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## Sundae scoop

*Two Rivers defends title  
as 'birthplace of the sundae.'  
Stick a cherry on it, Ithaca.*

**By Mike Muckian**

*Contributing writer*

In Two Rivers, an official Wisconsin State Historical Society marker proclaims the Kewaunee County community as the birthplace of the ice cream sundae. But Ithaca, N.Y., disputes the claim, saying the distinctly American dessert originated there.

As a result, a friendly rivalry exists between the two communities. VisitIthaca.com, the city's travel website, maintains the first sundae was served in its environs in 1892. The website even features a song jabbing Two Rivers' claim. Sung to the melody of "Moon River," the lyrics go:

*Two Rivers, why live in denial? The story you  
compile, won't play.*

*Your sign maker, a truth faker, without sundae  
proof your claim's melting away.*

Really, Ithacans? Your tune-smiths haven't done the math. The first ice cream sundae dates back to 1881 in Two Rivers, and history proves it.

Entrepreneur Ed Berner owned a soda fountain at 1404 15th St. in Two Rivers (or TR, as some local residents refer to the community of 12,000.) Church laws were such that the selling of "immoral" carbonated soda was not allowed on Sunday, which left Berner with little to do on the Sabbath except polish his glassware.

George Hallauer, a local who had moved to Illinois and was vacationing in his hometown, walked into Berner's shop one Sunday and



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## State activists vow to topple marriage bans

**By Lisa Neff**

*Staff writer*

Florida's largest gay rights group is soliciting help – but not from donors, volunteers or voters. Equality Florida is looking for plaintiffs to sue the Sunshine State in an effort to overturn a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage.

LGBT civil rights leaders in many other

states also vowed to topple anti-gay marriage bans as they heralded the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on June 26 that overturned a key provision in the U.S. Defense of Marriage Act and California's Proposition 8.

Meanwhile, same-sex couples, including the two couples in the Prop 8 case, began marrying in California, and U.S. cabinet

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## News with a twist



### HANDSOME HARRY

A gay Pride poster featuring a shirtless image of Prince Harry went viral, but it's unlikely the royal would object. Created by East London-based artist Mikesbliss, the poster was used by London's Manbar to promote Pride. Manbar owner Chris Amos said that Harry "is a role model for a generation — spirited, cheeky, handsome, liberal-minded and fit! That makes him a role model as well as being a gay icon."

### GAY ICON AND HERO

Lance Corporal James Wharton, who served under

Prince Harry in the British army, says the prince and his brother William do consider themselves gay icons. "We were on maneuvers and talking over the intercom," said Wharton, who released a book last month titled "Out in the Army." "Harry happened to mention that he and his brother had been told they were gay icons. I laughed and told him that I didn't think that was the case. He became really adamant saying, 'What? What? We are! Our press people told us.' Harry then asked if he couldn't be a gay icon because he was ginger. It was all very funny." Wharton praised the prince for stopping a homophobic attack against him.

### LOVE SEAT

The Wisconsin man arrested last year for having sex with a couch left along a road in Waukesha has pleaded guilty to public lewdness. Gerard Streater, 47, was sentenced to five months in jail and barred from possessing



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"pornography of any kind." Streater was caught in the act by an off-duty police officer jogging nearby.

### DEADLIEST CATCH?

Long John Silver's Big Catch is the "worst restaurant meal in America" according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Lab tests found that the Big Catch isn't all that big on fish but is really big in fat and sodium. It's also loaded with about two weeks worth of the daily-recommended dose of trans fat, courtesy of industrially produced partially hydrogenated frying oil. Scientists at the center called the dinner a heart attack off a hook.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LITTLE SKINNY LATTE

Divided over whether to name their baby Jackson or Logan, Jennifer James and

Mark Dixon of New Haven Green, Conn., decided to follow Starbucks' model for selecting the store employee of the month. They had customers vote at their regular store. When the ballots were counted from the coffee cup, the couple found that apparently the Starbucks in New Haven Green isn't as divided as the rest of the nation. In the end, customers liked Jackson and Logan and the baby's name is Logan Jackson Dixon.



### CHER SHARES

Cher recently told out Bravo host Andy Cohen that she once had a lesbian lover. "Who hasn't?" she asked during an appearance on "Watch What Happens Live," which also featured

By Lisa Neff & Louis Weisberg

Anderson Cooper. Cher also talked about Tom Cruise, telling Cohen that he was one of the top five greatest lovers she's ever had.

### MEMPHIS BLUES

Memphis city officials are challenging a lawsuit that says they overstepped their authority by giving three parks less inflammatory names. The names were Confederate Park, Jefferson Davis Park and Forrest Park, which was named after Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate cavalryman and a member of the early Ku Klux Klan. Citizens to Save Our Parks, Inc., sued, saying the city council was trying to suppress Memphis history.

### CHANGE OF HEART

Tim Hardaway, the former NBA star who once ignited a firestorm for saying, "I hate gay people," became the first person to sign a petition seeking to legalize same-sex marriage in Florida. He added his name in a public

ceremony at Sully's Tavern in Miami next to Equal Marriage Florida organizer Vanessa Brito.



### GRUMPY ABOUT GAGA

Former U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., and other right-wingers took offense at Lady Gaga's a capella rendition of the national anthem at New York City's LGBT Pride celebration. Gaga, holding a rainbow flag, switched some words in the tune, singing, "O say does that star-spangled flag of pride yet wave ... o'er the land of the free and the home for the gay." West, a Fox News contributor and tea party favorite who has criticized women for neutering American men, complained that Gaga defiled the anthem.

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# The Supreme Court Has Ruled: Your Relationship Deserves Dignity and Respect

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However, until Wisconsin allows same-sex marriage, over 1,000 federal and state protections available to married couples are not available to LGBT couples and families. Many questions remain about your partner, children, and family relationships: how to best legally form your relationship; how to provide comfortable, stable care for your children; how to own property together; how to handle finances and taxes; what happens if you marry outside of Wisconsin and live here; and of course, what happens should your partnership or marriage end.

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# SCOTUS has no bearing on state's partner registry

By Louis Weisberg

Staff writer

The Supreme Court's recent rulings on same-sex marriage have no effect on a right-wing Christian group's lawsuit seeking to overturn Wisconsin's domestic partner registry law, according to legal experts.

Ironically, one of the reasons the High Court decisions have no bearing on the Wisconsin case is that the state's registry law bears no resemblance to marriage. Julaine Appling, the head of Wisconsin Family Action, is challenging the registry law precisely because she claims it conveys a status that is "substantially similar" to marriage to same-sex couples, which is prohibited under a 2006 amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution. Appling sponsored the amendment and the voters of the state approved it by a large margin.

Only two weeks before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions were to be announced, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear Appling's challenge. She lost at both the circuit and appellate court levels.

In one of the High Court's decisions, the justices ruled that plaintiffs seeking to reinstate California's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in that state, had no legal standing to pursue their grievance through the federal appeal system. That ruling let stand a trial court decision finding Proposition 8 unconstitutional.

The court's other decision gutted the

Defense of Marriage Act, which had banned same-sex couples legally married in their states from obtaining federal marriage benefits received by heterosexual married couples.

But Appling's case is in an entirely different legal category than either of the cases argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, according to Christopher Clark, senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago.

For one thing, Appling's case is not in the federal court system. For another, the domestic partner registry provides same-sex couples with only about 42 of the more than 200 benefits granted to opposite-sex couples under Wisconsin law – and the more than 1,100 provided by U.S. law.

Former Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle signed the registry into law in 2009.

Lambda Legal and Fair Wisconsin filed as interveners to protect the registry from Appling's challenges after both Gov. Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen declared the law unconstitutional and refused to defend it in court. Van Hollen told WiG through a spokesperson that he remains "comfortable with the decision he reached, and the recent Supreme Court decision doesn't change that."

Clark said Appling's assertion that the registry's 42 legal protections are identical to marriage is "laughable." The basic legal protections the registry confers include the right for one member of a couple to visit the other

in the hospital, despite the two not being married or being close relatives. Appling, who has never married and has lived for many years with another never-married woman in a home they own jointly in Watertown, contends that such protections for same-sex couples endanger heterosexual marriages and violate the Christian religion.

Appling and other adherents of fundamentalist Christianity contend that biblical law, as they interpret it, supersedes secular law. They also believe that laws in opposition to their religious beliefs violate their religious freedom.

Clark said the Supreme Court rulings might influence the Wisconsin case to the extent that they "highlight what marriage is and ... the social and legal dimensions of that."

Unlike partner registration, (marriage) "is a full and complete package," he said.

"To walk into court and say with a straight face that this (the domestic partner registry) is similar to marriage is really a joke," Clark added, saying he's confident the court will find that Appling's case has no merit.

Most political observers think Van Hollen and Walker understand the registry law does not violate the state constitutional amendment, but they're unable to oppose right-wing Christian voters without being ousted from office. The powerful religious right virtually determines the outcome of Republican primaries in the state.




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**Christopher Clark, senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago.**

But conservative justices who also owe their elections to the Christian right dominate the Wisconsin Supreme Court.


Those factors could complicate the outcome of the case, despite what Clark considers the glaring lack of legal merit.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has not announced when it plans to hear or rule on the case.




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## Delaware gay couples marry



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**SPECIAL DAY: Chris Beagle, left, and Eric Englehart of Rehoboth Beach were the first gay couple to be married in Sussex County on July 1, the first day that same-sex couple could legally wed in Delaware.**

A state senator and her longtime partner on July 1 became the first same-sex couple to legally marry in Delaware.

After 23 years together, state Sen. Karen Peterson and Vikki Bandy, both 63, exchanged marriage vows in a morning ceremony witnessed by about 35 friends and supporters. New Castle County Clerk Ken Boulden married the women, proclaiming, "I pronounce you legally married under the laws of the state of Delaware."

The couple exchanged old rings. Like many same-sex couples who have sought to protect and celebrate their relationship, Peterson and Bandy were joined in a "commitment ceremony," which was 23 years ago, then a civil union and now a marriage.

After the wedding, other same-sex couples lined up at the clerk's office in Wilmington to get marriage licenses on July 1, the first day the state's marriage equality law took effect.

