people who declared that we are all created equal – and the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

Obama said his administration would work "to ensure this decision, including its implications for federal benefits and obligations, is implemented swiftly and smoothly."

There are still legal matters to decide, specifically the impact of the ruling on same-sex couples who are legally married in one state but reside in a state that bans recognition of that marriage.

## THE PROP 8 DECISION

California voters in November 2008

approved Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The ballot campaign was funded in large part by Mormon and Catholic organizations and came in response to the legalization of gay marriage earlier in 2008.

The case, *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, involves two same-sex couples – Kris Perry and Sandy Stier and Paul Katami and Jeff Zarrillo – who wanted to marry in their home state. Attorneys Ted Olson and David Boies with the American Foundation for Equal Rights represented the couples.

Their challenge reached the High Court after a U.S. District Court overturned Prop 8 and an appeals court upheld that decision. The governor and the state attorney general of California both declined to defend Prop 8, which prompted the proponents of the ballot measure to intervene.

There were multiple directions for the justices to take in *Perry*. They could have ruled that the Prop 8 proponents didn't have standing or they could have upheld Prop 8. They could have invalidated Prop 8 and all other anti-gay marriage bans, invalidated anti-gay marriage bans in states with same-sex civil unions or broad domestic partnership laws or narrowly ruled for same-sex marriage in California.

Based on questions and comments from the justices during oral arguments, many court experts expected the ruling that was delivered on June 26 – that the proponents of Prop 8 lacked standing to defend the amendment at the appeals court and Supreme Court levels.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote the majority opinion, joined by Ginsburg, Breyer, Kagan and Antonin Scalia.

LGBT activists in California predicted that clerks would begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples by the end of July.

The court, in the Prop 8 case, did not refer to other states with same-sex marriage bans, such as Wisconsin.

"While we celebrate the victory for Californians today, tomorrow we turn our attention to the millions of LGBT people who don't feel the reach of these decisions," said Chad Griffin, the president of the Human Rights Campaign, which played a big role

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**THE RESPONSE**

Reaction to the Supreme Court decisions came rapidly. Groups on both sides of the issue have been preparing responses since late March, when the court heard oral arguments in both cases. One right-wing group accidentally fired off three press releases responding to the court decisions on June 25, the day before the decisions arrived.

A news conference with the Prop 8 opponents took place on the court steps after the court adjourned for the day. Perry said, "Sandy and I want to say how happy we are, not only to be able to return to California and finally get married, but to be able to say to children in California that no matter where you live, no matter who your parents are, no matter what family you are in, you are equal, you are as good as your friends' parents and as your friends."

Windsor was in New York City. "DOMA violated the fundamentally American principles of fairness and equality," she said. "Because of today's Supreme Court ruling, every child born today will be able to grow up in a world without DOMA – a world where the federal government won't discriminate against their marriages no matter who they are. I know Thea would have been so happy and proud to see how far we have

come in our fight to ensure that all gay and lesbian couples are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve."

Elected officials and activists also were quick to weigh in on the decisions.

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Madison, the only married gay member of Congress, was waiting outside the court. "There's much we need to do, but today is a day of celebration," he said.

"As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we must continue to move forward and ensure all loving couples are treated as equals," he continued. "While my husband Phil and I continue to wait to have our marriage recognized by both Wisconsin and Washington, I am now more confident than ever that full marriage equality is a question not of if, but when."

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin said, "The nation's highest court reaffirmed our founding belief that all Americans are created equal under the law. The court made a strong statement for equality and freedom, overturning discrimination against gay and lesbian American citizens simply because of who they love."

Beyond the Beltway, a series of LGBT rallies – more than 70 – were set to take place on Decision Day, most of them scheduled for early evening. The organizers didn't know until June 26 whether the LGBT events would be celebrations or protests.

In the Midwest, a dozen actions were scheduled in Ohio, a half-dozen in both Iowa and Michigan, several in Illinois, one in Indiana and several in Wisconsin – in Madison and in Milwaukee.

In Florida, rallies were to take place in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami Beach, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tallahassee and West Palm Beach.

In California, events were planned from San Diego to Eureka, with the largest events expected to take place in Los Angeles and in San Francisco, where the first gay marriages took place in the state under the authorization of a defiant then-Mayor Gavin Newsom in 2004.

Opponents of equality also were organizing, as some on the far right called on governors to treat the Supreme Court as an illegitimate institution and ignore its decisions. Rush Limbaugh said the decisions reflect the "disintegration of the United States" and Bryan Fischer of the American Family Association said Kennedy's decision in Windsor was "tyranny." Sandy Rios of the AFA said that marriage died with the death of DOMA.

But the Christian right, which once could

**FROM THE COURT**

**Hollingsworth v. Perry:** The challenge was over California's Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2008 to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman and ban same-sex marriage.

*The ruling:* The majority, in an opinion by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., said proponents of Proposition 8, who intervened when California's elected leaders refused to defend the amendment, did not have standing to go before the federal appeals court or the Supreme Court.

*The vote:* 5-4.  
*The quote:* "We have no authority to decide this case on the merits, and neither did the 9th Circuit."

**U.S. v. Windsor.** The challenge was over Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, a bill passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

*The ruling:* The majority, in an opinion written by Justice Anthony Kennedy said, the provision is unconstitutional. The court said that states have long decided marriage laws, and some states have decided to legalize same-sex marriage. DOMA discriminated against gays and lesbians to express disapproval of state-sanctioned same-sex marriage.

*The vote:* 5-4.  
*The quote:* "Under DOMA, same-sex married couples have their lives burdened, by reason of government decree, in visible and public ways."

claim to represent the majority opinion on same-sex marriage, is now in the minority, and its appeals for activists and cash to fight equality are failing.

More than 30 polls show majority support for marriage equality in the United States. And one of the most recent surveys, from the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, found that both supporters and opponents see legal recognition of same-sex marriage as inevitable.

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# Obama brings America 'out of the climate closet'

By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

President Barack Obama, in a much-anticipated speech at Georgetown University on June 25, offered his plan to attack pollution while preparing for the realities of global warming.

The president was firm in his declaration that the debate over climate change and its causes is obsolete and now is the time to act. "We don't have time for a meeting of the flat-earth society," he said.

The president delivered the speech in mid-afternoon sunshine, pausing to wipe sweat from his brow. His remarks contained a mix of policy and politics, including a declaration that he'll work with anyone — Democrats, Republicans and Independents — to move forward. Those in Congress who characterize the greening of America as a job-killer and an economic destroyer are wrong, the president said.

Specifically, the plan calls

for new rules for cutting carbon pollution in America, including:

- Directing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to write the first-ever regulations limiting carbon emissions from power plants — a move described by many as spelling the end of coal-fueled power in the nation.

- Making up to \$8 billion in loan guarantee authority available for advanced fossil energy and efficiency projects.

- Directing the Interior Department to permit renewable projects — such as wind and solar — on public lands by 2020 to power more than 6 million homes.

- Setting a goal to generate 100 megawatts of renewable power on federally assisted housing by 2020.

- Expanding the Better Building Challenge, focusing on helping commercial, industrial and multi-family buildings cut waste and become at least 20 percent more energy efficient by 2020.

- Reducing carbon pollution by at least 3 billion metric tons cumulatively by 2030 through efficiency standards for appliances and federal buildings.

- Developing fuel economy standards for heavy-duty vehicles.

The plan also contains proposals to prepare the United States for the impacts of climate change, including:

- Directing agencies to support local climate-resilient investment by removing barriers or counterproductive policies and modernizing programs.

- Piloting strategies in the Hurricane Sandy-affected region to strengthen communities against extreme weather.

- Creating sustainable and resilient hospitals in the face of climate change.

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drought and wildfire.

## VARIED RESPONSES

Responses to the president's plan from environmentalists varied — "it's huge," "it's about time" and "it's too little, too late."

Michael Brune of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's best-known environmental groups, said, "This is the change we have been waiting for on climate."

He also said, "The Sierra Club's 2.1 million members and supporters issued a collective cheer as they heard the president declare that the most effective defense against climate disruption will be by tackling the biggest single source of carbon pollution: coal plants."

At the National Audubon Society, president and CEO David Yarnold said the president's speech offered a way to progress: "If we take advantage of this moment, it's a chance for America to come out of the climate closet and to lead — the way America is supposed to do. Whether you're talking about birds, wildlife or people, this is the most significant threat we all face, and addressing it is the most important thing we can do."

And the National Resources Defense Council said it was "huge news" that Obama plans executive action to cut carbon pollution from power plants.



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**President Barack Obama wipes perspiration from his face as he speaks about climate change at Georgetown University in Washington on June 25.**

But Robert Weissman, president of Public Citizen, called the plan "a day late and a dollar short" because it lacks "massive investments, tough and specific standards and binding rules."

Center for Biological Diversity senior counsel Bill Snape said, "We're happy to see the president finally addressing climate change, but the plain truth is that what he's proposing isn't big enough, and doesn't move fast enough, to match the terrifying magnitude of the climate crisis."

The organization said the

pollution-control measures announced by the president would fulfill his administration's pledge to put the United States on the path to cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 4 percent below 1990 levels by 2020. But such a reduction falls far short of what the United States pledged in the Kyoto Protocol and, according to the center, would not be enough to avert catastrophic temperature increases.

Snape said, "This plan is a small step in the right direction, but certainly begs for something bigger and bolder."



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## Equality march

*This month, millions of LGBT people and their friends, family and allies commemorate gay Pride. They've marched in dozens of cities already, including Milwaukee and Wausau, and will march in many more before the end of June.*

*WiG celebrates Pride Month with a look back at some important events in the history of the gay rights movement in the United States.*

**1950** Mattachine Society, widely considered the first national gay rights organization, is formed.

**1957** Frank Kameny is fired from his job as a government astronomer because he's gay; his appeal later reaches the Supreme Court before being denied.

**1969** Stonewall Inn riots break out after patrons of the New York City gay bar protest police harassment.



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**ACT UP demonstration in Philadelphia in 1991.**

**1977** After a campaign led by Anita Bryant and other conservatives, Miami-area voters overturn an ordinance banning anti-gay discrimination.

**1978** In San Francisco, Mayor George Moscone and pioneering gay politician Harvey Milk are assassinated.

**1979** First national gay-rights march on Washington takes place.

**1985** Rock Hudson dies, after acknowledging he had AIDS.

**1986** U.S. Supreme Court upholds Georgia's anti-sodomy law criminalizing consensual gay sex.

**1987** Second national gay rights march on Washington takes place; the AIDS memorial quilt is displayed on the National Mall.

**1993** The "don't ask, don't tell" policy is implemented for the U.S. military, allowing gays to serve but not to be open about their sexual orientation.

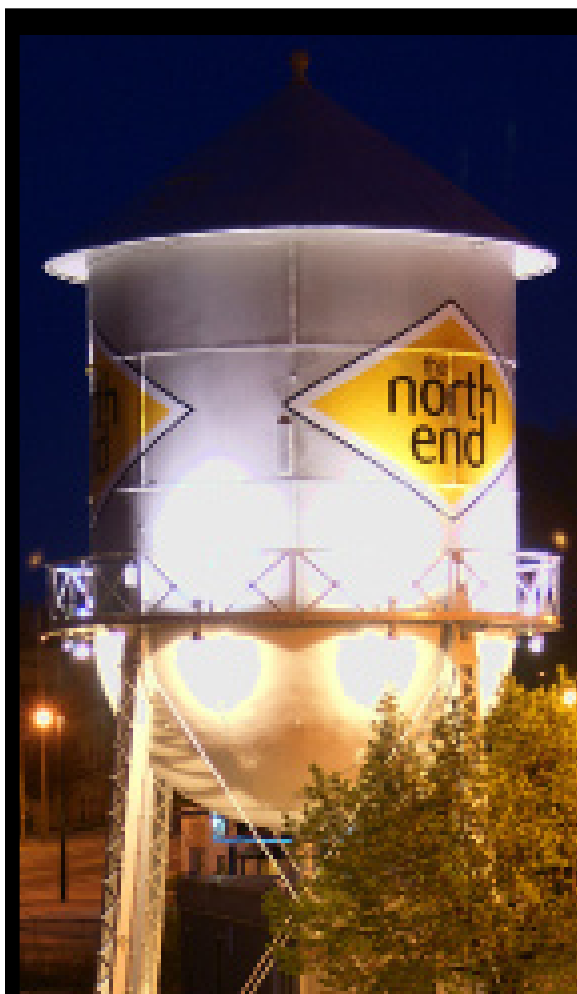
**1996** Congress passes the Defense of Marriage Act, stipulating that the federal government will not recognize same-sex marriages.



**1997** Ellen DeGeneres comes out publicly as a lesbian during an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

**1998** Gay university student Matthew Shepard is killed in Wyoming.

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- 2000** Vermont becomes the first state to establish civil unions; the Supreme Court upholds the Boy Scouts' right to exclude gays.
- 2003** The Supreme Court strikes down a Texas law criminalizing consensual gay sex.
- 2004** Same-sex marriages start in Massachusetts in compliance with a state High Court ruling; many other states adopt bans on same-sex marriage.
- 2008** California's High Court orders legalization of same-sex marriage; voters overturn the ruling by approving Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment limiting marriage to one man and one woman.
- 2010** An appeals court strikes down Florida's three-decade-old ban on adoptions by gays.
- 2011** The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is repealed; New York becomes the largest state to approve same-sex marriage.
- 2012** President Barack Obama endorses same-sex marriage; voters approve it in referenda in Maine, Maryland and Washington state.
- 2013** Rhode Island, Delaware and Minnesota raise the number of states allowing same-sex marriage to 12; the Boy Scouts of America's board votes to let openly gay boys participate.
- 2013** The Supreme Court strikes down DOMA.

— Associated Press

**RAINBOW WEEKENDS**

Several of the world's largest gay Pride celebrations take place June 30 to commemorate the Stonewall Riots that occurred in Greenwich Village in New York City in June 1969.

Pride celebrations are set for San Francisco, New York City and Chicago, as well as Paris.

Chicago's Pride parade, with former NFL player Wade Davis as the grand marshal, is June 30. The parade starts at noon at Broadway and Montrose.

New York City's Pride march on Fifth Avenue is at noon June 30, followed by the Dance on the Pier featuring Cher.

San Francisco's Pride parade starts at 10:30 a.m. on June 30 at Market and Beale. The theme is "Embrace, Encourage, Empower." The city's Pride celebration takes place at the civic center next to City Hall and features Sandra Bernhard, The Backstreet Boys, Lady Gaga, Crystal Waters and Me'shell Ndegeocello.

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Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton signs the gay marriage bill at the Capitol May 14. Minnesota became the 12th state to legalize gay marriage.

