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Anger Over Bar Raids Bolls Over

by Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - The April 19 meeting between Second District Captain Joseph Whitten and members of Milwaukee's LGBT business community was called to help build stronger ties between the Police and the LGBT community. In the wake of anger over controversial Police raids on two popular Milwaukee Gay bars, the gathering clearly did not accomplish its goal.

Captain Whitten told the meeting that he would "put his integrity on the line" in promising that the LGBT community would not be treated differently. He offered to meet privately with several individuals to help resolve their concerns. Nonetheless, the business owners in attendance were clearly frustrated by his answers to their questions regarding police actions at 219 and La Cage and police policy on tavern checks.

By the time the meeting was over, one bar owner had stormed out, several others threatened to leave and its organizers were left hoping that the community could overcome its anger and begin a constructive dialogue with the Police.

The business owners questioned why in what some called an unprecedented action, the Police inspected liquor bottles at those establishments looking for fruit flies. They also questioned the timing of the inspections, which occurred during the busiest times of the week for both establishments.

The Meeting

Captain Whitten said that he is sincere in his desire to work with the Gay community. "We're not perfect," he said, "But we have improved. There are 93,000 people in this district. I've got to be a Captain for all of them. You have a right to an expectation of fair and effective service."

He went on to say, "It's our job as officers to break down the barriers. Somehow we have to do a better job of communication than we do." During the meeting, it seemed at times that some barriers might come down.

Boot Camp owner, Si Smits, said that he cooperates with the Police, but that his bartenders and customers were harassed. The Captain replied that he would not tolerate such actions. "Every complaint will be investigated thoroughly," said Whitten.

One bar owner complained about the hustlers on South Second Street. He said the Police have not done anything about the problem. The Captain said he did not know how an officer can tell someone is a hustler. The owner said that Police training should allow them to recognize hustlers. Although the exchange was a sharp one, the Captain did promise to help resolve the problem.

Sharon Dixon, owner of Fannies, spoke of a private bar party she attended. "The police came in and said they had a report of a man with a gun," she said. Dixon went on to say that in her experience such a call would have drawn a different response. "They didn't have their guns drawn. They just came in and leaned against the wall." Dixon contended the Police were there to harass the bar and those in it. The Captain indicated that he would look into the matter.

It was during discussion on the Police actions at 219 and La Cage that the barriers seemed to be at their thickest points.

La Cage owner, George Prentice, detailed what happened at his bar during the Police raid. Prentice asked the Captain, "Are we really on a program to eradicate fruit flies?" and 'Who made the decision to have eight officers take an hour and half to check 680 bottles of liquor for fruit flies?"

The Captain replied that ultimately he was responsible for the actions of his officers. Prentice was not satisfied with that answer. He pressed the Captain to name the individual who ordered the officers to conduct the check. Finally, Whitten said that he had given the order.

Repeated attempts by Prentice and other bar owners to learn if liquor bottle checks were now going to be included in routine tavern inspections followed the Captain's statements. The owners did not think that inspecting liquor bottles for bugs was an appropriate use of Police time. However, they said that if such inspections were going to be conducted they should be part of a policy that is consistently applied to other bars too.

In response, Whitten said the Police have a right to check for any ordinance violation and that he did not want to "telegraph" what would be checked in advance. When asked if those checks would include liquor bottle inspections, the Captain replied, "Sometimes yes. On occasion I have to order top to bottom inspections."

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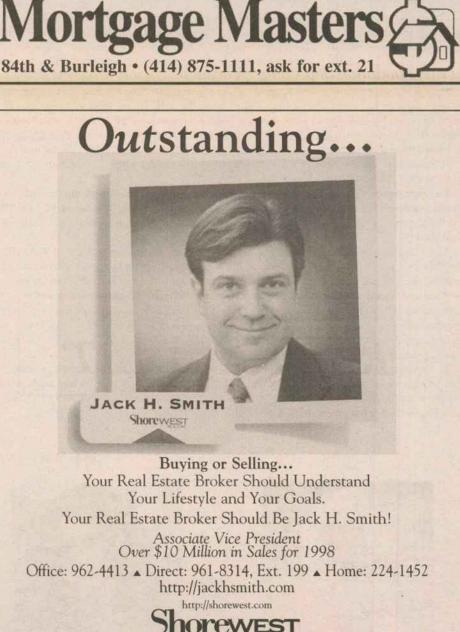


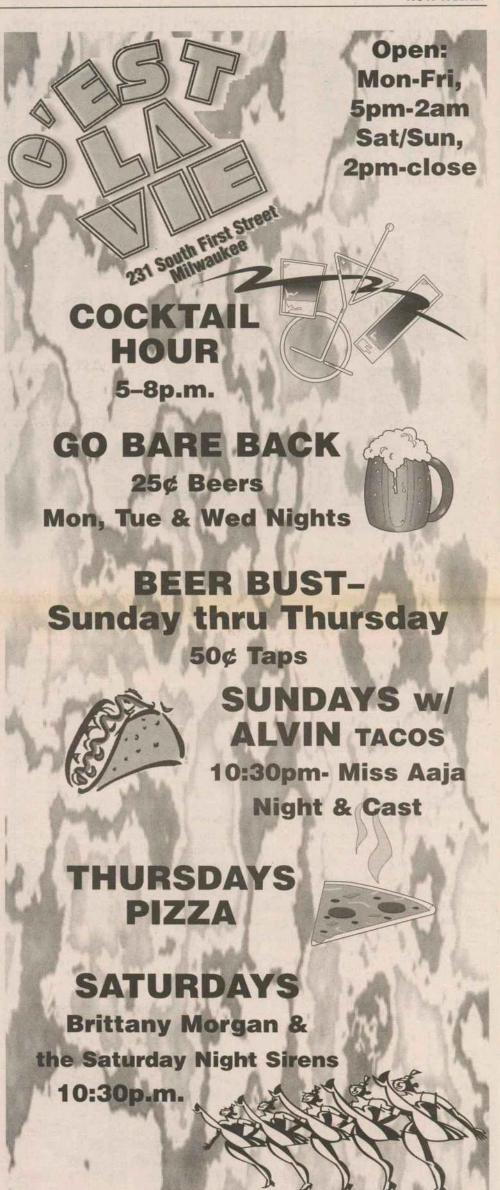
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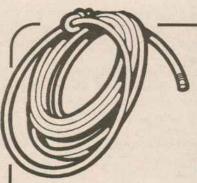
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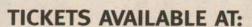
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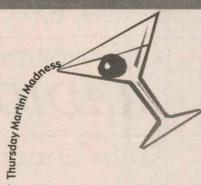
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ld's required 819 S. Second St (414) 645-8330 The timing of the Police actions was also a source of contention. Dixon and others said they understood the need to check for minors at busy times. They suggested that liquor inspections if they are done at all should be conducted on a slow night or before opening when they would not disrupt business.

Prentice said, "The fruit fly thing has become a joke and it's not us they are laughing at." He added the Police attitude was "We feel we can do a thorough thing whenever we feel like it. Confronting Whitten, Prentice said, "So far you've towed the same old company line."

The Captain said, "Are you asking me not to do my job? I've learned a lot. We'll do it smoother."

At that point, Prentice put on his coat remarking "It's the same old shit," and left the meet-

LGBT Community Center.

ing. Discussion on the issue continued. The Captain remarked, "I don't want to telegraph. George is upset. In the future he will be less upset."

One LGBT bar owner asked if the Police would inspect Sanfords or Grenadiers, at the height of their Saturday evening dinner hour. He compared that to inspecting La Cage and 219 at the height of their business. The Captain replied that he could not say when inspections would occur.

Another owner said that the Police only take such actions in minority bars "because they are poor and can't hire lawyers to fight back." Whitten continued to insist that the LGBT bars were not singled out.

The scene was played out against a backdrop that included mainstream media reports disputing Police claims that other bars underwent similar inspections.

The Police Records

Russ Kirkpatrick of WTMJ Radio reported that an open records request made by that station failed to turn up evidence that the Police claims are true. WTMJ requested all records of any tavern inspections conducted during the last two weeks of February. The police turned over reports concerning 11 inspections including La Cage and

219. Kirkpatrick told <Light> the records show only one other liquor bottle inspection. It too was conducted at a minority owned bar, an Hispanic bar, Second Round.

Wisconsin Light attempted to contact the other bars named in the reports. Only two were able to provide information regarding their checks. Both said their bottles were not inspected.

When asked if non-Gay bars underwent bottle inspections, the Captain said, "I can assure you they did." When told that Police reports that suggest otherwise, he replied "I don't know why they didn't show that."

Public Relations Officer Anna Razynski then interjected saying that tavern inspections include a number of checks. She said that the reports only note those checks that result in citations. While some citations were issued to 219 and La Cage reports on both inspections include mentions of checks for underaged drinkers that found no violations and resulted in no citations. The report on Runway 94, a non-Gay bar, showed that the Police found a violation and did not issue a citation.

The Aftermath

Most seemed disappointed with the results of the meeting. Captain Whitten told *Wisconsin Light* that he considered the meeting "a poor start," and said he was disappointed with his own efforts

Some of those in attendance said they felt the Captain was unprepared. Whitten's inability to name non-Gay bars who underwent inspections similar to those of 219 and La Cage disturbed some. Others said they understood that he was limited in what he could do and say.