Outside the county-city building, supporters cheered and a handful of protesters with the anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church assembled, holding signs that read "Death Penalty for Fags."

Democratic Gov. Jack Markell signed the equality bill in May after emotional debates in the House and in the Senate, where Peterson came out during a speech on the floor.

In August, marriage equality laws in Minnesota and Rhode Island take effect.

— Lisa Neff



# Abortion rights assaulted



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**FIGHTING BACK:** Sabine Hodge of Pearland, Texas, holds a sign at the Texas State Capitol on July 2, during the first day of testimony on abortion restricting measures House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 1.

**By Lisa Neff**

Staff writer

Anti-abortion bills advanced in Texas and in North Carolina and became law in Wisconsin this summer.

In Texas and Wisconsin, the attacks on women's rights had the support of right-wing Govs. Rick Perry and Scott Walker. In North Carolina, GOP Gov. Pat McCrory said whoa.

The Wisconsin law, on hold pending arguments before a U.S. district court judge later this month, requires women seeking abortions to undergo ultrasounds — either transvaginal or abdominal. The law also bans doctors who lack admitting privileges at nearby hospitals from performing abortions.

Walker signed the bill on July 5 and almost immediately the ACLU and Planned Parenthood, at both the state and national levels, sued.

The law, said ACLU of Wisconsin legal director Larry Dupuis, will "drastically limit a woman's ability to obtain a safe and legal abortion in Wisconsin by imposing burdensome and medically unnecessary requirements on doctors that provide this essential care."

He continued, "This law was rammed through the Legislature in a matter of days and now, with a stroke of his pen, the governor has put the very health and well-being of Wisconsin women and families at immediate risk."

Meanwhile, in Texas, Republicans continued to advance anti-abortion legislation. To do so, they had to limit testimony at a public hearing, refuse to recognize Democrats and their amendments and impose strict security precautions to restrict protests at the Capitol in Austin.

The Texas House approved an anti-abortion bill on July 10, after more than 10 hours of debate in the previous session. The Senate will then take up the measure to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, require abortions be performed at ambulatory surgical centers, mandate that doctors who perform abortions obtain admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and require that even nonsurgical abortions take place in a surgical

center. Only five out of 42 clinics in the state would qualify as ambulatory surgical centers.

The same bill was defeated in late June, after thousands of protesters gathered at the Capitol on the final day of a first special session to support Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis and her filibuster, which kept her on her feet more than 12 hours.

After the first special session ended with the clock running out on the GOP, Perry called lawmakers back. "The Texas Legislature is poised to finish its history-making work this year by passing legislation to protect the unborn and women's health," said Perry, who announced on July 8 that he would not seek re-election, possibly to prepare for another presidential bid.

"Texas women still face an anti-choice governor and an anti-choice majority in the legislature determined to pass a bill that would likely close all but five clinics in Texas that provide abortion care and basic health care services," said Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "This could hurt tens of thousands of Texas women and families."

Opponents of the legislation have far outnumbered proponents at the Capitol. One abortion-rights rally drew a crowd of about 5,000 people. The largest anti-abortion rally drew several hundred people.

Perry encouraged more anti-abortion activists to head to Austin for Round Two. "The world has seen images of abortion-rights activists screaming, cheering. Going forward, we have to match their intensity but do it with grace and civility," the governor said.

The Republicans also called out state police, with helmets and truncheons, to deal with abortion-rights activists.

The same week that Texas lawmakers went back to work, the North Carolina Senate voted 29-12 for a bill directing state health regulators to change abortion clinic rules so they're similar to those for ambulatory surgery centers. The governor criticized the Senate for moving the bill in relative secrecy and House legislators have agreed to consult with safety regulators before they vote.

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# AIDS home in Waukesha nearly out of funds

By Stephanie S. Beecher

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If you ignore the breathing tube across the face of 63-year-old Nickeas Victor, he comes off as a tough guy. Raised in Chicago by his Italian mother and grandmother, Victor says he took to the streets at an early age. By the late '70s, he'd moved to Las Vegas, where he lived in the fast lane. His heedless lifestyle caught up with him, and he became a "raging crackhead," he says. To feed his habit, Victor turned to crime. He landed behind bars for everything from aggravated assault to grand theft auto to armed robbery.

After returning to Chicago in 1989, Victor had an emergency operation. When the doctor saw the track marks on his arms, he urged Victor to take an HIV test. The result was positive.

"It didn't really bother me," Victor says of his diagnosis. "It gave me an excuse, you know, for my family. 'Oh, that's why he's doing (drugs). He thinks he's going to die.'"

A cousin living in Brookfield convinced Victor to move to Wisconsin to try patching up his life. After he bounced back and forth over state lines – and between using and staying clean – a caseworker alerted him to the opening of a home for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Victor remembers: "He says, 'A new place just opened up. It's called Richard's Place, and it's supposed to be really nice.' I thought, 'This might be worth it to go up there and just see.'"



PHOTO: RICHARDS PLACE

**Richard's Place, named after founder Corrie Fulwiler's friend who died as a result of the infection.**

Two weeks later, Victor packed his bags and moved in.

## PURPOSEFUL DESIGN

Located in Waukesha, Richard's Place has provided housing, education and day-to-day support for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS for nearly 20 years. The organization operates two 24-hour residences and assists residents with case management and resource services, as well as end-of-life care.

Victor has been an on-and-off resident at Richard's Place for nearly 18 years. When I visit, he's just returned after having heart surgery. Over the hum of his respirator, his eyes betray his steely exterior.

"If it wasn't for Corrie and Richard's Place, I'd be dead or in a penitentiary," he says.

Corrie Fulwiler is the founder of Richard's Place. She opened the home in 1996, after watching her good friend Richard die from the disease. His death was during the height of the HIV/AIDS scare – back when people thought they could catch the disease by sharing a soda with someone who was infected. Fulwiler was greatly affected by her friend's death and society's lack of empathy toward people with AIDS.

She made it her mission to provide a home where people with the disease could live with dignity and peace.

"She came home and said, 'I want to quit my job and open up this place that's drug- and alcohol-free, where people can go see doctors so people won't have to die,'" says Fulwiler's husband Jeff. He was wary of his wife's plans. "I was just as ignorant as everybody else in the '80s. I thought you could get it from plates, from silverware."

Eventually, he gave in. Fulwiler quit her job as a substance abuse counselor and dedicated her energy to opening the first home. It didn't take long before residents began moving in.

"We're always full," she says. "Richard's Place is providing an extremely needed service that is wanted by so many people living with HIV/AIDS."

During my visit, a few of the residents show me their private bedrooms. Far from institutional, the homes are cozy and contemporary, with modern décor, plants and plenty of space and natural light. The homes are peaceful, but not silent – the residents and the staff members interact as a family.

It is a purposeful design.

For residents, the home offers more than case management and around-the-clock care, Fulwiler says. It also offers companionship and understanding. Despite advancements in medicine and public education, the weight of societal stigma can still be a heavy burden for people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

"Sometimes (residents) come in suicidal. A lot of them have strained relationships," Fulwiler says. "Some family members wouldn't allow them to sit on the couch. It breaks your

**He says the organization has been a godsend.**

heart to hear what many of the people we have helped had been going through."

If nothing else, Richard's Place serves as a reminder that HIV/AIDS can affect anyone. Its residents have included a diverse family of men and women, from doctors to homeless drug addicts, from young people who have nothing to lose to older folks who've come to the home after losing everything. Regardless of their circumstances, all residents receive the same love, compassion and understanding.

## 'I FOUND MY SPIRITUAL SIDE'

In an area known for its deep red politics, Waukesha County sometimes brushes HIV/AIDS under the shabby. Many in the surrounding suburbs believe the disease doesn't exist in Wisconsin – or if it does, it affects only gay men, city dwellers or minorities.

According to the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Surveillance Summary, conducted by the state Department of Health Services, there were 8,776 reported cases of HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin through July 31, 2012. Of those numbers, 82 percent were men and 18 percent were female, with cases reported in nearly every county in the state.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that nearly 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS. About 20 percent of those people are unaware of their HIV status, the organization says.

When the AIDS epidemic first hit the United States, the mysterious disease spread panic across the nation, especially the gay community. At the time, many gay men hid their orientation from family members and friends to avoid discrimination – or being dis-

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owned. Frederick Moore, 52, was married and living life on the "down low" in Milwaukee in the late '80s, when he contracted HIV. He says he was given the diagnosis after trying to donate plasma. As a black man raised in a Baptist household, coming out didn't seem like an option.

"It was really hard being gay back then," he says. "We didn't talk about sex. I married my wife, for one reason, to please my family. I was promiscuous, living the underground lifestyle."

Following his divorce, three suicide attempts and financial distress, Moore was facing homelessness before he arrived at Richard's Place last summer. He says the organization has been a godsend.

"I've actually found my spiritual side," Moore says. "Richard's Place taught me patience. We're all so different, but we come to love the next person. Oftentimes you run into people who say they love you, but here they really do."

Rick Tierney, a 50-year-old former figure skater, jokes that his family knew he was gay before he did, so there were no surprises when he officially came out to his parents. But when news of the AIDS epidemic surfaced in the media, it never crossed his mind he would become a part of the storyline.

"Our friends were dying left and right," says Tierney. "Me being a nurse, I should have known better."

He says his longtime partner cheated, which led to his HIV diagnosis in 1988.

The disease has changed his formerly

graceful frame. Today Tierney is wiry and oft-afflicted, checking off ailments like letters in the alphabet. Last fall, he fought a nasty bout of pneumonia, which culminated in a lengthy hospital stay. Now an oxygen tank sits near the recliner in his bedroom, and a bandage covers a carcinoma lesion near his forehead. His health issues are part of the reason he came to Richard's Place.

"When you're feeling bad and you get sick it's like, 'Is this going to be it?'" he says, wringing his hands. "You just don't think it is going to happen to you."

Richard McClain, 35, moved to Waukesha from Chicago four years ago. He contracted HIV from his partner at age 24 and began drinking to wash away the shame he felt about his disease. McClain now works as a staff member and strives to help other residents.

"When I came here everything turned around," McClain says. "This place is a lifesaver. I've seen people here on their deathbed that are now out there in the world. We need places like this."