Sponsors of the bill included gay lawmakers Sen. Scott Dibble, second from left, and Rep. Karen Clark, right.

PHOTO: AP PHOTO/JIM MONE

# Out for equality

## Gay lawmakers make politics personal in marriage fight

By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

Minnesota state Rep. Karen Clark, the longest-serving openly gay lawmaker in U.S. history, turned her back on her governor when he called for a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in his 2006 state of the state address.

At the time, it seemed to Clark and other LGBT lawmakers that many colleagues, and a majority of Americans, had turned their backs on equality. A wave of anti-gay amendments had been enacted across the country and there was still support for a federal anti-gay marriage in George W. Bush's White House.

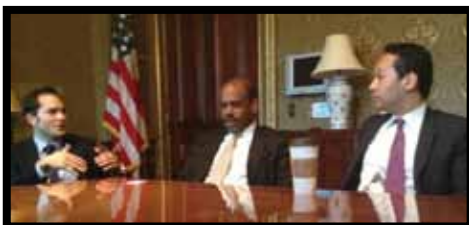
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So much has changed since 2006, including the person in the Minnesota governor's office and the person in the White House.

In May 2013, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton, Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee and Delaware Gov. Jack Markell signed marriage equality bills into law. In Illinois, failure to pass a bill in the House in May left Gov. Pat Quinn still waiting – but he's ready.

Gay lawmakers played key roles in advancing the equality bills in each state legislature.

In Delaware, with an extremely close vote predicted in the Senate, Karen Peterson, D-Wilmington, publicly came out in a floor speech. During the debate, she told other senators, "If my happiness somehow demeans or diminishes your marriage, you need to work on your marriage."

In Rhode Island and Minnesota, gay lawmakers helped shepherd the bills through committee to floor votes.

Rhode Island's gay caucus includes House Speaker Gordon Fox, Reps. Frank Ferri and Deb Ruggiero and Sen. Donna Nesselbush, who in her floor speech said, "Of all the bills I will ever sponsor, this will be the bill that will have most impact on my life."

In Minnesota, Clark is joined by openly gay state Rep. Susan Allen and state Sen. D. Scott Dibble. Clark and Dibble were looking over Dayton's shoulder when the governor signed the bill allowing for same-sex couples to begin marrying on Aug. 1.

Dibble – who holds the seat once occupied by Allan Spear, who in 1974 became one of the first openly gay elected officials – married husband Richard Levya in 2008 in California, during the brief period when same-sex marriages were allowed in that state.

In his floor speech on the Minnesota bill, Dibble said, "Today we have the awesome, humbling power to make dreams come true. What do we dream as kids growing up? What do we all dream when we start our lives? We dream of a good life, a happy home, falling in love with someone, sharing that life and loving family. And marriage says family like nothing else."

Clark has plans to marry Jacquelyn Zita, her partner of 24 years, perhaps on the farm they own north of Minneapolis.

"Because all of that happened, we made history," said Clark. "We wrote a new page in the history books, and in less than two years we became the first state to pivot from defeating a hurtful constitutional amendment to passing freedom to marry legislation."

She also said, "In Minnesota, we don't turn our back on family" and "Freedom means freedom for everyone."

The openly gay lawmakers stood for themselves, their partners, their families and others seeking the freedom to marry the person they love, said Chuck Wolfe, president of the Victory Fund, which helps recruit, train and fund LGBT candidates for public office.

"They spoke passionately and authentically about the personal impact of this struggle, and that has made a tremendous difference," Wolfe said.

Openly gay lawmakers also were crucial to successful campaigns for marriage equality in Maryland and Washington in 2012 and New York in 2011.

Later this year, the Illinois House is expect-

**'They spoke passionately and authentically about the personal impact of this struggle, and that has made a tremendous difference.'**

ed to vote on marriage equality. The success of the bill, in large part, rests with its openly gay sponsor, Rep. Greg Harris, who is working with openly gay Reps. Kelly Cassidy, Deb Mell and Sam Yingling.

Also, efforts are intensifying to drive marriage equality measures in Oregon, Ohio, Colorado, Nevada, New Jersey, Hawaii and New Mexico. There are out state lawmakers in each of those states to lead the campaigns. In Colorado, there are six out state representatives and two out state senators. And in Nevada, there are three out senators and two out representatives.

"We're working to make sure every single state legislature in America has the benefit of at least one openly LGBT lawmaker who can speak for our community," Wolfe has said.

Meanwhile, campaigns are organizing in Delaware, Minnesota and Rhode Island to provide lawmakers who stood for marriage equality some protection at the polls.

Right-wing groups such as the National Organization for Marriage have pledged to fund campaigns to oust pro-equality lawmakers. "This is not the end of the debate," NOM president Brian Brown said after Delaware legalized same-sex marriage. "We intend to make sure that every citizen in Delaware knows how their policymakers voted on this critical issue."

Brown made similar statements after the passage of marriage equality in Rhode Island and Minnesota. "Make no mistake, this vote will bring the demise of the DFL majority," Brown threatened, referring to Minnesota Democrats.

On June 6, the first day that same-sex couples could apply for marriage licenses in Minnesota, Clark encouraged citizens to pledge support for state representatives and senators who didn't turn their backs on equality.

"We would not have secured marriage for same-sex couples in Minnesota without Republicans and DFLers working together, or without Minnesotans of all faiths coming together with one united mission," she said. "The next step is to defend all those leaders in the state Legislature, both Republicans and DFLers, who stood up for freedom, fairness and all Minnesota families."

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# Gays at heart of government whistleblowing

By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

While Army Pfc. Bradley Manning was preparing for his trial at Fort Meade, Md., a woman declaring, "I am Bradley Manning," marched outside the U.S. embassy in London. Another woman declaring, "I am Bradley Manning," marched in Seoul and a man declaring, "I am Bradley Manning," marched in Berlin.

The demonstrations in solidarity with Manning occurred in 24 cities on four continents on June 1, two days before the Army intelligence analyst went on trial in a military court.

Manning, arrested in 2007 while stationed in Iraq, is on trial for passing more than 700,000 classified documents about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks. If convicted of the most serious charge, aiding the enemy, Manning could be sentenced to life in prison.

The government claims the soldier revealed sensitive information about troop movement, code words and the identity of suspects that endangered lives and possibly reached the now-dead Osama bin Laden.

"This is a case about a soldier who systematically harvested hundreds of thousands of documents from classified databases and then dumped that information onto the Internet into the hands of the enemy," prosecutor Capt. Joe Morrow said on the first day of the trial.

Manning's defense team, however, maintains that damage from the leak was minimal.

And Manning's supporters maintain the leaked information exposed war crimes, helped spur an end to the war in Iraq and fueled the Arab Spring.

The openly gay soldier's arrest and prosecution have not been an issue for the nation's largest LGBT groups. Searches for "Bradley Manning" on websites for the Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal, OutServe-SLDN or National Gay and Lesbian Task Force yield

no statements, news releases or other references.

The ACLU and Amnesty International, however, have monitored the Manning case.

The ACLU maintains the government is overreaching with the charge of aiding the enemy. "The crux of the government's case against Manning – that he leaked sensitive documents without authorization – in no way depends on branding him a traitor," said Ben Wizner, director of the ACLU Speech, Privacy and Technology Project. "In its zeal to throw the book at Manning, the government has so overreached that its 'success' would turn thousands of loyal soldiers into criminals."

Amnesty, which has dispatched a monitor to Maryland for a trial that is expected to last until August, has said the government must allow Manning to use a public interest defense. "The court must allow Manning to explain in full his motives for releasing the information to WikiLeaks," said Anne FitzGerald, Amnesty director of research and crisis response. "Manning should have been allowed to explain how, in his opinion, the public interest in being made aware of the information he disclosed outweighed the government's interest in keeping it confidential."

Manning already has pleaded guilty to 10 charges after the judge ruled he could not argue he was acting in the public interest.

## OUT REPORTER SCOOPS SNOWDEN

In mid-June, with Manning on trial at Fort Meade, another big whistleblower story broke. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, 29, leaked to the press documents about a U.S. government spying operation to monitor Americans' telephone and online communications.

Glenn Greenwald, the U.S. journalist who scooped the NSA surveillance story, writes for The Guardian in London and resides in Rio de Janeiro with his Brazilian husband because that country recognizes their



PHOTO: AP PHOTO/PATRICK SEMANSKY

**A Code Pink protester walks past a board containing well wishes for Army Pfc. Bradley Manning during a rally in his support outside of Fort Meade, Md., on June 3.**

marriage. Greenwald recently told CNN's Christiane Amanpour that U.S. government-sanctioned discrimination against gays fed his watchdog tenacity. "When you grow up with any kind of real challenge that forces you to evaluate your relationship to these conventions and things that you're taught ... you start to question what that system is," he said. "Is it really valid in the way that it's rejecting me or is it the system itself that is corrupted? I think that lends itself to a much more critical eye that you end up casting upon things that you're taught are indisputably true."

He's applied this approach as he's followed the Manning case, becoming one of the more prominent critics of the government's prosecution. Greenwald's focus on the conditions in which Manning was being detained led to an investigation by the U.N. high official on torture and denunciations from Amnesty International and the ACLU, which said that Manning's treatment "in military custody is in clear violation of the U.S. Constitution's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment and serves no purpose other than to degrade, humiliate and traumatize him."

Greenwald called Manning a "whistle-blower acting with the noblest of motives" and "a national hero similar to Daniel Ellsberg."

The famed Ellsberg supported the Vietnam War until he began working on the secret Defense Department study that became known as the Pentagon Papers, which showed that the U.S. government repeatedly misled citizens about the war. He photocopied the 7,000-page study and provided it to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1970 and then provided the papers to The New

York Times and other newspapers in 1971.

The Nixon administration lost its campaign to block the Times from publishing the papers in an epic First Amendment fight, and the 12 felony charges against Ellsberg were dropped in 1973 on the grounds of governmental misconduct against him – misconduct that played a role in the conviction of several White House aides and the impeachment of Richard Nixon, who sought to discredit the whistleblower by circulating rumors of his homosexuality.

Ellsberg also calls Manning a hero and said his trial is one of the "defining issues of the 21st century."

## NO PRIDE?

Ellsberg wanted to represent Manning in the San Francisco Pride Parade – before the organizers overturned a committee vote naming Manning the grand marshal.

Both Ellsberg and Greenwald criticized parade organizers for the veto, which was decried as authoritarian, cowardly and a sellout.

San Francisco's Pride march is among the oldest in the world. Today it draws hundreds of thousands of people and is sponsored by more than a dozen companies, including Clear Channel, Wells Fargo, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Bank of America.

Earlier this year, there was an announcement that a committee of former San Francisco Pride grand marshals elected Manning to be their 2013 grand marshal.

The vote was hailed by some, denounced by others.

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Two days later, San Francisco Pride president Lisa Williams issued a news release stating Manning was not a grand marshal, that his nomination was a “mistake” and that the Pride staffer who prematurely contacted Manning was “disciplined.” The statement said, “Manning is facing the military justice system of this country. We all await the decision of that system. However, until that time, even the hint of support for actions which placed in harm’s way the lives of our men and women in uniform – and countless others, military and civilian alike – will not be tolerated by the leadership of San Francisco Pride. It is, and would be, an insult to every one, gay and straight, who has ever served in the military of this country.”

Manning’s advocates responded with newspaper op-eds and ads, as well as a complaint to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. The complaint stated, “Because of the extraordinary material he leaked, and because of the way the Pentagon has treated Manning, Manning has become an international cause celebre for human rights activists, the peace movement, LGBTQ veterans and countless academics, intellectuals, artists, scientists, diplomats, etc., who believe that Man-

**‘When you grow up with any kind of real challenge that forces you to evaluate your relationship to these conventions and things that you’re taught ... you start to question what that system is.’**

ning’s actions constitute courageous whistleblowing, and that the Pentagon’s treatment of Manning has amounted to torture under international law.”

The complaint, which was rejected, also said Manning opposed “don’t ask, don’t tell,” was twice nominated for a Nobel Peace prize and also was nominated by The Guardian’s readers for 2012 Person of the Year.

The information published by WikiLeaks revealed thousands of reports of prisoner torture filed against the Iraqi Security Forces, including whippings and sexual assaults. Also revealed was the existence of a 2004 order not to investigate abuse allegations, reports that U.S. defense contractors were complicit in child trafficking, that the U.S. government kept a tally of civilian deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan (although the Bush and Obama administration denied there was a count), and that Egypt’s notorious State Security Service received FBI training in Quantico, Va. Perhaps the best-known WikiLeaks release was the classified video in which soldiers in a U.S. Apache helicopter repeatedly ask permission to fire on civilians in New Baghdad and then joke about the 11 dead adults.

Defense attorney David Combs, in his opening statement at the trial, said Manning believed the information he provided WikiLeaks “showed how we valued human life. He was troubled by that. He believed that if the American public saw it, they too would be troubled.”

Some who signed the San Francisco ad, op-ed and complaint, such as Lt. Dan Choi, who was arrested at the White House for protesting the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, belong to a new generation of activists.

Progressive celebrities also have taken up the cause. More than 20 actors, authors, musicians and prominent activists – Oliver Stone, Russell Brand, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Moby, Roger Waters, Alice Walker, Angela Davis and Choi – recently appeared in a 5-minute “I am Bradley Manning” video.

Following the controversy, San Francisco resident Eve Ann Greer said she’s attended 20 Pride parades but considered boycotting this year’s event. “The government’s mistreatment of Bradley Manning is absolutely wrong. But the community’s mistreatment really saddens me. We’ve come so far in equality for people but, my God, we’ve lost so much along the way,” Greer said.

Greer said she changed her mind about staying away and instead plans to parade on June 30 with a sign. It will read, “I am Bradley Manning.”

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# { Editorial }

## Bullies in heat

The unseemly bullying by Republican leadership in the Wisconsin Senate on June 12 helps explain why our state has dropped to the bottom economically and moved to the top in terms of ugly partisan divisiveness.

Effective leadership brings people together and makes important decisions through the exchange of ideas and compromise. That is the opposite of the "leadership" displayed by Senate President Mike Ellis, R-Neenah, during the roll call on a mandatory ultrasound bill for women seeking abortion services.

In an effort to prevent even one word of dissent, Ellis pounded the gavel so hard that he actually broke it. His bellowing must have dealt nearly the same fate to his vocal chords. A public tantrum of this order suggests either that Ellis is deeply disturbed or, since Republicans hold autocratic power for the foreseeable future, that they feel no need for accountability – or both.

Clips of Ellis' rage provoked outrage when they were aired on "The Rachel Maddow Show" and other broadcasts. They were featured on countless blogs, where they drew ridicule not only for Republicans but for all of Wisconsin.