Some of the business owners were upset that local TV station camera crews were not allowed to film the meeting. The meeting's co-chairs, Stephanie Hume and Neil Albrecht made the decision not to allow the filming. Hume said some people told her they didn't want to be on camera. Several of those present objected to the decision being made without consulting the whole group.

"No one was muzzled," she said. "Everyone was free to talk to the media after the meeting." "They showed up to help us be heard," said one business owner. The meetings other Co-

Chair, Neil Albrecht told *Light* that he wanted everyone to feel comfortable with speaking out. He believed that allowing the stations to film the meeting would have inhibited some people.

Alderman Jim Witowiak arrived late in the meeting due to a scheduling mix up. Speaking about the raids, he told *Light* "If the Police are going change their tavern inspection policies, they shouldn't have started doing it with LGBT bars." He added that he would closely monitor the situation to make sure that Gay establishments are not singled out.

Hume and Albrecht expressed some disappointment with the meeting. Both said they believed the Captain had made it clear he wanted to work with the community, but they had hoped for a discussion on how to open up lines of communication between the LGBT community and the Police.

Such a discussion was included on the agenda but due to lengthy discussions on other topics, the meeting was adjourned before it could take place.

AROUND THE NATION

Students at Pitt Start Hunger Strike

Pittsburgh, PA - Students at the University of Pittsburgh have launched a hunger strike to back up their demands that the university provide Domestic Partners Health Insurance benefits for its LGBT employees. The 12 students are members of Equal Rights Now, a mixed group of Gay and Straight students. Also striking is a campus staff person, who was denied the benefits when she applied for them.

After initially refusing to meet with the hunger strikers, Pitt Chancellor Mark Nordenberg relented. During their meeting, Nordenberg told the students that he doubted he could arrange for them to meet with the University's Board of Trustees. A Pitt Spokesman said Nordenberg told the students that while he respected their passion, they should push their cause in ways that does not endanger their health.

The hunger strikers responded by announcing that nine more students will join their strike on Monday, April 19. As reported previously in Wisconsin Light, the City of Pittsburgh is suing the University over its refusal to grant the benefits. The City sued under its equal rights ordi-

The University is contesting the suit and the City's right to enforce it.

McDonald's Puts Anti-Discrimination Policy in Writing

Seattle, WA - The Pride Foundation, a Seattle based LGBT endowment fund has gotten McDonald's to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy, according to the Seattle

The foundation has a \$2.5 million stock portfolio including 600 shares in the McDonald's Corporation. The group is using its shares to raise LGBT issues. One way the Foundation does that is to make motions at stockholder meetings to change company policy.

Recently the Foundation notified both McDonald's and General Electric that it would make a motion to include Gays and Lesbians in the anti-discrimination policies for those companies. McDonald's contacted the Pride Foundation to inform it that it would change its policies without a vote at the meeting.

A vote on the Pride Foundation's motion to include Gays and Lesbians in the anti-discrimination policies at General Electric is scheduled for that corporation's annual stockholder meet-

The McDonald's policy will be fully implemented by December of this year. The company will issue revised Employee handbooks including a cover memo that will note the change. Managers will post the policy in their stores. The company will issue posters regarding discrimination and sexual harassment. Managers and supervisors will also receive diversity training that includes LGBT issues.

The News reports that Lisa Ivinjack Clota, Senior Manager of Investors Services for McDonald's, wrote the Foundation. Her letter said, "McDonald's is proud of its diversity record, and we intend to maintain our good reputation." Alison Breezer said that she is "thrilled" over McDonald's response.

Shepard Murderer Denies He Meant to Kill

Laramie, WY - A letter written by the confessed killer of Matthew Shepard, Aaron McKinney, offers a chilling if somewhat contradictory account of the murder. In the letter, McKinney says that he attacked Shepard after the University of Wyoming student licked his ear and touched his groin. The letter also says that McKinney did not target Shepard because he was Gay. The missive contradicts statements McKinney made to the police following his arrest.

A police investigator has testified that McKinney said he and his co-defendant lured Shepard to their truck by telling him they were Gay. He also said McKinney told him that he did target Shepard because the 21-year-old student was Gay.

Police reports say that the men admitted that contrary to earlier stories in the press, Shepard did not make any sexual advances towards either of his killers. Henderson, who was sentenced to two consecutive life terms, insisted that he did not kill Shepard. He did, however, admit that he tied the 21-year-old slightly built man to a fence and left him there in an unconscious state.

McKinney's letter said that he only beat Shepard to get him to reveal his address so that he could rob his apartment. He said that if he had meant to kill Shepard, he would have shot him. He also wrote, "I think people should hear that Γ'm not quite the monster the press makes me out to be.

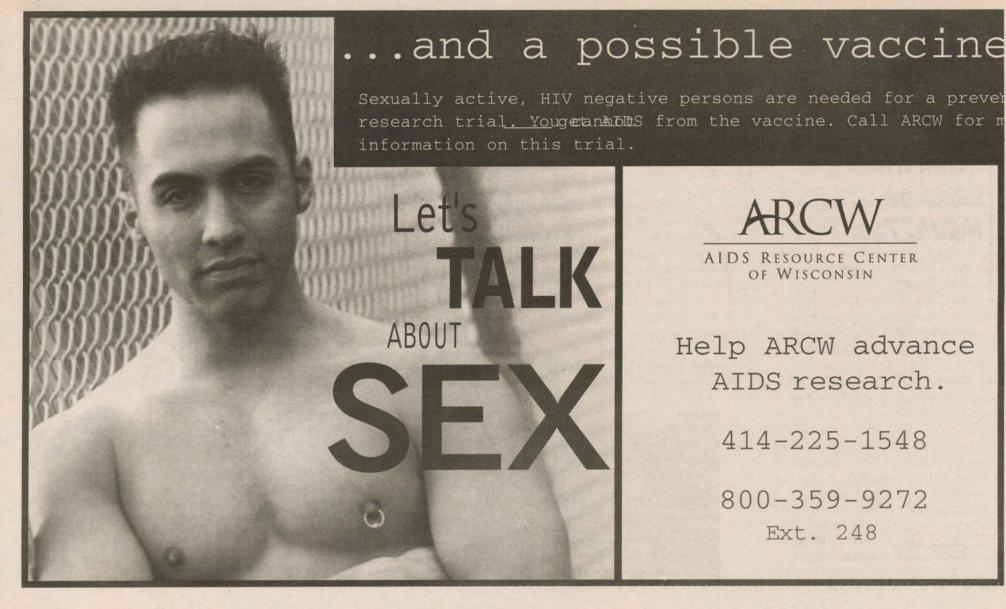
Police reports say that McKinney used his three-pound pistol to strike Shepard 4 times in the groin area and 18 times in the head. The final and fatal blows came after Henderson had tied the victim to a barbed wire fence.

NY Hate Crimes Law Dies Again

Albany, NY - For the tenth time, a proposed statewide hate crimes law died in the New York legislature. The proposal, which would have required local and state police agencies to report hate crimes and increase sentences for those convicted of committing them had the support of Republican Governor George Petaki.

Despite the Governor's support, Republican State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno killed the bill. Bruno led efforts to reject a motion to bring the bill out of committee to a vote by the full Senate. The backers of the bill say that Bruno had blocked nine other attempts to pass a hate crimes law in addition to this year's version.

The measure was proposed by Tom Duane, an openly Gay State Senator.



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by Bob Melig and Bill Meunier

The pitcher is ready. He stares at the batter, who is standing at the plate with bulging sweaty muscles glistening in the hot sun. The pitch arrives. The batter takes a healthy cut hitting

the ball square in its center. The sphere takes off like a rocket and the fans scream as their newfound hero rounds the bases.

It's a scene repeated throughout the summer, not just at major league baseball stadiums but also at parks and fields frequented by Gay and Lesbian softball leagues. For many cities, softball is the hottest LGBT sport around, but it is by no means alone. In fact, over the last few years there has been a veritable explosion of LGBT sports groups around the country.

Increasing numbers of Gays and Lesbians, including some in Wisconsin, are turning to organized sports for leisure, recreation, socializing and exercise.

There are many possible explanations for the increasing popularity of sports in the Gay community. Some of these are related to the growing visibility and acceptance of Gays in society. More and more amateur athletes who in the past led a "straight" lifestyle are coming out of their lockers and joining up with others like themselves.

The age of AIDS may also have had an impact. There has always been an emphasis on healthy looks and toned bodies in the Gay community, but the advent of AIDS accelerated that trend. Moreover, the AIDS epidemic encouraged many in the LGBT community, particularly Gay men, to look for socializing outlets outside of the one night stand culture of the bar scene. Whatever the reasons, the results are a myriad of sports organizations, tournaments, national and regional groupings made up of thousands of LGBT athletes.

The Latest Trend?

Is being involved in organized sports just a passing fancy for the LGBT community? That's a definite NO. Some of the national LGBT sports organizations have been in existence for as many as 20 years. All of the established groups have been around since at least the late 1980s.

Others are still forming while participants keep an informational network alive through hard copy newsletters or email. What is new is the growing number of LGBT athletes who are picking up a ball or racket and driving to the basket, the rink and the goal. In short, sports is a hot ticket for an increasing numbers of Gays and Lesbians.