**COFFERS ALMOST EMPTY**

After nearly 20 years, Richard's Place is on the verge of closing its doors. Federal and state funding cuts have reduced their coffers from about \$80,000 to just \$13,000. The Fulwilers haven't any more money left to give.

Meeting Corrie Fulwiler, it's clear that fatigue and frustration have long settled in. A few weeks after a visit, she says she recently spent two weeks in bed, exhausted and overwhelmed, without a clue as to how to



PHOTO: RICHARD'S PLACE

**Founder Corrie Fulwiler.**

pay the bills.

Victor says Fulwiler has gone weeks without drawing a paycheck to ensure the vitality of residents and her staff. Other residents say it's not uncommon for Fulwiler to work 16-hour days, if only for the satisfaction that the doors are open a single day more.

"Sometimes I pull Ms. Corrie aside and tell her, 'Thank you,'" Moore says. "Because that lady has a heart, a heart of gold. She's a beautiful person."

Always supportive of his wife's endeavors, Jeff Fulwiler fears they may have to throw in the towel.

"I was never willing to even consider or think about having to close Richard's Place until about a month ago," Fulwiler says. "I can't imagine telling the eight people who have become my family that they will need to separate and live someplace else. A nursing

home is not an option, period."

Closing the homes would be detrimental for people like Todd Russell, 45, who came to the home "when I had no one to turn to." The former interior designer from Madison lost his partner to AIDS and, after an HIV test, he found out he is infected as well.

"I watched them load his body into a body bag," says Russell, adding that he became a recluse and neglected his health after the loss. "It was truly the most traumatizing, earth-shaking moment of my life."

A cancer operation prompted Russell to move to Richard's Place. He says the environment allows him to speak freely about his disease without "awkward conversation," though he is struggling to build relationships.

"In Madison, there is nothing like Richard's Place," he says. "I want people to understand that this is truly not a group home or an institution. It's more like a 'home' and a 'family.' And it still has all the supportive resources that I need."

For now, the Fulwilers are weighing their options. It would be easier to quit, but Corrie Fulwiler says she will keep praying for a miracle. She has dreams of purchasing a ranch home where all eight residents can live together.

"I sometimes just sit and watch the interaction between the eight very special people who live at Richard's Place while they are eating dinner or just hanging out," she says. "They tell me how different their lives are. I think there are many angels watching over us and somehow, somewhere what is meant to be will be."

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# More than 200 people attend Kenosha's first-ever LGBT Pride walk

By **Dustin Alexander**

*Metro News Wire Service*

Over 200 people walked in Kenosha's first LGBT Pride March on July 6.

Organized by The United Alliance, a grassroots organization, and local merchants, the walk began at noon at Bain Park at 63rd and 11th streets and concluded just after 1 p.m. at Civic Park downtown.

"I came home after I attended PrideFest in Milwaukee and felt something should happen in Kenosha. We want to bring visibility to the LGBT community and let everyone know we are here," said C.J. Harris, the 21-year-old march organizer. He said he was overwhelmed with the positive response received during the walk.

"We stepped off with about 120 people at noon and by the end of the route there were over 200 walkers including couples and families," said Dan Seaver, communications director of United Alliance, which originated as a Kenosha high school social activism group.

Tenth Ward Ald. Anthony Kennedy was among the walk participants. "My mother has been involved in the gay community for as long as I've been alive," he said. "I'm the son of a lesbian parent. The walk was an acknowledgment that there are 200 people in Kenosha who care about LGBT issues."

Kennedy said the July 6 event encouraged the Kenosha community, and also might encourage others – outside the major cities – to hold Pride events.

"Our families may look different, but it doesn't mean we love them any less," Kennedy said.

Joe Catuara, owner of Kenosha Trolley Dogs, donated a tent and DJ for a block party that followed the march.

"I was happy to provide the space and means necessary for this wonderful group of people to meet," he said. "We weren't sure what kind of response the event would receive, but it's been nothing short of positive and encouraging."

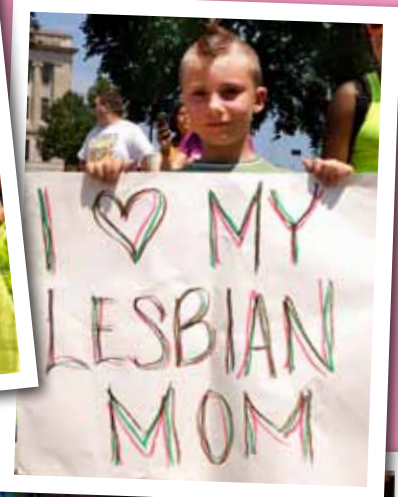
Kenosha Police Lt. Brad Kemen said police escorted participants along most of the route. There were no incidents.

The 2013 Kenosha Pride Walk is already being planned.

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# Laws rolling back voting rights prompt protests



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**Demonstrators gather in Raleigh, N.C., for a Moral Monday action.**

**By Lisa Neff**

*Staff writer*

Days after rejoicing over the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings on marriage equality, Mary Pfeister and partner Nancy Klein found themselves in the midst of a fiery protest over another ruling from the High Court.

On June 25, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts, essentially gutted the Voting Rights Act.

In *Shelby County v. Holder*, the Court said it could not enforce a requirement that local or state governments with a history of discrimination get federal government approval before changing how they hold elections.

The ruling came down the day before the justices overturned a key provision in the U.S. Defense of Marriage Act and issued a ruling that killed California's ban on gay marriage.

So, after a celebratory weekend to mark the marriage equality decisions, Charlotte, N.C., residents Pfeister and Klein joined other activists in a Moral Monday demonstration on Halifax Mall outside the General Assembly in Raleigh, N.C.

Thousands demonstrated against efforts to suppress the vote. Almost immediately after the Supreme Court ruling against the Voting Rights Act, Republicans in North Carolina began working on a plan to end early voting, Sunday voting and same-day registration.

"We made huge strides this year with marriage equality but that doesn't mean we're going to sit by and watch something as vital as voting rights be jeopardized," said Pfeister after the July 2 Moral Monday demonstration.

The Moral Monday civil disobedience demonstrations, coordinated by the North Carolina NAACP, entered their 10th week on July 8. Protesters also are turning out for weekly Witness Wednesday actions in Raleigh. Demonstrators are protesting state attacks on labor, abuse of the environment, a legislative push to limit abortion options for women,

and an assault on anti-poverty programs.

On July 2, police arrested 80 protesters as they sang "This Little Light of Mine" in the atrium inside the Capitol. The total number of arrests since April is about 800.

U.S. Rep. G. K. Butterfield, D-N.C., has joined in the demonstrations. "As a participant in the 1963 March on Washington, and as a former civil rights attorney, I have seen firsthand how peaceful, civil demonstrations can affect change," he said. "Based on the turnout at the General Assembly over the past few weeks, change is already being realized. What began as a group of 10 has grown to thousands of protestors standing up for what is right."

Demonstrations against the Supreme Court ruling in the *Shelby* case took place elsewhere in late June and early July.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama urged congressional action to revive the Voting Rights Act. So did civil rights leaders, including representatives from a coalition of LGBT groups. A joint statement said, "The court has done America a grave disservice, and we will work with our coalition partners to undo the damage inflicted by this retrogressive ruling."

Before the *Shelby* decision, U.S. Reps. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., and Keith Ellison, D-Minn., had introduced the Right to Vote Amendment. In a joint statement in late June, the congressmen called the Supreme Court ruling an "assault on our most fundamental right as Americans. While the Court is correct that current law to protect voters from discriminatory voting laws is outdated, it is because it's not expansive enough. The right to vote is under attack across the country."

This year, legislators in more than 30 states have introduced more than 80 bills to restrict voting rights that Pocan and Ellison said "often target low-income, student, elderly and minority voters."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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The new logo of the combined Fair Wisconsin and Equality Wisconsin.

### FAIR WISCONSIN, EQUALITY WISCONSIN MERGE

Madison-based Fair Wisconsin and Milwaukee-based Equality Wisconsin, the state's leading LGBT civil rights groups, announced a merger in late June.

The two organizations have worked together on a number of projects and events this year, resulting in increased effectiveness and the ability to better leverage resources.

Fair Wisconsin board chair Jason Rae and Fair Wisconsin Education Fund board chair Shannon Anderson announced the merger in a joint statement, which said the boards "concluded that formally merging our organizations is the best path toward creating a more unified, stable and successful LGBT equality movement. That is why just today we elected seven members of the Equality Wisconsin Boards to the Fair Wisconsin Boards of Directors, formally recognizing our merged and unified organizations."

At the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center on July 10, as WiG went to press, the organizations were to present the new unified structure and leadership.

Fair Wisconsin executive director Katie Belanger will continue her service as the president & CEO of the new Fair Wisconsin. Equality Wisconsin executive director Jason Burns left his post on July 1 to join U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan's staff.

### IN OTHER NEWS ...

- **The Cream City Foundation** is planning the annual My Best Friend is Straight party for 5:30 p.m. on July 25 at North Point Lighthouse, 2650 N. Wahl Ave., Milwaukee. For more, visit [www.creamcityfoundation.org](http://www.creamcityfoundation.org).

- **Wisconsin Capitol Pride** organizers continue to put together their annual event, set for Aug. 17-18 in Madison. For more, visit [www.wisconsincapitolpride.org](http://www.wisconsincapitolpride.org).

- **PrideAlive**, Northeast Wisconsin's largest Pride event, takes place in Green Bay this month. The main event is 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on July 13 in Joannes Park. Take Me Out, a picnic and ballgame, begins at 6 p.m. on July 12. For more, visit [www.newpridealive.com](http://www.newpridealive.com).

- **The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center** hosts its annual TGIF gathering at Cafe Lulu, 2265 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, at 5:30 p.m. on July 12. The center also announced the annual Rainbow Summer Picnic is at noon on July 20 in the center courtyard, 1110 N. Market St.; the Little Night Out Summer Concert Series continues with a meet-up at Music in the Park in Lake Park on July 22; and the Big Night Out gala is on the calendar for Oct. 11. For more, visit [www.mkelgbt.org](http://www.mkelgbt.org).

- **Charlie Daniel**, a longtime supporter of the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools, recently received the Rev. James C. Wright Human Rights Award from the City of Madison. Daniel is described as an educator, advocate, policy maker, consultant and fierce advocate for justice and equality.