It's fitting that Ellis' apoplectic spectacle accompanied the passage of one of the most disturbing pieces of legislation Wisconsin has ever seen. The forced ultrasound bill (SB206), which Gov. Scott Walker will gleefully sign into law if he hasn't already by the time you read this, is so abusive of women that even the voters of Mississippi rejected it and the far-right governor of Virginia, another Bible Belt state, backed away from promoting it after public outcry.

The bill makes women watch an ultrasound showing their fetus' heartbeat before they can have a legal abortion. Most abortions are performed in the first trimester of pregnancy, before a fetal heartbeat can be detected by any means other than a vaginal probe. That means the majority of women seeking an abortion in Wisconsin will be forced to either carry their babies to term or submit to an invasive, medically unnecessary and potentially physically harmful transvaginal ultrasound.

Opponents of this bill are rightfully characterizing it as forced rape.

Of course, many embryos cannot be carried to term for various reasons and, even if they can, Republicans certainly are not going to do anything to support unmarried mothers in raising them. In fact, Republicans are throwing thousands of poor Wisconsinites out of the health care system by turning down federal money from the Affordable Care Act.

This astoundingly cruel law, which has the ultimate goal of punishing sexually active women, was passed after allowing only one opponent to speak against it before a role call was set. Democratic senators' efforts to discuss the bill, a customary and vital part of the democratic process, provoked Ellis' meltdown.

Ellis' behavior was the latest signal that the GOP is running the state with an iron fist and will tolerate no discussion or dissent. The Republican Party has gerrymandered the state in such a way that it has total control of the Capitol for at least seven more years, and GOP leaders are not going to bother performing even a charade of the democratic process.

Ellis reminded us that our Republican leaders don't give a fig what the people want, they care only about pleasing their wealthy corporate sponsors and the far-right wingnuts who keep them in power so that they can.

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## ON THE RECORD



“America needs to see that this is just a way of life. I wasn’t upset or anything. I was pretty much really excited about having this type of reaction so we can see where we still stand in America. But look out,

America, because this is just reality.

– CHRISTOPHER COLBERT, whose biracial daughter appeared in a TV commercial for Cheerios, commenting on the racist comments left by right-wing bigots on the commercial’s YouTube video. The comments were eventually removed, after numerous complaints.

“I have many questions for and about the ‘gay lobby’ in the Vatican, but I’ll start with this: How can you be so spectacularly ineffective? You wouldn’t last a minute on K Street.”

– New York Times columnist FRANK BRUNI reacting to the pope’s revelation that there is indeed a “gay lobby” operating within the Vatican.

“If the state sentencing guidelines allowed, I would send you straight to prison without the blink of an eye. Sir, you are a criminal . . . and what’s most egregious about this is these were young men struggling with their own sexuality and spirituality and you took advantage of both. I can’t think of a more egregious offense than that.”

– JUDGE JOHN MCBRIDE pronouncing judgment on Minnesota “ex-gay” pastor Ryan Jay Muehlhauser for sexually assaulting male clients seeking his help to change their sexual orientation. McBride sentenced the pastor to 160 days in jail, 10 years of supervised probation and registration as a predatory offender.

“Please know that I am deeply sorry . . . for the pain and hurt many of you have experienced. I am sorry that some of you spent years working through the shame and guilt you felt when your attractions didn’t change. I am sorry that there were times I didn’t stand up to people publicly “on my side” who called you names like sodomite – or worse.”

– Exodus president ALAN CHAMBERS apologizing for the destructive impact of his work and announcing the closure of his Christian ministry, which claimed to “cure” homosexuality.

“Should siblings be allowed to marry siblings? My point is, where do you draw the line? I personally don’t care who you marry, but I also am smart enough to know that it opens a gateway to men/women trying to marry young kids, siblings marrying each other and people having multiple husbands (and) wives. Equality doesn’t stop with gay marriage, it just starts with it.”

– Former Strikeforce lightweight champion JOSH THOMSON sharing his thoughts about same-sex marriage on Facebook.

“Beginning with the cruel and unusual punishment clause of our Eighth Amendment, we developed the doctrine that the meaning of the Constitution could change over time. We held laws against private consensual sodomy, laws that existed in perfect conformity with the Constitution for over 200 years, to be impermissible.”

– Supreme Court Justice ANTONIN SCALIA telling a bar association that the Constitution should be interpreted exactly as it would have been understood in the late 1700s.



# Wisconsin at Gettysburg



As we celebrate LGBT advances and Independence Day, we also observe the 150th anniversary of the battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Those two huge battles were turning points in the Civil War, and Wisconsin men played important roles in both.

Thirteen Wisconsin infantry regiments and three artillery batteries were part of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant’s forces laying siege to Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, from May to July 1863. Wisconsin’s Cadwallader C. Washburn, a former congressman, was one of Grant’s four corps commanders. After the war, Washburn returned to Congress and also later served as governor for one term.

Union forces shelled Vicksburg by land and sea for 48 days. Confederate Gen. John C. Pemberton surrendered

his 31,000-man garrison on July 4. The victory gave the Union full control of the Mississippi River and split the Confederacy in half.

The battle at Gettysburg, which ended Gen. Robert E. Lee’s bid to invade the North, was fought July 1-3, 1863. The goal was to capture the state capital of Harrisburg, but when an advance party of rebels ran into federal units outside of Gettysburg the fierce three-day battle began.

Six Wisconsin infantry regiments and a company of sharpshooters fought at Gettysburg. Hundreds of Wisconsin men were among the 23,000 Union casualties. The South lost 28,000 men, a third of Lee’s army. Col. Lucius Fairchild, who commanded Wisconsin’s Second Infantry, sustained a wound that required amputation of his arm. Fairchild’s war service later helped boost him to three terms as Wisconsin governor.

Delafield-born Alonzo Cushing was recently nominated for a Medal of Honor

for his role at Gettysburg. A graduate of West Point, Cushing became a lieutenant in the Fourth U.S. Artillery and saw action in many battles. At Gettysburg on July 3, Cushing’s battery of six cannons was atop Cemetery Ridge blasting Pickett’s Charge, the fateful advance of 13,000 Confederates across a wide open valley.

Cushing was wounded in both legs and his shoulder but maintained command amid the chaos and kept his gunners loading and firing against the advancing rebels. He helped muscle a cannon forward to the stone wall to get off a last desperate shot before diehard Confederates reached the Union line. At that moment, he took a bullet to the head and was killed. He was 22.

Fierce hand-to-hand fighting ensued at the site of Cushing’s battery, where the armies met. Union reserves arrived to turn back the rebel tide. One historian noted that “Pickett’s Charge, the high water mark of the Confederacy, had crested around

the wreckage of Cushing’s battery.”

Alonzo Cushing’s brother William lived to tell about his war adventures. He attended the Naval Academy but withdrew before he could be expelled for committing pranks against teachers. Undaunted, William signed up for active service and won distinction doing blockade duty along the Atlantic coast. His feats were such that he was promoted to lieutenant commander at age 21.

William commanded several warships, successfully raiding rebel stores along inland waterways. He led the attack that sunk the Confederate ram, the Ablemarle, on Roanoke River in 1864. Before that daring Navy SEALS-like mission, which left 13 of 15 Union seamen dead, William had quipped: “Another stripe or a coffin!”

There are many exciting stories of courage, recklessness and sacrifice in “Wisconsin in the Civil War” by Frank L. Klement, published by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

## Farewell but not goodbye



Many of you know that June is my last month with Equality Wisconsin. Unfortunately, that means this will be my last regular column for the Wisconsin Gazette.

Writing for WIG has been a privilege and something I have very much enjoyed. A special thanks to Louis Weisberg for allowing me to be a part of his award-winning team. I have accepted a position with U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Madison, as his new political director, and I begin in July. While this is an amazing opportunity, it was not a decision that Nathan and I made easily. This decision means that for the second time in as many years we will be packing up our lives and moving to a new city, but at least this time we’re

remaining in the same state – Madison.

Over the last year and a half, Equality Wisconsin has played a critical role in advancing the LGBT equality movement in Wisconsin. Through strategic partnerships, we helped to elect the first openly LGBT U.S. senator, re-elected the only openly LGBT member of the Assembly (JoCasta Zamarripa), continued our programmatic success by expanding the City of Milwaukee’s benefits program for domestic partners, grew our nationally recognized Voices of Faith program statewide, and continued our outreach and coalition-building in communities of color.

These accomplishments do not belong to any one person or group of people. They belong to all of us as a community. We proved that Margaret Mead was right when she said, “Never doubt that a small group of thought-

ful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Our accomplishments at Equality Wisconsin are shared by anyone who has ever donated, volunteered, served on a committee, worked for us or served as a board member.

While I soon will no longer be the leader of a statewide LGBT advocacy organization, I am committed to remaining an active leader in the community. My new role will allow me to continue to serve the community I love, but in a different capacity. What I will miss most about Equality Wisconsin is Milwaukee. Milwaukee is a beautiful city filled with amazing people, parks, festivals, museums and, once in a while, even a good baseball team.

Words cannot begin to describe the gratitude I have for the board who took a risk when hiring me, the community who has welcomed

Nathan and me with open arms, and the members of Equality Wisconsin who have stepped up in remarkable ways to support the mission and vision of our organization. I know that 20 years from now when I look back on my time with Equality Wisconsin, I will remember this opportunity fondly. It was a great time to be in such a pivotal leadership role in this amazing movement.

My hope is that you, the diverse members of this community, will also remember my tenure with Equality Wisconsin in a positive way. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your trust and commitment, and know that I will greatly miss working with each and every one of you.

Wisconsin Forward – See you all in Madison!

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# Under pressure to change tactics, Republican lawmakers refuse to budge

By Charles Babington

AP writer

The Republican Party's road map for winning presidential elections looks hazier than ever as the party's lawmakers and others reject what many considered obvious lessons from Mitt Romney's loss last year.

House Republicans are rebelling against the key recommendation of a party-sanctioned post-mortem: embrace "comprehensive immigration reform" or suffer crippling losses among Hispanic voters in 2016 and beyond.

Widespread rejection of warnings from establishment Republicans goes beyond that, however. Many activists say the party simply needs to articulate its conservative principles more skillfully, without modifying any policies, even after losing the popular vote in five of the past six presidential elections.

Despite Romney's poor showing among female voters, House Republicans this past week invited renewed Democratic taunts of a "war against women" by passing the most restrictive abortion measure in years, even though it has little chance of becoming law because of opposition in the Democratic-controlled Senate and from President Barack Obama.

Despite corporate fears of the economic damage that would result from a default on U.S. obligations, Republican lawmakers are threatening to block an increase in the government's borrowing limit later this year if Obama won't accept spending cuts he staunchly opposes.

Republicans have lots of time to sort out their priorities and pick a nominee before 2016. They may need it.

Party activists appear far from agreed on even basic questions, such as whether to show a more conservative face to voters versus a moderate face, and whether to seek a libertarian-leaning, tea party-backed nominee as opposed to a more traditional Republican such as Romney.

"There are pretty vigorous debates going on within the party," said Kevin Madden, a top Romney adviser.

The most immediate one centers on the only major policy recommendation from a party-commissioned report written after Romney's defeat. Citing dismal showings among the fast-growing Hispanic electorate, the report said Republicans "must embrace and champion comprehensive immigration

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**House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va. listens on Capitol Hill June 18 during the committee's hearing to discuss the Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement Act. The committee in the Republican-led House is preparing to cast its first votes on immigration this year, on a tough enforcement-focused measure that Democrats and immigrant groups are protesting loudly.**

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Many Republicans flatly reject the advice.

"If the goal of it is to try to fix presidential politics, I think it's the wrong thing to do," said Rep. James Lankford of Oklahoma. He and many other House Republicans say the best way to attract Hispanics is with the basic conservative pitch used elsewhere: less government, low taxes, personal freedom.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said these Republicans are fooling themselves. If Hispanics "think you really are going to deport their grandmother and you've got a hard heart about this kind of stuff," Graham said, "your economic ideas don't resonate."

"It's impossible winning the presidency getting 27 percent of the Hispanic vote, 30 percent of the Asian vote and 7 percent of the African-American vote," Graham said. "America is changing."

Actually, Romney did slightly worse. He won 26 percent of the Asian-American vote and 6 percent of the black vote. He did best among older white voters, a steadily declining share of the electorate.

#### STONE AND TEMPERAMENT

Many Republicans say their biggest presidential problems involve tone and perceptions, not their stands on issues. If Republican Senate candidates avoid saying incendiary things, such as pregnancies don't result from "legitimate rape," the party's appealing economic message can break through and thrive, these Republicans say.

Last November, "a huge chunk of our problem was tone and temperament," said Mike McKenna, a Republican consultant and pollster.

"A much, much smaller part of the problem was policy," McKenna said. "It's not like we're the Whig party on the verge of extinction," he said, so there's no need for panic.

Opinion polls tend to support his view that perceptions are hurting Republican candidates more than policy positions are. A Pew Research Center poll in May found that those surveyed gave neither party an advantage on handling gun control, immigration or the economy.

In general terms, however, people view Republicans less favorably than they do Dem-

ocrats. A Quinnipiac University poll conducted this spring found that 53 percent of registered voters felt the Democratic Party "cares about the needs and problems of people like you," while just 37 percent said the Republicans did.

Republican strategist Steve Lombardo said the party needs to change its tactics and messaging, not its underlying principles. The problem, he said, is not "that the party is conservative, but rather that it spends too much time on issues that are not salient to a wide swath of Americans." That includes, Lombardo said, "dozens of House votes to overturn Obamacare with no hope of Senate passage."

ea-party activists say Republican candidates should push conservative values even more forcefully.

"Stop compromising," said Jessica Johnson, 37, of Charleston, West Virginia, who attended a political rally this past week in Washington. "Some conservatives get frustrated and stay home" on Election Day, she said, so an unapologetic defense of low taxes and less regulation could improve Republican presidential chances.

From a presidential campaign standpoint, motivating the party's base is only half the battle, said Dan Schnur, a former top Republican aide who teaches political science at the University of Southern California. The other half, he said, is attracting centrist voters who determine general elections in crucial states.

But a Republican House member who reaches out to moderate voters could invite a challenge from the right in his next Republican primary, Schnur said. "Doubling down on social conservatism is a perfect strategy for maintaining or expanding a House majority," he said, but it won't win the up-for-grabs voters a presidential nominee must have.

Some Republican strategists say it's counterproductive to try to reconcile House members' ambitions with those of presidential contenders. A successful presidential candidate "must differentiate himself from the very toxic GOP congressional brand," said Steve Schmidt, a top aide to the 2008 Republican presidential nominee, Arizona Sen. John McCain.

