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Clinton Targets Hate in Schools, Elsewhere

by Bill Meunier

Washington - Coosa County Alabama, Richmond Virginia and Cordele Georgia have something in common. In just the last month, they joined the growing list of cities where the LGBT community is mourning its dead. That list is by no means exclusive to the South. It also includes Laramie Wyoming, Farmington Hills Michigan, and New York City among other northern locations.

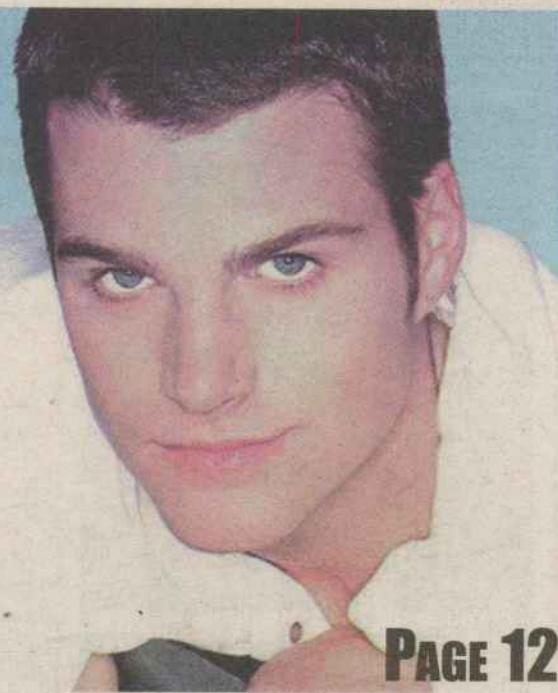
Faced with an increasingly violent tide of assaults on Gays and Lesbians, on Tuesday, April 6 President Clinton again called on Congress to take action on a federal hate crimes law that includes protections for Gays and Lesbians. He also announced new initiatives aimed at hate crimes in general and anti-Gay violence specifically.

The new initiatives target hate crimes in America's schools and universities, and building a sense of tolerance in the next generation.

Clinton announced that he has directed the Department of Education and the Justice Department to collect statistics



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on hate crimes committed against students both on and off school grounds. Furthermore, he directed the Justice Department to require university campuses to report hate crimes that occur on their campuses.

The President also announced a new public-private partnership. It will develop a new curriculum that teaches tolerance to the nation's middle school students, both inside and outside the classroom. The partnership includes the Department of Education, ATT, Court TV and the Cable in the Classroom network.

In his speech, the President compared hate in this country with the situation in the Balkans. "America will not be a force for good abroad unless we are good at home," he said.

Speaking of America's Gays, the President said, "That's what this whole issue with Gays is today in America. We're not talking about everybody agreeing with everybody else on every political issue. We're taking about whether or not people have a right to pursue their lives and dignity without fear of feeling abused. This should not be a partisan issue... This ought not be anything other than a basic, simple statement of American principle."

In conjunction with the announcements, Richard Socarides, the Associate Director of the White House Office of Liaison, hosted a telephone press conference to which 12 LGBT publications including *Wisconsin Light* were invited. The White

House staffer, who some call the President's LGBT liaison, made it clear that the President would not compromise on the hate crimes act.

When *Light* asked what the President would say if Congressional leaders offered to pass the new hate crimes law without including protection for Gays and Lesbians, Socarides had a two word answer: "No deal."

"This is what is at the core of this bill," he added. "It is the expansion of federal hate crimes laws to include those committed on the basis of sexual orientation, gender and disability."

Socarides also indicated that the proposed law allows for prosecution of hate crimes that victimize Transgendered individuals.

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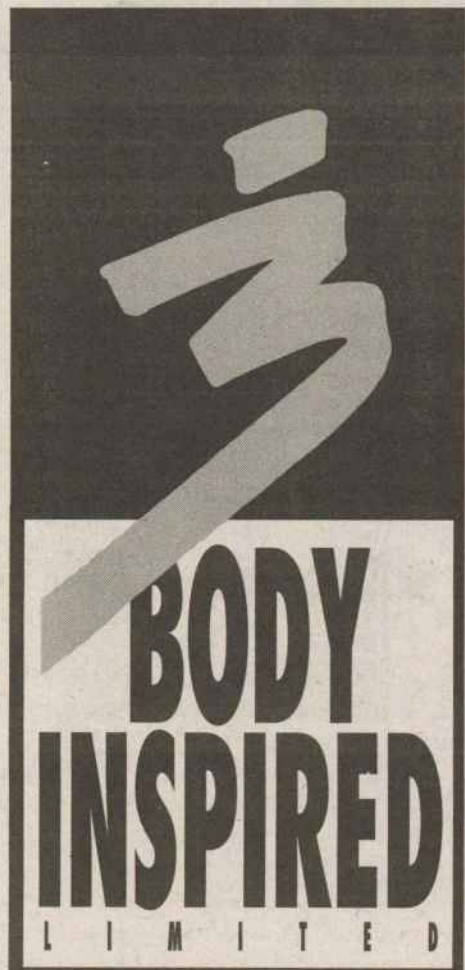


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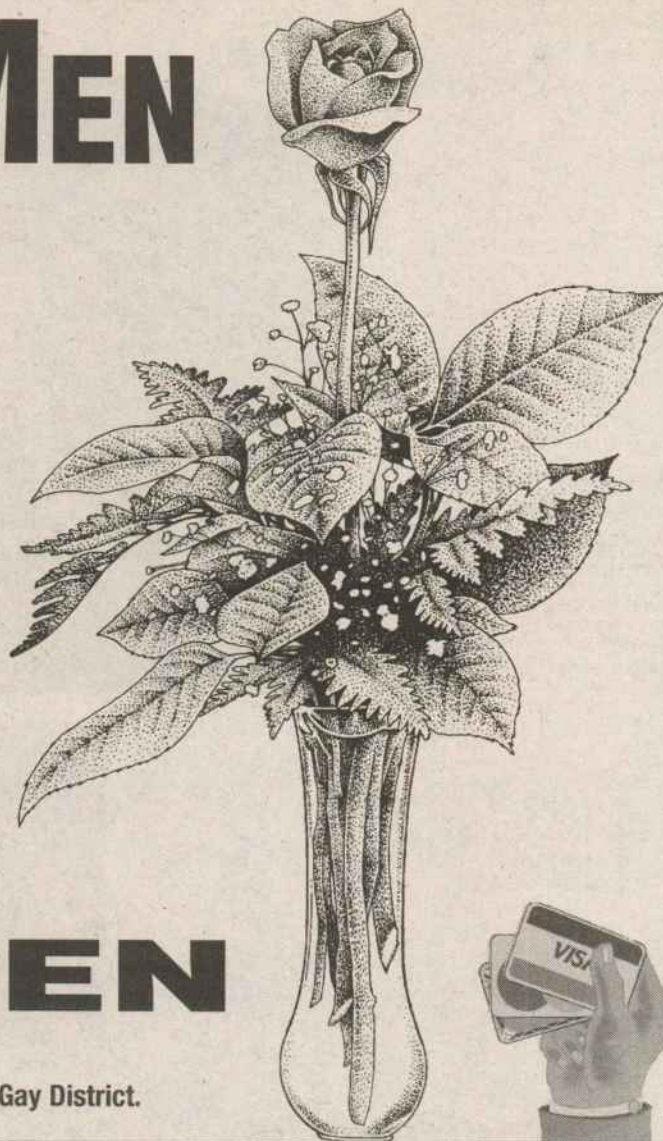
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AP Associated Press**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR****On Diversity**

Dear Readers,

The other day, I was thinking about hate in America as I waited on hold for a White House telephone press conference to begin. The subject of the press conference was the President's new hate crimes program.

We were one of 12 publications invited to that press conference, including *Genre* magazine, Los Angeles' *Frontiers*, the *Washington Blade*, *Out Magazine* and papers from Chicago, Baltimore and the Twin Cities. We exchanged pleasantries with each other. Yet, there was unease too. There seemed to be sense among us that the problem of hate in America is mounting to crisis proportions.

It seems that every week; I read reports of another assault, another trial, another death. The problem transcends the LGBT community. Last week I read a report about a 6-year-old mixed race girl who was killed when a 17-year-old Neo-Nazi skinhead fired an assault rifle into her home. It seemed to me that the President had it right when he said he compared the "primitive hatreds" in the Balkans with what goes on in our country.

Those who say that a Hate Crime law would not have stopped Matthew Shepard's killers from murdering him may or may not be right. Even if they are so what? A society as diverse as ours is must take a stand against crimes motivated by hate. A murder or assault brought about due to hate claims a much wider circle of victims than those that are committed for other reasons.

When they hung Matthew Shepard on that fence, they hung us there too. When that little girl, whose only "offense" was to be different, died so too did we.

We must do more than advocate for Hate Crime laws. We must commit ourselves to diversity.

We need to look no farther than our community to see the need to do that. We have our share of racism, sexism and ageism too. We need to get outside of our circle of friends and bring in others who are different from ourselves and those we normally associate with.

Here at the *Wisconsin Light* we are working hard on our own diversity. Our staff is certainly much more diverse than it was six months ago. Our writers range in age from 20 to 70 and include several people of color. We have eight female writers. That's not as many as we would like to have but, we are working on it.

Our office staff includes Ron Gieman, a person with AIDS, and Timm Armour, a very talented man with Cerebral Palsy. He may never win a foot race, but his quick mind and attention to detail dazzles us.

Our very talented Graphic Designer, is a married heterosexual who has a 20 month year old son. If Scott has to work late — which is quite often — his beautiful wife, calls when his son is ready for bed, so his Daddy can kiss him goodnight over the phone.

We are very excited about the latest addition to our office staff, Malaka Sanders. She is a 20 year old same-gender-loving woman of African decent from Ohio. She is a writer and our primary ad salesperson. Her energy and attitude is contagious.

None of these individuals are part of our staff because we set up a quota system. They are with us because we reached outside of our normal circles to bring in the most talented people we could find.

We learn from each other. In that learning, we have found ourselves gaining new perspectives on life. We have also found ourselves putting out an increasingly diverse newspaper. We believe that diversity can make us strong as a community and as individuals. We also believe that it is the real answer to the problem of hate.

You can do what we have done and will continue to do. Reach out, bring some newness into your life. You may just find out that the people you see with a different skin color, a different gender, a disability or a different age have a lot to show you and you have a lot to show them.

Enjoy the Light!

Bill Meunier
Editor

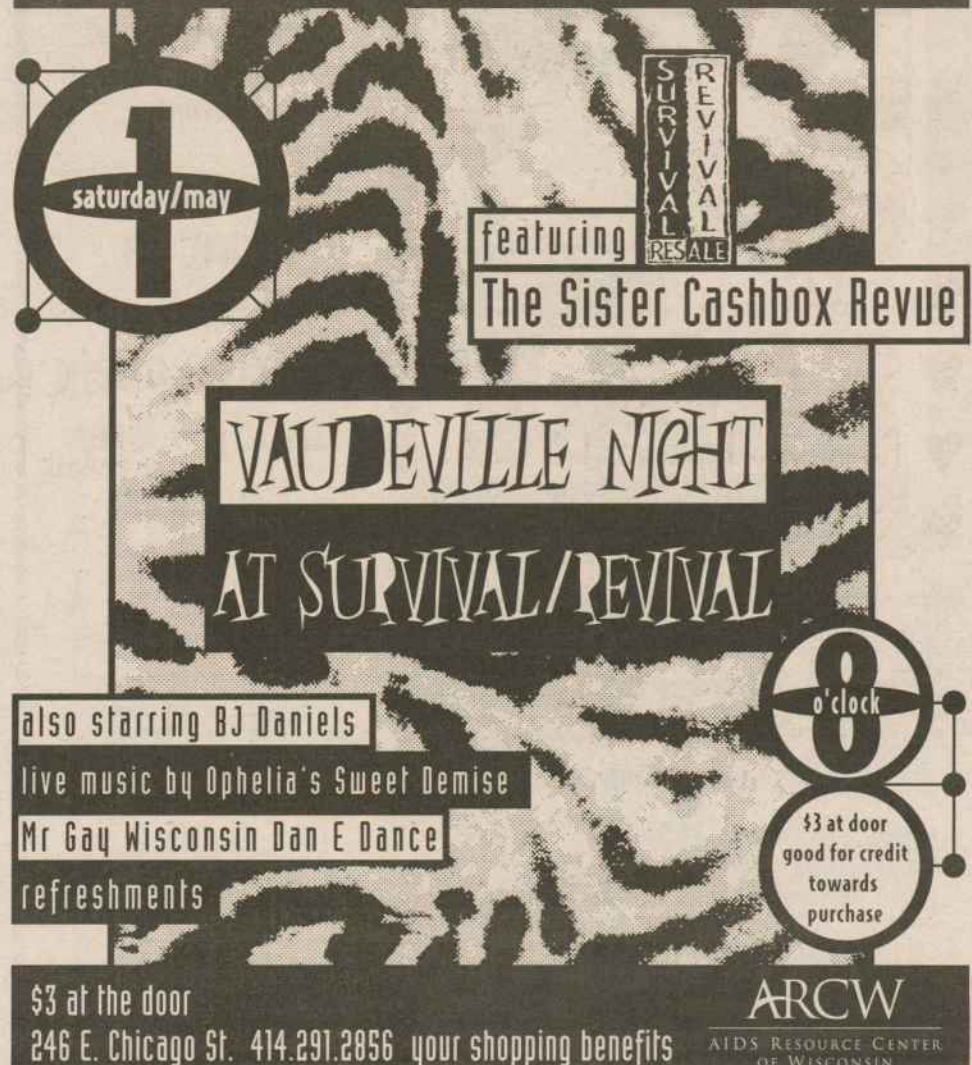
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Task Force Forum A Success

by Malaka Sanders

Milwaukee — "Who do I want to be visible to and why?" asked Roderic Southall of the crowd gathered for the premiere event of the Black LGBT Task Force (BLTF). "Then, we can determine how."

The BLTF community forum, *Where Are We, What Are We Doin' and Why Aren't We Getting Together: Creating a Black Gay Presence in Milwaukee*, was held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center on March 27. The event was co-sponsored by The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Action Wisconsin and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

Southall, leader of the Black Men's Xchange in Denver for five years (a same-gender-loving or SGL organization), served as a panelist at the forum. Close to 50 attended the very lively discussion of some of the many issues of importance to Black LGBT Milwaukeeans.

"Presence is a sign of existence," host Carmen Balentine of Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) opened. From there, the issues raised ranged from the lack of affirming non-bar space for Black SGLs, to the civil rights concerns of the larger Black community and larger Gay community. Many who came out said that they did so in an effort to find support — and expressed their hope that a new organization could create a space where they felt welcome.

The dialogue was followed by a reception catered by a local soul food favorite, Mr. Perkins Family Restaurant. The reception was so well received that most stayed long after the intended 9pm closing. The Task Force was pleased by the success of the affair. It has planned another forum for May. The details of this next event, however, are still forthcoming.

Earlier in the day the BLTF was involved in another community forum, called by a progressive coalition, Wisconsin for Mumia. The forum was called to rally local support for journalist, activist and author Mumia Abu-Jamal.



The featured speaker was the award-winning Latino poet Martin Espada. "If you silence Mumia Abu-Jamal, you silence the millions he speaks for," said Espada, whose poem titled *Another Nameless Prostitute Says the Man is Innocent* was censored by National Public

Radio in 1997 for its political content.