Their national meets and tournaments are not small affairs. The Gay Lesbian Tennis Association has 25 affiliates, international ties, holds 25 tournaments each year and has 4,300 rated members in the U.S. alone.

More than 30 U.S. cities have LGBT softball leagues. Some like Chicago have two. Some leagues have as many as 40 teams. Those statistics could well make softball the

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king of all the LGBT sports with over 10,000 players.

Volleyball has been organized for 17 years. It has 24 member leagues holding 16 formal tournaments. The IGLA (aquatics groups) has 28 affiliates. The cyclists have 30+ affiliates and the rowers have 8. There are outdoors groups everywhere all affiliated with other national organizations.

Women are by no means left out. Most national groups welcome women. Nevertheless, there are women's groups that exist on their own in a variety of sports. Women's hockey, basketball, boxing and cycling groups are well organized. Toronto's women's hockey league is in its 6th season, has 12 teams and more than 180 players.

Unlike the unspoken barriers of straight leagues and organizations, every LGBT sport declares itself open to all sexual orientations. Many pride themselves on flatly stating that they have "X" percentage of straight players and that LGBT members are able to compete fairly or better than those players. The San Francisco Earth Quakes, an LGBT hockey team, has played in straight leagues for many years.

To individuals, LGBT sports offer many attractions. In addition to the health benefits, they provide the opportunity to socialize, make new friends and travel to various tournaments. To communities they offer another outlet for socializing, recreational opportunities and a shared sense of pride when local athletes do well.

Tournaments

Wisconsin's LGBT community is familiar with LGBT softball and bowling tournaments, and well it should be. The first ever tourneys for both sports were held in Milwaukee in the late 1970s. Out of that beginning grew dozens of similar events held in just about every major city in the country.

As these events have grown, so too has the competition to get more teams to come to them. In 1978 when Milwaukee began the trend with the "Wreck Room Classic," its tournament stood alone. Now Milwaukee's SSBL has to compete with dozens of other tournaments in getting teams to play there.

One way cities compete to get more teams

attend their events is to offer more amenities to the competitors. That means raising money and lots of it. Cities wishing to host major sporting events such as the Gay World Series sponsored by the North American Gay Athletic Association must be ready to spend what Atlanta shelled out for the 1998 series. Atlanta raised and spent over \$100,000, much of it came from corporate sponsors.

Many cities find it is worth the effort. The biggest Gay sports festival, the Gay Games, brought tens of thousands of sports fans and athletes to Amsterdam last year. In Milwaukee, the annual Milwaukee Classic softball tournament attracted around 200 out of state visitors in 1998. They pumped an estimated

\$100,000 into the local economy, much of it going to LGBT busi-

Tournaments are almost essential to some LGBT teams. Take soccer for example. While that sport is catching on in the U.S., there aren't many LGBT leagues. Some Gay teams play in straight leagues and then compete against each other in special inter-city tournaments. The same is true of rugby.

Individual Sports

Don't get the idea that all LGBT sports are team oriented. Many individual athletes stay in touch with each other through the Internet and other means. There are also clubs and national organizations for sports that are more individual in nature. The FrontRunners running/walking group has 35 affiliates - including one in Milwaukee -

and will hold 10 major events this summer. Many of their members participate in mainstream events like

the New York and Boston marathons and Al's run in Milwaukee.

IGLA, International Gay Lesbian Aquatics, sanctions meets and holds national championships. This year's version will take place in Atlanta June 18-20. The

championships include swimming and diving events as well as water polo, or as the players and fans call it "homo polo."

There are federations for Gay golfers, cyclists and even rodeo riders.





Local Federations

A number of LGBT teams in many cities have formed sports federations to act as umbrella groups.

These federations encourage more sports to develop, raise funds, donate excess funds to charitable causes, and promote the entire retinue of LGBT sports in their area. Those cities that seem to have the highest participation level all have federations. Those cities that organize sport by sport seem to be struggling more often than not.

The advantage that these more formal organizations offer is outreach that brings in new participants, lining up training facilities, raising funds and the development of trained athletes for multi-national events.

Seattle, a city about the size of Milwaukee, has organized LGBT leagues and/or teams competing in everything from softball and hockey to rugby and tennis. Team Seattle works to promote participation in all of them. It also hosts a "Summer Sports Festival" the weekend of July 3 to 5. With competitions in everything from rowing and tennis to softball, cycling, running and water polo, it's like a mini LGBT Olympics.

Entire states are setting up teams for the Gay Games, which will be held in Sydney Australia in 2002, and the Euro Games 2000. For example, there is a Team New York and a Team Colorado. The segroups promote partici-

pation, raise funds and find new athletes to replace aging members.

Team Wisconsin won over two dozen medals in the 1994
Gay Games in New York. The group didn't stay around for the '98 Gay Games in Amsterdam, and Wisconsin didn't fare nearly as well.

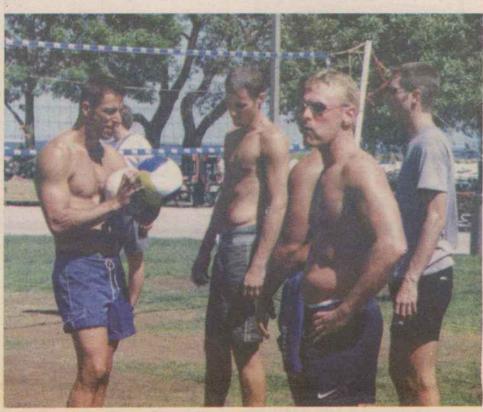
As LGBT sports grow in popularity and complexity, local umbrella groups may become essential to help athletes compete. Cities like Seattle have dozens of teams and hundreds of athletes competing in various sports. They also attract tens of thousands of dollars with

tournaments and sports festivals. Cities like Milwaukee struggle.

LGBT sports are also developing an international flavor. In addition to the Gay Games, meets and competitions attract foreign competition. Already teams travel to other continents to match their skills against those from other countries.

With newsletters, a growing presence on the Internet, Gay sports magazines, national federations, and international competitions, LGBT sports is growing by leaps and bounds. In short, some of those who were the last to be picked for the sandlot football game are now the stars of their own teams and their own leagues.

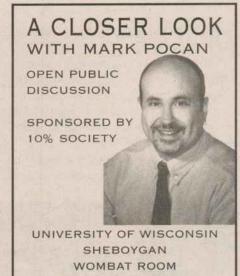
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Domestic Partnership Town Hall Meeting

Milwaukee - Is government recognition of same-sex relationships at hand? A Town Hall Mass Community Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 3 from 6-7:30pm at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street.

East Side Alderman Mike D'Amato and other allies on Milwaukee's Common Council are preparing to introduce a domestic partnership registry ordinance. If approved the ordinance would allow registered couples to qualify for domestic partnership benefits in the workplace.

Spokespersons for the effort said, "Right wing fundamentalists will be organizing against it, but we can win if we start organizing now. Attend the town hall meeting to find out how we can pass a domestic partnership registry. Everyone can contribute, and all are invited."

The meeting will be hosted by D'Amato and sponsored by the Domestic Partnership Task Force, Milw. LGBT Community Center, Pride Milwaukee, Human Rights League, and the Sherman Park and Riverwest Rainbow Associations.

New Harvest Accepting Grant Applications

Madison - The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support LGBT well being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is seeking applications for its Spring/Summer 1999 grant cycle. Organizations and individuals working on projects that benefit LGBTs are invited to apply by the June 1 deadline.

Applicants must either be a 501(c)(3) organization or use a qualifying fiscal agent to administer funds. Grants fall into several focus areas: social service, social change, public education, health care, the arts and culture, and development of the LGBT communities. While there is no specific limit on grants made, recent awards have ranged from \$300 to \$2,300.

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For more information, or to request application materials, contact the New Harvest Foundation, PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786, or phone (608) 256-4204.

Chicago Pride

Chicago - Registration packets for the 30th annual pride celebration are available for those who did not receive one in the mail. The packet includes forms for parade registration, advertising in the Pride Program booklet, rally table registration, portable restroom sponsoring and listing an event in the Pride Month Calendar.

The Chicago Pride Parade will be held Sunday, June 27 before a throng approaching 250,000. The international theme for this year's celebration is "A Prideful Past, A Powerful Future." To be added to the mailing list, or for more information, call PRIDEChicago at (773) 348-8243.

Two Capitol Rallies on May I

Madison - On May 1 two significant rallies and marches are to be held at the State Capitol. At 1pm at the Hamilton St. entrance, a "Child Care Workforce Worthy Wage Rally" will feature legislators announcing proposed bills that address issues regarding children in child care and the child care workforce. This rally will immediately follow the farmers market and will include family friendly activities. It will be followed by a parade around the capitol. Attendees will then be invited to join the second rally.

At 2:15pm at the State St. entrance, the "International Workers May Day Rally and March" will call for a "people's budget." Speakers will share information about the State's proposed budget, analyze the governor's proposal and announce a proposed alternative budget.

For more information, call John Peck at (608) 262-9036.

Team Tennis Preparing for the Season

Milwaukee - The Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club has announced that "Team Tennis" will be open to men and women of all levels of play for both doubles and singles matches.