Schmidt said the most promising Republican contender will probably be a governor or "an iconoclast senator" who is seen as standing apart from Washington's partisan gridlock that so angers voters.



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## Wealth 'is a privilege and a responsibility'

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matic approach to governance was expected and even praised. But in the most harshly divided state in a nation that's more partisan than perhaps at any time since the Civil War, "the most corrosive thing ... is the punishment that comes with deviating from the orthodoxy," Abele says.

The Shepherd Express has been dogging him ever since he and publisher Louis Fortis became embroiled in a three-year lawsuit over the Milwaukee Film Festival (the case was dismissed last year). In frequently un-bylined stories or articles bylined by "Shepherd Express Staff," the county executive is characterized as a wealthy heir who serves at the beck and call of his rich friends and donors. In reality, Abele is his only rich donor, and he laughs at the depiction of him as some sort of Gatsby, saying he's never owned a yacht, doesn't have a driver and doesn't belong to a country club.

Ironically, the Shepherd named Abele Milwaukeean of the Year in 2002, prior to his row with Fortis.

Leftist bloggers also have been critical of Abele. Progressives were scandalized when he supported Act 14, a law passed by Republicans in Madison to slash the board's budget while giving the county executive more power.

Opponents characterized the move as a power grab, but Abele says all the grabbing has been from the other side. The board's size and budget have expanded over the years to the point they're out of proportion with the

county's population and needs, he contends.

His support for Act 14 and Abele's firing last year of popular County Parks Director Sue Black have helped fuel a level of tension between supervisors and the county executive that rivals the animus between the board and Abele's predecessor Scott Walker. Supervisors apparently evened the score by exercising the power they have to oust County Corporation Counsel Kimberly Walker – a move that Abele blasted as petty and destructive, especially since they gave no reason for the firing.

County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic did not return two messages seeking comment, but she denied to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that the firing of Walker was retributive.

When Abele announced that he'd hired John Dargle, the award-winning director of the Fairfax, Va., County Park Authority, to take over Black's position, Dimitrijevic responded with sarcasm.

"It's nice that the county executive is finally focusing on the management of Milwaukee County by working toward filling the many vacancies in his administration," she said in a statement. "The people of this county value their parks. Mr. Dargle will have big shoes to fill in the eyes of this community."

### INHERITED DEBT

Abele says most of the controversial moves he's made have been necessary to eliminate the long-term debt left behind by Walker. Just as he's doing as governor, Walker "balanced" the

county's budget by postponing debt repayment into the future, when he wouldn't have to deal with it. Abele got stuck with a budget of \$1.4 billion and \$1 billion in long-term debt. The debt service totaled \$107 million his first year in office, he says.

Abele opted to address the debt sooner rather than later "so that the \$107 million doesn't go to debt but back into services, which is where it should go," he says.

Abele says he's been able to increase the parks budget and capital budget with the savings in loan payments.

### NO DONALD TRUMP

Sitting at the large round conference table in the county executive's office, Abele looks like anything but a power-hungry, backroom politico. At 46, he has a short, trim stature and boyish face that project youthfulness. In interviews with most politicians, you can see the wheels spinning in their eyes as they calculate a response. Abele responds spontaneously, smilingly and seemingly without guile.

Though he lives in a historic mega-mansion, you'd never know it from the way he dresses, which is decidedly down. He doesn't flaunt his wealth with designer suits and \$100 haircuts. His wardrobe is more Kohl's than Kenneth Cole.

In short, the county executive is more like an Eagle Scout than a Donald Trump. His staff doesn't even have a selection of high-res pictures of Abele for the press.

"Yes, I have wealth," Abele acknowledges. "My father

(John Abele, who founded the medical device company Boston Scientific in 1979) worked his ass off and was really successful – and I'm proud of him for that."

Although his father is a multimillionaire now, Abele grew up in what he describes as a "small, lower-middle-class house." He says that his family has not lost sight of their humble beginnings or the social responsibility that comes with great success.

"My dad always said, 'This isn't an entitlement, it's a privilege and a responsibility,'" Abele says.

Abele also has created successful businesses on his own and headed his family's Argosy Foundation, which has given away many millions of dollars to nonprofit groups, particularly environmental causes.

"You can't control the circumstances in which you are born, but you can control what you do with it," Abele says. "Some of the most satisfying experiences I've had have been volunteer board memberships and being in a position where I can give money away."

But, he adds, "I still spend a lot of time asking myself, 'Am I doing enough?'"

"For what it's worth, I understand people can be resentful of wealth," Abele says. No doubt there are some awful behaviors (among the rich) – Wall Street bankers and predatory lenders, for example. There's no socioeconomic class that has a monopoly on either great people or assholes."

### PROUD LGBT ALLY

One of the most consis-



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**Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele, left, strikes a pose at the Milwaukee Pride Parade.**

tent recipients of Abele's largesse has been Wisconsin's LGBT community. He contributed heavily to the fight against the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and civil unions enacted by voters in 2006, and he's continued to give generously. In the past year, he's given \$100,000 to Fair Wisconsin and Equality Wisconsin.

Abele also has served on the board of Planned Parenthood at both the state and national levels. He chaired Women for Women International, which provides assistance to female survivors of war. It's one of the fastest growing women's groups in the world.

"County Executive Abele's commitment to advancing marriage equality in Wisconsin is inspiring, and he is truly a visionary leader in the movement to achieve full equality for LGBT Wisconsinites," says Fair Wisconsin executive director Katie Belanger. "We at Fair Wis-

consin are grateful to have his support, and I am proud to call him my friend.

"Abele's kind of leader who's unafraid to ask the tough questions and envision a new way to solve old problems. It has been extremely refreshing to work with an elected leader and movement investor who is so willing to think creatively about how to advance issues we all care so much about."

It's not just Abele's financial support that has inspired Belanger and other LGBT leaders in Wisconsin. He shows up at LGBT community events more frequently than any other elected official in Milwaukee – perhaps in the state. It's quite possible that he knows by name most staff members of the city's LGBT nonprofits and greets many of them with hugs.

While the LGBT people of Wisconsin have many straight allies, not one is better versed in the community's issues or more genuinely committed to its equality than Abele.

The fact that he's given so much attention to a group of constituents who are small in number and have fervent opponents on the religious right underscores Abele's sincerity. Ultimately, the one political pigeonhole where he can be placed is that of a leader whose wealth has empowered independent thought and action, as well as the freedom to pursue an agenda that emphasizes social justice and fiscal sustainability.

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### HUD FINDS BIAS AGAINST GAY COUPLES IN RENTAL MARKET

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on June 18 released the first-ever national study on housing discrimination against same-sex couples in the private rental market.

Adverse treatment of same-sex couples is present in every metropolitan area where tests were conducted.

The study was based on nearly 7,000 email tests conducted in 50 metropolitan markets in 2011. For each paired test, two emails were sent to a housing provider regard-

ing a unit advertised online. The only difference between the emails was whether the couples were same-sex or heterosexual.

HUD found:

- Same-sex couples experience discrimination in the online rental housing market.
- Same-sex couples receive fewer responses to email inquiries about places for rent than heterosexual couples do.
- States with legal protections banning housing discrimination actually show slightly more adverse treatment for gays and lesbians than states without such protections.

### IN OTHER NEWS ...

#### • The Roman Catholic Diocese in Columbus, Ohio,

declined to reinstate a lesbian teacher who is challenging her firing by a Catholic school. Carla Hale was dismissed after her partner's name was published in her mother's obituary. Bishop Frederick Campbell says Hale was fired because she violated the church's moral teaching by having what he describes as a "quasi-spousal relationship" with a woman.

• **U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy**, D-Vt., on June 11 filed three amendments to the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization

Act, including an amendment to provide the same protections to lawfully married bi-national same-sex couples that heterosexual spouses receive under existing immigration law. Leahy said such an amendment would "remove discrimination from our immigration system." U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., threatened to withdraw his support for the bill if it included protections for gay families.

• **President Barack Obama**, in a weekly radio and Web address, reflected on Father's Day. "Being a good parent – whether you're gay or straight; a foster

parent or a grandparent – isn't easy," he said. "It demands your constant attention, frequent sacrifice, and a healthy dose of patience. And nobody's perfect. To this day, I'm still figuring out how to be a better husband to my wife and father to my kids."

• **Oregon's most populous county – Multnomah**, home to Portland – is requiring that gender-neutral bathrooms be included whenever a county-owned building is constructed or remodeled, a move to accommodate transgender employees and visitors.

– Lisa Neff

## Ways to create a family

### Same-sex parenting

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Some LGBT people want an older child. Others want to parent from birth. Still others want to have children who are biologically their own.

Every one of these paths to parenthood comes with its own set of costs, joys and heartaches.

You can foster a child from the foster system as a single person and also as a couple. But when the child becomes available for adoption, only one member of the couple can legally adopt in Wisconsin.

Foster children come with some financial support to assist parents who want to care for them. Support may include assistance with childcare, health care and more. Foster-to-adopt programs can set clients up with children who have a strong likelihood of becoming eligible for adoption.

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, St. Aemilian-Lakeside and other agencies can help you explore foster care and adoption licensing requirements. There are no associated costs.

Private adoption is another possibility. Some parents I know have located mothers who needed to give up their babies. Others use adoption agencies to help them find the ideal match. Agencies charge finders fees and legal fees.

You might want to explore having children through artificial insemination, using known or anonymous sperm or egg donors. Some LGBT families use surrogates in this country, including a relative, or surrogates in other coun-

tries. In surrogacy, most experts recommend that you use a separate egg donor from the gestational carrier.

You may get a baby as young as three days old under the foster-to-adopt program, but the baby has to visit her/his biological parent twice a week for two years before the biological parent has his/her parental rights terminated. In this scenario, you might go through a private adoption process and then, at the last minute, the biological mother might decide to keep her baby.

Unforeseen situations are typical of the alternative parenting experience. One lesbian couple I know thought they were getting one child through a private adoption, only to learn two days before the mother gave birth that they were getting twins. I know people who tried for five years to have a biological child, while others got pregnant the first time they tried.

A single dad I know worked with a surrogate and ended up with twins who were born premature.

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## REGIONAL BRIEFS

## HALL OF FAMERS

The National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame will induct its first members in early August in a Chicago ceremony. Inductees include Greg Louganis, Renee Richards, Glenn Burke, Christina Kahrl, Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Jason Collins, LZ Granderson, Dr. Tom Waddell, Orlando Cruz, Andrew Goldstein, Ben Cohen, Jerry Pritikin, the Chicago Cubs, Outsports.com, the International Gay Rodeo Association and Anheuser-Busch.

## IN OTHER NEWS ...

• **Michigan activists** plan a 2016 ballot drive to overturn the 2004 constitutional ban on same-sex marriage approved by voters. Democratic senators recently introduced legislation to put the gay marriage question to voters in 2014, but the odds of it passing a Republican-controlled Legislature are slim.

• **Iowa**, during four years as the only Midwestern state to offer same-sex marriage, has drawn thousands of couples for wedding celebrations that pumped millions of dollars into the state economy. But Iowa will get some competition in the cake and Champagne industry when a Minnesota law

legalizing same-sex marriage takes effect Aug. 1. Some Minnesota officials are already rolling out the red carpet for gay couples in Wisconsin and other nearby states.

• **Caterpillar Inc.** is no longer giving money to the Boy Scouts of America because the youth group discriminates against gays, a spokeswoman for the Illinois-based heavy equipment manufacturer confirmed on June 13.

• **Gov. Scott Walker** proclaimed declared June 14, "Charlie Sykes Day" in Wisconsin. On the federal holiday calendar, June 14 is Flag Day. Sykes is a right-wing talk radio host and major booster of Walker and corporate-welfare policies.

• **Equality Illinois** has announced a \$500,000 fund for its "Fight Back For Marriage" campaign leading to the 2014 election. The Illinois House failed to pass a marriage equality bill before it adjourned in late May.

• **Minnesota for Marriage** said that it spent more than \$200,000 against a marriage equality bill in the state. Meanwhile, Minnesotans United For All Families spent more than \$2 million in a successful lobbying campaign.

— L.N. and L.W.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## STATE LGBT CHAMBER PLANS LAUNCH PARTIES

The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce continues to celebrate its expansion across the state with a series of launch parties.

A central Wisconsin celebration was held on June 25 at Father Fats Public House in Stevens Point. Also, a Racine launch party takes place at 5:30 p.m. on July 23 at Henry & Wanda's.

Other chamber events included a call with the White House at 1 p.m. on June 26 and a Milwaukee happy hour at 5:30 p.m. on July 16 at the Horny Goat Hideaway.

For more, email [info@wislgbtchamber.com](mailto:info@wislgbtchamber.com) or go to [www.wislgbtchamber.com](http://www.wislgbtchamber.com).

## IN OTHER NEWS ...

• **Joe Rudy**, a veteran Chicago mountain climber, is training to ascend Mount Everest to increase awareness of the campaign for LGBT equality and to raise \$200,000 for Equality Illinois and the Human Rights Campaign. For more, go to [everest4equality.org](http://everest4equality.org).

• **The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center** is seeking an executive director. For the past year, the downtown center has had an interim executive director, who will be assisting through the transition. Resumes are being accepted until July 15 at [staffing@believeinthecenter.org](mailto:staffing@believeinthecenter.org). For more, call Karen Gotzler at 414-221-9500.

• **The Pirate Party of Wisconsin** holds a public meeting and rally at Red Arrow Park in downtown Milwaukee, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on June 29. Membership is open and any Wisconsin citizen may join the party as a voting member. At the meeting, the party will announce a candidate for governor.

• **Milwaukee's Voces de la Frontera** representatives, including several children, traveled to Washington, D.C., earlier in June to encourage senators to support the immigration reform bill.

• **Preparations for Pride celebrations** continue in Wisconsin. Capitol Pride returns to Madison Aug. 17-18 and Pride Alive takes place in Green Bay on July 13. For more on Capitol Pride, go to [wisconsincapitolpride.org](http://wisconsincapitolpride.org). For more on Pride Alive, go to [newpridealive.com](http://newpridealive.com).



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**Equality Wisconsin executive director Jason Burns, left, and program director Barak Stein, at the going-away party for Burns held at Plymouth Church on June 19. Burns is leaving the organization to join U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan's Madison staff.**

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## Vitamin K2: The end of osteoporosis?

By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

You've probably heard of Vitamin K as a natural aid in wound healing and blood clotting. Topical creams and gels containing the vitamin are commonly available in drugstores, where they're sold to treat bruises.