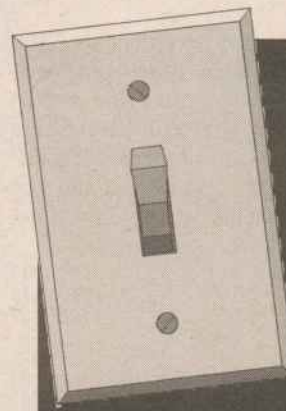
In a recent statement, Jamal drew a parallel between the rash of homophobic and racist violence, asking, "Is it a coincidence that Richmond, the city where a Black man was burned to death and decapitated, follows several months later with the decapitation and torture of a Gay man?"

Jamal has been on death row since 1982, and although the U.S. denies any knowledge of political prisoners within our borders, Amnesty International has taken up the case. During the forum Oshiyemi Adelabu, Milwaukee firefighter and community activist, announced a rally here in support of Jamal on April 24. Adelabu said of the Milwaukee happening, "We're standing firm for a new trial and release of Mumia." The rally will take place at 1pm at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society.

The broad support for Jamal will culminate on April 24 in the "Millions for Mumia" marches to happen in San Francisco, New York and Jamal's hometown, Philadelphia. Representatives of the BLTF will attend activities there as a part of the Rainbow Contingent. The contingent is a group of LGBT organizations and individuals who are supportive of Jamal.

Among the well known Gays and Lesbians supporting Jamal are Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Transgender author and activist Leslie Feinberg. Other prominent supporters include Angela Davis, actress Susan Sarandon, the Rev. Benjamin Chavis and Ani DiFranco.

For more information on the BLTF, call (414) 224-0996.



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Make a Promise Sets Record

Milwaukee — The number 13 turned out to be a lucky one for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, ARCW. The 13th annual Make A Promise dinner held at the Midwest Express Center attracted a record crowd and raised a record amount of money for ARCW's programs.

Over 1100 guests ate dinner, bid on Silent Auction items, a danced to swing music as they raised over \$175,000 for the fight against AIDS. "Everyone I was able to speak to, just loved the venue," said Doug Nelson. "We had great swing music at the end. It was overwhelmingly successful."

The Make a Promise dinner moved to the Midwest Express Center to accommodate the large crowds it was drawing at the Pfister Hotel. *Wisconsin Light* staff in attendance at the event echoed Nelson's comments. "It was a wonderful evening," said *Light* Publisher Greg Quindel. "Our congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on making it a huge success."

Boughner Still Hospitalized

Milwaukee — Former *Wisconsin Light* Editor Dr. Terry Boughner remains hospitalized in the Intensive Care ward of St. Joseph's hospital in Milwaukee. Boughner checked into the hospital on March 27.

A series of tests have ruled out HIV or cancer as factors. Doctors have identified two bacterial infections, staph and streptococcus, in his brain and liver and are treating him with a series of antibiotics. He also underwent surgery on Monday, April 5, whereby his gall bladder was removed. Doctors have also speculated that the infections may have caused a series of minor strokes but were unable to confirm this.

At press time, Boughner was alert and responding on a limited basis. He is expected to remain in the hospital for an unknown number of weeks. His prognosis is uncertain.

Dr. Boughner's partner of 12 years, former *Wisconsin Light* publisher, Jerry Johnson requests that his friends send get well cards to St. Joseph's Hospital, 5000 W. Chambers St. Milwaukee, WI 53210. Please do not send flowers or plants while he is in intensive care.

Out and About April 15-23 in Madison

Madison — The LGBT Campus Center, Ten Percent Society, Associated Students of Madison and several other student groups at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are celebrating the LGBT community with the annual spring series "Out and About" April 15-23. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, feel free to call (608) 265-3344.

- **Thursday, April 15, 9pm:** The film *East Palace/West Palace*. Fredric March Play Circle, Memorial Union. The film is China's first Gay feature. Except for those movies filmed in a government controlled studio filmmaking is illegal in China. Due to fears of censorship,

the filmmakers took their footage to Paris for post-production activities.

- **Saturday, April 17, 9pm-12: 30am:** "Dyke" a dance for all genders. 109 Union South. 2 DJ's, cash bar, \$3 admission advance, \$4 at the door. Proceeds support the Lesbian Rights Summit in DC.
- **Sunday, April 18, 11:20am-1: 30pm:** LGBT Graduation Reception. Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge, 702 Langdon St.
- **Sunday, April 18, 7:30pm:** Lecture by Shane Windmeyer speaking on homophobia and the Greek system. Windmeyer speaks candidly about coming out to his frat. He is the co-editor of *Out on Fraternity Row: Personal Accounts of Being Gay in a College Fraternity*.
- **Monday, April 19, 8pm:** The film *Fire*. 1111 Grainger Hall. The story of two women, trapped in loveless relationships in modern New Delhi, India. This film was the subject of riots and demands for government censorship in the country of its origin, India.
- **Tuesday, April 20, 6pm:** A Woman's Touch workshop, exploring your erotic self. Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union.
- **Wednesday, April 21, 8pm:** Straight Allies social. LGBT Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Memorial Union. Discuss what straight students can do to make the university safer for LGBT students.
- **Wednesday, April 21, Noon:** Queer Student Alliance Rally. Library Mall.
- **Thursday, April 22, 7pm:** Lecture by Riki Anne, author and co-founder of the *Transsexual Menace* and Executive Director of GenderPAC., an organization devoted to gender, affectional and racial equality. (Location to be announced.)
- **Friday, April 23, 8pm-12: 45am:** Ten Percent Society's Out and About Dance. DJ's, cash bar, \$3 admission. Memorial Union, Great Hall.

New AIDS Infections Up 15% Here

Madison — For the first time in three years, quarterly figures showing new HIV infections in Wisconsin have risen. According to the State of Wisconsin there were 89 new HIV cases reported in the first quarter of 1999. That figure represents a 15% increase over last year's figures.

ARCW, Executive Director, Doug Nelson called the increase "unacceptable given our knowledge of how to prevent HIV infection." Much of the increase came from new infections in adult males under 25. "The lives of Wisconsin's youth are on the line," said Nelson.

ARCW and other AIDS organizations are working together to convince the State of Wisconsin to increase funding for AIDS prevention programs. The state has not increased its AIDS Prevention budget since 1989.

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Last fall the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex sexual harassment is illegal. The U.S. Justice Department then announced it was interpreting that ruling to mean it could prosecute anti-Transgendered discrimination under federal sex discrimination laws.

Light asked if that same interpretation would apply to the proposed hate crimes law, which if passed would allow for federal prosecution of crimes motivated by the victims gender. "Yes it will," said Socarides. "Those crimes would be prosecutable either because of the victim's perceived sexual orientation or because of their gender status."

That is important news for Transgendered individuals. Very few states include crimes motivated by either gender or Transgendered status in their hate crime laws. Wisconsin's hate crime law is among those that offer no protection to Transgendered people.

Statistics suggest that the Clinton focus on the schools is well placed. An MTV survey of young people found that 91% of them said hate crimes were a "national crisis." An alarming 17% of the 12 to 24-year-old sample said they knew of someone who had been the victim of a hate crime.

The sample also showed that 11% of America's youth know a Gay or Lesbian who has been physically attacked due to their sexual orientation.

MTV President Judy McGrath said, "Young people are both the primary victims and main perpetrators of hate crimes. This poll is a wake up call. They're saying, 'this is a serious issue,' and want the government, the media and educators to do something about it."

A study of community college students released in August of last year showed that nearly 25% of them admitted to harassing someone they thought was Gay. Among men, 16% said they had physically assaulted or threatened someone they thought was Gay or Lesbian.

The survey also showed that almost half of those who had assaulted Gays said they would do it again and either lacked remorse or saw nothing wrong with their behavior.

National and local leaders hailed the President's actions. Mike Lisowski, a youth prevention



President Clinton announcing his new Hate Crimes Program.

specialist at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the founder of Gay Youth Milwaukee, told *Light* that the new program aimed at reaching middle school students was very significant.

"Middle schools is the area where a lot of this is going to start," said Lisowski. "We know that the name calling and the seeds for hate become more firmly planted in the middle schools. Kids start to get bigger and more physical when they are at that age. Targeting the middle school kids is a good idea."

Socarides said the collection of statistics from schools and colleges was an important step. He pointed out that while current Federal hate laws require the collection and reporting of statistics on hate crimes, "there are no penalties for non-compliance." He said the President has directed the Departments of Education and Justice to come up with a plan that will ensure compliance with the reporting of hate crimes aimed at students.

The President has repeatedly called for an escalation in the war on hate crimes. Last February, during his State of the Union address, Clinton called on Congress to pass the new Hate Crimes law. That call was noted by Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign, America's largest LGBT organization, when she spoke to *Wisconsin Light*.

"The commitment of the President and Vice-President has been tremendous," said Stachelberg. "They have taken every opportunity to mention this bill and promote it and the reporting of hate crimes. When the President called on Congress to pass the Hate Crimes law during his State of the Union, it was an historic occasion. No sitting President had ever before done that."

Stachelberg, who worked with the White House on the issue of hate crimes, said that the 1997 bombing of the Other Side, an Atlanta Lesbian bar, was a "defining moment" in the effort to awaken Americans to that issue. "That bombing woke something up in many people," she said.

Stachelberg and Socarides both seemed cautiously optimistic about the chances of the Hate Crimes law making it through Congress.

"It has built solid bipartisan support," said Stachelberg. "Law enforcement also supports it. It has picked up some new co-sponsors. I think the prospects are good. It will be difficult and it will take work on the part of people in Wisconsin and around the country."

Socarides echoed those comments saying, "The bill has a lot of support that it didn't have in the last congress. We are optimistic, but we are not naïve. It will take a lot of work."

He added, "The Republicans have essentially decided that this is something that they may have to support." Senator Orin Hatch (R-UT) has announced that his Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on the bill later this month. He also said he believes that Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, will hold hearings on it as well.

While there is reason for some optimism, there is also reason for some pessimism. The Religious Right has attacked the bill claiming that it would penalize people for their thoughts and interfere with state rights. The bill's advocates disagree. They argue that the law would only penalize people for their actions when those actions are motivated by hate. They also point out that it will only come into play when the victim is not covered by a state law or when local authorities refuse to use an existing law.

Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin is a co-sponsor of the hate crimes act. Baldwin told *Light* "Thirty years ago Congress understood that a law was needed to fight hate crimes committed because of a person's race or religion. Violent hate crimes committed against the LGBT community are the third highest reported hate crimes. The federal government should have jurisdiction over the crimes as well."

While the debate goes on, the beatings, bashings and violence continue. The National Coalition Against Violence reported that in the last year, there were 2,550 hate crimes committed against Gays and Lesbians in the 16 cities it monitored. The Coalition says that most hate crimes committed against the LGBT community go unreported.

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Maryland May Join Wisconsin

Annapolis, MD - Following heavy lobbying on the part of Maryland Governor Glendening, the Maryland House of Delegates passed House Bill 315, which would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

The bill originally contained language protecting people whose manner of personal presentation is inconsistent with gender norms, including effeminate men, masculine women and Transgendered people. Activists dropped protection for Transgendered individuals from the bill in order to win its passage.

The legislation moved to the State Senate where the Judicial Proceedings Committee will consider it. If passed, it will make Maryland the 11th state to ban anti-Gay discrimination on a statewide basis.

Wisconsin passed AB-70 the first statewide anti-Gay discrimination law in 1982.

Prez Candidate, Bush, Supports School Prayer

Austin, TX - In another sign that he is moving to satisfy religious conservatives in the GOP, unannounced Presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush asked a federal appeals court to allow student-led prayers before Texas public high school football games.

The Republican, who this month formed a presidential exploratory committee, "supports the right of students to participate in the free exercise of religion, a right which is guaranteed under the Constitution," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan. "And he believes government should not dictate or censor the content of student-led prayer."

The fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld a lower court's decision allowing limited prayer at graduation ceremonies, but ruled out the prayers or other "solemnizing ceremonies" before football games.

Although only 3 judges sat on the panel that issued the ruling, 9 members of the 16-judge court would have to vote to reconsider it. Bush and Republican Attorney General John Cornyn together filed a brief in support of the Santa Fe school district, about 30 miles southeast of Houston, whose policies are at issue.

Two unidentified Houston-area parents sued the school district in 1995, claiming that football game prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

In its 2-1 decision, the court said that while school prayer may be used at events such as graduations, football games are "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Anthony Griffin, said he wasn't surprised state officials are joining the legal battle over prayer.

"Maybe football is sacred in Texas," Griffin said. "It's frightening to me that we now use religious stuff hypocritically and we ignore that this is a diverse society... we shouldn't do that in our public schools."

School prayer opponents say that even when the student body votes on using them, those who disagree with content are often compelled by peer pressure to recite them.

Charges Upgraded in Alabama Gay Murder

Birmingham, AL - Two men accused of fatally beating a man and burning his body because he was Gay now face the possibility of being executed in Alabama's electric chair.

Charges against Steven Eric Mullins and Charles Butler, Jr. were upgraded to capital murder. The two were facing murder charges for the Feb. 19 killing of Billy Jack Gaither of Sylacauga. The previous charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. Under the previous charges, the suspects if convicted would have been eligible for parole.

Coosa County Circuit Clerk Cordelia Gandy said that a grand jury upgraded the charges to capital murder.

The suspects allegedly beat Gaither to death on a dirt road beside Peckerwood Creek, a stream outside of Sylacauga. A passer-by found his charred remains atop a pyre of two old tires.

Police said Mullins, 25, and Butler, 21, confessed to killing Gaither, 39. The men said they phoned Gaither and invited him to meet them at local bar. The three left the bar and got in Gaither's car. The men later started beating Gaither and put him in the trunk. They drove to a remote location where they beat Gaither until he was dead. Mullins and Butler put Gaither's body inside of a tire, doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze.

Anti-Gay Marriage Measure Supported by Poll

Sacramento, CA - *The Sacramento Bee* reports a majority of California voters favor an initiative on the March, 2000 ballot that would prohibit the recognition of same-sex marriages in the state, according to the results of a Field Poll released Wednesday.

The LGBT marriage ban has not yet qualified for the March ballot. Its backers have until June to submit the required number of valid signatures. Organizers of the petition drive say they will have more than enough signatures to put the measure before the voters.

Most of those questioned said they were not aware of the impending ballot measure. When the measure was explained to those who were not aware of it, 55% said they would support it, 39% said they were against it, and 6% voiced no opinion.

California's legislature is expected to pass a statewide domestic partnership bill soon. Democratic Governor Grey Davis says he will sign the legislation into law when it reaches his desk. The legislature passed DP bills twice in the past. Davis' predecessor, Republican Pete Wilson, vetoed both.

TIDBITS FROM TITTLE TOWN

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Eggs-travaganza: The hunt is over. The third annual Argonauts' "Easter Egg" fundraiser has netted the leathermen about \$2,467. The one-week promotion is the civic and social group's largest charity event and concluded April 4.

Three of Green Bay's bars — Brandy's II, Buddies and Napalese Lounge — sold the plastic eggs, which contained slips of paper good for small "instant" prizes, inclusion in drawings for major prizes such as luggage and weekend trips for two, or the encouragement to "try again."

Proceeds go to the group's charity fund, which benefits LGBT people in northeastern Wisconsin with emergency housing, rent, food and other needs, according to Argonaut honcho, Steve Jones. Although the Argonauts' charity fund has traditionally focused on serving people living with AIDS, its scope expanded last year to include the entire Gay community, following a seed grant from Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW).

Picnic Date Picked: Speaking of ROW, the group announced that its fourth annual Pride Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 10 from Noon to 6pm at the Al Kampke farm in Hilbert. This is the third year the event has been held at the site. Proceeds from the afternoon benefit northeast Wisconsin LGBT civic and social groups and organizations.