- **The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce** hosts a happy hour at 5:30 p.m. on July 16 at the Horny Goat Hideaway, 2011 S. First St., Milwaukee. For more, visit [www.wisgbtchamber.com](http://www.wisgbtchamber.com).

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## { Editorial }

# The people's interest or 'divine command'?

Two events surrounding July 4 speak volumes about the perils facing freedom.

On July 5, one day after we celebrated our founders' vision of a society based on individual liberty, Gov. Scott Walker signed into law one of the most flagrant abuses of personal freedom the state has ever seen. Senate Bill 206 stipulates that doctors performing abortion procedures must have admitting privileges with hospitals within a 30-mile radius. Since such privileges were not required in the past and since hospitals run by religious denominations (including three out of five of Milwaukee's largest hospital systems) will not provide them for birth-control services, access to abortion has been severely curtailed where it hasn't been eliminated altogether.

SB206 effectively would shut down all but two abortion clinics in the state through a maneuver giving huge medical decision-making power to clerics.

The law also would force women to undergo medically unnecessary ultrasounds, including a procedure that requires invasive vaginal probes, prior to terminating unwanted pregnancies. The law even forces doctors to describe the ultrasound to women.

Many Republicans who pushed this measure onto a state that doesn't want it cited their reading of the Bible as a major factor. Never mind that the Bible not only doesn't address abortion but also describes incidents in which God orders the Israelites to slay children and pregnant women. In fact, biblical law orders a mild sentence for a man who causes a woman to miscarry but a death sentence for him if the woman dies in the process. Clearly the Bible puts a woman's life above that of a fetus.

But this is not a nation where one religious sect can enforce its unpopular views on everyone else no matter what they think the Bible says. Just as fog fizzled the fireworks along Milwaukee's lakefront, SB206 obliterated the meaning of individual liberty from imposed religious dogma.

While fundamentalists in Wisconsin were taking a wrecking ball to our democracy, Egyptians were massing to eliminate religious control of their fledgling democracy. They've quickly discovered that religious fanatics might be elected to power through the democratic process, but they inevitably will demolish that process and enshrine religious law once they gain office.

Conservative New York Times columnist David Brooks took heat for describing radical Islamists as incapable of running a modern government due to their apocalyptic, absolutist mind-sets, which lead them to dismiss the people's interests in favor of what they perceive as divine commands. "It's necessary to investigate the core of a party's beliefs, not just accept anybody who happens to emerge from a democratic process," Brooks wrote.

But those words accurately describe all religious zealots in public office. And they're scary words for Wisconsin, where the Christian fringe has taken control of the Legislature through an undemocratic process of gerrymandering that cannot be undone until 2020 at the earliest.

Where is the outrage over Wisconsin's version of the Muslim Brotherhood? Will our Tahrir Square uprising come only after we've suffered as much as Egypt has?

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## ON THE RECORD



“This was the crowning touch on what has been an awe-inspiring 12 months. The successes have come from people being authentic, people being out. My uncle said 35 years ago: If they know us, they can’t hate us.”

– STUART MILK, Harvey Milk’s gay nephew, talking to the LA Times about the U.S. Supreme Court decisions advancing equality.

“Sad day for our nation; founding fathers would be ashamed of our gen. to abandon wisdom of the ages re: cornerstone of strong societies.”

– DAN CATHY, president and CEO of Chick-fil-A, tweeting his response to the Court’s decision striking down the Defense of Marriage Act. He later deleted the tweet.

“I did not believe that as a member of that body that I should allow someone to make comments such as he was preparing to make that ultimately were just open rebellion against what the word of God has said, what God has said, and just open rebellion against God’s law.”

– Pennsylvania State Rep. DARYL METCALFE explaining why he refused to allow gay state Rep. Brian Sims to address the floor following the Supreme Court rulings on same-sex marriage cases.

“I’m gonna find you, George Stark, you toxic little queen, and I’m gonna fuck ... you ... up ... If (sic) put my foot up your fucking ass, George Stark, but I’m sure you’d dig it too much.”

– Tweets sent by ALEC BALDWIN to a Daily Mail reporter who criticized his wife Hilaria Baldwin for tweeting smoothie recipes during James Gandolfini’s funeral. Baldwin later apologized in an open letter to GLAAD.

“Why, I wonder, has (Alec) Baldwin not been arrested? In my view, George Stark should press charges. Bigoted bullies like Baldwin need to know that their stardom (and their ‘liberal’ past) does not excuse this. Kids are brutalized by this kind of language every day. And yet gays and lesbians are defending him. How many African-Americans are coming to the defense of Paula Deen?”

– ANDREW SULLIVAN condemning Alec Baldwin for his homophobic tweets and criticizing liberals for ignoring the hateful comments.

“I hope he does not arrive in the country because I know if he comes he is going to suffer and will have to leave.”

– Catholic CARDINAL NICOLÁS DE JESÚS LÓPEZ RODRÍGUEZ of the Dominican Republic promising a hostile reception for the nation’s newly nominated ambassador from the United States, openly gay DNC co-chair Wally Brewster. The cardinal also called Brewster a “maricón,” which is Spanish for “faggot,” and said Barack Obama’s ambassadorial choice showed “disrespect” for his country.

“I think it’s the most controversial thing I’ve ever done or will do.”

– RABBI DAVID WOLPE going against his affluent and conservative Jewish congregation and announcing that gay marriages would be performed in the 107-year-old Sinai Temple in Los Angeles.



## A few modest proposals

## Opinion

JAMAKAYA

In the spirit of Jonathan Swift, who satirically urged the Irish to overcome their poverty by selling their children to the rich to eat, here are my own modest proposals inspired by wacko GOP ideas and men behaving badly.

Given the multitude of laws regulating women’s reproductive health, it’s long past time that some creative legislator proposes a “Sperm Control Act.” This act should mandate stiff fines for men who do not use condoms during intercourse. Every woman could be a whistleblower. No longer could sperm “advocates” file complaints on behalf of the little swimmers denied their rendezvous with destiny.

And how about requiring invasive tests and denying insurance coverage for that seemingly ubiquitous scourge of mankind: erectile

dysfunction? Society at large has an interest in knowing that individual cases of impotency are proven beyond a reasonable doubt through “medical” procedures witnessed by at least two licensed professionals, one of whom has admitting privileges to a local hospital.

We all know where men with erections lasting longer than four hours end up, so denying insurance for this apparent epidemic will address two issues: it will reduce everyone’s insurance premiums while curbing the promiscuous use of ED drugs. Hey guys, think of it as another form of “pay to play.” Why should women, denied insurance for contraception, subsidize male tumescence?

Our GOP-run Legislature recently expanded Gov. Scott Walker’s authority to sell off state buildings and property. Along with that, executive branch managers can now offer no-bid contracts for goods and services up to \$50,000 (it used to be \$25,000) to their buddies. Consider the possibilities...

We could sell off our lovely Capitol Building and its grounds for \$50-\$60 million! Since most legislation is now being written by mining, energy and telecommunications giants, not to mention rent-to-own sharks, state business could simply continue to go on in the board rooms of special interest groups at no cost to the public. What a boon to that pesky deficit of ours!

Speaking of rent-to-own sharks, GOP lawmakers seem determined to make Wisconsin the Alabama of the North. Rumor has it that child labor, workhouses for the poor, capital punishment, dog fighting, turkey shoots and dwarf tossing may be next on their agenda.

To combat a nasty spate of men behaving badly both locally and internationally, I propose a comprehensive set of Curfew and Leash Laws to curb male violence.

Last month, state Sen. Mike Ellis acted like a madman while presiding over the Senate, screaming and spitting like Hitler and breaking a gavel – and this was

during a vote that his side won! Apparently Ellis modeled his behavior on that of State Supreme Court Justice David Prosser – another real role model – a former legislator with a history of angry outbursts who reportedly grabbed fellow Justice Ann Walsh Bradley by the neck when she asked the creep to leave her office.

While LGBTs celebrated the Supreme Court’s rulings on marriage, the World Health Organization issued another shocking report about the prevalence of violence against women worldwide (more on that next time). A week later, the Egyptian president was ousted during street demonstrations that degenerated into vicious attacks on women. For some men, nothing spells freedom like being able to rape any woman in sight.

My modest proposal: curfews from dusk to dawn and leashes 24/7 for all males, aged 10-85.

## Why we must keep it personal

## Opinion

KATIE BELANGER

I had never heard Uncle Don’s coming-out story until our family reunion last week. Don came out late in life, after retirement nearly 20 years ago. His self-exploration took him to San Francisco, where he still lives.

Don has been fortunate to live a full and fascinating life but, even at 85, he was surprised by how moving he found the return of full marriage equality to California. After he blew out the candles on his birthday brownie, Don sat down and shared with me his experience on the steps of the San Francisco courthouse as the first couples were married after Prop 8 was officially declared dead.

Because he never plans to be married again, the

concept of marriage equality meant little to him. Sure, it would be good for those couples wishing to be married, but for Don? It seemed to signify little, until he found himself among thousands of committed same-sex couples, elated about their impending nuptials.

It finally dawned on him: His state and his country now saw him as a person worthy of the dignity and respect of his heterosexual peers.

After Don headed to bed, several family members approached me, surprised and perhaps a bit jealous that Don had chosen me, part of his family by marriage, to share such a personal story. Having heard thousands of Don’s tales over the years, they were anxious to hear the details of his biggest story of all: how Don became truly and fully himself. It was a game changer in the family. People

wanted to understand his journey and wanted Don to feel comfortable in sharing his coming-out experience with everyone.

It made real something that I say nearly every day: The real ability to change the hearts and minds of people is through sharing personal stories, challenges, heartaches and successes by taking the bold action of opening up to your family and to those who may not understand.

Though we did not achieve full marriage equality in Wisconsin through the Supreme Court cases in June, this was a powerful reminder of how change really happens. Keep it simple, keep it clear and keep it PERSONAL. That’s the way that we’re going to keep moving forward as a state, as a country and as a society.