But that Vitamin K is actually Vitamin K 1, and it's only half of the story. The other half is far more extraordinary, according to Dr. John Whitcomb, a board-certified physician in anti-aging and regenerative medicine who practices in Brookfield.

In 1977, researchers first became aware that there was more going on with Vitamin K than they'd thought for years. But it wasn't until 2007 that the "aha moment" occurred and scientists discovered Vitamin K2, Whitcomb says.

Whitcomb believes the discovery was the beginning of the end of osteoporosis, the sometimes-crippling deterioration of bone that's epidemic among postmenopausal American women. He says the vitamin is also useful for eliminating the buildup of plaque in the arteries (atherosclerosis), fighting diabetes and lessening wrinkles.

What gives K2 such magical powers? It's simple in theory, Whitcomb explains. Vitamin K2 activates several calcium-controlling proteins, helping calcium bond with bone molecules in a process known as chelation.

The result is denser, stronger bone tissue.

"Calcium is perfectly useless until K2 turns it on," Whitcomb says. "It's probably the major sole activator of calcium in the body."

When taken as a supplement in conjunction with fish oil, magnesium and Vitamin D, Vitamin K2 is twice as effective as Fosamax, the most com-

monly prescribed treatment for osteoporosis, Whitcomb claims. He refers to the above combination of nutrients as COMB, an acronym for "combination of micronutrients for bone." Six months ago, he put 50 women patients on COMB and he plans to monitor the treatment's effectiveness.

COMB is much less expensive than Fosamax and has far fewer side effects, he adds. The side effects of Fosamax include severe heartburn, joint pain, flu symptoms, swelling and difficult swallowing.

While K2 adds calcium to bone, it's been shown in studies to reverse calcification in arteries, which is a major factor in heart attack and strokes. This, too, is the result of K2's ability to activate calcium-controlling proteins.

Whitcomb contends that the growing rates of osteoporosis and atherosclerosis are at least partly the result of a growing Vitamin K2 deficiency in Americans' diets over the past 70 years.

Animals that eat green grass naturally manufacture K1, which their bodies convert to K2 in their guts and mammary glands, Whitcomb explains. Big Agriculture, however, has herded cows and other grazing animals off the pasture and crammed them into so-called "factory farms," where they're fed corn and beans.

As a result, the nation's K2 intake has plummeted due to the nutrient's absence in milk, cheese and other animal sources. But quality K2 supplements are available at Outpost, Beans and Barley and other health stores.

To learn more, go to [www.LiveLong-Md.com](http://www.LiveLong-Md.com). You can view Dr. Whitcomb's presentations about K2 on YouTube. Find them by using the search terms "Vitamin K2" and "COMB study."

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## Avocado sauce adds healthy surprise to fish tacos



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By Sara Moulton

AP writer

Folks in Mexico's coastal cities – where fresh fish is plentiful – have been enjoying fish tacos since before the arrival of the first Europeans.

Traditional fish tacos consist of battered fish topped with shredded cabbage, a drizzle of citrus mayo, all wrapped in a corn tortilla. But there's plenty of room for variation.

My version is light on calories but heavy on flavor. The fish is lightly floured and sautéed rather than deep-fried. The citrus mayonnaise sauce went bye-bye in favor of a purée of avocado and buttermilk. The avocado contains healthy fat, and the buttermilk is as lean as skim milk but tastier. Topping it off is shredded cabbage, carrots and radishes tossed with vinegar, salt and a pinch of sugar.

Fans of chilies will love the sliced jalapeno garnish. I think the cilantro is key, too, but if you were born with the anti-cilantro gene (a real thing!), you can swap in basil instead. Finally, those of you who worry that corn tortillas are high in calories can relax: Two 6-inch corn tortillas, softened up and toasted without oil in a dry skillet, weigh in at just 80 calories.

A note about the fish: I used tilapia because it is sustainable, affordable and widely available all year. But substitute any fish you like. Just keep in mind that a thinner fish will take less time to cook.

### FISH TACOS WITH BUTTERMILK AVOCADO PURÉE

Start to finish: 40 minutes. Servings: 4

#### Ingredients

1 large Hass avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into eighths  
1/3 cup buttermilk  
2 cloves garlic, minced, divided  
Zest and juice of 1 lime  
Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste  
3 cups shredded Napa cabbage  
1 1/2 cups coarsely grated carrot  
1 cup coarsely grated radishes  
1/4 cup white wine or cider vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon sugar, or to taste  
Hot sauce, to taste  
1 pound tilapia fillets, cut into 8 equal pieces  
Whole-wheat flour, for coating the fish  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
Eight 6-inch corn tortillas  
Sliced fresh jalapeño peppers, to serve  
Chopped fresh cilantro, to serve

#### Directions

Heat the oven to 200°F.

In a food processor, combine the avocado, buttermilk, 1 clove of garlic, lime juice and salt and pepper. Purée until smooth; set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage, remaining garlic, carrot, radishes, vinegar, sugar, lime zest and hot sauce. Season with salt and pepper and toss well. Set aside.

Heat a heavy skillet (such as cast-iron or stainless steel, but not nonstick) over medium heat. One at a time, place the tortillas in the skillet and toast for about 30 seconds per side. As the tortillas are toasted, stack them on a sheet of foil. Wrap the foil around the tortillas, then place them in the oven to keep warm. Alternatively, the tortillas can be held with tongs and toasted directly over a gas burner for a few seconds per side.

In a pie plate or other wide, shallow bowl, combine about 1 cup of flour with 1 tablespoon of salt and 1 teaspoon of pepper. One at a time, dredge each piece of fish through the flour until coated evenly. Shake off any excess.

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat about 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add half of the fish to the pan and cook, turning once, until golden and cooked through, about 3 minutes a side. Transfer to an oven-safe plate and set in the oven to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining oil and fish.

To serve, top each tortilla with a bit of the avocado purée, then add a piece of fish. Drain the cabbage mixture, then mound some of that over each portion. Serve with jalapeño slices and cilantro on the side.

*Nutrition information per serving:* 500 calories; 190 calories from fat (38 percent of total calories); 22 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 60 mg cholesterol; 51 g carbohydrate; 10 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 31 g protein; 370 mg sodium.

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## Five things to look for when choosing a dentist

### From StatePoint

Choosing a dentist can be daunting. How do you know if your dentist is up to date with the latest technologies? That he or she has been keeping up on the latest in care? That equipment is clean? And that the billing process will be a smooth one?

Some of us are so daunted, we simply avoid dentists altogether. That is not a smart strategy.

According to the federal government's "Healthy People 2020" program, studies link poor oral health to chronic diseases, including diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Regular visits to the dentist play a significant role in preventing those conditions.

So how should you go about selecting a dentist? Look for these five things:

**1. Up-to-date technology:** Over the last 25 years, dentistry has seen a proliferation of digital technologies that dramatically improve quality of care. This is especially significant for dental X-rays, which are crucial to detecting major oral health issues. However, in large doses, X-ray radiation can contribute to oral cancer. Digital X-ray technology can reduce radiation exposure in patients by 90 percent.

**2. Ongoing education and training:** For many years, the skills needed by dental professionals remained pretty much the same. But over the past decade,

advances in clinical and administrative technology mean that dentists and their staffs need to regularly update their skills.

**3. Friendly and responsive staff:** A visit to the dentist is not high on most people's list of favorite activities. While you can't necessarily determine the treatment you'll need in advance, you can determine the quality of the staff experience by choosing an office offering a streamlined appointment process, pleasant interaction and a transparent billing process.

**4. Clean and modern office:** Most people believe restaurant restrooms are good indicators of kitchen cleanliness. The same might be said for the dentist's office. If the surroundings are clean and modern, chances are good the same can be said for the equipment and care.

**5. Interest in serving others:** A key principle for most dentists is a commitment to doing good. Some dentists, working through dental service organizations, help to donate millions of dollars of free dentistry yearly to those in need. Others raise money to bring safe drinking water to developing countries, or raise money for causes like breast cancer treatment and AIDS care.

You may not look forward to going to the dentist, but there are ways to ensure you are getting the most from this vital health care service.

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# Physical exam by smartphone becoming real possibility

By hooking a variety of gadgets onto a smartphone, you could almost get a complete physical – without the paper gown or even a visit to the doctor's office.

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Heart OK? Put your fingers in the right spot, and the squiggly rhythm of an EKG appears on the phone's screen.

Plug in a few more devices and you could have photos of your eardrum (Look, no infection!) and the back of your eye, listen to your heartbeat, chart your lung function, even get a sonogram.

If this sounds like a little too much DIY medical care, well, the idea isn't to self-diagnose with Dr. iPhone. But companies are rapidly developing miniature medical devices that tap the power of the ubiquitous smartphone in hopes of changing how people monitor their own health.

"We wanted to make sure they have all the right tools available in their pocket" is

how Joseph Flaherty of AgaMatrix describes his company's tiny glucose monitor. Diabetics can plug the iBGStar into the bottom of an iPhone and check blood sugar on the go without carrying an extra device.

This mobile medicine also might help doctors care for patients in new ways. In March, prominent San Diego cardiologist Eric Topol tweeted "no emergency landing req'd" when he used his smartphone EKG to diagnose a distressing but not immediately dangerous irregular heartbeat in a fellow airplane passenger at 30,000 feet.

And the University of California, San Francisco, hopes to enroll a staggering 1 million people in its Health eHeart Study to see whether using mobile technology, including smartphone tracking of people's heart rate and blood pressure, could help treat and prevent cardiovascular disease.

The question: Do smartphone devices really work well enough for the average patient and primary care doctor to dive in, or

are early adopters just going for the cool factor? Many of the tools cost \$100 to \$200, there's little public sales information yet and it's not clear how insurers will handle the fledgling trend.

"Technology sometimes evolves faster than we're ready for it," said Dr. Glen Stream of the American Academy of Family Physicians. "We're recognizing more and more that not all care needs to be delivered face to face," but only if people measure the right things and have a relationship with a doctor to help make good use of the findings, he stressed.

Addressing a recent TEDMED conference in Washington, Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellmann, UCSF's chancellor, put the challenge this way: "How does mobile monitoring become something more than a toy or something interesting? How does it connect to how I'm cared for by my caregiver?"

About 300 doctors, health policy wonks and others attending that high-tech meeting received what was dubbed a "smartphone physical" from medical students using 10 of the latest devices. The Food and Drug Administration has approved a number of the gadgets for sale; others are experimental prototypes gathered for the demonstration by Nurture by Steelcase and the doctor website Medgadget.

The FDA cites industry estimates that 500 million smartphone users worldwide will use some type of health app by 2015. Insurers



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are studying what smartphone technology to pay for. For example, health care giant Kaiser Permanente is about to begin a project in Georgia to sell the iBGStar alongside other diabetes monitors in its on-site pharmacies. The project will determine whether patients like the smartphone monitor, if it improves care – and if so, whether the readings should beam into patients' electronic health records, in Georgia and in other Kaiser regions.

But ultimately these devices may have a bigger role in developing countries, where full-size medical equipment is in short supply but smartphones are becoming common. Even in rural parts of the U.S. it can take hours to drive to a specialist, while a primary care physician might quickly email that specialist a photo of, say, a diseased retina first to see whether the trip's really necessary.

"These tools make diagnosis at a distance much easier," said Dr. Nicholas Genes, an emergency medicine professor at New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine, who helped with TEDMED's smartphone physical.

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## Door County summers pulse with music, theater

By Michael Muckian

Contributing writer

From Shakespeare to Tennessee Williams to "Muskie Love," from classical violinist Ilya Kaler to out folk duo Indigo Girls, a surprising range of entertainment is set to appear in Door County this summer. There's a good chance you'll find something on a starry peninsula night to tickle your funny bone or strum your heartstrings.

The following are some of the highlights of Door County's busy summer entertainment season.

### CLASSICAL SWOON

Classical music fans have several great opportunities to indulge their passions in Door County this summer.

The Midsummer's Music Festival offers the best in chamber and ensemble music in interesting and varied venues. Founded by Jim and Jean Berkenstock, principal oboist and flutist, respectively, for the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the festival offers nine separate classical programs through July 17 – and again over Labor Day. Performers

include musicians from the UW-Madison-based Pro Arte Quartet, the Marlboro Music Festival and Midwestern universities. Details are at [www.midsummersmusic.com](http://www.midsummersmusic.com).

Young classical players perform throughout the summer at the Birch Creek Music Festival in Egg Harbor. The young musicians present eclectic programs that range from Beethoven to Count Basie to Wagner to world beats. Details are at [www.birchcreek.org](http://www.birchcreek.org).

Now in its 61st season, the Peninsula Music Festival is Door County's premier venue for classical music, filling the month of August with nine separate symphonic programs at Fish Creek's Door Community Auditorium. Individual concerts are devoted exclusively to the music of Mahler, Mozart, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky, while mixed programs include Bizet's "Carmen Suites" and Marvin Hamlisch's "A Chorus Line." PMF and its guest performers hold better musical pedigrees than many big city orchestras. Details at [www.musicfestival.com](http://www.musicfestival.com).



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### Ladysmith Black Mombazo.

The Washington Island Music Festival offers a variety of classical concerts in various venues on the island just off Door County's northern tip Aug. 5 –16. Details are at [www.washingtonislandmusicfestival.com](http://www.washingtonislandmusicfestival.com).

### CASUAL TUNES

Door County also offers ample opportunities for more casual music, including a surprising number of nationally known artists who

work the peninsula into their touring schedule.

Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek is a bit far from Johannesburg, but South African vocal sensations Ladysmith Black Mombazo made the trip to help open the season on June 21. Still to come is folk legend Taj Mahal (July 13), singers/songwriters Steve Earle and John Hiatt (Aug. 2), Grammy-winning country artist Kathy Mattea (Aug. 11) and LGBT favorites Indigo Girls (Sept. 10). Details are at [www.dcauditorium.org](http://www.dcauditorium.org).

The Peg Egan Performing Arts Center in Egg Harbor also offers programs with folk-roots sensitivity, but with less familiar and more local acts, all of which are free. The schedule includes performances of "The Wonderbread Years" by creator Pat Hazell (July 14), and concerts by Milwaukee favorite Willy Porter (July 28) and Portland, Ore., roots rocker Lloyd Jones (Aug. 18). Details are at [www.facebook.com/PegEganPAC](http://www.facebook.com/PegEganPAC).

In addition to classical works, the Trueblood Performing Arts Center on Washington Island specializes in quirky contemporary music. Upcoming acts

include singer/songwriter Julian Hagen (July 20), Madison-based Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble (July 27) and Milwaukee's Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets (Aug. 2). Details are at [www.truebloodpac.com](http://www.truebloodpac.com).