The date was announced by the new Rainbow Over Wisconsin President, Terry Tetzlaff, former owner of Brandy's II and long-time area Gay activist. Terry will now be spending his days hobnobbing with the Taco Bell Chihuahua as the recently named manager of the new Taco Bell coming to the south side of Green Bay. Terry, just remember that a gordita won't buy your way out of the Pride Picnic's dunk tank. You and your little dog, too!

Rumor Control: Speaking of Brandy's II, I had a nice chat this week with Rod Schroeder, who is close to wrapping up his first year owning the popular Green Bay tavern. One of the first things he wanted to clear up was the now widespread rumor about the partial sale of the bar to

a half owner. The story appeared to be credible because the individual spinning the story had been involved in a business deal with another area Gay businessmen about a year and a half ago.

"The whole thing is absolutely and completely false," Schroeder said. "I own Brandy's out right and have no plans to take on a partner." Schroeder said that at one point the rumor monger had actually brought friends into the bar and pointed out which side of the bar he owned and which bar stools were his!

Following the recent resignation of his bar manager, Rod took over the day-to-day operations of the bar. He's already made a few changes. He's most proud of his "2-22 2-4-1" special. Every month, no matter what day the second and the 22nd fall on, its two-for-one drinks across the board from Noon until closing. Stop by the bar to check out other specials, beer bust deals and the all-new jukebox. Also check out the new eye candy and a few new but familiar faces serving up the suds behind the bar.

Tiara Taken: One of those familiar faces is history-making title holder Kelli Jo Klein. For those not up on the latest news from the bead and bangle brigade, Kelli Jo is the first female illusionist to ever hold both the Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA and Miss Gay Wisconsin-America crowns simultaneously.

However, one of those crowns is missing. Someone broke into Kelli's home on March 23 and stole her America pageant tiara in addition to cash and other personal items. Police were notified and are seeking the thief. If you think you know anything about this robbery, please call the Green Bay Police Department at (920) 448-3200 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (920) 437-7867.

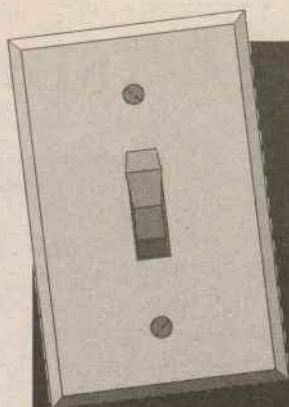
World AIDS Day at the Weidner?: Although it is still almost eight months away, there's exciting news about the observance of World AIDS Day in northeastern Wisconsin. Entertainers Against AIDS (EAA) has secured the region's premier theatrical and concert venue for its second World AIDS Day program on December 1.

Last year EAA premiered its World AIDS Day show at Appleton North High School. The tastefully produced program featured over 70 performers and honored those who have passed on while celebrating the bravery of those living with the disease.

Hundreds saw last year's show, but this year EAA is shooting for thousands. To secure the Weidner Center, the group had to raise several thousand dollars for rental fees. In less than a month since the idea was first floated, EAA was able to obtain commitments from several Green Bay LGBT businessmen and the Argonauts for the entire amount.

The date has been reserved, but the group will have to wait until June for final confirmation in accordance with the venue's booking policy. According to EAA co-founder Paul "Cricket" Jacob, only the booking of a multi-day national touring act will cancel the group's reservation.

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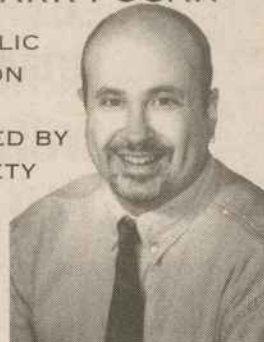
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CAPITOL REPORT

by State Representative Mark Pocan

Community Meeting Update:

On March 2, 1999, 30 people showed up for the LGBT town-hall meeting. I called this meeting to get feedback and ideas on what the statewide agenda and strategy on LGBT issues should be during this legislative session.

During the meeting, we reviewed the current make-up of the legislature and what that means for LGBT issues. We also discussed ways to organize responses to "negative" legislation and how best to build statewide coalitions to gain support for "positive" bills.

It was decided that Action Wisconsin was best able to meet the need for a statewide organization. Action Wisconsin has been an active group that already has a strong foundation to build on.

I encourage all of you to become members and get involved in this organization. You can contact them at P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 283-3251. They are also on the net at www.ActionWI@execpc.com

Be An Active Voice In Government

On Wednesday, March 24, 1999 Action Wisconsin organized "Sweeten 'Em Up" day." This was part of the national "Equality Begins At Home" effort. Action Wisconsin encouraged individuals to contact their legislators during the course of the day.

I want to take this opportunity to thank them and all those who participated for the work they did. I also want to remind everyone of the importance of staying in contact with their legislators. What's important is not that you know who your legislators are but that your legislators know who you are!

Here are a few hints to help make your contacts with your legislator and other members of the Assembly and Senate have more of an impact when you write them about pending legislation.

Contact your own legislator as well as the chairperson and members of the appropriate committee. It is important that committee members receive your opinion while they are holding hearings on legislation in which you are interested.

- Put your return address on the letter.
- Include your full name and home address on any e-mail.
- Identify your subject clearly.
- State your reasons for writing clearly.
- Write your letter in your own words.
- Be reasonable. Don't ask for the impossible or engage in threats. Courtesy is always appropriate — if you disagree, do so without being disagreeable.
- Time the arrival of your contact. Usually it is best to offer comments on legislation while

it is still in committee.

- Ask your legislator for his or her position in a response.
- Thank your legislator.

Correspondence can be sent to legislators at the following addresses:

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If you are unsure of who your State Representative and/or State Senator is, you may call the Legislative Hotline. Once you give them your address, the Hotline staff will tell you who your representatives are. The number in Madison is (608) 266-9960. You can also call toll free at (800) 362-9472. There is a number for the hearing impaired as well, (800) 228-2115.

If you are online, the legislature's website can be extremely useful. It provides e-mail addresses, text of bills and amendments, public hearing schedules, committee information, legislative journals (including roll call votes) and legislative support numbers. The site is located at www.legis.state.wi.us.

As the session progresses, please keep this information handy and be an active participant in the process. I guarantee you that Ralph Ovadal and his group, Wisconsin Christians United, are going to be active.

Time To Build Coalitions — Bill of the Month:

The Contraceptive Coverage Equity Bill. This bill requires every health insurance policy to provide coverage for contraceptive articles and services if the policy or plan covers outpatient health care services. It includes managed care plans and health care plans offered by the state, and every self-insured health plan of a school district, county, city or village.

It is important that all people have access to contraceptive methods, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Show our support for this bill by contacting your legislators (see information earlier in this article).

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State Representative Mark Pocan

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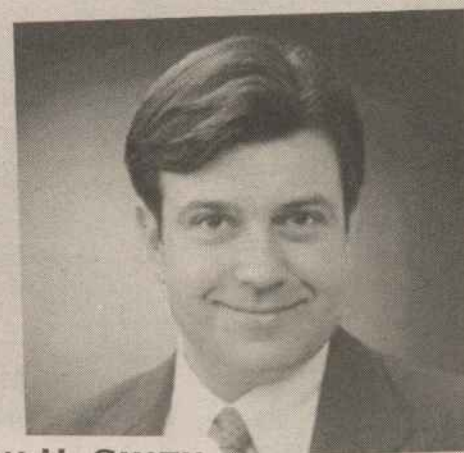
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Increase State AIDS Prevention Money

For the first time in three years, the State's AIDS report shows that new HIV infections are again on the rise here. Especially worrisome are figures showing that new infections among young men under the age of 25 have dramatically increased. The AIDS report is an alarm bell for State of Wisconsin officials.

Under the leadership of Governor Tommy Thompson, Wisconsin has been exemplary in its compassionate treatment of those who living with HIV/AIDS. The Governor has rightfully seen services for and treatment of those with HIV/AIDS as a bipartisan issue. He has, when needed, been an articulate and effective advocate for those with affected by this killer.

Thompson's leadership has never been more needed than it is now. Many of those in high-risk populations believe that the crisis is over. It is more important than ever that the State increase its funding of AIDS Prevention programs. That funding has remained at \$180,000 for ten years.

This year's budget calls for a cut of \$500,000 in the funds allocated for the State's Insurance Continuation Program. Based on past experience, the money was not needed for that purpose. The Insurance Continuation program pays for the health insurance premiums of those affected by HIV, who are no longer able to work. By paying these premiums, the State saves millions in health care costs.

We urge Governor Thompson and the leaders of the legislature's Joint Finance Committee, State Senator Brian Burke (D-Milwaukee) and James Gard (R-Oconto) to save even more taxpayer money. They can do that by using the \$500,000 savings from the Insurance program for AIDS prevention.

If Thompson, Burke and Gard show farsighted leadership now, the State will save untold millions in health care costs later. It's the right thing to do for the taxpayers. It's the right thing to do for our youth. It's the right thing to do for Wisconsin.

Correction

Wisconsin Light would like to apologize to Family Celebrations for not giving them credit for the images used on the cover and in the layout of the article in our May 24-31 issue. Their catalogue, America's first wedding and special occasion catalog for the Gay and Lesbian community, can be ordered by calling toll free, (888) 335-5998. E-mail: Info@FamilyCelebrations.com.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial in support of the AIDS Ride revealed both confusion and misdirected priorities. You should be asking for continued direct support to local AIDS service organizations (ASO); if someone absolutely must support individual bike riders, then money that would normally be pledged or donated directly to riders may instead be given directly to the ASO of choice in the name of that rider, cutting out the cost-ineffective middleman. But the actual "AIDS Ride" has betrayed the trust of people from Wisconsin and other states, and deserves absolutely none of our support.

You mentioned three things in support of the AIDS Ride: 1) that People with AIDS are living longer, and this has increased the caseload for AIDS groups; 2) that new treatments are expensive, and that government funds and private donations don't cover the cost of providing them; and 3) that Wisconsin hasn't increased its AIDS Prevention budget since 1988. None of these assertions are in any way related to the support of the AIDS Ride. Contributions to this outrageous scam won't substantially impact AIDS funding, unless you consider less than a 10% return (a few thousand dollars at best, here in Wisconsin) substantial, as opposed to 100% of the donations directly to the ASO of your choice.

There may indeed be reasons to support this bike riding fundraiser, but your editorial offered absolutely no convincing argument. Yes, the event will take place this year. The only way to "make it work" is to donate your money directly to the AIDS Service Organization of your choice, not to an out of state organizing group that returns a minimal fraction to the local groups that need that money.

— Mark Behar, PA-C

Dear Editor

Thank you for your support of the AIDS Ride. As a 1999 Rider, it was great to see.

Last year at this time I didn't even own a bike. One year ago, I decided I needed to get involved. I asked for the vacation time at work back in October. I have trained. I have asked for money from people. I have made a commitment to a cause. I believe in what I am doing.

I am involved because I feel it is important. Prior to this year, I was not involved with any of the benefiting agencies. However, I can't even explain the rush of emotion I had when an ARCW employee referred to me as an advocate when I told him I was doing the Ride. I have met the most extraordinary individuals through the Ride. These are people who are being brought together, from all backgrounds, with one goal in mind — to fight AIDS. Without the Ride to bring us together, I would not have gotten to know these individuals. Some of these people I saw on a daily basis and we never spoke; now we are friends.

I will raise more than \$2300 in my fundraising. I am very proud of this accomplishment. Most of this money is coming from people who would otherwise not have been involved. Sure, it would be nice if everyone would have directly donated to the organizations that benefit. But then, that type of logic dictates that these organizations would have all the money they need. People, unfortunately, are simply not enough aware of the AIDS epidemic to be sending money every chance they get. However, when people are approached and told of the commitment that other Riders and I have made, they are touched. They donate. I would Ride from here to Alaska if I thought it would bring a cure.

I encourage people to get involved with the Ride. Donate to a rider, or better yet, sign up and participate in the 1999 AIDS Ride. I think I speak for all the riders when I say, we would love to have you join us.

Dana Kofsky
Rider #5057

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recent article (and editorial) about the AIDS Ride controversy. With the spate of recent bad press regarding the Ride's poor financial performance for 1998, I was glad to read your evenly balanced article.

I am a volunteer and a crewmember for the Ride for the second year now. I am committed to spending the week with the riders, working along side them on the road each day. I also assist the Ride staff in signing up riders and crew, and helping the riders train and raise pledges for the July 12th event.

The Ride spends five of its six days in Wisconsin. Everywhere along the way in this state we are greeted with smiles, signs and open arms. Children set up lemonade and water stands and people sit on corners and cheer. Many riders who have been involved in other AIDS rides around the country say that our Ride is their favorite.

It is my personal goal to focus as much statewide attention to the Ride as possible. Instead of focusing on last year's performance we need to focus on this year's Riders, the people making the commitment to spend six days on a bike in the middle of a Wisconsin summer. The riders are an incredible group of people, training for months prior to the Ride, all while raising pledges, going to school and work, and trying to maintain their everyday lives. These people are unsung heroes.

Peter B. Minns
Port Washington, WI

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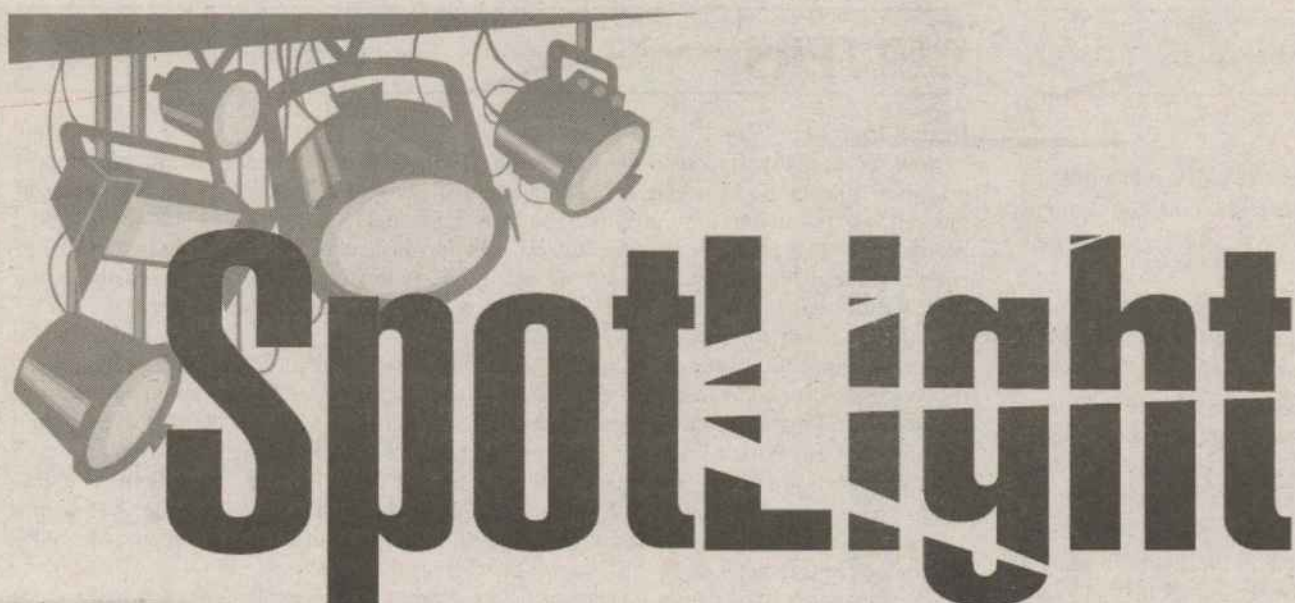
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Spotlight

by Tim Nasson

Beverly Hills - Chris O'Donnell's name last graced marquees at multiplexes throughout the world in the homoerotic 1997 Joel Schumacher film *Batman and Robin*.