Team Tennis matches will be held on Sundays from 3-5pm on Lake Park's outdoor courts. The season will run from May 16-August 12 for 12 weeks of play. A challenge ladder will also be available for play during the week.

A Tennis Party will be held at North Shore Elite indoor tennis club on Sunday, April 25 from 4-6pm. A tennis pro will be on hand to rate players. Cost for the party is \$10. Elite is located at 5750 W. Glen Park Rd., Glendale, which is just north of the 1500 block of W. Silver Spring Dr. If you are unable to make the tennis party but still wish to be included in Team Tennis, please call to express your interest.

Cost for the league is \$15, which includes all court fees and reservations for the season. For more information, call Gary at (414) 228-1975 or Bill at 645-8330.

Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Contest

Milwaukee - One of the highlights of the Wisconsin leather year will take place the weekend of May 7-9. It's the annual Mr. Wisconsin Drummer contest. The contest and several events to be held in conjunction with it will make a full weekend of activities for the LGBT leather community.

The weekend schedule is:

- Friday, May 7, 8pm Reception at the 1100 Club.
- · Saturday, May 8, 4pm Pre-judging at Woody's.
- · Saturday, May 8, 9pm Wisconsin Mr. Drummer Contest at the Milwaukee Eagle.
- Sunday, May 9, 3:30-8pm Victory Beer Bust at South Water St. Docks.

Entry deadline is Tuesday, May 4. Applications are available at the above locations or by calling (414) 264-8777.

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LGBT Business Group Alive and Well in Milwaukee

by Bill Meunier

Mark Twain once said, "The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated." Those same words could apply to Milwaukee's Alternative Business Association (ABA). With 30 members ranging from LGBT bars to realtors, hair salons, retailers and even a newspaper - this one the Alternative Business Association is not only alive and well, it is growing.

ABA President Tim Marshal told Light, "We are moving forward getting new members, improving our outreach, and developing new services for our membership." Indeed the group has an ambitious agenda designed to help build a stronger LGBT business community.

The idea behind the ABA was to network LGBT and Gay friendly business owners and professionals, produce an annual business guide, and exchange ideas and information. "We have new Board members, but our mission has not changed," said Marshall. "We are indebted to people like Bob Mazzacone (who chaired the group for many years) and other past board members for their hard work and the vision they provided."

That vision is a broad one that is still being fulfilled. It includes a strong business association that encompasses every type of business imaginable. It also includes helping these businesses grow, not only by increasing their contacts within the LGBT community, but also by providing information on business related issues and through joint marketing.

The Association provides a monthly "networking" opportunity for its members. Each meeting includes speakers, discussion and socializing. Of course, if a business deal is made while all that is going on, no one will object. Many of the members have made valuable business contacts through the association.

The information side of the monthly gatherings can be very helpful to business owners. For example, David Zepecki will speak at the April 21 meeting. His topic will be high tech industry in Milwaukee County and the County's plans to develop high tech service providers in the area. Alderman Paul Henningsen will address the group during its May 12 gathering. The downtown, Lower East Side Alderman will speak on economic development for small busi-

Past speakers have addressed and discussed a diverse set of business related topics. These include employment relations, marketing, how to use the media and travel options, and many others. The group is planning to present a series of speakers addressing issues related to financing and taxes during the summer months.

Next Fall, the ABA will sponsor a business symposium. The symposium will address different aspects of marketing including the use of the media and the Internet. Among the planned speakers are advertising executives and experts on the electronic and print mediums.

One major project of the ABA is the publication of its LGBT business guide. "I hate to call it the 'millenium guide,' but that's what it is," said Marshall. The actual name of the guide is Out and About. This year, the ABA is holding a cover contest. "We will be giving local photographers and designers a chance to provide our cover," said Marshall. The winner will see his or her work in numerous LGBT businesses around the County in addition to winning a cash prize.

The association has an Internet site located at www.aba-milwaukee.com. The site features links to web sites owned by association members as well as information about ABA and its activities. The group is exploring the possibility of providing a web presence for its members, each of which could have their own web page.

Why should LGBT business owners take some of their valuable time and join the ABA? As Marshall says, "Most of the challenges faced by Gay businesses are similar to those faced by the non-Gay ones. But there are some differences." He adds, "With ABA, a business person or a professional can feel comfortable. They are with their peers."

Membership in the Alternative Business Association is open to anyone with an interest in building a vibrant and strong Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered business community. Marshall and others in the ABA make it clear that they want a diverse group of people.

The Association has two big social events during the calendar year: A holiday party and social in December and a summer picnic in June. Both of these provide the members a good reason to get away from their hectic schedules and relax together. Last year's holiday party at the Ball Game was a big success, attracting a good crowd.

As if all of its other programs aren't enough, the ABA is working on plans for a speaker's bureau. Marshall says that the group would like to provide speakers for business classes. The speakers would focus on topics related to operating an LGBT business.

That's a full slate of activities for a group that was not supposed to be around anymore. The bottom line: Don't send flowers to the funeral. Send in a check for membership. For more information on ABA call (414) 299-9271.

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FLOODLIGHT

by Margeret Flood

Last Saturday night was the annual Make A Promise dinner held by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. My partner Mary and I have attended for several years now. We enjoyed seeing many friends and acquaintances. Our swing dance lessons paid off. We bid on things at the silent auction. We now own a framed woven backgammon board.

Make A Promise is a gala event with a sobering message. AIDS and HIV infection are alive and killing people at an alarming rate. We were reminded not to forget there is still a crisis.

AIDS is still a global health, social and political problem which affects all of us.

It comes as a surprise to many in the straight world that the type of sexual activity most Lesbians engage in is at a low risk for infection.

The most recent statistics report only five known cases of HIV infections between Lesbians. Ever. The narrow definition of Lesbian here is a woman who has sex with women and who has not had sex with men since at least 1978. In addition, she also cannot ever have been an IV drug user. At least half of women who call themselves Lesbian probably do not qualify by this definition.

To the five women who were infected with HIV, and categorized as "Lesbians" by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), it doesn't matter who is a low health risk. They had Lesbian sex with someone who was HIV+ and also categorized as a Lesbian.

While the risk may be low, the sexual activity of Lesbians can and does transmit AIDS and other diseases. So, just be safe.

AIDS affects us all. Only half the people who are HIV positive can afford the new drugs to give them a more comfortable and longer life. Of the people who can afford the drugs, one-third have adverse reactions to them. AIDS prevention is as important today as it ever was.

All of those who have a loved one with AIDS, knew someone who died from AIDS, or are living with HIV/AIDS know the horror of this disease.

My friend Kent and I were the exact same age — well, one day apart. He had been diagnosed in San Francisco in 1981. He lived well beyond most predictions. I met him around 1989.

Kent went to Paris to be part of a study with a group of HIV+ friends. They received some of the early treatments. It was the early 1980s and no one yet knew much about the disease. His friends had all died by the time I met him.

Kent was from Arizona, but he may as well have been from Wisconsin by the way he loved to grill out. I used to have barbecues in my small San Francisco backyard. Kent always wanted to cook. I thought it was great. My backyard overlooked West Portal and the controversial cross atop Mount Davidson was always visible. I picture Kent with his mitts and tongs, tending the grill.

I moved back to Wisconsin in 1993 to be closer to my biological family. It was hard to leave my good friends, especially Kent. We were close and he had started to get different infections by the time I left town. I wondered if I would see him again. I tried to stay in touch and sent him a card on his birthday. By the time I made plans to visit, I heard from mutual friends that Kent was in the hospital and wasn't doing well.

My partner Mary had never been to San Francisco with me before. She met most of my friends at Kent's memorial service. I didn't make it back in time to say goodbye.

Kent had planned a memorial for himself befitting his unique personality. He was cremated and wanted his ashes divided between the Seine River in Paris and the San Francisco Bay just underneath the Golden Gate Bridge. His wishes were carried out.

It was a foggy morning when about 20 of us set off on a Catamaran out into the San Francisco Bay. I had never been on such a craft. It was certainly a bittersweet adventure. We were armed with Kent's ashes and a bundle of sweet smelling white carnations. We made it to just under the Golden Gate Bridge and scooped out his ashes. Each of us got a chance.

As I looked up at the Golden Gate Bridge from below, I recalled my friend Mirta. She had ended her life by jumping from this bridge. She was from Venezuela and her family had never accepted her after learning she was a Lesbian. We tossed the flowers into the deep as we sailed back to the pier.

It was a moving and lovely gesture. Like the gala Make A Promise dinner at the Midwest Express Center, it served to soften the blow of the tragedy of death. The tragedy of AIDS. The tragedy of discrimination. And it reminded us to renew our commitment to changing the patterns that harm us all.

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ARCHIVES

Ten Years Ago - 1989

Galano Club Finds New Quarters — Milwaukee's Galano Club, an drug free alcohol free organization will relocate into a new facility located at 2406 N. Farwell. The Club hosts close to twenty Gay AA, N.A. Al Anon and other 12 step recovery groups.

Alyn Hess Dies - Alyn Hess, a national and local Gay activist died from complications due to AIDS. Hess was a founder of the Gay movement in Wisconsin. His funeral was attended by hundreds of mourners including many local politicians. Congressman James Moody and Mayor Norquist were unable to attend but sent letters of condolence that were read during the service.