In addition, each community in Door County offers its own schedule of free weekly outdoor concerts featuring local and regional contemporary artists. Check out [www.doorcounty.com/music/livemusic](http://www.doorcounty.com/music/livemusic) for complete schedules.

### SUMMER STOCK

Not all of Door County's world is a stage, but visitors still have ample opportunities to enjoy theatrical performances of all kinds.

At 78 years, Peninsula Players in Fish Creek claims to be America's oldest resident summer theater, offering a wide range of summer stock from its large "auditorium in a garden." This season includes the world premier of Joe Foust's comedy "Once a Ponzi Time" (July 3 – 21), Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park With George" (July 24 – Aug. 11), Ken Ludwig's "The Game's Afoot" (Aug. 14 – Sept. 1) and "Miracle on

South Division Street" (Sept. 4 – Oct. 20). Details are at [www.peninsulaplayers.com](http://www.peninsulaplayers.com).

American Folklore Theatre, located in Peninsula State Park in Fish Creek, offers original musical comedies with a distinctly Wisconsin flare. Three shows are performed in repertory throughout the summer. This year, AFT hosts the world premier of "Windjammers," "Loose Lips Sink Ships" and the return of perennial favorite "Muskie Love." Details are at [www.folkloretheatre.com](http://www.folkloretheatre.com).

If the Bard is your boy, Door Shakespeare in Bailey's Harbor offers two productions in repertory: the tragedy of "MacBeth" and the comedy of "Love's Labours Lost." Details are at [www.doorshakespeare.com](http://www.doorshakespeare.com).

The Stage Door Theatre Co., housed at Sturgeon Bay's Third Avenue Playhouse, is one of Door County's most intimate venues. Productions this season include Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" (June 26 – July 9), "Greater Tuna" (July 24 – Aug. 14), "House of Blue Leaves" (Aug. 21 – Sept. 14) and "The 39 Steps" (Sept. 18 – Oct. 20.) Details are at [www.thirdavenueplayhouse.com/stage-door-theatre](http://www.thirdavenueplayhouse.com/stage-door-theatre).



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Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets.

# Cris Williamson's music is a mystery to her

Now in her fifth decade as a recording artist, singer/songwriter Cris Williamson was instrumental in the founding of the now-defunct Olivia Records, the influential, independent women-owned record label. Olivia released multiple recordings that have become iconic in the women's music canon, including Williamson's "The Changer and the Changed." In the nearly 40 years since its release, Williamson has put out some 20 more discs, including her latest, the double-disc set "Pray Tell."

Renowned as an activist for LGBT and women's causes, Williamson also has made a name for herself as an educator. An FOBR (Friend of Bonnie Raitt), Williamson, who performs at the National Women's Music Festival in Middleton, Wis., July 4 – 7 ([wionline.org](http://wionline.org)), recently answered a few questions for WiG.

**Gregg Shapiro: When you sat down to work on "Pray Tell," did you have any idea it would encompass 24 songs and two CDs?**

**Cris Williamson:** I seldom, if ever, know that much in advance, hence the mystery of

it all (laughs)! But, honestly, I love that it's not known to me. Once the songs begin to appear to me – almost like a painting, of sorts – then it becomes a matter of being a scribe, a painter, a wordsmith, a tunesmith – honing and fashioning until the shape is right and says what I mean to say. Still, I thought it was done at 12 songs, until a voice said in my inner ear, "Go to the well again. There's more for you there." And the voice was right. There were more.

**"Pray Tell" opens with the song "Sanctuary." Where do you find sanctuary?**

Anywhere I can. In thoughts, in books, in music, in witnessed kindness, in memory of happy childhood moments, of deeds done well, in animals everywhere and birds in the air, in teaching others to write songs and love words, in nature herself, in beauty abounding.

**In the "Jai Yen-Yen," you write about keeping a cool head and not letting anger prevail. Where does your temper fall on the spectrum?**

Others may say differently, but I experi-



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**Cris Williamson will be at the National Women's Music Festival in July.**

ence quick, fiery anger, like solar flares, quick and hot then done. I don't hold grudges. The verses are all about the ways I've tried to stay cool, armoring myself against things that make me fly into that anger. Armor isn't particularly successful; it rusts and imprisons. I wouldn't say I rage – except perhaps against corporations destroying our world bit by bit, or against the rape and pillage of women in the world. Things like that send me into what I would call justifiable anger.

**Is it something that's evolved over the years?**

I would say as I've worked on becoming more mindful, I've become aware that I am often castled up, drawbridge pulled, unavailable – defended and defensive. I work on that consciously, trying to remain present, and not run away. I hope I keep evolving.

**Even though the song has a Thai title and sentiment, musically the song veers towards a reggae and island sound.**

Thanks for noticing that. It arrived that way, totally, and has such a joyous dance-y feel to it. It belies the seriousness of the topic.

**Speaking of musical styles, you employ a variety of forms – for example, "Miracle" comes across**

**as Celtic R&B, "Carry the One" leans towards Americana, "Dancing Star" rocks out with the electric guitar, not to mention the acoustic and piano and vocal tunes. Can you please say something about the diversity of the tunes?**

Again, thanks for noticing (laughs)! I love all kinds of music, and when I write the words, they themselves suggest the melodies, the feel, the groove. Also, the instruments sometimes dictate the form a bit, such as the strum stick I chose to play for "Carry the One." I invite players to come to the table, to bring whatever they wish to the tune. Hence the oboe in "Sanctuary" and the electric guitar on "Dancing Star."

**For the exquisite a cappella number "Morning Glory," you wrote words to a Bach composition.**

My girlfriend suggested a traditional hymn might be nice, and while I agreed, I didn't know what to pick. On PBS, I heard this hymn in the soundtrack and remembered how much I loved it. Bach himself fell in love with the melody, which was a secular song in his day, and borrowed it for his Mass. I borrowed it yet again, wrote new words for it, and sang all three parts a cappella.

**You will be performing at the National Women's Music Festival in July. Have you performed at all of the NWMFs?**

Oh, not all of them (laughs), but quite a lot, I think. I'm glad to be included, glad to help, glad for the opportunity to play some new music for women who do not yet know it.

**What are you most looking forward to about the festival?**

Playing the new tunes, and seeing old friends!

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# Summerfest preview

**Amadou & Mariam**



**John Mayer**



**Atlas Genius**



**Matt & Kim**



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**FUN.**  
**7 P.M., JUNE 27**  
**MARCUS AMPHITHEATER**

On the Grammy-winning "Some Nights," fun. lives up to its name, slicing into a different side of the pretty pop pie, topping it with a generous dollop of whipped nostalgia. The Queen influence is front and center beginning with the "Some Nights Intro" and continuing through the title track and hit single "We Are Young" (on which they are joined by Janelle Monae). But fun. doesn't get lost in the shuffle. On the contrary, the group firmly establishes its identity on "We Are Young," "Stars," "All Alone," "One Foot," the hip-hop-inspired "It Gets Better," and the Scissor Sisters-style "Carry On." All in all, this is a thoroughly satisfying album.

**AMADOU & MARIAM**  
**10 P.M., JUNE 27**  
**JOHNSON CONTROLS**  
**WORLD SOUND STAGE**

One of the more exotic acts at Summerfest this year, Malian husband and wife duo Amadou & Mariam arrive on the heels of their well-received "Folila" disc. The visually impaired couple (they met at an institute for the blind) has been steadily building a following since signing with a major label in the early years of the new millennium. "Folila" features an incredibly cool array of guest artists. Scissor Sister Jake Shears is included on "Metemya." "Wily Kataso" features TV On the Radio members Tunde and Kip Santigold duets with Mariam on "Dougou Badia," hip-hop/R&B artist Theophilus London is heard on "Nebe Miri." It will be interesting to see how these songs translate onstage, without the guest performers.

**ATLAS GENIUS**  
**10 P.M., JUNE 27**  
**U.S. CELLULAR**  
**CONNECTION STAGE**

If the new album by Australia's Atlas Genius is an indicator, they are doing some serious dancing Down Under. Atlas Genius shows what it can do with a dance beat on the fittingly named "Electric," the electrifying opening cut on "When It Was Now." The beats keep coming on the bouncy "Back Seat," the anthemic "On a Day" and the group's trademark track "Trojans." When things do slow down, as on the Cure-like "Centred on You," it's just temporarily. Based on these 11 songs, I predict the crowd won't be seated for long during Atlas Genius' set.

**MATT & KIM**  
**10 P.M., JUNE 28**  
**U.S. CELLULAR**  
**CONNECTION STAGE**

Summerfest audiences with hipster musical taste will find satisfaction with the flash of "Lightning," the fourth full-length disc by the duo known as Matt & Kim. Matt (Johnson) and Kim (Schifino) regularly come across as a dance-obsessed version of Mates of State, another male/female twosome – and that's a compliment. With "Lightning," they've struck something. "Let's Go" has crossover potential, although the beat shifts in "Now" might be a little off-putting. The hand-clapper "Tonight" is the most complete dance-experience on the disc, and "Not That Bad" lives up to its name.

# Recent releases from some of this year's most interesting acts

By Gregg Shapiro  
Contributing writer



Imagine Dragons



Barenaked Ladies



ZZ Ward



Bad Religion

## IMAGINE DRAGONS 10 P.M., JUNE 29 MILLER LITE OASIS STAGE

Contrary to popular opinion, what happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas. If it did, Las Vegas-based Imagine Dragons wouldn't have a music career. On their major-label debut "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons slips in and out of a few dance-related genres (i.e., hip-hop, electro, dance-rock) with interesting, if not earth-shaking, results. Imaginative dance tracks include "It's Time" (is that a hammer dulcimer?), "Tiptoe," "Amsterdam" and "Hear Me." Imagine Dragons had an unexpected hit with "Radioactive," the album's opener, which raised their profile considerably and probably led to their selection by Summerfest, Lollapalooza and a variety of other summer music festivals.

## ZZ WARD 8 P.M., JULY 4 BRIGGS & STRATTON BIG BACKYARD STAGE

Blue-eyed soul diva ZZ Ward is in possession of some powerful pipes. Adele's biggest stateside threat, Ward is the complete package. Not only did she write (or co-write) all 13 songs on her debut disc "Til the Casket Drops," but she also sings the hell out of them. The title cut sets the mood, but it's the thumping second number "Put the Gun Down," that blows the lid off the party. Ward doesn't come off as just another Adele adherent. She demonstrates that she has her own perspective on such tracks as "Cryin' Wolf" (which features Kendrick Lamar), the retro ring of "Save My Life," the acoustic "Last Love Song," the stomp and shake of "Move Like U Stole It" and the golden blues of "Charlie Ain't Home."

## BARENAKED LADIES 9:45 P.M., JULY 4 BMO HARRIS PAVILION

All dressed up with somewhere to go, Canadian pop band Barenaked Ladies returns with "Grinning Streak," a solid effort that should put a smile on fans' faces. One of the biggest acts of the '90s, with such clever hits as "If I Had \$1,000,000," "Brian Wilson," "The Old Apartment," "One Week" and "Pinch Me," the band's 21st century output was more uneven. Front man and co-songwriter Steven Page departed, and the group released a few albums for kids. BNL experienced an unexpected comeback after writing and recording the theme song for the popular CBS sitcom "The Big Bang Theory." Ed Robertson took over as front man and continues to do a majority of the singing and songwriting. Several songs on the new release rank among the group's best, including "Limits," "Boomerang," the wordplay-ful "Odds Are," "Best Damn Friend" and the synth-powered "Did I Say That Out Loud?"

## JOHN MAYER 7:30 P.M., JULY 6 MARCUS AMPHITHEATER STAGE

John Mayer arrived on our radar about 10 years ago. Mayer has matured musically (if not personally) over time, making the title of his new album, "Born and Raised" particularly apt. Mayer's almost unrecognizable on the opening track "Queen of California." He sounds like he could be a missing Allman brother. Much of the album has a rootsy feel, such as the track "Speak For Me," on which he sasses, "Now the cover of a Rolling Stone/Ain't the cover of a Rolling Stone," while reassuring us he isn't "mad about it." The "it" is his infamous, sexually explicit, tell-all interview with the mag that landed him in hot water.

## BAD RELIGION 10 P.M., JULY 7 U.S. CELLULAR CONNECTION STAGE

Time has not mellowed the L.A. punk rock pioneers known as Bad Religion in the least, as demonstrated by their new release "True North." Still applying their speedy bluster to their original songs, Bad Religion rages against various machines. Trouncing the usual suspects, including corporations ("Land of Endless Greed," "Robin Hood in Reverse"), society's decline ("Vanity," "Fuck You," "Popular Consensus") and religion ("Dept. of False Hope," "Hello Cruel World"), Bad Religion keeps its focus sharp as a razor blade. The group even makes reference to a classic '60s sitcom in "Dharma and the Bomb."

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# Vicci Martinez performs at Summerfest

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Out singer/songwriter Vicci Martinez spent years trying to make a go of it as an independent musician before achieving the recognition she deserves. Martinez found her groove on the 2011 season of NBC's "The Voice," where she was championed by musician and "Voice" judge Cee-Lo Green and won third place. The attention and acclaim she received not only increased the size of her following, but also earned Martinez a major-label record deal with Universal Republic.

On her first release, titled "Vicci," Martinez "makes a statement and "takes a stand," as she puts it, while showcasing her talents as a singer and songwriter.

**Gregg Shapiro: Do you think your decision to come out at 16 was influenced by being a performer? Did you feel it was better to come out sooner rather than later?**

**Vicci Martinez:** I had seen Ellen DeGeneres and Melissa Etheridge go through that. I didn't want to deal with that in my life. I wanted to come forward straightaway. That way any audience I would gain would like me for me. I wanted to be upfront right away.

**You mentioned Ellen and Melissa. Were there others whose coming-out experiences guided you?**

I've met some great artists through Olivia Travels, (including) some older women who shared their stories with me. It's inspiring to see what they've done for other gay people and people in general. It's something that I want to continue on, their legacy.

**What would it mean to you to be considered a role model?**

I'm happy to, that would be great. Music is a platform to say what you believe. You can share your feelings as well. There are opportunities to give people encouragement to do the same. That's why it's important to me to have positive and inspirational messages in my songs as much as possible.

**You also write honestly about participating in a TV talent show. Do you think that shows such as "The Voice" will be the way that audiences are introduced to new performers for years to come?**

I think it's definitely a platform that a little

## Interview

GREGG SHAPIRO

while ago used to be looked at negatively. Even just by other artists themselves. I was actually nervous about doing it. When I let go of the ego part of it, I was just going to go and be myself on the show. I'm going to be out; I'll let people know I'm gay. I'll let people know the songs I want to sing and the way I want to look and all that. It was a huge opportunity. With that, I got signed and I'm still being treated just like any other artist on our roster. I think it's something that more artists are going to continue to use. It's definitely working.