He hasn't been seen on the big screen since, and he has a lot to say about why not.

Walking into a suite at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills on a recent Sunday morning, he wore a lime green Polo shirt and khakis with brown shoes sans socks. O'Donnell began to explain the reasons for his two year Hollywood hiatus and why he chose to make his return in film with a role, albeit a supporting one, in one of the world's most respected director's — Robert Altman — films, *Cookie's Fortune*.

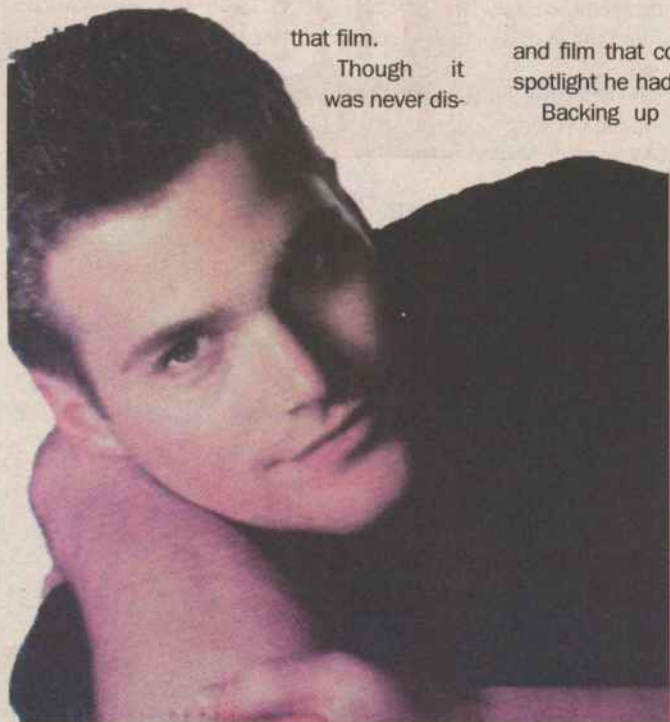
"I needed time off," O'Donnell confesses. "I had gotten married right before *Batman and Robin* was released and needed some time with my wife. I was getting sick of traveling from one set to another and living the high life. Going from one luxury hotel to another started to become a blur. I also was tired of the photographers knowing my every move and at which airport I would be at next. It was just too much. I needed a break."

O'Donnell is a man of few words and one who relishes his privacy as well.

He no more wanted to go into candid detail about his two year departure in films than anyone involved in Stanley Kubrick's upcoming *Eyes Wide Shut* wants to talk about anything regarding

that film.

Though it was never dis-



Chris (Robin) O'Donnell Returns To The Big Screen

cussed during our conversation, O'Donnell certainly cannot be pleased with the critical or box office performance of the two films he had completed right before *Batman and Robin*.

The dismal theatrical performance of John Grisham's *The Chamber* and Richard Attenborough's *In Love and War* seems to have been enough to send O'Donnell scurrying for cover, to lay in wait for a role and film that could catapult him back to the spotlight he had earned and deserved.

Backing up a little, one will recall that O'Donnell quickly rose to heights that some stars twice his age never ascended to.

O'Donnell's big break came with a critically acclaimed performance in *Men Don't Leave*, where he played Jessica Lange's rebellious son. He then followed in *Fried Green Tomatoes* with an unforgettable cameo role as the cute boy who gets his foot caught in a train track and then meets an untimely demise.

The roles got bigger and more critically acclaimed for

the brown hair and blue eyed Irish boy, who went to Boston College for four years.

Scent of a Woman came along where he played opposite Al Pacino. For O'Donnell's work in that film, he won a Best Actor Golden Globe nomination.

Moving along, he changed genres and took a chance playing the swashbuckling 'D'Artagnan' in *The Three Musketeers*. For his stint in that box-office smash, he was named the Show West

Male Star of Tomorrow.

He then perfected an Irish dialect and won raves for his starring role in *Circle of Friends* opposite Minnie Driver.

It is now spring of 1999, almost two years since anyone has seen O'Donnell on screen, and he is happy to be back.

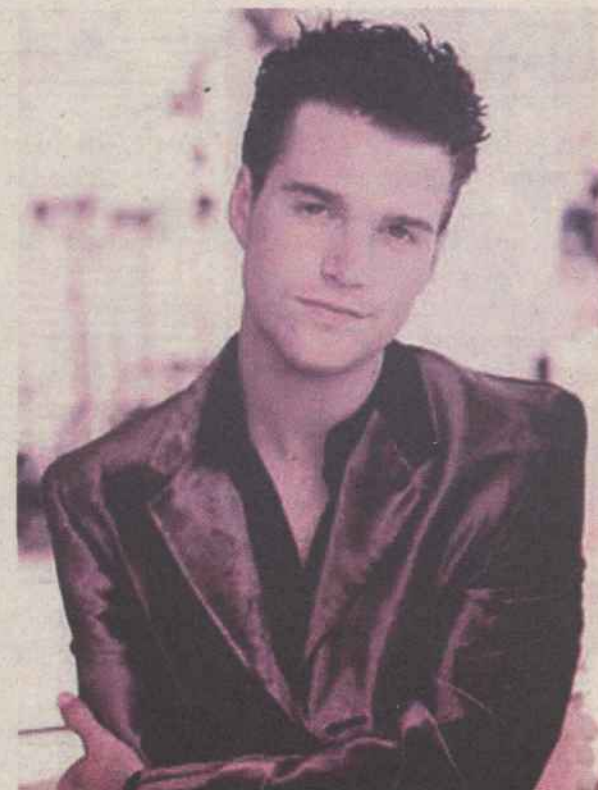
How did "Robin" manage *Cookie's Fortune* as his foray back into film? "I never thought for a minute that I would ever get the opportunity to work with Robert Altman," says O'Donnell. "Just think of the films he has made and the ensembles that have been involved in each one," he adds, calling attention to *Nashville*, *The Player*, *Short Cuts* and *Ready to Wear*.

"My manager also handles Julianne Moore," O'Donnell reveals. "Julianne had already gotten a role in the film, but my manager suggested I audition for a part in it as well. It was an opportunity I could not pass up, even though I do play a Barney Fife character," he adds, laughing.

"Bob's [Altman] style of filmmaking is wonderful for actors. He likes to shoot in as big a piece as possible. He spends a lot of time in rehearsal, developing a lot of subtleties that make each character special."

O'Donnell also is quick to add that "the best scenes in the film were the love scenes I had with Liv Tyler."

The film *Cookie's Fortune*, like all other Altman films, boasts a cast of many and lots



of mystery. Here we have Cookie, played by Academy Award winning actress Patricia Neal (*Hud*) along with her two nieces — Glenn Close as Camille Dixon, a self appointed aesthete of letters and theater, and her obedient younger sister, Cora Duvall (Julianne Moore), who seems little more than a ventriloquist's puppet to the grandiose Camille.

There is Cora's daughter Emma, played by Liv Tyler, and Cookie's loyal and easygoing helping hand, Willis, played by Charles Dutton.

"The film is so complex," says O'Donnell, "yet, also so simple when everything comes together."

He is correct. Though Cookie is discovered 'murdered' in her upstairs bedroom by her two nieces, things get way out of hand in a very quick fashion. Amidst it all, Altman never fails to keep the screenplay bristling with sardonic humor.

Filming on location, in Mississippi, was a relief for O'Donnell, who divides his time between Chicago (where he and his wife sleep on a king size mattress purchased from the Beverly Hills Four Seasons — where some of the most comfortable mattresses in the world can be found) and Los Angeles where he has set up his own production company.

The fruits of his labor will soon be evident. In September, *The Bachelor* will be the first title released under his George Street banner. He and his wife will also welcome their first child into the world in September.

When asked about the possibility of reviving his role in the *Batman* franchise, O'Donnell is skeptical. "I wouldn't mind playing Robin again," he says, "but who knows if there will be another *Batman*? And, 'if' there is, I am sure the producers would want to bring new blood to it."

Who knows? If O'Donnell's devastatingly handsome looks remain in tact and he chooses roles in upcoming films with a little more discretion, as he has with this, *Cookie's Fortune*, he may be playing *Batman* instead of Robin someday.

Tim Nasson, whose celebrity interviews regularly appear in *Wisconsin Light*, can be reached at TimNasson1@aol.com.

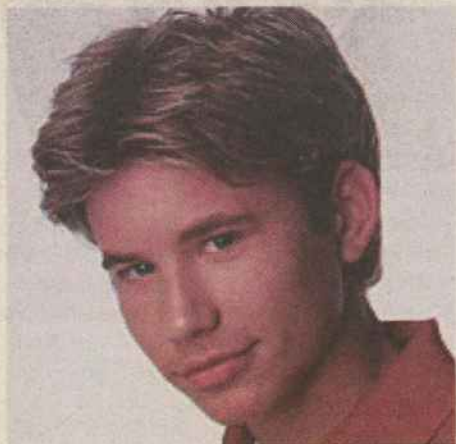
DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by *Romeo San Vicente*

Homo Improvement?

Look for squeaky-clean teen hottie **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** to add fuel to the "is he or isn't he" question with his next film role. (I guess only his hairdresser knows for sure.) Thomas plays Steven, a bisexual hustler, in *Speedway Junky*, a film executive-produced by Gay filmmaker **Gus Van Sant**, who's been on this road before with *My Own Private Idaho*.

Thomas's character is described in the



Jonathan Taylor Thomas

screenplay as "buy-sexual — buy him something and he'll have sex." (Hmmm... I'd like to buy the fair Jonathan a drink. Oh, shucks! He's only 18.) Also look for him to speak such non-*Home Improvement* lines as, "Suck it baby!"

Cross-dress for Success

Gwyneth Paltrow, who's last cross-dressing turn earned her an Academy Award for best actress, is contemplating yet another butch role. **Harvey Weinstein**, the Miramax co-head who has shepherded Ms. Paltrow's thus-far brilliant career, has approached her about starring in the film version of Lesbian author **Jeanette Winterson's** *The Passion*. The story is a romance about Napoleon's cook, Henri, who falls madly in love with the daughter of a Venetian gondolier, Vianelle.

She, however, is a cross-dressing pickpocket with webbed feet who prefers action of the Sapphic variety. The material, which Miramax bought in 1997, is admittedly difficult and likened to the *The English Patient* in complexity. But in the very capable hands of Lesbian producer Christine Vachon (*Velvet Goldmine*), it could result in naked gold man No. 2 for Gwyneth.



Gwyneth Paltrow

Mohr Gays on TV

Jay Mohr, who goes *Gay in Go*, is starring as a Hollywood producer in a hot new sitcom pilot with some interesting Gay characters. Fox is developing the new show, called *Action*. It includes a sub-plot about a closeted Gay media mogul (calling Barry Diller?) who marries the Mohr character's ex-wife as a beard. One of Mohr's employees, played by *Gods and Monsters* actor **Jack Plotnick**, is also Gay. The pilot is pretty randy; it includes a penis-size gag, a hooker (played by the ever charming **Ileana Douglas**) and a Gay party complete with lots of Speedo-sporting studs.

Rowe, Rowe Kevin's Boat

Gay writer and Hollywood powerhouse **Kevin Williamson** has cast some cuties in an ABC pilot. *Wasteland* is a one-hour drama about twenty-somethings who went to college

together and are now trying to find themselves in the city that never sleeps. Considering how good looking the cast is, let's hope they find themselves in the city that never sleeps alone.

Look for **Brad Rowe**, the hunk from *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss*, to play a former campus hotshot who can't hold down a job. That makes two television careers launched by *Screen Kiss*, the little Gay film that could — for both Rowe and **Sean P. Hayes** (*Will & Grace*).

Romeo San Vicente thinks **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** and **Gus Van Sant** should hang out more often. You can contact *Romeo* care of this publication or e-mail **RomeoDeep@aol.com**. For more *Deep Inside Hollywood*, visit www.Gay.com or www.pop.comq.com

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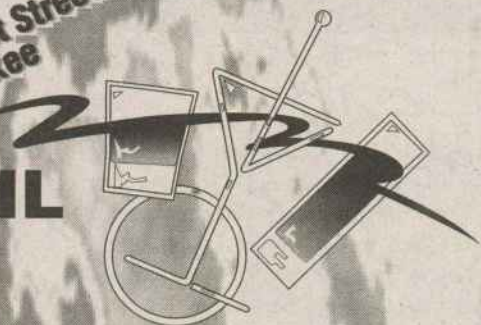
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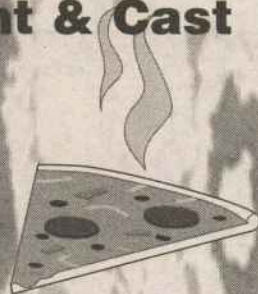


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Gutzmann Presents M Butterfly

Previewed by John Jahn

Milwaukee's most prolific director of Gay theatre, Dale Gutzman, is presenting the controversial, Tony Award-winning drama about sexual obsession and Cold War politics, *M Butterfly*, by David Henry Hwang. It will be performed April 23, 24 and 25 at Centennial Hall of the Central Public Library in Downtown Milwaukee.

The most curious aspect of this theatrical drama that *Variety* called "audaciously imaginative" is that it is based on one of the strangest, true Gay love stories ever recorded. The scandalous story provoked shock and disbelief, as well as a sensational trial.

The plot of *M Butterfly* involves a young French diplomat named Gallimard who has been posted to his country's embassy in Beijing, China. He meets (and soon falls in love with) a seductive Chinese Opera star. Over the course of the ensuing 18 years, the two live out a passionate and dangerous affair set against a background of espionage and the Vietnam War.

Eventually, disaster strikes; she is torn from him and sent deep inside China for "re-education." The diplomat returns grief-stricken to Paris where, years later, his lover follows.

But their espionage activities are uncovered and this time they both end up imprisoned. The amazing fact underlying this entire drama is that, through it all, the diplomat remains oblivious to the fact that his lover is in reality a man!

How could this be? How could he not have known at some point his lover's sexuality? When the story broke it intrigued the world, eventually producing one of the most fascinating theatrical works in recent history.

Hwang's *M Butterfly* explore the intricacies of this perplexing union. It also examines the ongoing inability of the Eastern and Western worlds to truly understand each other. Rigid perspectives intervene and cloud judgement; call it racism if you will. Days before the Chinese poured a million soldiers into North

Korea during the height of the Korean Conflict, U.S. C-in-C Douglas MacArthur swore they would never get involved because, as he put it, "I know the oriental mind."

M Butterfly uses such East-West cultural blindness to explain America's ultimate military failure in the war in Vietnam a decade later. As Hwang observed, "Because we think of Asians as small, submissive, petty people... we couldn't conceive of losing a military struggle against them." The struggle for power in sex and politics lies at the heart of this play that is part love story, part Eastern culture examination, part absurdist farce and part opera parody.

Milwaukee's famed Gay theater impresario, Dale Gutzman, works in Asia for a portion of each year, and is well suited to stage *M Butterfly* successfully. In developing a relationship with Samboon Nouakham, Dale's Asian lover, he personally encountered many of the roadblocks that lie in the way of broader East-West understanding.

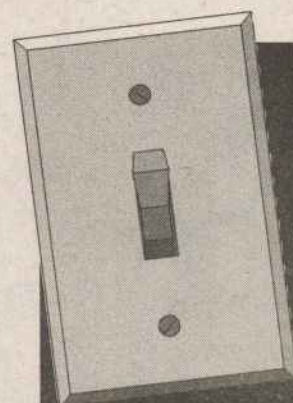
Gutzman has also recently been contracted to lecture on Western Theatre at a major university in Bangkok. His ongoing project is to present Eastern-Western Theater with a blend of styles and themes. As elements of Chinese Opera are vital to this piece, Gutzman has enlisted the aid of an Asian performing troupe to brighten the show.