Madison Election Results — Gays and Lesbians in Madison cheered the re-election of openly Gay Alderman, Jim Mc Farland as well as the election of his partner, Ricardo Gonzales to the Madison City Council.

Helms Foiled, AZT Program Funded — The Department of Health and Human Services has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue a Federal drug subsidy program that helps low income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS. Approximately 7,000 people are receiving government assistance under the program. The move foils an attempt by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to derail the program.

Five Years Ago - 1993

Zima Is Exposed — In an exclusive Wisconsin Light report, it was revealed that the popular new malt beverage Zima is in reality brewed by the Coors Brewing Company. The report details accusations against the Coors family and its use of corporate profits to promote a right wing agenda. Within days of the paper hitting the streets, bartenders at various Gay and Lesbian bars reported a steep decline in Zima sales.

Statewide Network Named — The new statewide organization formed in response to Openly Lesbian Tammy Baldwin's call for a new state network has chosen a name. It will be called "Action Wisconsin A Congress For Human Rights." The name was selected after a lengthy debate.

Hawaii Supreme Court Issues Stunning Ruling — The Hawaiian Supreme Court has reinstated a suit filed by three Gay/Lesbian couples seeking the right be married. The court ordered the state to show "a compelling interest" that would outweigh what it considers to be unconstitutional discrimination.

One Year Ago - 1998

Reggie White Speech Controversy Continues — Packer All Star Reggie White's speech to the Wisconsin State Legislature last month continues to cause controversy. The Packer sent a letter to the *Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel* apologizing for some of his remarks. But he continues to maintain his stance against Gays is the correct one.

Madison Prom Night — The Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network is sponsoring a prom for LGBT and straight students. The dance themed, "A Prom of Our Own: Some Enchanted Evening, will be held in the Madison Civic Center's Starlight room on April 18.

King's Widow Speaks for Gays and Lesbians — Coretta Scott King told a Chicago audience that her slain husband's memory demanded a strong stand for equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men. "I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of Lesbian and Gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice," King said, "But I hasten to remind them that Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' I appeal

to everyone who believes in [King's] dream to make room at the table of brotherand sisterhood for Lesbian and Gay people." She also noted that Lesbians and Gay men "stood up for rights in Montgomery and Selma, [Alabama], in Albany, Georgia, and Augustine, Florida, and many other campaigns of the civil rights movement," and saluted those Gay people who fought "for my freedom at a time when they could find few voices for their own."



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DOLLIN

Not So Radio Quiet Chris Williamson and Tret Fure Superstar Duo Coming to Milwaukee April 30

by Carmen Alicia Murguia

Musical pioneers. Partners in life and in business. Life-changing and inspiring. Chris Williamson and Tret Fure's music has made a major impact in their 25 years in the women's and folk music scene. Tret and Chris are bringing The Radio Quiet Tour to Milwaukee's Centennial Hall on April 30th.

For over 25 years, astounding vocalist and songwriter Chris Williamson and Tret Fure, a prolific songwriter and recording engineer, have been making a lot of beautiful noise together. An added force to this internationally acclaimed duo, who give new meaning to the expression "music to my ears," is their profound love for each other as partners over the past 18 years.

In 1971, a period when independent labels were a rarity, Williamson co-founded Olivia Records - a label comprised solely of women. Olivia Records issued her next 14 titles and eventually spearheaded the formation of an entirely new genre of music. Fure, who has been called arguably one of the most multi-faceted artists in the contemporary singer-songwriter arena, began touring at age 19. The late Lowell George of Little Feat produced her self-titled debut on MCA Records, and a short time later, she was opening for some of the most successful commercial bands of the decade - Yes, Poco, and The J.

The two met in 1981 when Tret engineered a children's record, Lumiere, for Chris and the two have been musical and life partners ever since. Together they've recorded Postcards From Paradise (Olivia 1993) and Between the Covers (Wolf Moon/Goldenrod 1997). Radio Quiet is a collection of personal stories, dreams, and articles that inspired the lyrics and music on their own Wolf Moon/Goldenrod

"I wrote the lyrics to Tomboy Girl while in Belize, which was a challenge as I had no guitar with me," said Tret who wrote the words and music. "I usually write only poetry without an instrument, but I knew this had to be a song, one that both Chris and I had wanted to

write independently. I grabbed the opportunity while she was working on Moondust.

She adds, "Growing up a tomboy as many women have, I've realized that it is really something one never grows out of. In thinking on this subject, I hearkened back to the years of keeping up with my brothers and being as tough as I could. This is an accounting of a combination of my childhood and Chris' childhood. I was the

upon a true story Chris read in a travel magazine. It is a factual accounting of a trip to Yemen by a man and his wife, DelRae. Chris explains how she came to write one who played DelRae. "Having been to Yemen many times by

rider on a ranger's horse," I still hate wearing

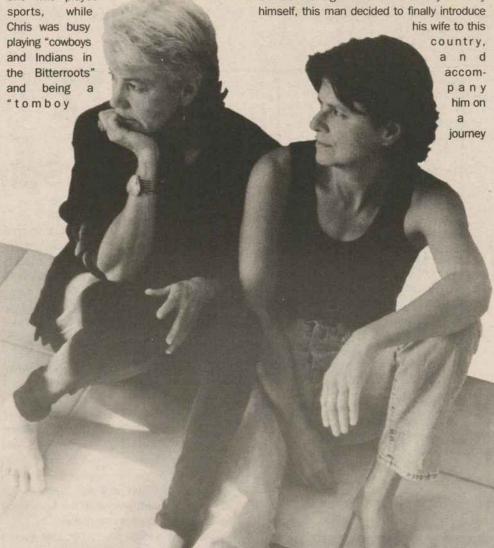
dresses (and don't) and still feel like scuffin'

up those brand new shoes. And I know there

Written by Chris, with music by Chris and

Tret, DelRae (Tents of the Bedouin) is based

are many women who feel the same way!"



through the desert to a Bedouin wedding. Coming over a rise, they saw below them hundreds of white tents gathered for the wedding. Upon arriving, her husband is taken to the men's tent, where they speak of the price of brides and Land Rovers. DelRae is entrusted to the hand of a Bedouin woman who leads her to the women's tent. All night long, the women dance for her, and feed her, and kiss her repeatedly on the crown of her head. When she presents them with the small presents she has brought - Walgreen's lipstick and perfume samples from Chanel — they fill the air with the wild sound of ululations. The next morning, according to the article, DelRae emerged from the tent, wide-eyed and still flushed with excitement."

"It was at that point I knew I had a song here. Driving with poetic license, I left the husband behind and concentrated solely on DelRae's experience in that tent, on that night in the desert. I finished the lyrics in beautiful Montana, and Tret finished the music as well. June (the producer on the album) added the powerful Middle Eastern string parts which fall in places within the musical line, which sound different to ears trained in Western musical traditions "

DelRae, Moondust and Tomboy Girl are just three of the stories on Radio Quiet. There are others as well. The album and the singers are getting rave reviews from music critics around the country. Billboard Magazine writes, "Williamson and Fure's performances are disarmingly passionate, without resorting to the grandstanding techniques employed by lesser talents." The Advocate said, "When Williamson and Fure combine their talents. they create passionate music that, even in the out '90s, paints a picture of two women in

Perhaps the highest compliment was paid by Janis lan, who is also a pioneer in women's music. She called the album "transparently elegant, an album I wish I had written."

You can experience Chris Williamson and Tret Fure in concert for one night only, Friday, April 30 at Centennial Hall in Milwaukee. Tickets are available at Milwaukee's Afterwords bookstore, 2710 N. Murray; Outpost Natural Foods, 100 E. Capitol Drive; or on the evening of the concert — if any are left. Advance sale tickets are \$16. Tickets sold at the door are \$18. You can also obtain tickets by sending your payment and selfaddressed stamped envelope to Full Moon Productions, N 2135 County Hwy W, Campbellsport, WI 53010.

CD SIGNING PARTY

Afterwords bookstore will host Chris and Tret at a CD signing party at 1pm. Friday, April 30. The CD signing allows their fans a unique opportunity to come, meet and talk to the artists. For more information about the CD signing, call (414) 963-

Afterwords is located at 2710 N. Murry. Refreshments will be served.



Shaw Festival

Previewed by John Jahn

Since 1983 the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre (MCT) has annually presented a series of plays that celebrate the words, wit and wisdom of this century's great Irish dramatist, essayist, critic, socialist, feminist, futurist and vegetarian, George Bernard Shaw. The Festival, consisting of plays both classic and contemporary reflecting Shavian themes, is the only one of its kind in the country.

"Every Shaw Festival is a challenge: choosing a Shaw play and then finding another non-Shavian play that has some thematic relevance to go along with it," says Montgomery Davis, MCT Artistic Director. Davis is leading the MCT's 17th annual George Bernard Shaw Festival.

This year, the play selected to join forces with the Shaw work is by Angels in America playwright Tony Kushner. It is called The Illusion, a play Kushner based upon L'Illusion Comique, a comedy by Pierre Corneille from 1636. "Kushner's version is even more wicked and cattivo, qualities Shaw aspired to in writing Mrs. Warren, his expose of prostitution made respectable," says Davis. Mrs. Warren's Profession is the Shaw play that the MCT is producing for this year's Festival.