**Would you say it was an easy transition to go from indie to major-label artist?**

For me, I was ready to go to that next level. I had been running the ship for a long time. Financially, it's hard to get your band on the road. It's still financially hard. I'm getting the exposure with radio, but you still have to invest in your brand, you still have to go out there and do a lot of things for free. Going on TV and radio shows, you don't get paid for that. But that's the other side of it. Reaching a large audience is very important, so I'm happy with it.

**You co-wrote a majority of the songs on "Vicci." What is involved in that process and does it vary from collaborator to collaborator?**

It definitely does. What I realize too is that in collaborating with these people, it's going to be my story. So I kind of have to figure out how I want it. Even if I'm going into their space and their studios, I have to be comfortable as well. When we narrowed it down to the people I actually worked with on the album, it was (with) those people that I felt I could be myself with and be comfortable and be heard. That's why the stories came out and it was easy. It was easy to do because I was working with those right people.



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**Do you think you'd collaborate with some of these same people again?**

Absolutely.

**In what ways does the "Vicci" CD differ from your previous releases?**

(It's) definitely a lot more radio-friendly. There are a lot more pop elements on the album, which is something I wanted to do. A lot of the production that happened, I was in there because I wanted to learn how to do those things. Having all of those opportunities, being on a major label and having a bigger budget to get a record done, I went for it. I said, "OK, whatever I can do I want to do."

**Have you started thinking about or writing songs for the next disc?**

Yes, definitely. There are a couple that we have written. I'm not sure if they'll be used. We're just starting now and getting ideas flowing and knowing the direction that I want to go in.

**We're speaking at the beginning of Pride season. Have you ever performed at any Pride festivals in the past, and do you have plans to play any in the future?**

Yes, I did something in L.A., kind of a quick appearance. I did something in Provincetown. But this time I'm going to be more involved. I'm doing one in New York and one in San Diego and one in Portland.



# Glimmers of Shakespeare's later genius seldom flicker in 'Two Gentlemen'

Theater

MICHAEL MUCKIAN

Even William Shakespeare had to learn to walk before he could run. But from the least of his efforts there are still lessons to be learned.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona," generally thought to be Shakespeare's first play, explores what will become familiar themes in later works – but in halting and often tedious steps. Even in the hands of a talented cast and crew, the narrative seems to stand still more often than not.

"Two Gents" was one of several plays that opened American Players Theatre's 2013 season on Father's Day weekend. Touted as a comedy, it is only occasionally so. But that failing can't be blamed on director Tim Ocel or APT's new and veteran cast members.

Instead, we must blame the Bard. The nearly three-hour production trudges through familiar Shakespearean ground in a somewhat turgid trial run of the themes of love, betrayal and cross-dressing. As Elizabethan daytime drama peppered with adolescent angst, "Two Gents" is Shakespeare with training wheels, and we're all along for the slow, sometimes bumpy ride.

The story, in short, involves the friendship between Valentine (Travis Knight) and Proteus (Marcus Truschinski), the two gents of the title, and their love for Silvia (Abbey Siegworth) and Julia (Susan Shunk). Misunderstandings, misdirected love letters and unwanted betrothals follow the gents to Milan, where a band of outlaws inexplicably makes Valentine their chief. Julia follows Proteus disguised as a boy. A hat and pair of black-rimmed glasses are apparently all that's needed to disguise her identity and her gender.

Though the relative immaturity of this work shows, APT tries its best. Ocel moves his cast energetically along, and the principals all do a fine job. However, Nathan Stuber's surprisingly minimalist set, the equivalent of a raised pier protruding from APT's standard structural backdrop, fails to provide a needed visual context.

APT veteran Paul Bentzen makes an enjoyable, albeit brief appearance as Antonio, Proteus' father. The Milwaukee Rep's James Pickering makes his long-overdue APT debut as the Duke of Milan, adding texture and grace to what could easily have been a throwaway role.

But the stage belongs to Steve Haggard as Launce, Proteus' clownish servant, and his dog Crab, played by Tim the German Shepherd. The human-canine duo breathes much-needed life into the production.

Launce mugs and cracks wise in a variety of voices, creating what must have been



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**Travis A. Knight and Marcus Truschinski in "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."**

Shakespeare's first truly inspired character. Haggard manages, without breaking character, to effectively interact with individual audience members in what becomes a virtual Shakespearean standup routine. Even the generally taciturn Tim the German Shepherd seems to respond on cue. The pair's performance is almost worth the price of admission.

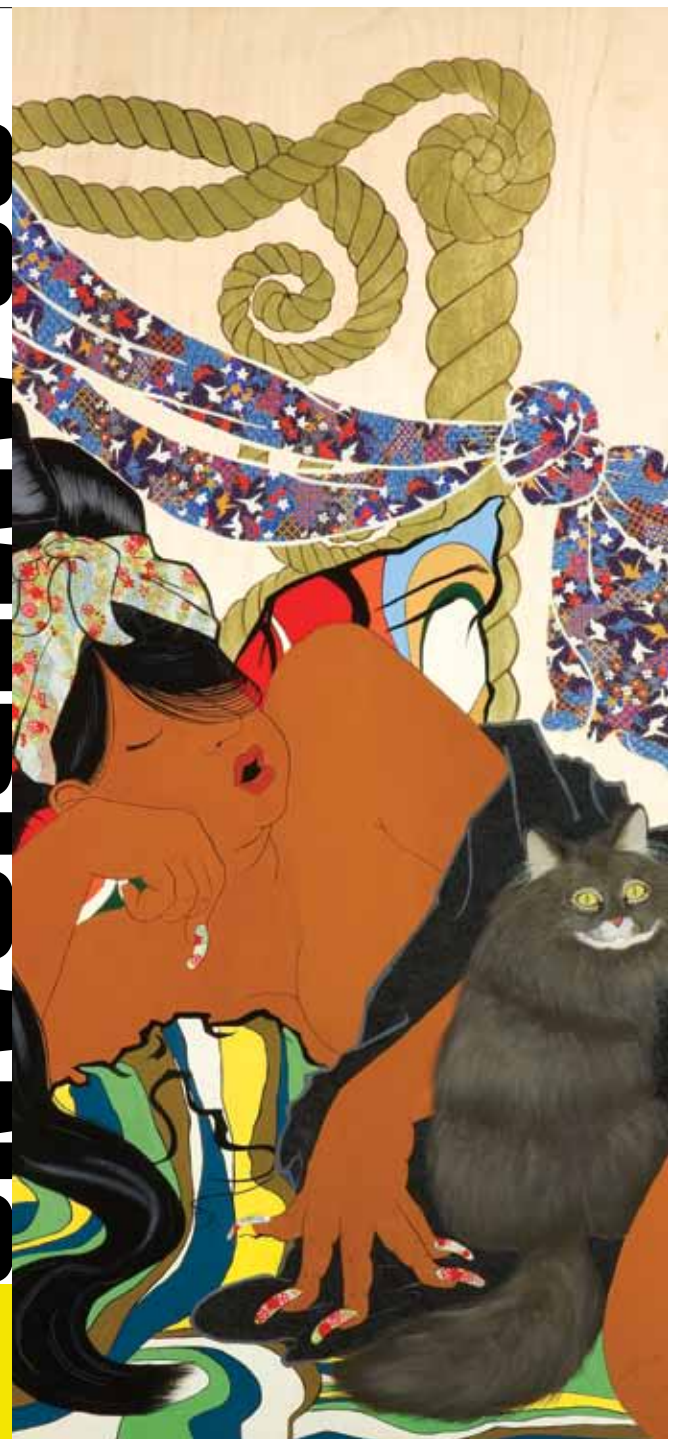
Although populated by Shakespeare's smallest cast and considered by scholars to be his weakest play, "Two Gents" is the source work for themes and tropes that later became the Bard's hallmarks. It's a valuable study for those who want to understand the progression and maturation of those themes in Shakespeare's later plays.

## ON STAGE

American Players Theatre in Spring Green features "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" in repertory through Oct. 6. For the full schedule of APT's season, visit [www.americanplayers.org](http://www.americanplayers.org).

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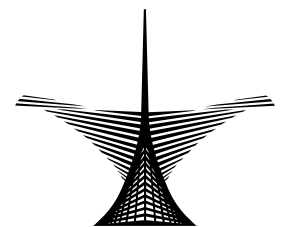
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# DisH it Out!

## Gay-friendly wines come out in California

**Michelle Lock**

AP writer

Wineries are coming out loud and proud in their support of gay marriage. They're putting it right on the label.

"Little by little, we're breaking down the barrier," says Gary Saperstein of Out in the Vineyard, a tour company based in California's Sonoma wine country that caters to gay travelers.

One of the barrier-breakers is Same Sex Meritage, a red blend that sends its message on the bottle and at the cash register — \$1 for every bottle sold is donated to the advocacy group Freedom to Marry.

"It's the right thing to do," says Matt Gold, who is based in Chicago and teamed with Josh Stein of Stein Family Wines in California to make the wine, which launched last December. Meritage is a brand name that refers to a Bordeaux-style blend. And, of course, it sounds a lot like marriage.

Gold and Stein see their business partnership as a way to make wine and make a statement. "Everyone should have the right to marry. Everyone should have the same rights as anyone else," Gold says.

Same Sex Meritage isn't the only wine reaching out to the gay community.

Egalité, a bubbly from the Burgundy region of France, was launched earlier this year with the name — French for equality — reflecting the wine's origins as a Burgundy cremant (sparkling wine) and its support for the gay community. Each quarter, a portion of profits is donated to an LGBT non-profit organization chosen by fans of the wine on Facebook; \$15,000 has been donated since the wine's January launch.

From Stand Tall Wines, there's Genetic Pinot Noir, which refers to sexual orientation having genetic origins. Stand Tall Wines was founded by Larisa Stephenson and partner Dana Sabin. The wine is being made in California's Napa Valley using grapes shipped from Oregon's Willamette Valley. One percent of Genetic sales is being donated to the Napa LBGTQ Project (which is the process of changing its name to LGBTQ Connection).

And though it doesn't have a message-specific label, Bare-



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**Josh Stein of Stein Family Wines poses with his Same Sex Meritage red wine at his tasting room on Treasure Island in San Francisco. Gay marriage has been a hot topic for some years now, so perhaps it's not surprising the wine world has taken note with new wines that declare their support for same-sex couples on the label.**

foot Wine & Bubbly has been supporting the community for 25 years, donating to local LGBT centers and other organizations, investing in Pride Week events, even putting up a 20-foot-tall inflatable wedding cake in front of San Francisco's City Hall to show support for gay marriage.

"We definitely love to celebrate the LGBT community and all of its progress," says Jerime Black, Barefoot's national LGBT sales and marketing manager. "Barefoot really is all about fun. It's taking the stuffiness out of wine."

Not too many major wine companies have an LGBT marketing manager. So far as he knows, Black is the only one of his kind. "I like to say I have the gay man's dream job," he jokes. But there has been a growing awareness of the LGBT community's market clout.

Along with the philosophical statements, the marketing effort makes good economic sense. Saperstein credits some of the awareness of LGBT consumers to the economic crisis. With consumers cutting back on luxury purchases, producers started studying the market, looking for niches.

Out in the Vineyard sponsors a Gay Wine Weekend each June and this year had more than 30 wineries involved at various levels of participation.

For Sonoma and Napa Valley producers, the LGBT market is a particularly good fit since the wine regions are close to San Francisco and its substantial gay population which, Saperstein points out, includes a lot of people who love food and wine.

As with all marketing, it's important to back up the message with a real commitment.

"Don't think it's a one-time hit and you're going to get a payback right away. You have to show the community that you care," says Saperstein.

Gold's aware that message-specific wines are in danger of being dismissed as a gimmick, which is why he and Stein work to make sure the wine in the bottle lives up to the label. "We have to have a good quality wine," he says. "Otherwise people are only going to buy it once."

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# Cool vibes and great pizza are recipe for success at VIA Downer

By Michael Muckian

Contributing writer

When we think about gourmet cuisine, pizza rarely comes to mind. But the latest iteration of a familiar restaurant space on Milwaukee's East Side has the potential to change our point of view.

VIA Downer, which opened in 2010, operates in the space once occupied by Pizza Piccolo and Ristorante Bartolotta – neither of which achieved VIA Downer's popularity. The atmosphere is urban cool, and the buzz on any given Friday night is high-energy and collegial.

The menu stresses lighter meals, along with seven entrées, seven pasta dishes and, of course, pizza. In fact, there are 22 personalized pizzas in the traditional, specialty and garlic sauce categories.

As good as the entrées proved to be, pizza is the restaurant's trademark item. The menu stretches the boundaries of gustatory imagination with creations so rich, so sublime, that VIA Downer's pizza almost carves its own culinary category. And, as the busy Friday night crowd showed, diners couldn't be happier.

Before broaching the pizzas, we shared several appetizers from the Mediterranean menu. The Bruchetta Tradizionale (\$6) was a selection of toasted, garlic-rubbed Italian bread drizzled with olive oil and served with diced tomatoes. The Eggplant Fritto (\$7) served up lightly battered slices of the vegetable, fried and accompanied by a thick marinara sauce. Both appetizers were more than adequate, but less than spectacular.

The entrées proved a better choice, especially the Scallops St. Jacques (\$17). A handful of jumbo sea scallops, caramelized and presented in a cream sauce, were served with roasted rosemary potatoes, broccoli and butternut squash. The dish was a delightful selection of flavors, colors and textures that succeeded where the appetizers fell short.

Equally good was the Fettucine Milano (\$14), a vegetarian dish in which the pasta was tossed with sun-dried tomatoes, spinach, basil, garlic and goat cheese. Once again, variety ruled. Each mouthful tasted slightly different, depending on the content of the fork. The dish was comparable in presentation and taste to the scallops.

Next came the pizzas. First we tried the Prosciutto Fungi (\$13), from the traditional



The main dining room at VIA Downer.

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menu. This married thinly sliced Italian ham with a variety of sliced mushrooms on a light crust topped with cheese and tomato sauce. The flavors popped delightfully with each bite.

From the garlic sauce menu we chose the La Bella (\$12), which relied on artichokes and onions to balance the piquant sauce. The combination worked very well and the garlic sauce, used in lieu of the usual tomato-based sauce, proved outstanding.

Restaurants have come and gone in recent years from the Downer Avenue address, but VIA Downer appears poised to stay. The pizzas may be the primary reason, but the

restaurant's upbeat vibe and the kitchen's focus on food that teases the senses of sight and smell as well as taste are at the heart of the restaurant's success.