Portraying the title role of the Gay Chinese Opera singer, who through trickery, skill and deceit fooled his lover for many years, will be skilled Milwaukee actor Trung Tieu. Trung, who has been a part of Dale Gutzman Productions for two years, commented, "Our whole working relationship has been building up to this production."

Hwang, the show's Playwright, demanded that an Asian actor play the cross-dressing title role and that any performer who essays it must also be able to sing and dance. The audience must be able to accept him in both sexual identities. If not, how could they be expected to believe that he could fool his French lover?

The role of Gallimard will be played by versatile actor David Ferrie, who portrayed Salieri in *Amadeus* and Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha* a number of years ago. Retiring temporarily from the stage to finish school, Ferrie is returning in the role of a lifetime. Also appearing in key supporting roles will be Lawrence Lukasavage, Joe Sivoli, Kathy Rambo, Kate Nowicki and Melinda Davenport.

By attending this sensational, true story of love and treachery, audience members will also be supporting local theater for the LGBT community. *M Butterfly* will be performed at Centennial Hall April 23-25. Tickets are \$15. Senior and student discounts are available, and at the Sunday performance local actors can purchase tickets for \$10. Please call (414) 327-3552 for further information.



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OUT ON FILM

Cookie's Fortune

Reviewed by John Jahn

Director Robert Altman, known for big, ambitious films (*Nashville*, *The Player*, *Short Cuts*) departs from the norm in *Cookie's Fortune* with its agreeable performances and charming, amusing story. While some of Altman's previous fare is thought too idiosyncratic or unfathomable, *Cookie's Fortune* is likeable and uncomplicated.

The deep South setting (Holly Spring, Mississippi) is reminiscent of the Coen Brothers' *Fargo* — an off-center habitat where all sorts of unusual events can transpire. In both films, people adhere to quaint customs and traditions.

Cookie's Fortune is an ensemble piece — no character or performance steals the show. Cookie, (Patricia Neal), a Southern matriarch in her waning years, has an easy rapport with her close friend and confidante, Willis (Charles S. Dutton). She also has a soft spot for Emma (Liv Tyler), the young daughter of her dim, gullible niece, Cora (Julianne Moore). Her other niece, the intolerant, image-conscious Camille (Glenn Close), thinks of herself as the most important person in Holly Spring. She orders people around in real life the same way she does on stage directing a church-sponsored production of *Salome*.

Cookie's Fortune gradually, seamlessly shifts from lighthearted melodrama to farce and dark comedy. There's a suicide masked by Camille as a burglary and murder. She enlists Cora's aid in concocting a complicated cover-up that fools the local police, who eventually arrest Willis for murder. While this shocks Camille, it doesn't prompt her to change her plans. She will not allow the family's reputation to be tarnished by revealing the truth about Cookie's demise.

The cast is solid, with Glenn Close adding a dose of Blanche Dubois to her *Dangerous Liaisons* persona, resulting in an arrogant character primed for a fall. As Cora, Julianne Moore radiates meekness and naivete. Charles S. Dutton is stable and affable as Willis; we easily root for him. Liv Tyler and Chris O'Donnell are given light parts that don't tax their limited thespian talents. Supporting performers include Ned Beatty and Courtney B. Vance.

With a clever script that consistently ratchets up the comic momentum and even throws in a little suspense, *Cookie's Fortune* builds to a delightfully funny climax. For pure jocular-ity, this is Altman's most successful effort in years. This particular cookie may not fill the belly, but it does go down easy.

3 STARS

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Avenue, FMI (608)245-0627, \$3 suggested donation. Beginning line dance lessons from 7-8; Review of West Coast Swing from 8-9pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Boulevard Ensemble Studio (Milwaukee), the 17th Century Romantic comedy classic *The Double Infirmity*. 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Curtain times vary. Tickets from \$10-15. Call (414) 744-5757 for dates/times/reservation. Continues through May 16.

GAMMA (Milwaukee), Game Night at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., 7-10pm. Bring your favorite board game, a friend and snacks to pass.

Kate Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee), Gallery Night, meet artists Steve Haas, Nancy Marks and John Mominee. Contemporary Group Exhibition continues through April 30.

Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milwaukee), Gallery Night. Exhibits of new photographic works by Lawrence Laatsch, and J.P. Atterberry. Opening night, 5:30pm, 420 E. Wisconsin Avenue in the Pfister Hotel.

Milw. Chamber Theatre (Milwaukee), Shaw Festival through May 2. In repertoire: *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, *Shaw Shorts*, the Wisconsin premiere of Tony Kushner's *The Illusion*. *Mrs. Warren* and *The Illusion* both run in the Cabot Theatre with prices running from \$15 to \$28. *Shaw Shorts* runs in the Studio Theatre with tickets running \$10. FMI or to order tickets by phone call (414) 291-7800.

Steep & Brew (Madison), Open mike every Friday at 8pm, sign up by 7:30pm. All ages welcome, hosted by Bruce Chowning. FMI call Bruce at (608) 251-9689.

UW Depts. of Opera and Theatre (Madison), A joint production of Dale Wasserman's classic musical *Man of La Mancha*, 7:30pm, Fridays and Saturdays through April 24. Tickets are \$15 for general public and \$12 for UW stu-

dents with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the Vilas Hall Box Office or by calling (608) 262-1500.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee), *extraORDINARY*, a new exhibition featuring the paintings by Ariana Huggett. Opening Reception during Gallery Night from 6-8pm, show continues through May 22. 911 W. National, FMI (414) 672-2787.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Ballgame (Milwaukee), Possum Queen fundraiser for Anita Makeover. Bus Trip to Oneida Casino and Green Bay Bar Crawl. \$40 per ticket, leaves bar at noon, return at midnight. Food, prizes, drinks, raffles.

Fox Cities PFLAG Conference (Fox Valley), *Open Hearts, Open Minds*, Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI. Workshops, speakers, video and resource room, entertainment, networking.

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Seem-To-Be Players Children's Theatre (Milwaukee), presentation of *Sacagawea: Shoshone Birdwoman*. 2pm, Pitman Theatre, Alverno College, 3431 S. 39th St. For children 7 and older, 1 hour performance. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children, students and seniors. FMI, tickets (414) 382-6044.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Milwaukee Male Chorus (Milwaukee), *Opus VI Movie Memories*, an afternoon of male choral music presented by the Milwaukee Male Chorus plus the guest Concert Choir from Union Grove High School. Vogel Hall in the Marcus Center. Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$8 for students and seniors.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Frontiers (Madison), Rap Group meets at the new OutReach offices at the Gateway Mall, 600 W. Williamson, 7:30pm.

Police Department/LGBT Community Meeting (Milwaukee), 6pm Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Brady East STD Travelling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), Reformation Lutheran Health Fair, 2201 N. 35th St., 11am-1pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Bad Grtz (Madison), A pro S/M group for women meets at 7pm at OutReach, Gateway Mall, 600 Williamson St. FMI call (608) 242-8885.

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Avenue, FMI (608)245-0627, \$3 suggested donation. Beginning Two Step Couple dance lessons from 7-8pm; Advanced line dance lessons 8-9pm.

Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (Milwaukee), Meeting at 5:30pm at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., for corporate employees. See article on the COMMUNITY Page in April 7th issue for details.

Woodland Patten Book Center (Milwaukee), Book artist Caren Heft and poet Peggy Hong collaborate on 3D Poetry, a special series of the ongoing Writer's Workout class. Class meets for six weeks through May 26 from 6:30-8:30pm. FMI call 263-5001.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Black LGBT Task Force (Milwaukee), Angela Davis appearance at UWM, 8pm, call (414) 229-3727 FMI.

Madison Art Center (Madison), 211 State Street, (608) 257-0158: *Chairs for Charity*. Artists use their talents to transform a chair into a work of art. Music, hors d'oeuvres, fine wines and live auction. Fund-raiser for The Art League.

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., FMI call 271-2656. Volunteer Feedback Pizza Party, 6:30pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), *M Butterfly*, Centennial Hall, Main Library, 733 N. 8th St. Tickets are \$15. Show at 8pm tonight & Saturday, 2pm Sunday.

Ten Percent Society Out and About Dance (Madison), For LGBT's and friends. 8pm-midnight, Great Hall, Memorial Union. \$3 admission, DJ, cash bar. Open to UW-Madison's students and employees.

UW Depts. of Opera and Theatre (Madison), A joint production of Dale Wasserman's classic musical *Man of La Mancha*, 7:30pm, tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets are \$15 for general public and \$12 for UW students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the Vilas Hall Box Office or by calling (608) 262-1500.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison), (Studio) 54 and Ranch Hands, 8pm, (608) 244-8675.

Black LGBT Task Force (Milwaukee), *Mumia Rally*, 1pm, Wisconsin Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center St., FMI call 372-7677.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Capitol Drive Lutheran Church (Milwaukee), *Exploring the Bible and Homosexuality*, 2:30-4:30pm in the church at 5305 W. Capitol Dr. Guest speaker Dr. Edgar Krentz. All invited to attend this lecture which will include group discussions and a concluding reception. FMI see the Community Page in April 14 issue of *Wisconsin Light*.

Great Outdoors Concert (Milwaukee), Miramar Theater (formerly the Fred Miller Theater), 2844 N. Oakland Ave. \$10 tickets at the door or through Ticketmaster at (414) 276-4545. A power packed showcase set featuring local celebrities in celebration of their latest release the self titled album *Great Outdoors*. 8pm showtime.

Wisconsin Chamber Choir (Madison), Debut concert, 3pm, Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Ave. Tickets are \$5 general, \$3 seniors/ students and can be purchased at the door. FMI call (608) 249-8524.

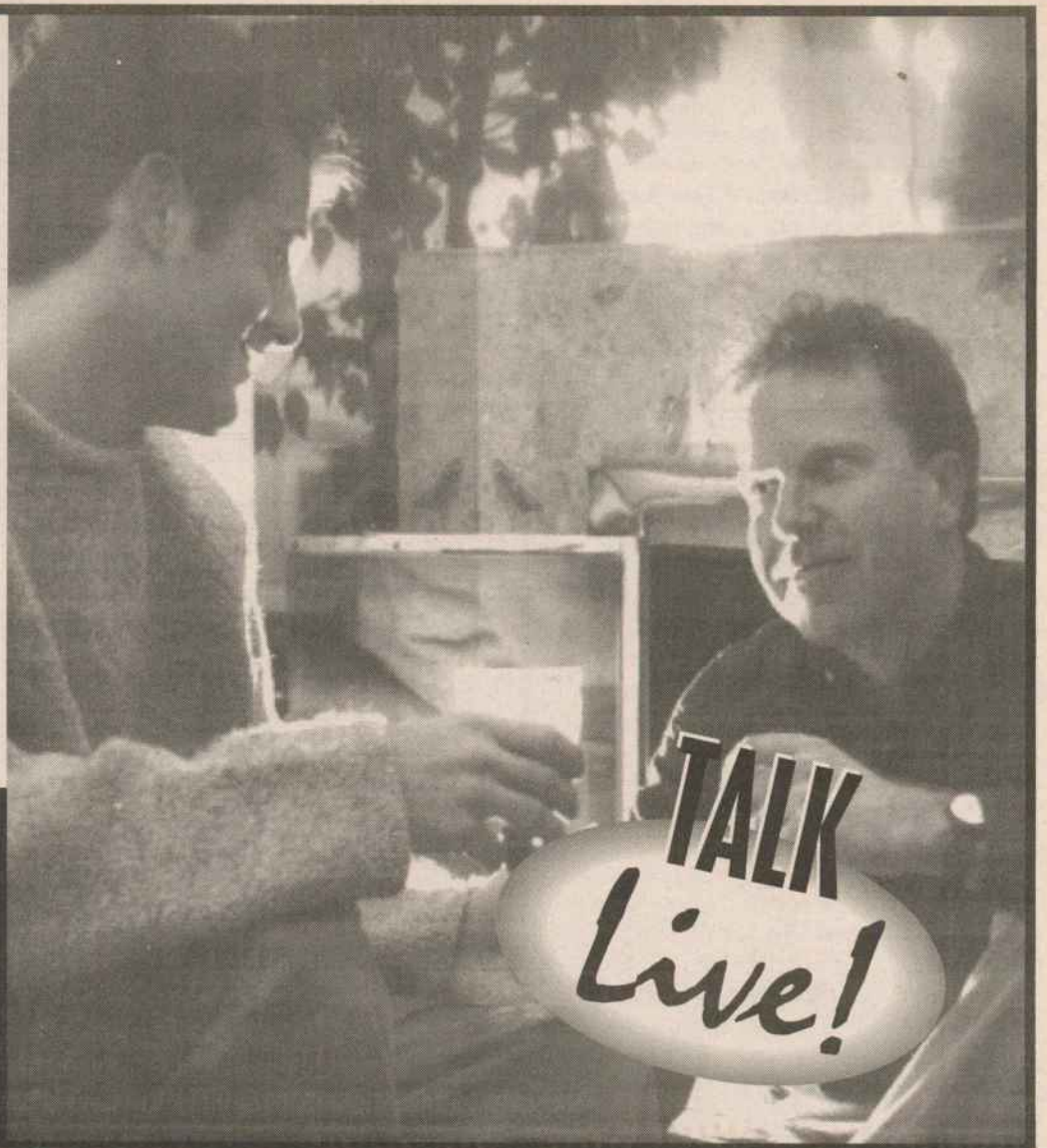
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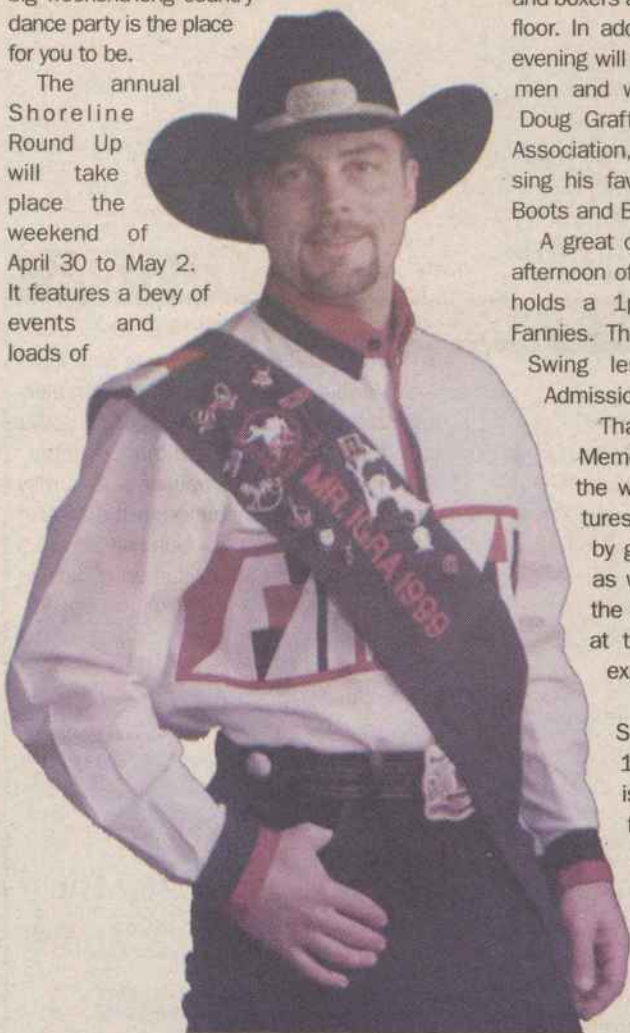
Dancing Up 'a Country Storm

by Ron Geiman and Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - Not all Gays and Lesbians sway to the incessant beat of techno and trance music... many favor country western line, swing, round and square dancing. The popularity of country is as hot as ever, as one can attest by cable casts of C/W dance shows and thriving country radio stations. Just like any other aspect of life, Gays and Lesbians have created their own niche in the world of country dancing.