As Fair Wisconsin and Equality Wisconsin are now a unified and merged orga-

nization, I look forward to continuing the work of Jason Burns in writing this column to discuss advancing LGBT equality in Wisconsin and the work of Fair Wisconsin in the months and years ahead. It’s going to be a long path to marriage equality, inclusive nondiscrimination laws and more. I hope you will join us in this work, and I hope you’ll drop me a line with any topics or issues you’d like me to cover.

This column isn’t about me – it’s about YOU, the issues you care about, and the work we’re doing together to make Wisconsin a place where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

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## Berner's original fountain was torn down years ago but a replica has been built

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asked for a dish of ice cream. Spying a container of chocolate syrup on the back counter – the kind Berner used to make his chocolate sodas – Hallauer asked Berner to splash some syrup on his ice cream.

As a confection professional, Berner was aghast at the idea. Chocolate on ice cream? That would spoil the ice cream's flavor!

However, Hallauer persisted. Berner finally relinquished, adding the chocolate sauce to the ice cream. The rest, as they say is history.

Berner's new creation, which cost a nickel, became pretty popular. Clad in an immaculate white jacket with a forever-unlit cigar clenched between his teeth, Berner began experimenting with various ingredients, including apple cider, and giving the dishes colorful names. Soon customers could order a Flora Dora, a Mudscow and a chocolate-and-peanut concoction called the Chocolate Peany, but only on Sundays.

Fast forward a few years to George Giffey, who owned an ice cream parlor in nearby Manitowoc. Legend has it that a 10-year-old girl asked for a dish of ice cream "with the stuff on top" on a day that was not Sunday. Giffey got around the local protocol by the calling the dish itself a "Sunday."

The changing of the spelling to "sundae" is something generally credited to a traveling glassware salesman who provided the canoe-shaped dishes in which the treat was served. In writing up an order for Berner's shop, he

mistakenly used the spelling "sundae" and the name stuck. On the other hand, it may have been a political move on Berner's part to appease the local burghers who disapproved of naming the confection after the Sabbath.

Ithaca tells a similar story, crediting Chester Platt of the Platt & Colt Pharmacy as preparing a Sunday dish of ice cream for the Rev. John M. Scott of the local Unitarian Church. Platt topped the ice cream with cherry sauce and a candied cherry. Scott was delighted and, being a more liberal clergyman, suggested the dish be called a "Sunday" after the day of its creation.

While that sounds plausible – Ithaca has an 1892 newspaper ad that supports its claim – history shows an 11-year difference between the two tales. This clearly gives Two Rivers the edge over Ithaca and other would-be sundae originators, a list that includes Evanston, Ill., Plainfield, Ill., Buffalo, N.Y., Ann Arbor, Mich., Norfolk, Va. and Washington, D.C.

Two Rivers' claim is further substantiated by writer H.L. Mencken who, in tracing the origin of the word "sundae" for his volume "The American Language: Supplement 1" cites Two Rivers as the source both of the word and the treat. Mencken's 1929 interview with Ed Berner verifies the fact.

So, in your face, Ithaca! You can sit on your soda fountain stool and spin! Two Rivers is home to the ice cream sundae.

But there's more. In June 2006, the Two Rivers City Council issued a proclamation formally challenging Ithaca to its claim as the

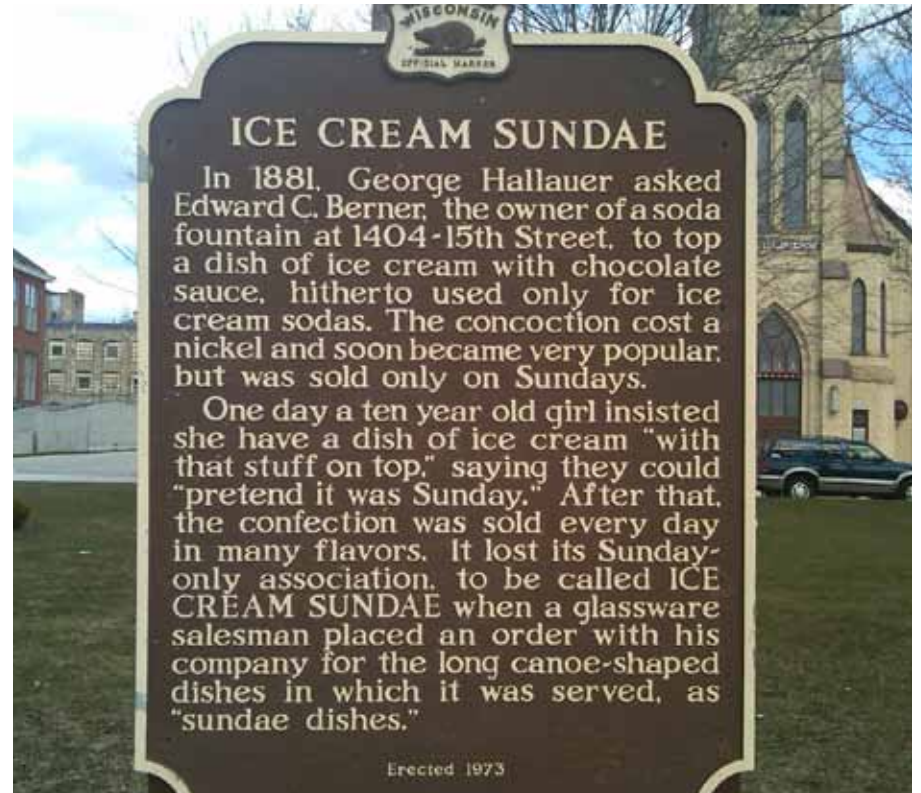


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### The claiming the sundae was originated in Two Rivers.

sundae's birthplace. A package was delivered to former Ithaca Mayor Carolyn Peters containing an inflatable dairy cow, an ice cream sundae T-shirt and jewelry.

In addition, postcards were sent to Peters and an ad was placed in the Ithaca Journal featuring a coupon offering free ice cream sundaes to Ithaca residents. The coupons were only redeemable in Two Rivers, and redemption required the bearer's acknowledgment of Two Rivers as the sundae's birthplace.

According to volunteers at the Washington House Museum and Visitor Center, more than 80 such coupons have been redeemed and, seven years later, they are still coming in.

Berner's original soda fountain was torn down years ago, but a replica exists in what was a former tailor shop located in the historic Washington House, 1622 Jefferson St. For \$2 volunteers will serve a dish or cone of Cedar Crest Ice Cream and recount the tale of Ed Berner and his creation.

### SUNDAE, BLOODY SUNDAE

When traveling abroad it always helps to know the language. If you carelessly order a sundae in Seoul, you will wind up with something not at all what you expected.

In Korean, "sundae" refers to a dish made of boiled or steamed cow or pig intestines stuffed with various ingredients. The most popular Korean sundae, which dates to the 19th century, involves pig intestines stuffed with cellophane noodles and pork blood. Some cooks also include soybean paste, kimchi, perilla leaves, scallions or other ingredients.

There is no record of a traditional Korean sundae including ice cream, chocolate sauce, peanuts or maraschino cherries.

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## REGIONAL BRIEFS



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**CAMPING OUT:** The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee held an LGBT+ Discovery Camp over the weekend of June 28. LGBT campers and allies from throughout the state explored their identities, gender, careers and activism. They participated in team-building exercises, including the “human knot” (shown above). The exercises help participants learn collaboration, communication and leadership skills. UWM hosts eight discovery camps over the summer, addressing topics ranging from mobile apps to sustainability.

### CONVICTION, GUILTY PLEAS IN KILLING OF TRANSGENDER RAPPER

A jury has convicted one of five men charged in the gang-related killing of a Milwaukee rap artist.

Nineteen-year-old Ashanti Mcalister was found guilty on June 27 of first-degree intentional homicide in the death of 22-year-old Evon Young, a transgender rapper also known as Yung LT. Young disappeared New Year's Day. Mcalister and others killed the young rapper and disposed of his body in a trash bin.

According to testimony, Mcalister delivered three shots to Young's body after he was suffocated and strangled in the basement of his own home.

Mcalister's sentencing is set for Aug. 12. He faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

A jury deadlocked earlier in June in another trial – that of Young's roommate, Billy Griffin – and a new trial is scheduled for September.

Meanwhile, two others arrested in connection with Young's killing have pleaded guilty in deals with the prosecutors. On July 2, Devin Seaberry pleaded guilty to second-degree reckless homicide and will be sentenced in October. Victor Stewart also pleaded guilty in the case.

Both Stewart and Seaberry are expected to testify as witnesses at Griffin's second trial, as well as at the trial of a fifth defendant, Ron Allen.

### IN OTHER NEWS ...

• **A U.S. judge** signaled on July 1 that a trial is possible to determine whether Michi-

gan's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, nearly nine years after voters approved it by a wide margin. U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman refused to dismiss a lawsuit filed by partners Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer, who are challenging a law that bars them from adopting each other's children as well as a 2004 constitutional amendment that defines marriage only as between a man and a woman.

• **The Archdiocese of Milwaukee** released thousands of pages of documents related to clergy sex abuse on July 1, including the personnel files of more than three dozen priests and the depositions of church leaders, including New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the former archbishop of Milwaukee. The documents were made public as part of a deal reached in federal bankruptcy court between the archdiocese and victims suing it for fraud.

• **Wisconsin Democrats** are polling to test a potential run against Gov. Scott Walker next year by Mary Burke, a former state Commerce Department secretary and daughter of Trek Bicycle's founder. While some Democrats have mentioned Burke's name as a potential candidate, the Harvard-educated former business executive has not publicly said whether she's interested.

• **Chicago's 44th annual LGBT Pride Parade** drew an estimated 1 million people, despite new limits on the number of parade entries allowed and a shortened parade route. The celebration took place on June 30, the same date as San Francisco and New York City Pride parades.

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## Obama wants administration to implement SCOTUS ruling swiftly, smoothly

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secretaries swiftly moved to carry out President Barack Obama's directive to honor the marriages of same-sex couples.

Section 3 of DOMA defined marriage as the union of a man and a woman and prohibited the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. The demise of Section 3 means that married same-sex couples have access to more than 1,100 federal rights and benefits previously only available to opposite-sex couples.

Though questions remain for gay couples residing in states that do not recognize their marriages, including Wisconsin, Obama has said he wants his administration to imple-

ment – swiftly and smoothly – the Supreme Court's ruling.