So, how do these two plays fit together? Both works emphasize parent-child relationships. As Davis states, "The father in The Illusion seeks out his long-lost son, feeling guilty that he chucked him out. Mrs. Warren seeks to buy the love of her daughter from whom she has been estranged but has supported through the income from her string of brothels in Europe." Apart from this there is the common theme of an illusion. In the Kushner piece the illusion is that of a dramatic-romantic "reality;" in Shaw's work the illusion is of social respectability. Like all illusions, however, neither can stand up to harsh reality.

1999 Shaw Festival Calendar

Mrs. Warren's Profession

"When I wrote that I had some nerve," Shaw once said of this play. Written in 1893-94, it was published as the third in a collection Shaw called "unpleasant plays." Mrs. Warren's "profession" as in "the world's oldest," brings her shame and repentance. But as Director Jenny Wanasek

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points out, "in this play, the profession in question isn't ultimately under scrutiny so much as the society that gives rise to it. Some very compelling arguments are made regarding the choices available to women at that time."

Mrs. Warren's Profession will be presented at the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center on April 24, 25, 30 and May 1.

The Illusion

Director Montgomery Davis describes Tony Kushner's The Illusion as "smart and sassy," a "very up-to-date comic riff on the perils and pleasures of identifying too closely with a character on and off stage." The play is full of fantasy, witchcraft, romance, swordplay, death and betrayal. As Davis states, "Corneille and Kushner — three centuries apart — push the reality of theatre to its limits and give the audience a very good time in the process."

The Illusion will be presented at the Cabot Theatre on April 22, 23, 24, 28 and May 1 and 2.

Shaw Shorts

For the past five years, Shaw Shorts has been a part of the MCT Shaw Festival, presented by Screaming Penguin Productions. This year, however, Shaw Shorts is being presented by In Tandem Productions, a non-profit company formed by former Penguin members Chris and Jane Flieller.

The Shaw Shorts for this year's Festival will be Passion, Poison and Petrification by Shaw and The Form by N. F. Simpson. In Passion, Shaw is at his silliest, combining a wife, husband, lover, storm and some poison. Shaw utilizes the 19th century melodramatic style to exaggeration, allowing the piece to create its own logic as in a dream. Simpson's The Form provides a look at corporate structure from a slightly askew angle. Involving reversal of fortune, tables turned and underdog victory, The Form is an absurd comedy that will hit home with anyone who's ever interviewed for a job.

Shaw Shorts will be presented at the Studio Theatre on April 24 and 25.

Persuasions

Before G. B. Shaw became a playwright, he was a drama critic, probably THE drama critic of the 19th century. One of his favorite targets was the first actor ever knighted, Sir Henry Irving. Shaw felt he wasted his talent and that of his leading lady and mistress, Ellen Terry, on bad Shakespeare and other verse plays. Shaw was also enamored of Terry himself! This set up a wonderful dramatic triangle, and Wisconsin biographer and writer Margot Peters has, in Persuasions, written a comedic drama about this three-way romance. Ms. Peters uses the letters between Shaw and Terry as the basis for the play.

Persuasions will be given its first dramatic reading at the Broadway Theatre Center on Monday, April 26. A \$10 donation at the door is required for this presentation.

For further information, call the MCT Box Office at (414) 291-7800, or visit their website at www.chamber-theatre.com.



Alaska - Spirit of the Wild

Reviewed by John Jahn

Say what you will about his politics, you just can't get a more majestic-sounding narrator for a film than Charlton Heston. Such majesty is well suited to the latest film to appear at Milwaukee's Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater, Alaska - Spirit of the Wild. It is the story of the land, the people and the animals, a place where life must struggle year after year against

A perfect use for the giant format IMAX film is to take an audience to places they've never been before, and may never actually visit. In the present case, the camera takes you over snow-mantled peaks such as Mount McKinley. above the immense glacial ice fields and alongside building-sized icebergs crashing into the sea. While the film emphasizes Alaska's notoriously cold winter, it also examines the brief periods each year when the frozen land gives way to remarkable abundance.

We not only follow the 10,000 mile sojourn of millions of salmon, but marvel at the survival of a wide array of animals, including grizzlies, wolves, caribou, bald eagles, humpback whales, sea lions and polar bears. Accompanying the often-stunning images is an interesting, fact-filled narration by Heston.

Winter remains the single most crucial fact of life in Alaska, and the film effectively weaves a visual tapestry of harsh winters, mass migrations, the Aurora Borealis, the Gold Rush of 1897 and the story of the Inuit Whalers. As Heston sums up at the film's conclusion, "Whether or not we will ever reach Alaska, we all want to know such a place still exists." Alaska - Spirit of the Wild tells you

3 1/2 STARS

Alaska - Spirit of the Wild runs through September. Also, running through June, are Rolling Stones at the Max and Africa's Elephant Kingdom. Starting May 15 will be a film called Super Speedway, the mere title of which urges a previewing dose of Dramamine! For tickets and further information call (414) 319-4625.

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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.

BestD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), The Boot Camp, 10pm.1am.

Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (Milwaukee), Meeting at 5:30pm at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., for corporate employees.

Woodland Pattern 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.

Earth Day Parade, Rally, Fair (Madison), UW's Library Mall.

Noon parade and rally, fair runs all afternoon.

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), M Butterfly. Centennial Hall, Milw. Public Library, 733 N. 8th St., Tickets are \$15, showtime 8pm.

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.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

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

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), M Butterfly. Centennial Hall, Milw. Public Library, 733 N. 8th St., Tickets are \$15, showtime 8pm.

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

Youth Diversity Dance (Milwaukee), Non-alcohloic event for people under 25. \$5 suggested donation, 8pm. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.

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 are invited to attend this lecture which will include group discussions and a concluding reception.

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), M Butterfly.
Centennial Hall, Milw. Public Library, 733 N. 8th St.,
Tickets are \$15, showtime 2pm.

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Free Documentary Film (Madison), Out At Work, the acclaimed documentary with follow-up discussion of homophobia/ discrimination in the modern American workplace. 7pm, UW Memorial Union, see Today In The Union (TITU) for location.

UW-Sheboygan 10% Society (Sheboygan), A Closer Look with Rep. Mark Pocan. An open public discussion. UW Sheboygan Wombat Room, 5-6:30pm. Discuss adoption, anti LGBT bills and other LGBT issues. Contact: (920) 459-6609.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Artist Series at the Pabst (Milwaukee), Presents the Musicians from Marlboro, the touring extension of the renowned Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont. 7:30pm, Pabst Theater. Tickets \$16-37.50 are available at the box office (414) 286-3663.

Brady East STD Traveling HIV Testing (Milwaukee), Incamation Lutheran Health Fair, 1510 W. Keefe Avenue, 10am-1nm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Afterwords Books (Milwaukee), Lesbian reading group, Reel Time by Julia Willis. A fabulously comic novel of love, art and old movies. All welcome.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Afterwords Books (Milwaukee), Cris Williamson and Tret Fure CD Signing party. Meet them up close and personal. Free, all welcome, refreshments, 1pm.

Chris Williamson & Tret Fure Concert (Milwaukee), Full Moon Productions presents the duo as they celebrate the release of their new CD Radio Quiet. \$16 advance, \$18 at the door; 8pm, Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. Tickets available at Outpost and Afterwords.

Florentine Opera Company (Milwaukee), The Magic Flute, Music by Mozart, Libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder. Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Sung in English with English supertitles.

Sunset Playhouse (Milwaukee), Production of Larry Shue's The Foreigner, and silent auction to benefit Easter Seals Milw. Co. 6pm, production at 8pm. Tickets are \$15, available by calling Easter Seals at (414) 449-4444.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Bi Definition (Milwaukee), Bi-weekly meeting, 7pm, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. Topic: Bisexuality and Ethics, Pt. 1.

Saturday Softball League (Milwaukee), Softball clinic. FMI call (414) 454-9204.

State Capitol Rallys (Madison), 1pm, State Capitol and Hamilton St., Child Care Workforce Worthy Wage Rally; 2pm, State Capitol and State Street, International Workers Day Rally calls for a peoples state budget.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee), 720 E. Locust St., FMI (414) 263-5001. Performance by an international trio featuring Michael Zerang, Mars Gustafson and Jaap Blonk Alternating Currents, 7pm. Tickets are \$6.

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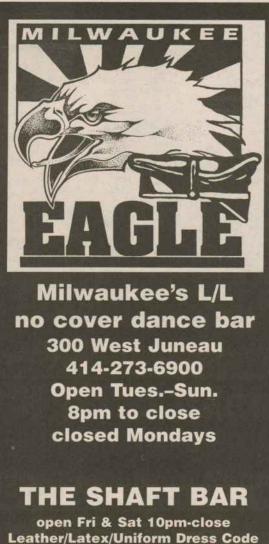
Gay By God's Will (Milwaukee), Milwaukee's MCC on Warner Cable channel 47, live, 8pm.

WYOU Cable Channel 4 (Madison), Nothing To Hide at 4pm, Living With HIV/AIDS at 6pm. Every Tuesday.