If you are a fan of country western music and styles or even if you are just into cowboys and cowgirls — and you know you are — Milwaukee's big weekend-long country dance party is the place for you to be.

The annual Shoreline Round Up will take place the weekend of April 30 to May 2. It features a bevy of events and loads of



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opportunities to learn country dancing, strut your stuff or just watch others as they two step their way around the dance floor.

Shoreline expects over 350 dancers from LGBT country dance clubs throughout the Midwest to be on hand for a full slate of activities. That's good news for Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation and Camp Heartland. They are this year's beneficiaries of the proceeds from the weekend.

The weekend kicks off with a fish fry at the M&M Club followed by the popular "Boots and Boxer's Ball" from 8 to 11pm at La Cage. Yes, many of the dancers do show off their boots and boxers as they do their steps on the dance floor. In addition to the dance floor fun, the evening will feature a "Legs" contest for both men and women. As an added attraction, Doug Graff, Mr. 1999 International Rodeo Association, will make a special appearance to sing his favorite country hits. Admission to Boots and Boxer's is \$5.

A great opportunity presents itself on the afternoon of Saturday, May 1 when Shoreline holds a 1pm Swing Dance Workshop at Fannies. The workshop features East Coast Swing lessons by Florida's Lee Fox. Admission is \$10 at the door.

That evening Milwaukee's War Memorial Center hosts the big event of the weekend, the Gala. The Gala features line dance performances put on by groups from around the Midwest, as well as open dancing. Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. A very large crowd is expected.

The Round Up winds up on Sunday with a brunch at Fannies at 11am. The cost for a great brunch is just \$10. After brunch, there is free open dancing and dance swaps.

You can purchase tickets for all these events at the door, or you can buy a weekend package for just \$25 by calling (414) 747-0388. The package price includes everything listed above except for the M&M fish fry. The downtown Hyatt is offering special

rates for out of town guests. For reservations, call (414) 276-1234 or (800) 233-1234.

The Round Up is an outgrowth of Shoreline's annual dance fundraisers. These began in 1993 and were joint efforts with the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. That first year, the event was held at the Lake Park Pavilion. It was so successful that organizers moved it to the more spacious War Memorial Center Ballroom the following year.

From that single event, Shoreline has built an entire weekend of festivities to get even those who are not country fans tapping their toes and sashaying around the dance floor.

In 1997, the Counseling Center dropped out of the dance. The members of Shoreline, however, saw the potential for the event. What was a one evening event expanded into a weekend's worth of fun with the Saturday night dance as its centerpiece. Thus, the Round Up Weekend was born.

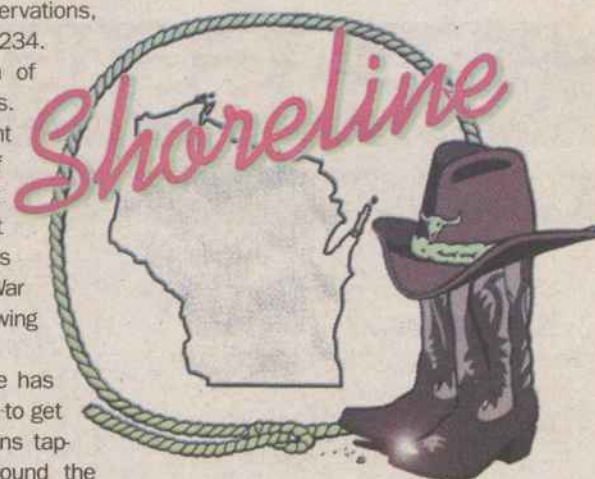
That first Round Up was a great success. Country fans came from as far away as South Dakota, Arizona, Minnesota and Georgia. The positive reaction Shoreline received from the nearly 300 people who attended the '97 Saturday evening Country Dance Gala encouraged the group to continue its efforts.

There is no doubt that the Round Up helps strengthen ties between LGBT country fans from throughout the region. They learn new steps from each other, renew acquaintances, discuss their favorite music and, of course, talk about country fashions.

Shoreline is one of 30 member clubs of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs (IAGLCWDC). Those 30 clubs are scattered in 14 states, Australia, London, the Netherlands and Canada. Its connections with these other clubs helps Shoreline to attract dancers to the Round Up.

Shoreline started in May of 1992 when 12 "dance regulars" at the old 3B's Bar decided to start their own line dance performance group. After working hard that summer under Jeff Peirotti's direction, the fledgling group made its public debut with a performance at MAPFest.

Shoreline's mission statement says that the group's purpose is to "stage country dance performances to promote country dancing in a safe and positive social environment without regard to age, race, sex, religion, national or cultural origin, sexual orientation, disability or HIV status. Coed membership shall consist of persons who are willing to dedicate time, energy and support to Shoreline's activities and goals."



Shoreline membership includes performing and general members. The group's current membership hovers near 40 men and women.

The Shoreline performance group, a subgroup that takes their dancing seriously and enters competitions, practices weekly at Fannies. In addition, all Shoreline members hold lessons and open dancing every Friday night from 8-11pm at La Cage.

Another Shoreline veteran dancer sponsors performing members into the group originally. It is the duty of the sponsor to teach the new member all preceding dance routines and dances outside of regular rehearsal times.

The group performs annually at many local and Midwestern events including PrideFest and benefits for AIDS and breast cancer. Both of these life-threatening diseases have affected Shoreline members making those causes personal and important to Shoreline. Shoreline is also involved in giving back to Milwaukee's LGBT community through other worthwhile fundraisers.

Madison also has an LGBT country dance group, the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls. Like Shoreline, Dairyland holds weekly practices and serves as a social outlet.

The Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls has a mission similar to Shoreline's. Dairyland sponsors open dances and dance lessons at Madison's Sapphire Ballroom. For more information on the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls, call (608) 245-0627.

So, if line dancing and country western dancing are your thing, check out Shoreline in Milwaukee or Dairyland in Madison. And whatever you do, don't miss the Shoreline Round Up April 30 to May 1.



Boots & Boxers Do go together!



Dear Ruthie,

I have a weird problem. I have been with this guy for a few weeks and we have great sex. Last week, while I was poking around his room, I found a ton of *Playboy* magazines hidden in the back of his closet.

He says he is Gay, and he certainly acts like it in and out of bed. So what's up with the straight porn?

I have yet to investigate the rest of his room for more porn. He's never been with a woman, or so he says, and only goes to Gay bars. Should I approach him about the *Playboys*? Do you think he's Bi? A friend told me to write you. Let me know what you think I should do.

Your Dedicated Fan,
Frisky Fred

Dear Fred,

This reminds me of the time I was married to my fourth husband, Lou. We tied the knot at a small chapel in Kentucky, got a free case of beer, a red bandana, and a bumper sticker that read "We're All Family In Kentucky!"

Anyway, after a three-day honeymoon (we got kicked out of the Motel 6 because we screwed up the sink after shaving Lou's back hair), we loaded the trailer and began our new life together.

We moved to a trailer park called Broken Hammer Estates and set up house... that is... we set up trailer. I was doing laundry one afternoon while Lou was out with his drinking buddy Harold — a 72-year-old self-proclaimed "tattoo god and womanizer." Anywho, I'm putting Harold's black socks away and I come across a stack of Polaroid pictures.

You can imagine my surprise when I picked up the stack and found a photo of a topless woman. I began rifling through those pictures like Hugh Hefner on crack. The next picture was some other broad, spread eagle on the roof of Lou's Trans Am (damn mid-life crisis).

Next came a picture of his first wife, nude on their waterbed. Then, his second wife — nude in a beanbag chair eating Doritos. Third wife — in the shower wearing nothing but high heels and eating a grape Popsicle. Next came a topless picture of the travel agent who helped us get our trailer to Kentucky. The next few pictures were nude shots of the woman who played the organ at our wedding, the maid at the Motel 6, and the woman who sold Lou the razors for his back.

There was a nude picture of the Broken Hammer leasing agent in our kitchen — covering her breasts with my rice cakes! Then I found the Polaroids that put the nail in the coffin — Harold, Lou's drinking buddy, naked on our couch.

There were more: Harold naked on our kitchen table, Harold wearing only a headband posing with Lou's tennis racket, and Harold dancing around in an *I Dream of Jeannie* costume.

I starred at the last picture — Harold standing at the kitchen sink, wearing my apron, cleaning pots and pans, exposing his rear to the camera. I nearly passed out. Those pots never looked so clean. I mean, I used to scrub those things with SOS pads, brillo cakes and special cleaners. I used to let those damn pots soak overnight, then ran them through the dish-washer for hours, and I still couldn't get them as clean as Harold.

So anyway, I confronted Lou about the pictures. He admitted everything saying that he fell in love with Harold and couldn't deny his homosexual feelings any longer. I didn't get angry. I held Lou. I told him I loved him, convinced him that I understood, and asked for an 8x10 copy of Harold with the tennis racket.

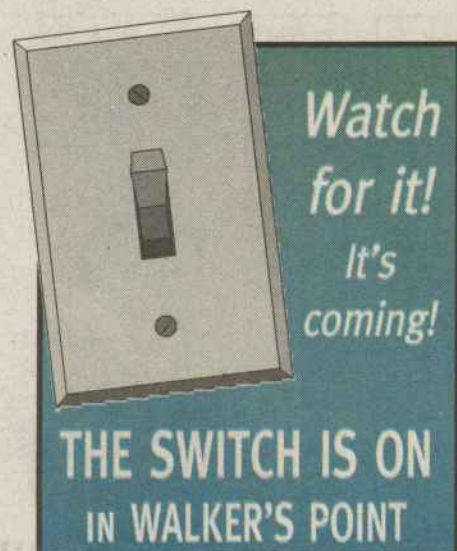
So what am I saying? Hold off on the investigation, Magnum P.I. You've only been with this guy for a few weeks! Rummaging through his things was not a good idea.

If I were you, I'd let this alone right now. Once your relationship and your sex life grows, you might discover more about the girlie mags. They may not even be his. If they are, it could still mean he's Gay and happy that way. I'm not a doctor, but I can tell you that preferred pornography doesn't always form a direct link to sexual fantasy.

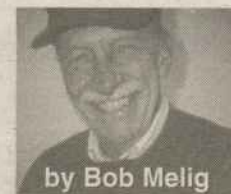
For example, a straight man may get aroused looking at all-male pornography. He might get excited thinking about how many women would like to be with the men in the photos. He may think he's hotter than the guys in the magazine are, or he may appreciate their bodies and imagine the hetero action he'd get if he looked like them. You get the idea.

People use such magazines for different reasons. Don't let this get in the way of your growing relationship, and for God sakes — keep out of his drawers... well... his dresser drawers anyway!

Write Dear Ruthie c/o *Wisconsin Light*, 225 S. 2nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53202, or email her at www.wilight.com.



Sports



Summer Sports Want You Included

Softball

"CATCH IT" appropriately is the slogan of the **Saturday Softball League** (SSBL) recruitment campaign. Catch What? "Catch the Fever". Hey, that says it all. Now's the time to call the SSBL Hotline at (414) 454-9204. A softball Clinic (SSBL) is on May 1st and games start on May 8th. Here's a sample of Softball's early plans:

Get out the rust, learn the rules, and new skills at the clinic May 1st. It's a great way to ease into a season full of fun. So "Catch It": catch some balls, catch an eye, catch a guy orrrr a gal pal. It's all part of the game(s). Yeah, there's more to LGBT softball than the rules.

See and be seen at the 22nd annual Mr. SSBL Contest after the games on May 8th, to be held at The Ballgame. Teams provide contestants. Here's a clue on the fun — there won't be any cups or padding — just chests, muscles and leg(s). All the guys show off what makes us tick. (sic) Help SSBL kickoff its season and have fun at this traditional fun raiser. You'll "Catch the Fever" garoooooonteed.

Down to Tennis for Tennis

It looks like a big year for Tennis in '99. With a new team format, the **MMTC** (Milwaukee Metro Tennis Club) kicks off Sunday afternoon May 16th at Lake Park. To get in on the action. See Bill Wardlow at the Fluid or contact MMTC at 543-9643. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome.

The team format allows for a greater participation and more fun. Plans call for two singles matches and one doubles each week. The schedule allows for weeks off so players can still enjoy plenty of Summer Sundays. This year, the Davis Cup rules will be utilized by the League.

There are 20 major GLBT tennis tournaments nationwide. Milwaukee players will be traveling to a bunch of them. That adds a lot more flavor to getting involved. Get out your Ray Bans, and get a tan. Come On, get involved, make that call.

Coordinators for the League's season are Bill Wardlow, Scott Fahey, Mark Junk, and Gary Ozuna. Plans call for holding an Open Invitational Tournament here in Milwaukee next season in the year 2000.

Thinking about tennis, what's with the scoring anyway? Why does Love mean nothing? Does 15 love mean my last 15 dates? Then there's Match Point — don't even want to touch that one. Ahhhh and an Ace. Dreamy! All nice things on a steamy summer afternoon. See you courtside.

Mil-Maids Bowling

It's past registration time, but this is a charity tournament for BESTD clinic and there still might be some room for late comers. Signs are all around town for the April 17th tourney at Red Carpet Bowlero. Give Bob or Rick a jingle at (414) 482-1964 if you want to do good by bowling good. This traditional event has raised thousands for AIDS and other causes, while doing so in a atmosphere of great fun and comradeship.

Other Sports Groups To Check Out:

Madison

Volley Ball Group Jeff (608) 251-8716

The Wrestling Club P.O. Box 1786, 53701.

Call (608) 255-8582 — they are tuned into the community and all its activities.

Milwaukee

Front Runners (414) 332-1527 This running group may be just the thing for you. Runners are special folks and really get into their activities. Get ready for Al's Run

GAMMA (414) 365-3453 These folks cover the gamete from outdoors to volleyball. Social activities are planned for the membership on a regular basis, in addition to the sports groups they foster. Members travel to other cities for tournaments and it's a great way to meet new folks.

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group (414) 963-9833. The name says it all. If this is your thing, give them a call. Let us know how you like their activities.

Your Sports Editor can't keep up with all the variety, but we certainly like to hear from those who participate with their input for our columns. We want to include all of the sports groups around the state so if you don't see yours in here please contact me through *Wisconsin Light*.

Milwaukee - Birthplace Of National LGBT Sports Competition

It all started here. Invitations from Milwaukee, 20 years ago, got people together for Bowling and Softball tournaments. Not only were these events successful, they grew into national organizations. Both the International Gay Bowling Organization, IGBO, and the North American Gay Athletic Alliance for Softball were formed under the guidance and hard work of Milwaukee folks. Both of these national organizations encompass most of the active cities in their sports and have many events.

Four members of Milwaukee's Saturday Softball League are enshrined in the NAAGA Hall of Fame. Ever since its founding 20 years ago, Milwaukee has had at least one officer in NAGAA. That says a lot about our influence.

Milwaukee: The Innovative Engine is the theme of research I'll be doing on the local history of both sports. If you are someone who knows about the history or if you know of anyone who does please contact me at the paper (414) 226-0075 or email me care of editor@wilight.com Your input will give the most complete picture possible. Looking to hear from you.

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SO

by Ron Geiman

That was the last time I go out for a holiday brunch buffet. It was underwhelming to say the least and disappointing at best. I guess that's what I get for not hosting Easter dinner at the house this year.

Trying to get out of the kitchen for the day led me to suggest to the usual gang that we go out instead. We've done it before, and have tried most of the major Milwaukee area buffets over the years for one holiday or another.