The Department of Homeland Security quickly adapted to a post-DOMA America. By June 29, a binational gay couple in Florida had received news that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved their green card petition. On July 3, a binational lesbian couple in Colorado learned that Immigration Services had approved a marriage-based green card.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said she instructed the agency "to review immigration visa petitions filed on behalf of a same-sex spouse in the same manner as those filed on behalf of an opposite-sex spouse."

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Attorney General Eric Holder, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Office of Personnel Management acting director Elaine Kaplan and Secretary of State John Kerry also announced plans to swiftly implement the ruling in United States v. Windsor. Kerry was one of a handful of senators to vote against DOMA in 1996, arguing then that the measure was unconstitutional.

"As Secretary of State, I look forward to the work that now can and must be done to adjust rules and regulations that affect the many married Americans who were hurt by this law," Kerry said.

After DOMA fell, his former colleagues in the Senate reintroduced the Respect for Marriage Act to fully repeal DOMA and establish a clear rule for the federal government.

"We have an obligation to ensure that every same-sex couple – whether they live in Arkansas or New York, Kansas or California, can share in the emotional and deserved victory," said Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBT civil rights group. "We have momentum on our side, and it's only a matter of time until the remaining parts of DOMA are entirely repealed."

The bill may advance in the Democratically-controlled Senate, but chances of passage in the GOP-controlled House are less than slim.

Same-sex marriage is legal in the District of Columbia and 13 states, but the other states, with the exception of New Mexico, have laws or constitutional amendments prohibiting such marriages. Those prohibitions, depending on the state, will have to be repealed by legislators, overturned by courts or lifted at the ballot box.

The Supreme Court opinions should help, including the dissent in the DOMA case from arch-conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote, "By formally declaring anyone opposed to same-sex marriage as an enemy of human decency, the majority arms well every challenger to a state law restricting marriage to its traditional definition."

Inspired, Equality Florida launched the campaign to repeal the state's constitutional amendment at the ballot box but also is preparing for a lawsuit. The group recently

advertised, "We're looking for a same-sex couple who may be willing to sue the state of Florida in a marriage equality lawsuit. If you are interested please contact us with the form below and we'll be in touch!"

In Michigan, activists and Democratic lawmakers want to hold a referendum to repeal the state constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Plus, a lawsuit filed by two women seeking to marry is headed for trial. On July 1, a federal judge, with a nod to the Supreme Court rulings, said, "Plaintiffs are entitled to their day in court and they shall have it."

In New Jersey, lawmakers passed a marriage equality bill in 2012 that was vetoed by Republican Gov. Chris Christie. Democratic lawmakers may call for an override vote. Meanwhile, seven gay couples have sued, arguing that civil unions are not equal to marriage.


Illinois lawmakers could vote on a marriage equality bill this year, but lawsuits filed by Lambda Legal and the ACLU also demand marriage equality. On July 10, the groups asked a court for summary judgment.

In Hawaii, there is legislative support for same-sex marriage. Also, a lawsuit filed by two women who want to marry is before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the same court that ruled against Prop 8. A judge already ruled that denying the women marriage rights violates guarantees of due process and equal protection under the 14th Amendment.

In Utah, three same-sex couples have sued to marry. In Pennsylvania, gay state Rep. Brian Sims plans to introduce a bill to allow gay marriages and, on July 9, 21 people represented by the ACLU sued for marriage equality.

Arizona, Arkansas, Oregon and Ohio activists hope to petition for 2014 ballot initiatives to repeal anti-gay constitutional amendments. Nevada activists are pursuing a marriage equality referendum in 2016 and Colorado is organizing for a ballot initiative, though there's no target date.


In New Mexico, the law does not say same-sex couples can marry, but it doesn't say they cannot. So the ACLU has asked the state Supreme Court to clarify whether gay couples can get marriage licenses.



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## Paradise found

Levi Kreis finally does an album his way

Music

GREGG SHAPIRO

By Gregg Shapiro

Contributing writer

You'll find musical paradise on "Imagine Paradise," the soulful new album by Tony Award-winning gay singer/songwriter Levi Kreis. The fan-funded recording features a dozen Kreis compositions written for individual supporters who contributed at specific levels. The remaining donors are given their due on the album's front and back covers.

A distinct move in a new direction for Kreis, the songs on "Imagine Paradise" take the best elements of retro R&B and splash them with a fresh, funky and vivid new coat of paint. Just try to stand still when you hear "Any Way You Wanna," "Taking Back My Boogie," "So Much Better," "Love Revolution" and especially "It Ain't Over."

The perfect soundtrack for summer parties, the disc also includes ballads, such as "What Love Is," an example of the dramatic numbers on which Kreis built his devoted following.

I spoke with Levi shortly before the release of "Imagine Paradise."

**Gregg Shapiro: The last time we spoke, you were preparing to play Jerry Lee Lewis in "Million Dollar Quartet" – the part that earned you a Tony Award. Do you keep your Tony in a special place?**

Levi Kreis: (Laughs) It only just came out of the closet. (The Tony) was an extra thing that I was grateful to have while I was going through a divorce, while I was getting sober, while, literally, every level of my life felt like it was falling apart. When the Tony Award happened, I honestly felt like, "Holy shit, did I pull the wool over everybody's eyes?" I really felt like I wasn't worthy of it. That's actually why I put it away.

**Did Jerry Lee Lewis ever see your portrayal of him?**

Jerry Lee Lewis not only came to see the show, he sat in with us on the encore. I got to play with him. It was the best experience of the whole thing. As a matter of fact, we got to spend a whole day together and The New York Times followed us around and wrote a whole story about it. He was very

complimentary. I remember him saying, (in a thick drawl), "There's a lot of boys that tried to play me, but I tell you what, you're the only one that does it justice" – which was a huge compliment.

**I would like to shift gears now and talk about your new CD "Imagine Paradise," beginning with the CD cover on which you appear naked except for the names of your project backers written all over your body.**

This is about the people who actually created this album by lending their stories and their life experiences for me. What better way for me to honor them than to get all of them on my body and wear nothing but them. That's what the project is – it's nothing but them.

**Would you ever do a Kickstarter campaign again?**

I wouldn't do it again, because I actually honor the concept of Kickstarter more from the perspective as a business loan. If you are actually able to get that kind of money, you want to look at how you're doing business and how you can impact the album to bring the funds to do the next one. I don't think artists should live off of Kickstarter.

**Each of the 12 songs was written for a backer. Did they make specific requests as to the subject matter or did you have carte blanche?**

There was a certain incentive. Whether you came in at \$1,000 or \$2,500, you would get your own personalized, custom-written theme song. Once they made their pledge and the Kickstarter campaign was finalized – some of them I yapped on the phone with for a few hours, others I just emailed. Whatever their preference was. Some people had very little to say, some people had a whole lot to say. It was my job to take the core emotional experience of their life situation and liken it unto my core emotional experience of a situation.



## ON STAGE

Levi Kreis performs at the Center for Conscious Living, 849 E. Washington Ave., Madison, at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 10.

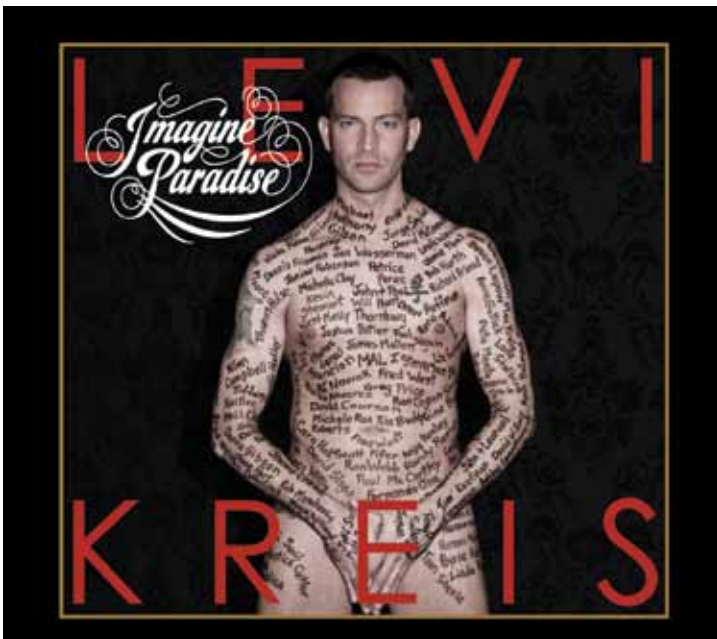
**"Imagine Paradise" is your fifth full-length disc. In what ways would you say that you've evolved as both a songwriter and a performer?**

I look back on the albums of my past and I can't help but acknowledge that they were often created from an economical standpoint. For instance, (my first album) "One of the Ones," I had \$200 in my pocket, I only had these eight songs left from the deal with Atlantic Records, and I literally went into a studio in New York City and asked the guy behind the front desk if he would please let me go in and play one time through the songs. That was the album. I look at "Gospel," where we went from a \$200 budget to a \$3,000 budget, which I thought was remarkable. But we're still in the living room, working with old equipment, and it's just me and someone else. Along the way, I also think that what informed the albums was that I had an undue concern for what was hot at the time. For instance, "The Gospel According to Levi" was (recorded) around the time of Kelly Clarkson's big hit "Since U Been Gone," and you can hear

whatever was hot in the day in that particular album. Why I love "Imagine Paradise" so much is that I finally let that go and decided that I wanted to do the music that I like to listen to. Some of my friends over the years have introduced me to the greatest music of the late '70s and early '80s, when the black and gay communities were creating these anthems of freedom. I'm coming out of the closet with that, that's what I listen to, that's what I have on repeat. I don't listen to my old albums, because I never would listen to that style of music. This is actually the style of music I would listen to.

**"Love Revolution" is one of your most political songs.**

I don't think I could've honored the story of Richard Friend, who inspired it, without speaking that. He was a political activist, he was reaching out to our HIV/AIDS victims at the height of ACT UP. He was building organizations. He was caring for people. "Love Revolution" is the second single (from the album).