## ON THE MENU

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## Latest version of 'Wicked' is bewitching entertainment



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"Wicked" has cast a spell over Broadway since opening there a decade ago. And multiple sold-out national tours have proven that audiences across America can't get enough of this musical about what happened in Oz before Dorothy landed.

The forces behind the show's popularity are on abundant display in the latest tour, which dropped into Milwaukee's Marcus Center for the Arts on June 13 and continues through July 7. Despite a merely serviceable score by Stephen Schwartz and an over-stuffed book by Winnie Holzman, "Wicked" is a whirlwind of theater magic.

The themes of sisterhood and the destructive power of prejudice are at the heart of this surprisingly universal tale of two witches. The so-called "wicked witch" Elphaba (Jennifer DiNoia) is cursed with lizard-green skin. Even though she was born that way through no fault of her own, she's constantly under assault for being different (sound familiar?).

Years of ridicule and bullying have shaped her into a taciturn non-conformist. But they haven't made her bitter. The cruelty she's endured has heightened Elphaba's sensitivity to the plight of others who are different.

At the other end of the witch spectrum is bubbly blonde Galinda (Hayley Podschun), who works her beauty like a wizard.

Blonde inevitably clashes with green when **WICKED** on next page

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Elphaba and Galinda are assigned to be roommates at Shiz University, an institution akin to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Headmistress Madame Morrible (Gina Ferrall) is overjoyed to welcome the prodigal Elphaba to Shiz, where pigment matters less than aptitude. But Morrible can barely contain her disdain for the vapid Galinda, who songfully marks the historical occasion of failing to get her way.

Eventually, the crusading do-gooder Elphaba and the self-absorbed Galinda bond in a brilliantly moving dance sequence that plays somewhat like a sly homage to the meeting of Tony and Maria on the dance floor in "West Side Story."

As unlikely new BFFs, the couple has much to learn from one another. Galinda makes it her project to turn Elphaba into a popular beauty. In an all-night sharing session in their dorm room, Galinda shows Elphaba her tricks of the popularity trade – her brilliant hair-tossing technique and her fetching giggle. The scene embodies the sensibility that has made the play wildly popular with young women.

In a move that will come back to haunt her, Galinda makes Elphaba something of a third wheel in her relationship with hunky bad boy Fiyero, played with earnest conviction and physical skill by David Nathan Perlow.

It turns out that all is not well in Oz. The wizard (Paul Kreppel) has launched a pogrom against the animals of Oz in a plot to unify his subjects by giving them a common enemy.

In Oz, the differences between people and animals are only fur-deep. Animals are human-like creatures – intelligent and articulate. Elphaba's favorite professor Dr. Dillamond, portrayed with heartbreak but without self-pity by Jay Russell, becomes a literal scapegoat when the equivalent of the Oz Gestapo shows up in his classroom to carry him away. Elphaba is determined to free the animals.

Seeing Fiyero's admiration for Elphaba's goodness and bravery, Galinda decides to become involved in her fledgling animal-rights movement. In one of the play's funniest scenes, Galinda announces that, in honor of Dr. Dillamond, she's making the ultimate sac-

rifice of giving up the first vowel of her name (Dillamond never could remember it). Her pronouncement has the comical air of self-importance that Madonna displayed when she canceled her birthday party in 1997 to mourn the slaying of designer Versace.

From here, "Wicked" turns very serious and complicated. Elphaba leads Glinda on an epic journey of enlightenment, while Glinda prevents Elphaba from succumbing to the wickedness that the wizard, a walking spin machine who treats facts with the disdain of a Fox News commentator, pins on her through his public relations machinery.

In terms of social observation, "Wicked" is heavy-handed but effective. In fact, schools around the country have used the show in conjunction with anti-bullying campaigns. The BullyBust website features encouraging videos from "Wicked" cast members.

But to the credit of Holzman and director Joe Mantello, the production doesn't hammer the audience with the show's many messages. Holzman has woven them unobtrusively into the character-driven plot, and Mantello spoofs them for entertainment value.

While overblown, Holzman's script brims with crackling dialogue and amusing double entendres. The clever use of references to the "Wizard of Oz" helps make the play a uniquely satisfying collective experience based on shared knowledge of what is essentially American mythology.

**DAZZLING PRODUCTION**

But the real magic of "Wicked" derives largely from the dazzling production, which is as intricately realized in its staging as Gregory Maguire's gorgeously written novel, on which the play is based, is in its vision. The fanciful, elaborate costumes by Susan Hilferty spare not one thread. The swirling settings by Eugene Lee, the dazzling Vegas-esque lighting by Kenneth Posner and the startling special effects by Chic Silber help drive up ticket prices, but the payoff in terms of entertainment value is worth every dime. The awe factor of this production sweeps viewers along as forcefully as any great score.

Also contributing to the wonderment are

the impeccable performances by both stars and the supporting cast. The critical chemistry between Elphaba and Glinda is understated but convincing.

As Elphaba, mezzo-soprano Jennifer DiNoia belts out her feelings with spine-tingling force and passion. Her Elphaba is an intriguingly shaded, complex character. During her wallflower phase, DiNoia projects Elphaba's lack of confidence with enough confidence to signal the change ahead. She wears compassion like armor and projects power through an unsettling veil of fear.

Hayley Podschun's Galinda/Glinda morphs effortlessly from perky to presidential, despite little support from the script to explain her transformation. Her bright soprano, complete

with diva-esque vibrato, is the perfect foil as well as the ideal blend with DiNoia's voice. Their three duets together – particularly "For Good" and "Defying Gravity" – are Broadway at its best.

Grab a broomstick or click the heels of your ruby slippers and head to the Marcus Center for an unforgettable theatrical experience.

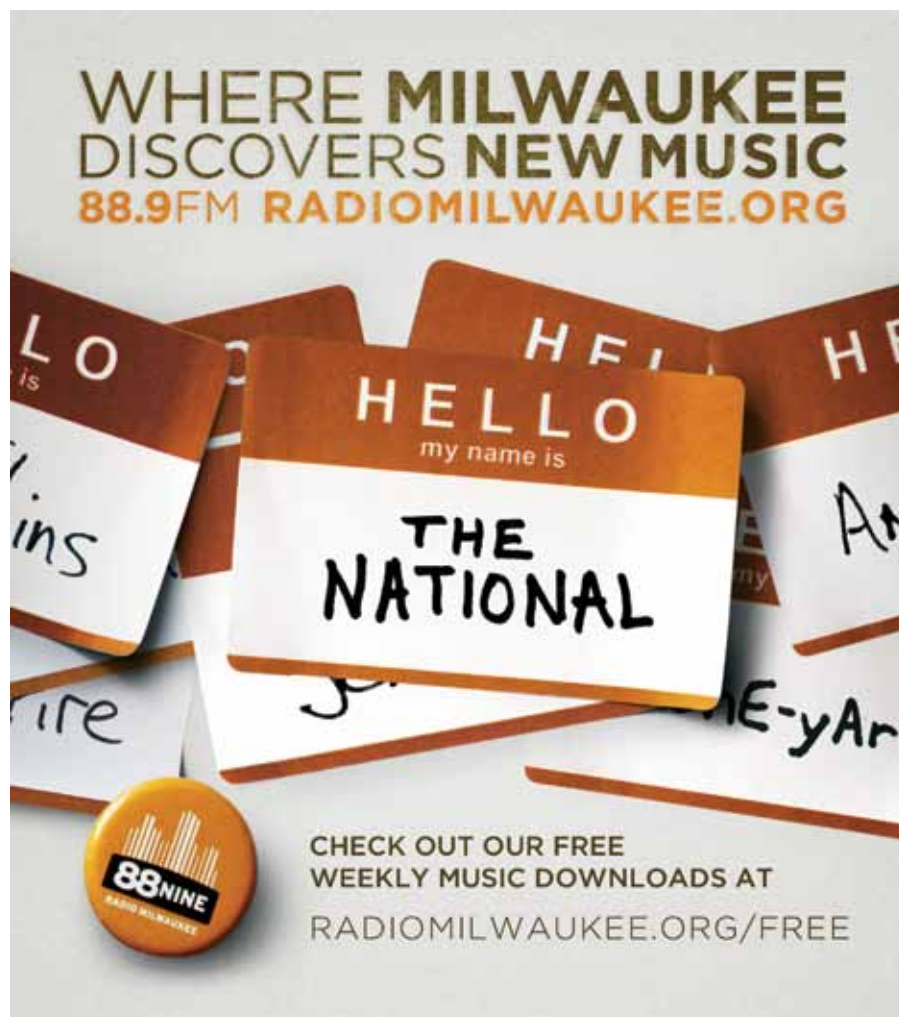
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**ACROSS**

1. Abraham, originally
6. Bag in Paris
9. The complete duration of something
13. Quickly fry
14. Lennon's wife
15. Welsh dog breed
16. "That is," in Latin
17. Like arctic air
18. Run \_\_\_\_\_ of the law
19. \*Like the July 4th holiday
21. \*March for the community
23. Be unwell
24. Boot
25. Triple \_\_\_\_\_
28. Treble \_\_\_\_\_
30. \*Subject of Nathan's contest
35. Turkey dance
37. German composer Carl \_\_\_\_\_
39. \*The whistle or crack of a firework
40. Dwarf buffalo
41. \*"To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid \_\_\_\_\_"
43. Armor chest plate
44. Tear into shreds
46. \*What fireworks do before exploding
47. Takes to court
48. Scraps

50. Def Leppard's "Rock of \_\_\_\_\_"
52. Plays for pay
53. Be inclined
55. Hole punching tool
57. Mozambique's neighbor
60. \*What we celebrate on the 4th
64. Lace loop
65. Australian runner
67. Mojave plant
68. Friend in a sombrero
69. Mitch's significant other on "Modern Family"
70. Concentration of a solution
71. Do over
72. It's of the beholder?
73. Don't take one's eyes off \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

1. "Dream on!"
2. Commanded
3. Wished undone
4. \*Where French navy helped colonists battle British
5. Kind of unit
6. Sully
7. Mandela's organization
8. Beaver-like South American rodent
9. Family room staple
10. Poking instrument
11. Fit of shivering

12. Not a thing
15. \_\_\_\_\_ of milk
20. Give permission
22. Campfire leftover
24. Like a dune buggy
25. \*Symbolic of states
26. Bert's roommate
27. Take over, in a way
29. Aphrodite's son
31. Three on sloth
32. Excavate
33. Basketry stick
34. Canvas prep
36. Like a bow string
38. \*Old Glory
42. Disconsolate
45. \_\_\_\_\_ salad
49. \*Ross did this well
51. Gym rat's garb
54. Daughter of a sibling
56. In accordance with law
57. One of no words
58. Battery fluid
59. Apple's apple, e.g.
60. Be furious
61. It's often crunched
62. Done
63. Insignificant
64. Golfer's goal
66. "I wish I \_\_\_\_\_, I wish I might..."

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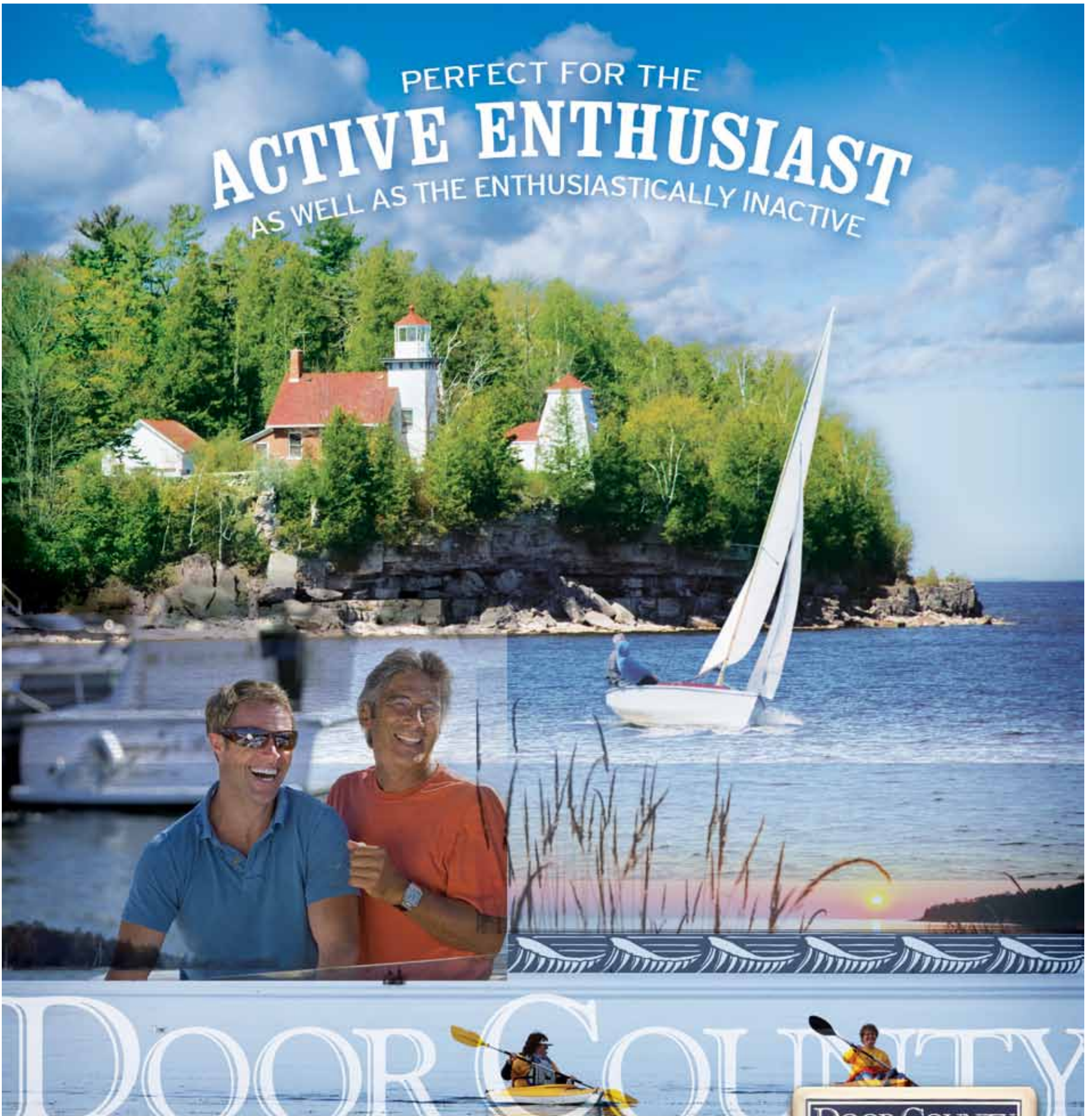


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