Now I remember why we don't do the buffets very often... they just aren't worth it unless you are a glutton and/or have lost your sense of taste. Sure, there was lots of food to select from, but none of it was prepared with any type of flair.

If the caliber of food served at these holiday buffets is any indication of the restaurant's other food, it's certainly a poor advertisement. All the salads tasted the same. The eggs benedict had just a dollop of fake hollandaise when it should have been swimming in the real thing. The shrimp was overcooked and the sausages tasted foul.

The restaurant advertised what seemed like a good price for a buffet, but then they slapped a mandatory 15% on the bill for a tip, even though all the wait staff did was take our drink orders. Now that I look back, I realize I could have picked up a really nice ham for the price of one person's buffet and had leftover ham to boot!

So... the lesson? Either invite friends and family over to the house, or go out to a restaurant and have a real meal off their menu. You'll be much more content either way.

So... for those of you who like keeping track of my health, and for those other Persons With HIV/AIDS that I might help educate, here is an update.

Back in January, my viral load shot up to over 120,000 after 2 months on new medicines. I began taking three new meds (abacavir, adefovir and sustiva) back in November

because of an increasing viral load, and already they were failing to help me. I also lost weight and energy and had a real bad problem with appetite, nausea and barfing.

My doctor was alarmed at the weight I lost and my increasing viral load. **So...** in February, he ordered me to stop all my anti-retrovirals for one month to see if I stopped losing what little I ate. Talk about guilt! Although it was on my doctor's orders, I felt guilty stopping my meds, but I understood his decision. Drug "holidays" are usually a no-no. I had been a very adherent patient for the ten years I'd been taking anti-retrovirals.

As I started my February month-long drug holiday, he took another viral load test (viral load 180,000). He also took a genotypic analysis test. The genotypic analysis can let your physician know what drugs are still effective against your particular mutated viral strain.

Immediately upon ceasing my meds, the nausea stopped, and food actually stayed down. My weight loss leveled off, and I felt much better although not great. After one month, my viral load was checked again. It showed an increase to 260,000. That seemed logical since I was taking no HIV meds at all.

The genotypic test came back from the lab at the end of February. After reviewing it, my doctor prescribed one of my newer drugs (abacavir), and added three others that I had been on but had stopped taking in the past — 3tc, d4t and hydraea. The test showed I was immune to all the protease inhibitors.

My viral load plummeted to 2,200 by the end of March, one month after I was back on a drug regimen. I credit the drop to the genotypic test. **So...** the lesson here is simple: If you have HIV/AIDS, and you think you've been through all the meds, have one of these expensive tests done. You'll at least have an idea of what works for you.

OUT IN CYBERSPACE

Playing Safe on the Net

by Michael Stewart

Despite the often-shrill hysteria of the mainstream press and religious right, the Internet is no more dangerous than is the real world. Even so, LGBT netizens often need to take special care of themselves. Some safety tips are mere common sense and reflect the way you'd conduct yourself in a bar or club. Others are more cyber-specific:

Hide Yourself: While junk e-mail (commonly known as "spam"), isn't physically dangerous, two or three hundred chain letters or come-ons pimping commercial cybersex sites filling your e-mailbox raises irritation to new heights.

Spammers use special programs to sift through the millions of daily newsgroup postings and extract the e-mail addresses of the unwitting, who are then barraged with junk. Before you publish something to an Internet newsgroup, use your newsreader's configuration features to change the "from" field — which is normally your e-mail address — to something else.

The names of fictional characters or witty drag-queen monikers like "Anita Mann" or "Virginia Hamm" are quite popular, so be as creative as you want. If you want personal replies, put your e-mail address in the body of your posting, which the spam programs can't read (yet!).

Anonymize Yourself: Though unlikely, a determined troublemaker could find out more about you than you'd be comfortable revealing, with nothing more to go on than just your e-mail address. If your privacy is important, or your personal situation makes absolute discretion essential, there are tools available on the net that will disguise your identity.

Rocketmail <http://www.rocketmail.com>, and Hotmail <http://www.hotmail.com>, are two web-based services that offer free Internet e-mail accounts, but both require you to use your browser to send and receive your mail. If you'd prefer to use your regular e-mail program, Bigfoot, <http://www.bigfoot.com>,

offers a free e-mail re-mailing service. After you select an appropriate e-mail address — such as "cyber-queer@bigfoot.com" — use that in your online postings. E-mail sent to that address is automatically re-routed to your "real" e-mailbox, thus keeping your identity safely anonymous.

Be Discerning: Chat rooms and IRC channels are a great outlet for those who are closeted, unsure of themselves or just exploring their sexual identity for the first time. This can lead to some online acquaintances being closed-mouthed about themselves, but too much reticence should be a warning.

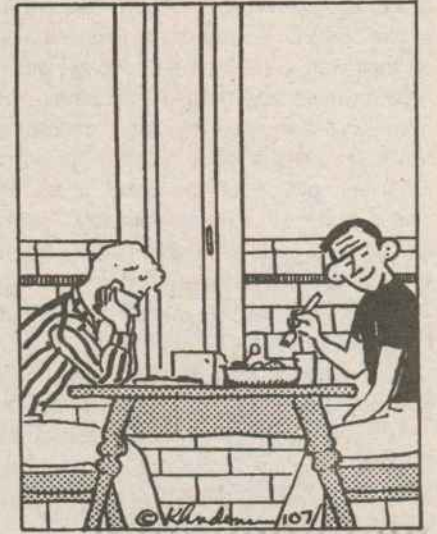
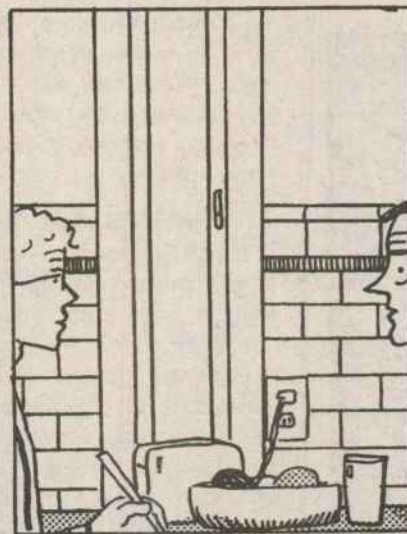
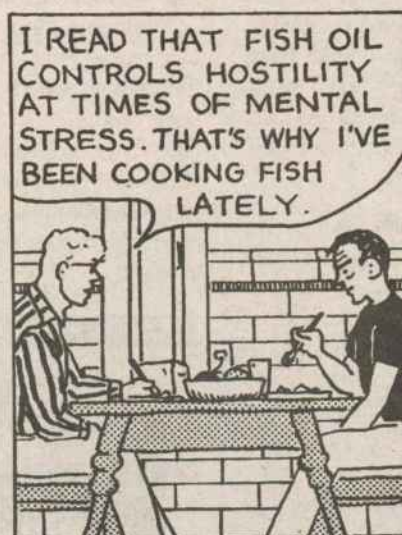
Someone who's reluctant to give out their address is understandable. Someone who doesn't even want to tell you their name or who gives evasive answers to your questions might best be avoided. Be especially wary of anyone who wants to meet immediately without knowing anything about you. A newfound friend who seems uninterested in your appearance or who encourages you to meet them in a secluded location may not have your best interests at heart.

Meet in a Neutral Spot: This is particularly useful if someone you meet online strikes your fancy but doesn't have a picture of themselves or want to give you their phone number. Under such circumstances, it's often wise to arrange a first meeting in a public place, such as one of the bars or clubs advertising in *Wisconsin Light* or another Gay-friendly space. This allows you the chance to get to know each other safely or to go your separate ways. Be sure to trade enough details about what you'll be wearing, etc., to be able to find each other!

Trust Your Instincts: If someone "rubs you the wrong way," makes you feel uncomfortable, or just seems outright weird, you're under no obligation to continue or further the acquaintanceship. Disengage yourself from the chat, or exile the e-mail to the trash bin. There are other fish in the sea.

Michael Stewart's insights on the Internet appear in every other issue of the weekly *Wisconsin Light*. He can be reached via email at www.michaelstewart.com

BIFF 'N BUNKY
by KEITH N ANDERSON



NIGHTS OUT

News...

Big news from **Club 5** — their new Women's bar, **FoxHole**, is now open. Owner Ed G told me that more than a few women were among the throngs flocking to his popular club. "The women started hanging out around the pool table area, so we are making this into a bar for them." Ed and his staff are putting in bar stools, a separate bar and other things certain to make **FoxHole** a big hit.

FoxHole opens up with a big party on the day this issue comes out, April 14. The big opening night bash will include free pool, darts and appetizers for all who stop by to enjoy.

Dusty
AFTER DARK

FoxHole will be open from Wednesday to Saturday evenings.

Speaking of **Club 5**, two of their fab bartenders, **Joey** and **James**, have departed — awww, but that cutie **Dennis** has joined up — yay! I met **Dennis** during the **Club 5** Holiday party bar crawl in Milwaukee last January. He's a real sweetie and is so cute, too. Save me a bar stool guys! I am on the way!

In other news... there is a new partner at the **1100 Club** in Milwaukee. His name is **Greg** and we hear he has extensive experience in the hospitality industry. Good luck to everyone.

Speaking of Green Bay, okay we weren't speaking of Green Bay, but we should have been, congrats to the Argonauts for their very successful Easter Egg Hunt. The club was just short of its \$2,500 goal, but hey \$2,467 is nothing to sneeze at.

The money was raised at **Brandy's II**, **Buddies** and the **Napalese Lounge**. It goes into the Emergency Fund kitty. The club uses to fund to provide money for emergency expenses for LGBTs in need. Way to go Green Bay!

And as long as we are on the subject of Green Bay, I hope you will be joining our Editor, **Bill Meunier**, and the many fine performers who will be in Title Town for *Wisconsin Light's* All Star Salute to its Man of the Year, **Mark Mariucci**. It's on Friday, April 16. There's a reception with an open bar and appetizers up

in **Java's** and then a fab show in **Za's** at 10:30pm. The reception is just \$5 and the show is \$3. Of course, you can donate more. All the money that's collected goes to

Rainbow Over Wisconsin!

More other news... It's getting close to the start of softball season. A number of bars including **M & M's**, **Club 219**, **Woody's**, the **Ball Game**, **Fluid** and **Mugshots** are looking for new faces, so if you want to have a great time, stop in and sign up at any of these fine establishments.

Reminders... Don't forget to mark your calendars for and attend the meeting between the LGBT community and the Police on Monday, April 19 at the Community Center, 170 S. Second Street. It starts at 6pm.

Recaps... I had a great time during the Impersonator's show at **C'est La Vie** the other day. This show has a kind of homey quality to it. I also made an appearance at **Club 219** for **Danny Dance** and **Simone's** benefit show. They are trying to raise \$2,000 for AIDS relat-

ed charities by the end of the year. After only two shows they have collected around 25% of their goal. It was a great show as, of course, all the shows at **219** are.

The same is true of **La Cage** where the showcase was in fine form the night I was there. These girls know how to work it!

I also stopped in at **Woody's** the other night. There was a really friendly crowd there. If you are looking for a place where people go to make new friends and visit with their old friends, check it out.

That's also true of **Fluid**, which continues to draw nice and very diverse crowds of people. **Bill Wardlow** told me that he is very pleased with the response his establishment has been getting. Of course, those who are responding are very pleased with his establishment, too.

Well that's all for this week folks. Hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile, stay safe and be proud!

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Fannie's (Milwaukee), Karaoke at Fannies, hosted by Marlene.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Brady East STD Traveling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), **Kathy's Nut Hut**, 7-10pm.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), Fetish Night, this week, Bare Chests, 50cents off drinks for those shirtless, 10pm-close; 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8-10pm.

Za's (Green Bay), *Wisconsin Light* presents the Man of the Year party for **Za**, a benefit for Rainbow Over Wisconsin. Co-sponsored by **Za's**, Entertainers Against AIDS and **Quest**. Pre-show reception at **Java's** with hors d'oeuvres & open bar from 8-10pm for \$5 per person. Show follows in **Za's** at 10:30pm, \$3 cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Club 94 (Kenosha), Mr. & Miss Kenosha Wisconsin USofA pageant.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Brady East STD Traveling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), **Boot Camp**, 10pm-1am.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), Mr. Wisconsin weekend; **Daddy's Boy Contest**, 9pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

1100 Club (Milwaukee), Mr. Wisconsin weekend; **GrandDaddy Contest**, and charity auction, 1pm.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), Mr. Wisconsin weekend; **Daddy Contest**, 9pm.

Woody's (Milwaukee), Just for the Hell of It Party, 4pm-close. Prizes, food and cheap drinks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

1100 Club (Milwaukee), Castaways MC will hold their Sunday afternoon beer and soda bust from 2-6pm. Come and meet the new Mr. Wisconsin **Daddy** and **Daddy's Boy**. Prizes, \$5 donation for beer bust. Food available.

Brady East STD Traveling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), **South Water St. Docks**, 5-8pm.

LIVE WEEKLY
ENTERTAINMENT

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee), Drag Shows on Sat. & Sun., 10:30pm.

Club 5 (Madison), Drag Shows on Sun., 10pm.

Club 219 (Milwaukee), Drag Shows on Thurs. & Sun., 11:30pm. Strippers every Wed., Fri. & Sat., 11pm.

Fannies (Milwaukee), Karaoke hosted by Marlene. First Sunday and second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee), Lingerie and Bikini Revue, every Wed., 4:30-6:30pm.

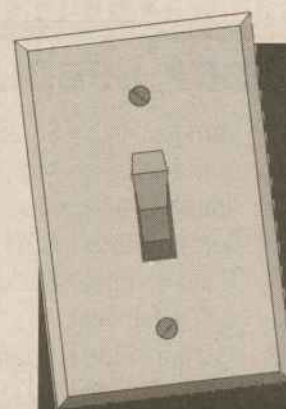
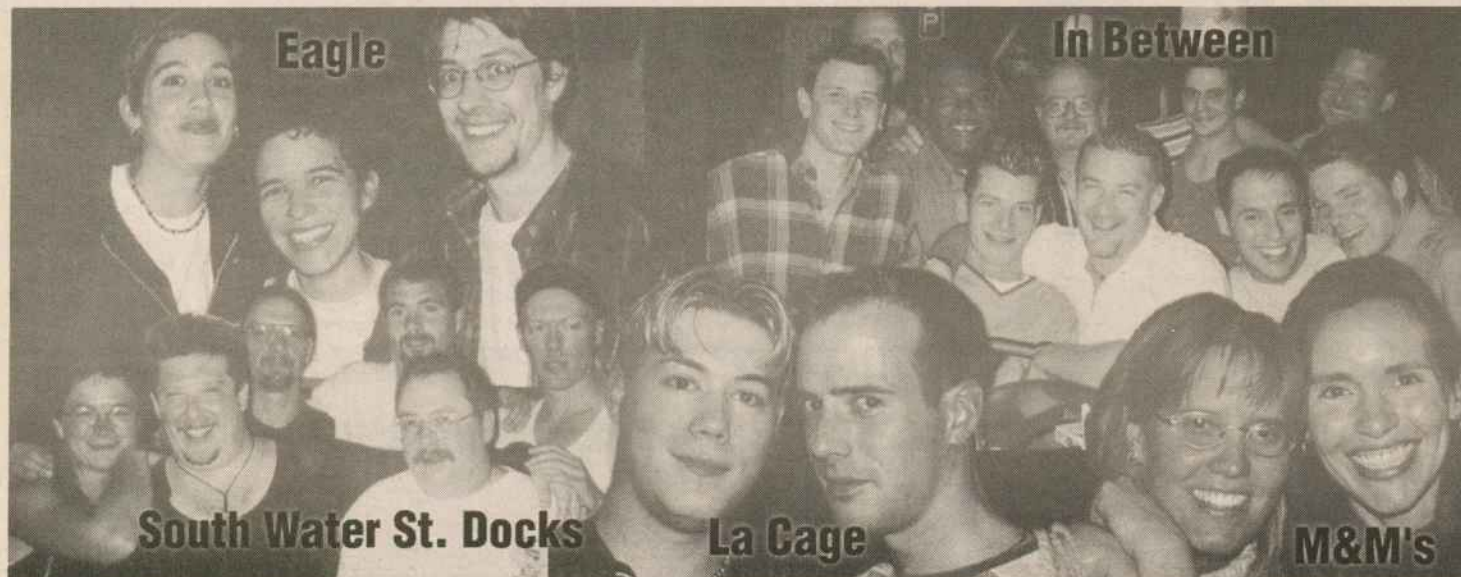
Kirby's Klub (Madison), Drag Shows on Sat., 10pm.