# Koi story Milwaukee's ubiquitous street artist reveals himself

By Brandon Miller

Special to WiG

Milwaukee has been invaded by koi. Images of the colorfully patterned fish have been spray-painted throughout the East Side, Riverwest and Third Ward neighborhoods, adorning busy sidewalks.

You'll find the koi near the Yield Bar, Riverwest Public House, Riverwest Film and Video, the Alterra on Prospect, bus stops on Brady Street, the North Avenue bridge and swimming along the Oak Leaf bike trail as if it were a river.

The koi exemplify an art form known as street art – visual art displayed in public spaces, unsanctioned and at times referred to as vandalism. Street artists use spray paints, stencils, stickers and even video projections to create their work within city landscapes.

In Chinese mythology, koi would change into dragons when they reached the top of the Yangtze River. Today they're used as symbols of perseverance, courage, independence, individualism and ambition.

The artist responsible for the koi invasion is Jeremy Novy, an out gay man who describes his work as an artistic intervention with urban blight. I recently spoke with him.

## What inspired you to become a street artist?

I did graffiti when I was younger. It was a way for me to get release from things like

not being in with society, being kinda of like the weird outsider artist, being gay and all these things, being a child. After going to art school, I started seeing more and more of intervention art, art where artists were taking initiative to try and address issues in their urban landscape. So I started doing street art "interventionally," addressing the issue of urban blight in Milwaukee.

## You graduated from the Peck School of the Arts in 2008 with a degree in photography. What was that experience like?

I really enjoyed the four years I spent at UWM. The diversity of art I was exposed to along with the teachers and visiting artists truly helped direct my career as an artist. In 2006 and 2007, I went to China ... to study ancient and contemporary art. While I was there, I took interest in Chinese scrolls and the stories related to the koi. In 2008, I started stenciling koi on the Oak Leaf bike trail at North and Oakland as a final project for my guerrilla printmaking class.

## Why did you decide to place your koi around Milwaukee?

I decided to put them out where people gather, where artists or free-thinkers or people who think differently (gather). I put them in those areas to cause people to think a little bit more. They cause people to see



Photo: Brandon Miller

beauty and color.

As children, we are told we need to see certain colors in our cribs. If you know any mothers or recent mothers, they have these children's books that say certain colors will cause the kid to start thinking (earlier) and create more creativity and cause the brain to develop quicker.

I also feel as adults, "Why do we not have the same information given to us? Why do we have landscapes that are gray and not have color and vibrancy to break this up?" People are continuously walking around looking at their feet, not looking around. With my koi, they are confronted with a splash of color and imitation of life.

## You have been all over the country, showing your work in galleries and working on commissioned projects. What cities have you decorated with your koi?

It may be incriminating to say this, but you can find them in Honolulu, Chicago, Milwaukee, New Orleans, San Francisco, New York, New Haven, Guerneville, Bolinas and other smaller towns in Northern California.

## What do you want people to think about when they see your fish?

With all of my art I really try to work with

themes such as equality. Sometimes I stencil past queer leaders like Harvey Milk. Even if it's a poster or an image, I'm still trying to send out love, harmony, peace, equality and all those things that you can find within what the koi stand for.

## How is your work different from graffiti and tagging?

My stencils are about fitting in with the urban environment around my art. Graffiti and tagging are just about getting up without fully considering how it fits in with the surrounding environment. Like when the wall and window are tagged, or when it's put down in a way you can't even read. Tagging specifically only uses one color, where my art uses several colors and layers. My art also is an image not a word.

## What do you get out of your work?

I'd like to think my koi and other works using the ground, specifically, make other street artists look at using other surfaces than just a wall and making their art fit more and more into its actual environment. I hope my koi and queer street art bring messages of what the koi specifically stand for, harmony, equality, love, friendship, diversity, peace, etc.

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# APT's 'Hamlet' catches the conscience of the Dane but not the Bard's brilliance

Author Gustave Flaubert once said that God's three greatest creations were the ocean, Mozart's opera "Don Giovanni" and Shakespeare's play "Hamlet." Can Wisconsin's finest repertory theater company fulfill the expectations that come with staging such a lauded work?

Judging by American Players Theatre's opening of "Hamlet" during the dark and stormy night of June 29, the answer is yes – more or less. At the very least, director John Langs and his cast offer a powerful retelling of the ultimate revenge tale at APT's Up-the-Hill amphitheater, with a only a minimal number of stumbles along the way.

The legendary story involves the psychological transformation of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark (Matt Schwader), as he seeks vengeance for the murder of his father King Hamlet (whose ghost is played by James Pickering) by his uncle Claudius (Jim DeVita). Claudius seizes the throne and King Hamlet's far-from-grieving widow Gertrude (Deborah Staples) for his own, triggering Prince Hamlet's rage and revulsion.

The play's somber tone is set by King Hamlet's ghost, who appears early and often to egg on his son's quest for revenge. Hamlet's ensuing madness, both real and feigned, manifests in soliloquies that contain some of Shakespeare's most familiar lines. The denouement carries the dark theme to its inevitable conclusion, in which all the devils get their dues.

"Hamlet," first performed in 1602, exists in several versions and is Shakespeare's longest play. The full version of 4,042 lines often takes more than four hours to present. APT's version clocks in at 3 hours and 35 minutes, not counting the rain delays that have plagued APT's opening nights this year. But the lengthy investment of time is not without rewards.

The troupe is in top form as it robustly inhabits the play's villainy. The imperious, no-nonsense brutality of DeVita's Claudius is worthy of any corporate CEO, while the humanity and proficiency David Daniel brings to Polonius, chief counsel to Claudius, provide the critical characteristics that his lordship lacks. Cristina Panfilio, now in her second year at APT, delivers one the production's best performances as Ophelia, the love interest spurned by Hamlet in his madness.

The talented Staples (Gertrude) is seemingly on hand merely to kiss and grope Claudius at every inconvenient turn, causing one to wonder why Polonius didn't advise them, ever so democratically, to get thee to a room. Staples' ability to bring nuance to the role does appear late in the production, but by then Langs' ham-handed handling of the character's infidelity has already – and repeatedly – made its tiresome point.

As Hamlet's ghost, Pickering routinely



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**DIGGING THE PAST: As Hamlet, Matt Schwader shares an iconic moment with the skull of Yorick in American Players Theatre's production of "Hamlet," playing in repertory through Oct. 4.**

arrives with a jarring Daniel Kluger designed sound effect that's a cross between thunder and the banging of a saucepan. Startling at first, it quickly becomes annoying, making us fear the ghost less than the cacophony accompanying his appearances.

As Hamlet, perhaps the most demanding role in English theater, Schwader makes a valiant and energetic attempt. His shouts of sworn vengeance alternate with the bug-eyed daffiness and ruffled jerkin of his madness. This contradiction is punctuated occasionally by unwise attempts to make Shakespeare's language conversational, a talent the young actor has yet to master. Schwader wears his lunacy on his tunic for all to see, leaving little of the subtle undercurrents that experienced actors employ to signal that there's more going on inside than meets the eye.

Still, there are moments when actor and dialogue connect in such a way that we fully sense the soul of Hamlet's suffering, a touchstone that propels us through the lengthy narrative.

"Hamlet" runs in repertory through Oct. 4. For more information, visit [www.american-players.org](http://www.american-players.org).

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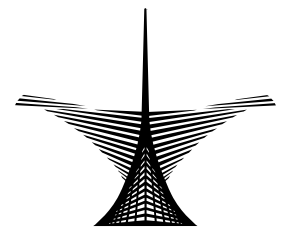
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# Dish it Out!

## Wine coolers that are way cool

By Michelle Locke

AP writer

The wine cooler has a bit of an identity problem. Is it a wine spritzer? A wine cocktail? Sangria? And what about that wild child moment in the '80s when it was the hottest thing on the party scene?

Luckily, the versions being whipped up today have nothing in common with the cheap, mass-produced products of 30 years ago, which thankfully went the way of shoulder pads.

"Mixology has been raised to this new chef-like heights and wine, in a way, is the bartender's hottest ingredient right now," says Mike Dawson, senior editor at Wine Enthusiast. "Cutting-edge bartenders are taking these wine-based drinks to new heights, and creating

these New Age coolers, along with countless variations of the sangria and classic wine cocktails like the New York Sour."

Summer is the perfect time for wine coolers, since it's the one time of year even the most dedicated vinophile toys with dropping a fistful of ice in a glass.

Switching to a cooler makes wine "a little bit easier to drink," says Chad Furuta of Del Frisco's Grille in New York.

At the Grille, bartenders are making spritzers with a house white wine, mixed with ginger ale or a lemon-lime soda and served with a lemon twist or wedge. "Whether you want to call it wine cooler or spritzer, it really is a great summer drink," he says.

What should you use when mak-

ing your own wine coolers? Well, don't reach for the bottom shelf wine that just doesn't taste good, advises Cappy Sorentino, bar director of Spoonbar restaurant at the h2hotel in the wine country town of Healdsburg, Calif. On the other hand, don't go crazy and uncork an expensive bottle of wine, either.

"It doesn't have to be the best stuff, because you're basically using it as a base," he says.

Look for a wine that has a fair amount of acidity to it, i.e., "yes" to sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio, "no" to chardonnay that's spent a lot of time in oak barrels. For red wines, Spanish wines are, not surprisingly, a good choice — since sangria is a Spanish invention. Tempranillo makes a good choice.

Sorentino has an interesting take

on sangria, which is usually wine fortified with something a little stronger and augmented with sugar and spices. At Spoonbar, he's using a rosé with pisco (Peruvian brandy), plus a little sugar, some water, fresh pineapple juice, cinnamon and a touch of clove. It's "really refreshing," which is good for Healdsburg, where temperatures can get toasty.

Joe Campanale, beverage director of four New York City neighborhood restaurants, encourages cocktail enthusiasts to get creative by mixing up their favorite cocktail in a pitcher for a group dinner or celebration. Keep the ingredients light, he advises, as in his Blame it on the Aperol cocktail served at the dell'anima restaurant. He combines Aperol, Blue Coat gin, and lemon juice in a pitcher with plenty of ice,

**The wine coolers of 30 years ago have gone the way of the shoulderpad.**

gives it a stir, pours into flute glasses and tops it off with sparkling wine for a bright effervescence.

Here are a few more suggestions on ways to make your wine cooler pitcher perfect.