Queer TV (Milwaukee), Warner/MATA cable channel 47,

EVERY SATURDAY

GAMMA (Milwaukee), Social Volleyball, from 1-3pm at UWM Engleman Gym, 2033 E. Hartford, \$2 for GAMMA members, \$3 for non-members. FMI John (414) 540-1202.





Contest





U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett and Tammy Baldwin flank WI Light Publisher Greg Quindel at ARCW's Annual Make A Promise Dinner which drew nearly 1,200 people to the Midwest Express Center and raised \$175,000.

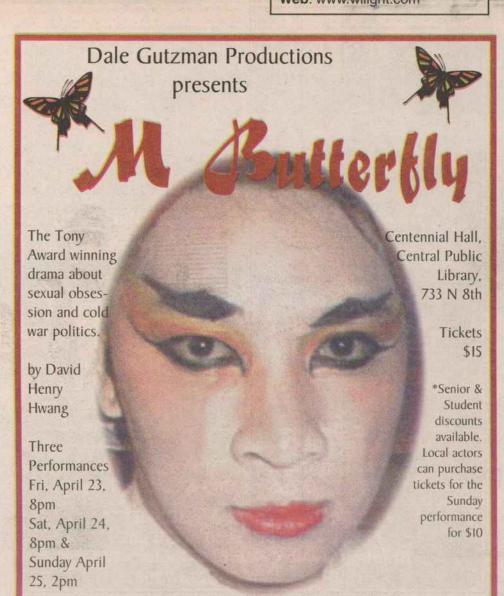
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DEEP by Romeo San Vicente HOLLYWOOD

Pamela Anderson Lee-sbian?

Shock jock and Lesbian-booster **Howard Stern** is reportedly close to seeing his labor-oflove, *Fartman*, make it to the big screen.
Writer **J.F. Lawton**, who counts *Pretty Woman*and *Under Siege* among his many credits,
began the project years ago and has finally
managed to regain control of his script.

Stern, who played himself in the autobio pic *Private Parts*, has long wanted to take on the role of Clyde Flatiron, an aspiring tabloid journalist who becomes a marked man when he exposes the evil doings of a ruthless realtor. When thugs contaminate his high colonic with a potent combo of nuclear ingredients, Flatiron's digestive track becomes the gastrointestinal version of an atomic reactor.

No great superhero is complete without a Lois Lane-like love interest, and Fartman is no exception — except, in classic Stern fashion, his love interest is a Lesbian, **Pamela Anderson**, whose syndie hit *VIP* is executive produced by Lawton, is the frontrunner for the role.



Naysayers think that Ms. Anderson's flamboyant heterosexuality (as witnessed in her best selling honeymoon video) makes the part a stretch for the buxom beauty, but let's not forget: the woman's a professional.

Jodie and Mel, Together Again

Jodie Foster and Mel Gibson, who proved they had no chemistry in Maverick, are gonna try it again. Paramount Pictures has forked over a hefty sum for the script of Mace and Mardi. Foster (an icon in the Lesbian community) and Gibson (who's not exactly Gay-friendly) are to co-produce and co-star in the dark comedy action slash action flick.

The story focuses on a neurotic married couple, who work as bounty hunters. While undergoing marriage counseling, they decide they want to quit the business — only to real-

ize they've got to hunt their asses off (so to speak) to finance their retirement.



Also up for Jodie — a possible reprise of her Academy Award-winning role of Clarice Starling in the long-awaited sequel to author Thomas Harris's *The Silence of the Lambs*. Ten years after the original book, Harris has turned in a sequel, which will be published in June. Universal has first dibs on the book, which every studio in town wants.

Both Foster and **Anthony Hopkins**, who won an Academy Award for his role as favabean loving flesh-eater Hannibal Lecter, have expressed interest in revisiting their roles. Bringing back *Silence*, though, won't be as easy as it seems. The original flick was made back in '90 for less than \$30 million; the sequel could cost well over \$100 million to reach the big screen, largely because of Foster's and Hopkins's mega salaries.

Campy Collaboration

Gay writer and To Wong Foo scribe Douglas Carter Beane's semi-autobiographical play As Bees In Honey Drown is getting closer to the big screen. Campy director P.J. Hogan (who helmed both Muriel's and My Best Friend's weddings) has committed to the project. Bees tells the tale of a recently unknown writer who's high-profile project catapults him into the crazy fame game.

Bearded Lady and Gent

The latest rumor around town? That veteran Washington Post writer David Richards is finishing up a screenplay about a highly photogenic Hollywood couple whose love is a ruse; the two go so far as to do explicit love scenes together to hide their homosexuality, Hmmm... my guess is the story isn't inspired by Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee.

Romeo San Vicente's honeymoon video can't be purchased anywhere. 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.popcomq.com

WHERE THE CROWDS ARE

by Sasha Alyson

Only a generation ago, the most Gay people you ever saw together were those who could fit in the local bar. But in the past two decades, several large-scale Gay and Lesbian events have become institutions in their own right, attracting thousands of participants year after

Each of these festivals and fairs develops its own character, but all offer the same thing to participants: the exhilaration of feeling a part of an enormous community.

Michigan Women's Music Festival

Some 6,000 women are expected at the

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (www.michfest.com/), August 10-15, in the north country of Michigan. Sitting on that ambiguous boundary between "womenonly" and "Lesbian", the festival has found a niche that it seems to

This annual event has shed some of its chaotic past. Hundreds of women arrive early to build the stages, organize systems, erect food tents, and generally set up the infrastructure to turn 650 acres of forest and meadow into a small, self-sufficient village.

Every participant pitches in with labor, as well as psychic energy, to make the festival come together: Preparing communal vegetarian dinners over a wood fire, dispensing supplies, or helping in the First Aid tent. Shuttles run frequently to and from the Grand Rapids airport, 2-1/2 hours away.



Some 6,000 women descend on Michigan Aug. 10-15 for for the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.

"Michigan," as the regulars call it, is about women and music, as the name promises, but that's only the start. The shared camping experience also contributes to the festival's unique identity. Some women arrive ready-togo in their RVs, while others may need a hand to unroll their sleeping bag.

Well, that's what friends are for. No, Michigan isn't for everyone. But women from quite a few walks of life find these six days, in the words of the organizers, to be "animated, raw, sexy, thoughtful and provocative." What more could you want from your vacation?

Gay Day at Disney

In 1991, a small group of Gay friends passed the word: "The first Saturday in June is Gay Day at Disney World. Wear a red T-shirt." The idea caught on fast, and even in that first year, there were 2,500 red T-shirts at Disney

The event has grown steadily, in both size and length. In 1999, organizers predict that 130,000 to 150,000 people will show up for

Womyn's Music Festival site to learn that a web page can be attractive, informative, and user-friendly. Still, it will get you started. You'll also find a calendar of events at the unrelated site (read carefully; this one has an "s" at the end) www.gaydays.com.

Californians needn't head all the way to Florida to hold hands at The Happiest Place on Earth. Last year, a Gay Day was held for the first time at the original Disneyland, an hour south of Los Angeles. A repeat is set for October 2.

Neither Gay Day is sponsored by, nor has any affiliation with, Disney itself, which can offer information about prices and hours for Disney theme parks, but not about other Gay Day parties and events.



Up to 150,000 LGBT's are expected for Gay Day at Disney World.

an event that now extends to six days (June 2 to 7) with event sites throughout the Orlando area, including Universal Studios, Busch Gardens, Cirque du Soleil, and Sea World.

For an event of this size, it helps to plan your schedule in advance. For the headline event, it's simple: just buy an admission ticket to Disney World for Saturday, June 5. But tickets for other parties need to be purchased from other sources, and your days in Orlando will be simpler if you don't plan it all on the fly.

On Saturday evening, for example, you can choose between a wholesome BBQ at Wilderness Campground; helping to turn Pleasure Island into Fire Island for a night; or Jeffrey Sanker's "One Mighty Party" at Disney-MGM Studios.

The official Gay Day website (www.gayday.com) is, unfortunately, a bloated eyesore whose designer should Michigan

start lining up accommodations soon

San Francisco's Leather Week is the "biggest leather event in the World."

San Fran's Leather Week

Mickey won't

be there, but perhaps Pluto will turn out for San Francisco's Leather Week. culminating in the 16th Annual Folsom Street September 16. Billed as "The. Biggest Leather Event in the World," organizers claim the event draws "upwards 300,000 people." There is perhaps a bit

whether a classy hotel, a cozy Gay B&B, or space in a friend's living room. The Fair is sponsored by SMMILE (the South of Market Merchants' and Individuals' Lifestyles Events: (415) 861-FAIR; (www.folsomstreetfair.com), a non-profit organization that distributes proceeds to community organiza-

of guesswork in that number, but it's

still a busy time, and attendees should

New Year's Eve

Of course, the biggest party of the year is the one starting December 31. My last column highlighted several Gay millennium events. Undersea Expeditions (1-800-669-0310; www.underseax.com), the leading tour operator for Gay scuba



divers, offers two trips for those who'd like to sip their New Year's champagne underwater, from a squeeze bottle.