La Cage (Milwaukee), La Cage Showcase every Fri. & Sun. at 11pm.

Shoreline (Milwaukee), Practices at La Cage, 8-11pm plus Free Lessons.

Quinn's Cabaret (Milwaukee), Mrs. Fun appears live every Fri. at 9:30pm.

This Is It! (Milwaukee), Sylvain appears live every Sun. night at 8pm.



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BAR GUIDE

APPLETON (920)			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
BELOIT (608)			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
EAU CLAIRE (715)			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
GREEN BAY (920)			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54304	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway, 54303	432-9646
Sass	WM, S	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54301	435-5476
RESTAURANTS			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
LA CROSSE (608)			
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279
MADISON (608)			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5	MW, F	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Kirby's Klub	MW, DJ, S, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
<i>(Open Fri & Sat, 9pm-Close)</i>			
Planet Q	MW, V, DJ, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
RESTAURANTS			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
MILWAUKEE (414)			
1100 Club	M, L/L, Food	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ball Game	M, S	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, S	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, D, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
In Between	Mw, S	625 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-2693
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milwaukee Eagle	M, L/L, DJ, D	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
Shaft Bar	M, L/L	300 West Juneau	273-6900
<i>(Open Fri & Sat, 10pm-Close, Dress Code)</i>			
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, S	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<i>(Open 4pm-Close, 7 days a week)</i>			
RESTAURANTS			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
RACINE/KENOSHA (414)			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F, DJ, E	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
SHEBOYGAN (920)			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
SUPERIOR (715)			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

STATEWIDE

ORGANIZATIONS

- Action Wisconsin • PO Box 342, Madison WI 53701 (608) 283-3251
- AIDS Action WI • 820 N. Plankinton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (800) 359-9272
- Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline • F/S 7pm-11pm (888) 429-TEEN
- Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) • PO Box 899, Milw., 53201 (414) 871-4172
- Log Cabin Republicans of WI. • PO Box 199, Milwaukee, WI 53201 (414) 299-9443
www.lcr-wi.org • for Lesbian/Gay Republicans and GOP allies
- Pride in WI Government • c/o OutReach, Box 310, Madison, 53701 (608) 255-8582
- Wisconsin Community Fund • 122 State St. #507A Madison 53703 (608) 251-6834
1442 N Farwell #100 Milw. 53202 • wcf@IGC.org www.wisconsincommunityfund.org
Social justice fund provides grants & technical assistance statewide

MEDICAL / HIV

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin • Offices Statewide (800) 359-9272
providing HIV prevention, health & social services, research and advocacy
- Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) • Medical College of WI (800) 644-1615
2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee, 53202 (414) 456-7700
Fax (414) 287-4209 • www.mcw.edu/psych/cair.html
A national research center dedicated to developing strategies for
HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Please call for information to join any
of our ongoing studies.

GREEN BAY / NORTHEAST WISCONSIN (920)

ORGANIZATIONS

- PFLAG-Fox Cities • PO Box 195, Neenah WI 54957-0195 735-1025
- Positive Voice Inc. • (Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 435-4404

RELIGIOUS

- Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church • PO Box 672, GB 54305 983-7453
- Angel of Hope MCC • 815 N. Richmond, Appleton, 54911 991-0128

BED & BREAKFAST

- The Chanticleer • 4072 Cherry Rd (HH), Sturgeon Bay, 54235 746-0334

MADISON (608)

ORGANIZATIONS

- Brew City Bears • Bears & Admirers • PO Box 8815, 53701
- Campus Women's Center • 4th Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon 53706 262-8093
- Frontiers Men's Club • Social group • PO Box 310, 53703 274-5959
- Gay And Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) • PO Box 1403, 53701 255-8582
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) • PO Box 25902, 53725 284-1508
- LGB Business Alliance • c/o PO Box 1722, 537012 256-6214
- LGB Law Student Assoc. • Box 17, Rm. 208, 500 Lincoln Dr. 975 Bascom Hall 53706
- Lesbian Parents Network • PO Box 8423, 53708 255-8582
- New Harvest Foundation • PO Box 1786, 53701-1786 256-4204
- OutReach Inc. • 600 Williamson (Gateway Mall) 53703 255-4297
Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Center • Drop in or call
Support groups, peer counseling, info & referral. Open 9am-9pm, M-F.
- PFLAG (Parents, Friends LGBTs) • 1112 Grant St., 53711 243-1208 or 255-0533
- UW Ten Percent Society • PO Box 260394, 53726 262-7365
- UW-LGB Alumni Council • 650 N. Lake St., 53706 262-5865
- UW-LGBT Campus Center • 2nd Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 265-3344
- Unicorns • levi/leather club • PO Box 536, 53701

MEDICAL / HIV

- AIDS Network / Southern WI • 600 Williamson St., Madison 53703 (800) 486-6276
Madison, Janesville, Beloit Counseling, Testing, Referrals, Help
- Blue Bus STD Clinic • 1552 University Ave, 53705 262-7330

RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity • LGBT Christians • PO Box 730, 53701 836-8886

BED & BREAKFAST

- Ivy Inn Hotel & Restaurant • 2355 University Ave. 233-9717

RETAIL / SHOPPING

- Community Pharmacy • 341 State St., 53703 251-3242
- A Room of One's Own • Feminist Bookstore • 307 W. Johnson, 53703 257-7888

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

- Alternative Business Assoc. • PO Box 51178, 53203 • 299-9271
- Bi Definition • Bisexual Organization • PO Box 07541, 53207 • 483-5046
- Castaways MC • PO Box 1697, Milw., WI 53201-1697 • Call Corey 372-9253
- Counseling Center • LGBT Support Groups • 2038 N. Bartlett • 271-2565
- Cream City Foundation • PO Box 204, 53212 • 265-0880
- Fest City Singers • PO Box 11428, 53211 • 263-SING
- Galano Club • Alcohol Free Recovery Club • 2408 N Farwell • 276-6936
- GAMMA • Social/Recreational • PO Box 1900, 53201 • 365-3453
- Gay Youth Milwaukee • PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

MILWAUKEE (414) CONTINUED

- Gemini Gender Group • TG Support • PO Box 44214, 53214 297-9328
- Human Rights League • PO Box 510684, 53203
- Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) • 170 S. 2nd St, 53204 272-9442
- LOC/Women of Color • PO Box 93594, 53203 263-1631/444-1652
- Milwaukee LGBT Community Center • 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-2656
www.mkelgbt.com • Meeting & office space. Info, referral, support, library
- MU GLB Student Group • AMU236, PO Box 1881, 53201-1881 288-6873
- PFLAG-Milwaukee Chapter • PO Box 210853, 53221 299-9198
- PrideFest Inc. • PO Box 511763, 53203 272-FEST
e-mail Pridemilw@aol.com • www.pridefest.com
- The Queer Program • Tuesdays 7pm • PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500
- Riverwest Rainbow Assoc. • 1001 E. Keefe, 53212 225-1645
- SAGE-Milwaukee • Box 510492, 53203-0091 • Older Gays & Lesbians 271-0378
- Saturday Soft Ball League (SSBL) • PO Box 510615 Milw., WI 53203 454-9204
- Shoreline • Country Dancing Fri. night, LaCage • PO Box 510283 Milw., WI 53203
- Sherman Park Rainbow Association • PO Box 76115 Milw., WI 53216 277-3986
Call for meeting schedule and updated events.
- Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (WCA) 284-3295
- Wisconsin Cream City Chorus • 170 S. 2nd St., Milw., WI 53204 276-8787

MEDICAL / HIV

- Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) • STD & HIV Testing • 1240 E. Brady St. 272-2144
- St. Camillus AIDS Ministry • 10101 W. Wisconsin, Milw., 53226 259-4664

RELIGION

- Dignity • LGBT Catholics • PO Box 597, 53201 444-7177
- Lutherans Concerned • LGBT Lutherans • PO Box 1676, 53201 372-9663
- Milw. Metropolitan Community Church • 1239 W Mineral, 53204 332-9995
- St. Matthews Catholic Church • 1138 S. 25th St., Sunday worship 10:30am

PROFESSIONALS / SERVICES

- Body Inspired • Health Club, Tanning, Massage • 2009 E. Kenilworth, 53211 272-8622
- Carol Busche, CFP • Financial Advisor • 1110 N Old World 3rd #218, 53203 224-1680
- CMJ Property Managers & Real Estate • PO Box 71182, 53211 454-0584
- Dykeman Family Heating & A.C. • 1023 E Brady St., 53202 273-7500
- Ron Coleman, Century 21 Realty • 2331 S. 108th St., West Allis, 53227 543-5403
- Ted Friedman, PhD • Psychologist • 2266 N. Prospect #206, Milw. 53202 272-2427
- Gray Line Tours • motorcoach tours/events 271-0996
- Denis I. Jackson, PdD • Psychologist • 230 W Wells, #309, 53203 276-8669
- Kelly Kauffman, American Realty, LLP 649-8484
- Kathleen A. Neville, MS, MSW, Psychotherapist • 3970 N Oakland #502, 53211 332-3331
- Scott Perkins, Shorewest Realtors • http://shorewest.com 476-7100
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RETAIL / SHOPPING

- Afterwords Bookstore • 2710 N. Murray, 53211 963-9089
- Designing Men • Gay gift items & t-shirts • 1200 S 1 St., 53204 389-1200
- Out of Solitude Jewelry • 918 E Brady, 53202 223-3101
- Popular News • Adult video sales, magazines, 225 N. Water St., 53202 278-0636
- Video Adventures • Video sales, rentals • 1418 E. Brady, 53202 272-6768

NORTHERN WISCONSIN (715)

- Out Up North • PO Box 695, Washburn, WI 54891 682-2890

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN (414)

- UW-Parkside GL Organ. • 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha, 53144 595-2244

PROFESSIONALS / SERVICES

- Rosina J. Weister, Heartland Realty Corp. • 6223 10th Ave., 53143 657-6566
- Patricia Pearson, American Family Insurance • 1024 60 St., # 4, Kenosha 53143 654-1006

BED & BREAKFAST

- Allyn Mansion Inn • 521 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan 53115 728-9090

CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)

- Rainbow Alliance Inc. • Box 390 Stevens Point WI 54481 592-6245 X 5920200
- UW-SP 10% Society • Box 68, Campus Activities Office, U-C, 54481 346-4366

WESTERN WISCONSIN

- Galaxy • La Crosse, surrounding areas • PO Box 602, Onalaska, WI 54650 (608) 791-1963
- PFLAG-GCV • PO Box 0011, Eau Claire, WI 54702 (715) 235-4567
- Pioneers Rural WI Gay & Lesbian Alliance • PO Box 53, Richland Center, WI 53581 (800) 484-8131
pioneerswi@aol.com • Code 4419
- Rainbow Club • LGBT Youth Group • ARCW—Eau Claire • (800) 750-2437

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SUPPORT GROUPS
for Gay HIV+ Men & their partners

**HIV EARLY INTERVENTION
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Call for Information

1240 East Brady Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202
272-2144

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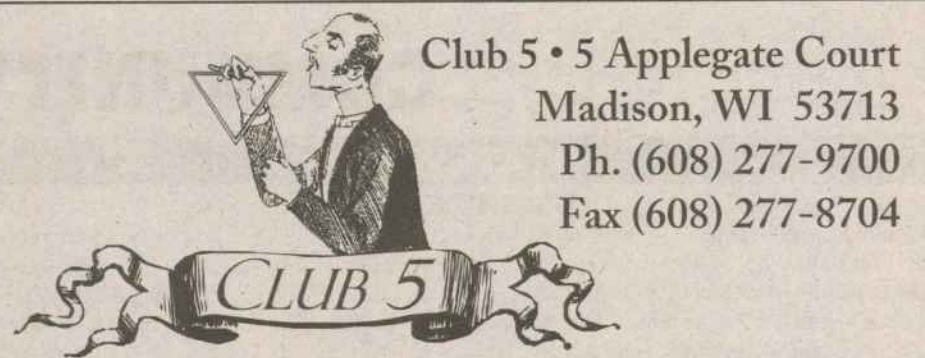
HIV TESTING AT:

Kathy's Nut Hut
Friday, April 16
7-10pm

**Reformation
Lutheran Health Fair**
Tuesday, April 20
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Boot Camp
Wednesday, April 21
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**South Water Street
Docks**
Sunday, April 25
5-8pm

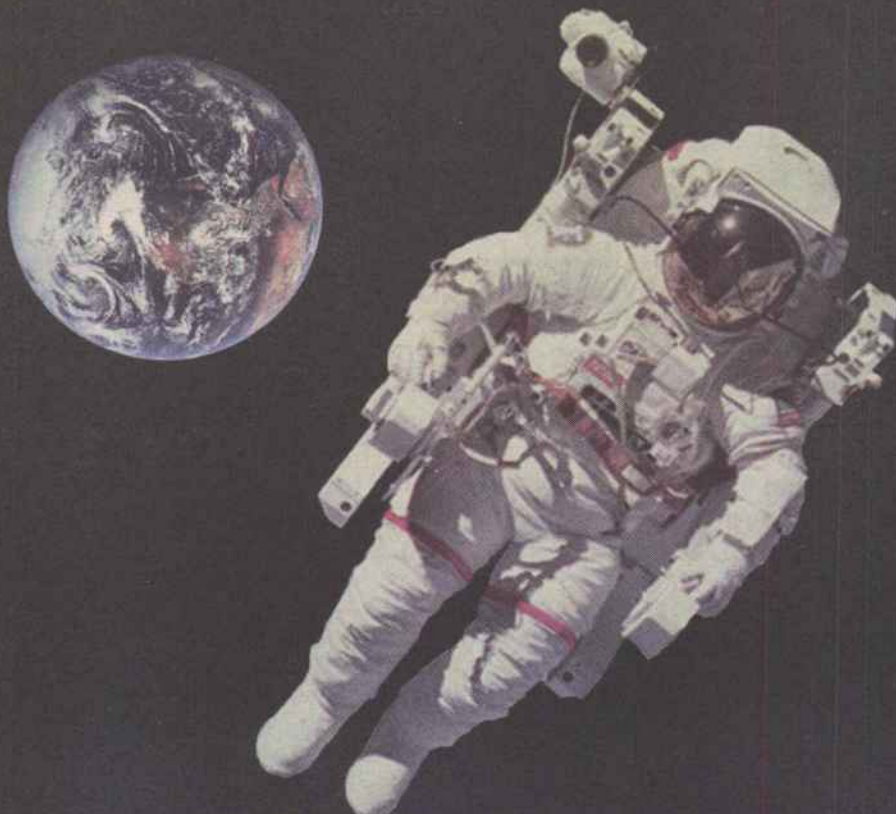


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