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**WHITE CHILLER**

*Start to finish:* 5 minutes  
 Servings: 1  
 Ice  
 4 ounces sauvignon blanc  
 1 ounce silver or blanco tequila  
 Juice of 1 lime  
 3 ounces grapefruit soda

**Directions**

Combine all ingredients in a tall, ice-filled glass. Stir gently, then serve immediately.

**DARK ISLAND COOLER**

*Start to finish:* 5 minutes  
 Servings: 1  
 ½ vanilla bean  
 4 ounces cabernet sauvignon  
 1 ounce spiced rum  
 2 ounces pineapple juice  
 Ice  
 Seltzer water

**Directions**

Split the vanilla bean in half lengthwise and scrape the seeds into a tall glass. Add the wine, rum and pineapple juice, stirring to combine. Add ice and top with seltzer water.

**WATERMELON BELLINI**

*Start to finish:* 10 minutes  
 Servings: 2  
 ¾ cup watermelon chunks  
 ½ cup frozen peach chunks  
 ½ ounce lemon juice  
 6 ounces prosecco sparkling wine

**Directions**

Blend watermelon, peaches and lemon juice. Puree until smooth. Using a mesh strainer, strain into 2 sparkling wine flutes, then top with prosecco.

**ROSE-TINTED GLASSES**

*Start to finish:* 10 minutes  
 Servings: 2  
 1 cup fresh strawberries, hulled  
 2 ounces St. Germain elderflower liqueur  
 8 ounces rosé  
 Seltzer water  
 2 sprigs fresh mint

**Directions**

Puree strawberries until smooth. Using a mesh, strain into a cocktail shaker. Add elderflower liqueur, rosé and ice, then shake. Strain into 2 tall glasses filled with ice. Top with seltzer water and a mint sprig.



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# NomadicLIMBS dances into Milwaukee's summer

By Michael Muckian

Contributing writer

Summer in Milwaukee means few performance opportunities for dancers. The absence of activity perfectly suits out dancer and choreographer Thom Dancy, whose NomadicLIMBS troupe is again filling the void, and the dancers have been busier than ever.

Formed in 2012, the troupe this year has grown from six to eight dancers, all friends and colleagues of Dancy who have full-time jobs with other dance troupes. As a form of choreographic summer stock, NomadicLIMBS allows participating dancers to sharpen their skills and keep performing during the off-season months.

"We take ballet-trained dancers and, utilizing their technical abilities, produce engaging contemporary work that you more often associate with the modern dance scene," says Dancy, who last season danced with ballet companies in both Minneapolis and Grand Rapids, Mich. "We are the ultimate hybrid."

Dancy hopes this summer's NomadicLIMBS performance, "DefYning Perceptions," will change the way dancers and audience members see the art form. The troupe will offer four performances July 25-28 at Milwaukee's Next Act Theatre, 255 S. Water St. As the name implies, the performance will both define and deny the norms associated with modern dance, Dancy says.

"As a group we wish to push the enve-

lope," Dancy says, "exploring not just technically challenging work, but also themes that consider everything from societal norms to how music is connected to movement."

Even this year's performance space is requiring the dancers to rethink their concepts. Next Act's intimate surroundings and thrust stage offer the dancers a proximity to the audience most dancers don't have. "In performing here and having the audience so close to us we hope to help redefine what it means to experience dance as an audience member," Dancy says.

NomadicLIMBS already has had a busy "non-season" leading up to the July performance. The troupe, whose name is a wry reference to the fact that dancers move from city to city to find engagements, recently completed a May 26 repertory workshop at Chicago's Visceral Dance Center taught by Dancy and dancer Tara Gragg. That same month NomadicLIMBS also conducted a master class at the Center for Ballroom Dance in Deer Park, Ill., and appeared at Milwaukee's PrideFest.

In June, Dancy and dancer Caitlin Sullivan taught a weeklong repertory workshop at Variations Dance Studio in Auburn, Ala. The workshop culminated in a June 20 performance at the Jule Collins Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University, where the pair performed alongside members of the American Ballet Theatre. On June 29, Dancy and Isaac



PHOTO: CARISSA DIXON

**PLANNING THE NEXT MOVE: NomadicLIMBS founder Thom Dancy intends to expand the troupe's programs and reach.**

Sharratt, Milwaukee Ballet's dance master, taught a workshop at Milwaukee's Danceworks Inc.

In addition to Dancy, Gragg, Sharratt and Sullivan, this year's "Nomads" include Tyler Schnese, Nicole Teague, Kayla Schroepfer and new members Braeden Barnes, Connor Frain and Garrett Glassman. Cheyla Clawson and Justin Leaf will help choreograph the season.

Along with dancing and designing choreography, Dancy also has been working on

fundraising for his troupe. In addition to Next Act, which is providing its performance space, NomadicLIMBS has also received support from Bucketworks, a cooperative meeting and performance practice space at 708 S. Fifth St., and the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center.

Other organizations and individual donors also have contributed to NomadicLIMBS' support. And on July 20, the troupe will host a fundraising house party at 614 E. Conway St. in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood.

The "classic kegger," as the website describes the event, will include raffle prizes, a "flip cup tournament" with beer provided by Milwaukee Brewing Co. and Lakefront Brewery, and a chance to meet dancers from NomadicLIMBS, Your Mother Dances and Milwaukee Ballet.

Dancy says NomadicLIMBS hopes to continue expanding its reach, instituting summer "intensives" at various ballet schools around the country in an attempt to be Milwaukee's "dance ambassadors."

"We really want to be a laboratory where dancers and choreographers can explore new concepts each summer," he adds. "Part of that will come from continuing to bring in top-notch, innovative choreographers that Milwaukeeans have yet to see."


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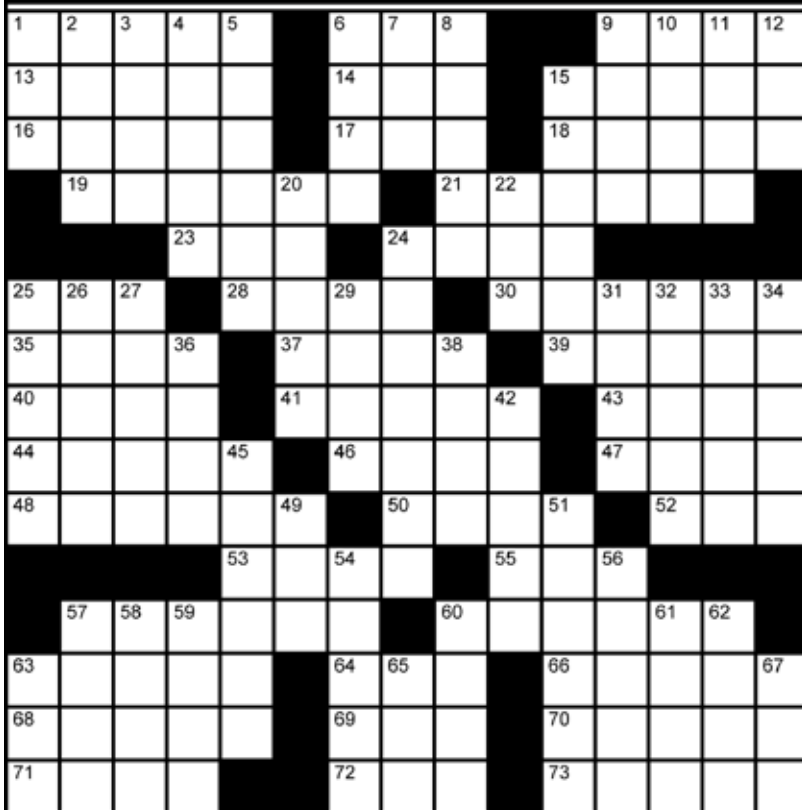


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## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. L on clothes
- 6. Chicken \_\_\_ king
- 9. Russia's 1917 abdicator
- 13. Bake an egg
- 14. Used for styling
- 15. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter
- 16. Interior decoration
- 17. Where bug is snug?
- 18. Fill with optimism
- 19. \*\_\_\_\_\_phobia, fear of large things
- 21. \*\_\_\_\_\_mania, obsession for washing oneself
- 23. Chester White's home
- 24. Get what you sow
- 25. One who plays for pay
- 28. Crowning point
- 30. Dog stand staple
- 35. Hit the road
- 37. Salespeople
- 39. Half of diameters
- 40. To, archaic
- 41. Muslim Supreme Being
- 43. Wettish
- 44. Not quite adults
- 46. Like acne-prone skin
- 47. \*One with oniomania, does it often at stores
- 48. Comes clean
- 50. Edible mushrooms
- 52. Lennon's wife
- 53. King of India

### DOWN

- 55. Caribou kin
- 57. \*\_\_\_\_\_phobia, fear of the moon
- 60. \*\_\_\_\_\_phobia, fear of thunder
- 63. Annoy
- 64. Adams \_\_\_ Beckham
- 66. Popular garden flower
- 68. Small cap
- 69. Length of existence
- 70. Spooky
- 71. Foul substance
- 72. Goes with skip and a jump
- 73. Buttonholes, e.g.

- 22. Keep out
- 24. Not an original
- 25. It's a planet no more
- 26. Extend subscription
- 27. Many times
- 29. \*\_\_\_\_\_phobia, hatred or fear of music
- 31. Boys
- 32. Sun Valley location
- 33. Neil or Paul, e.g.
- 34. \*\_\_\_\_\_mania, obsession with horses
- 36. A bunch
- 38. Welcomed by shoppers
- 42. \*\_\_\_\_\_mania, severe form of mania
- 45. Borrower's warranty
- 49. Go for the gold
- 51. North and South faces
- 54. Biblical story of \_\_\_\_\_ and the whale
- 56. Show of respect
- 57. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
- 58. Biblical twin
- 59. Extend credit
- 60. City sound
- 61. Reality TV's Spelling
- 62. "I'm \_\_\_\_\_!"
- 63. British broadcaster
- 65. \*\_\_\_\_\_mania, self-worship
- 67. Da or oui

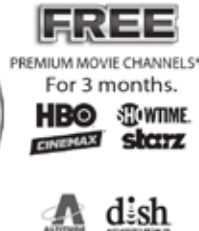


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