One trip (Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, \$2999) takes divers across the equator to the Galapagos Islands. Huge hammerhead sharks school there; you may also see whale sharks, dolphins and soaring manta rays. Those who prefer to share the ocean with smaller fish can try Undersea Expeditions' Belize voyage (Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, \$1999.00) with spectacular wall diving and the world's second largest barrier reef

Sasha Alyson coordinates active and adventure vacations for the Gay community through his company, Alyson Adventures. Venturing Out columns from past months may be found at www.q-web.com/gay-travel/



The 16th Annual Folsom Street Fair on Sept. 16 is part of San Francisco's leather week.



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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



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NIGHTS OUT

Recaps... I had an absolutely FABULOUS time in Green Bay on Friday, April 16. We went there for the big All Star Salute to the Wisconsin Light Man of the Year, Mark Mariucci.

Many thanks to Cricket who was just the perfect host and a really swell guy, too. He couldn't have been nicer. He gave us an impromptu tour of the sights including the mouth of the Fox River, the Wild Life

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son to work with.

Sanctuary, Beach Amusement Park and the

Bourbon, which is located in Java's at Za's.

Let me tell you, if you are in Green Bay, THIS

is the place to go for a great meal. The food

was to die for and was very reasonably priced.

to honor Mark. Kelli Jo Klein, Miss Gay

Wisconsin America and USofA, was a great

emcee. Those titles didn't go to her head

either. She is just the easiest, sweetest per-

really got the crowd going — like when doesn't

she? Former Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA, Todd and

Kitty were wonderful in their duet. I had not

seen Kitty in a while. It was nice to see that

Sasha Mitchell of the La Cage showcase

The salute was full of titleholders who came

Then it was off to dinner at the Café

DARK

she is still going — and singing — strong.

Greg, a Za's bartender and a former Mr. Gay Wisconsin, had everybody dancing to his Latin number. He can shake those funny looking pants for me anytime!

Another La Cage favorite, Cha-Cha Shane, Miss Gay Wisconsin Cosmopolitan, just about stole the show in her Green Bay debut. The girl was HOT. She had everybody up yelling for more!

We also learned that our honoree, Mr. Mariucci, can sing. He only did one number

despite calls for an encore.

Jeff Jennings, the current Mr. Gav Wisconsin USofA was also on hand. He finished second in the nationals last year. He is

going back this year to try and take it all. His two numbers were emotional highpoints of the night.

Wisconsin Light columnist, Mike Fitzpatrick, presented Mark with a special proclamation from Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum. It named Friday, April 16 as Mark Mariucci Day in Brown County. This was the first time any openly Gay person had received such an honor in Green Bay. Everyone was thrilled!

Jeff appeared and sang This Is The Moment for Mark. He brought the house down.

At the end of the show, the whole cast joined Wisconsin Light Editor Bill Meunier on stage. He talked about how important Green Bay's Gay community is to the state and explained why Mark was chosen to be our Man

Then he presented Mark with a framed edi-

tion of a special front page of the paper showing him as our Man of the Year. Bill talked about how our President had compared Gay bashing with what's going on in the Balkans. He said that Jeff had a special song he was dedicating to Mark and to our service men and women fighting in Kosovo.

Then, the cast linked arms as Jeff started singing I Am Proud To Be An American. By the end of the song, most of those there, including the cast, were singing along. I had never seen anything quite like it. It was beautiful.

Within five minutes after the show, Mark mounted his Wisconsin Light award behind the bar. He said he was "overwhelmed." He admitted not having a clue about the proclamation. He said he "almost cried." Actually, I think he did.

Later we went to Brandy's II which is two or three doors down from Za's. Jeff, his partner, Steve, and Cricket joined us there to have a wonderful time. The place was very crowded and very friendly.

Then Cricket took us to the Napalese Lounge. Co-owner Anne said she and her partner are still looking for a new location. You probably read about her relocation problems in our Tidbits from Titletown column a few months ago.

My only regret is that there wasn't enough time to get to Buddies or Sass. Next time I

All I can say is that there is something special about Green Bay. No, it's not Milwaukee or Madison; it's a community in its own rite. I can't wait to go back. That's all for this week. Hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile stay safe and be proud.

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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.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee), Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Boy Contest kickoff cocktail party 6:30-

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

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

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

The Main Club (Superior), Levi/leather night, last Saturday of the month.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

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

LIVE WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT

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

Club 5 (Madison), Female Impersonators on Sun., 10pm.

Club 219 (Milwaukee), Female Impersonators 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), Female Impersonators 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.



Mike Fitzpatrick reads the County Exec's proclamation saluting Mark Mariucci.

WI Light editor Bill Meunier hands Mark his Man of the Year Award.

Sasha Mitchell & Cha Cha Shane perform at the All Star Salute.

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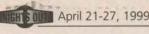
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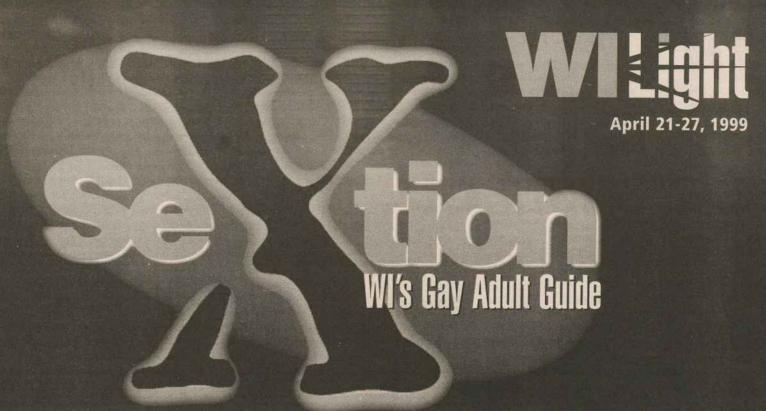
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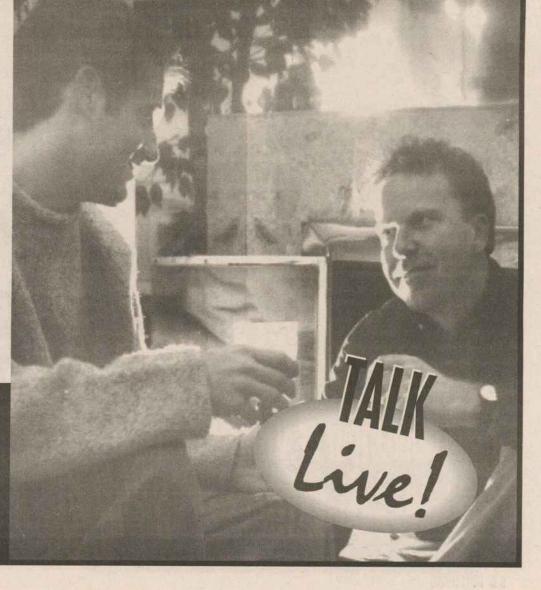
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I sucked off a couple of guys (even had two at once) and was only thinking about how fun it was until some guy came in my mouth. I didn't want to freak out, so I just held it in until I could spit it out. Was that okay? I know sucking is safer than unprotected anal sex, but some stranger came in my mouth!

Sincerely, Scared in St. Louis

Dear Scared in St. Louis,

You're right. Sucking is safer than unpro-

tected anal or vaginal sex. I have to make that clear from the start. I will tell you what I tell everyone who asks me questions about sucking, and then I'll go into that back room action.

Unprotected oral sex is much safer than unprotected vaginal or anal sex. The risk is much lower because there is not a high volume of HIV in saliva to be transmitted to another person. Tests have shown that the chemicals in saliva actually neutralize HIV. Think about it this way.

If HIV was easily transmitted through oral sex, don't you believe billions more people would be infected with HIV? Plain and simple, unprotected oral sex is a low risk activity for HIV. Why is it low risk instead of no risk? Well, as with anything we do in life, there are risks to all decisions we make. We've known

for two decades how you can get it and how not to get it. The choices are all yours to make.

Want to make your sucking experiences safer? Don't put his cock head in your mouth; pre-cum contains HIV. Give him what's called a Harmonica Job. That's when you just slide your lips and mouth over the side of his cock without ever putting his head in your mouth.

Secondly, you could also just suck on his balls. I find that hidden between a man's cock and balls is the true essence of what it is to be a man. Go a little further south and you'll really find his essence. Just suck on that space under his balls but north of his asshole, and you'll send your man into overdrive.

I find nibbling on it with my teeth actually takes it one step further. Lastly, if you really want to be safe, just roll a condom onto his cock. Here's a great trick for back room action. While on the way down to your knees to suck him off, tear open a condom and place the tip of it gently between your teeth.

When you get to his cock and feel his hands pushing your head towards it (I hate when they do that!), place the condom on his cock head and start rolling it down with your mouth and tongue. Chances are you've both been drinking a little, and hopefully you're a little bit more sober to do this. My point is he won't know you've just bagged him with a condom.

Okay, so you also say he came in your mouth and you spit it out. That was okay, but believe it or not, swallowing another man's cum is safer. Yes, I'm sure many of you right now are throwing your arms up in the air and giving up on safer sex, but let me explain it to

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Then, when you're ready to spit, the strong force of your tongue pushing against the back of your teeth and gums actually *helps* in forcing cum into your teeth and gums. So swallow and be done with it.

Take care and remember, if I want Shade, I'll sit under a tree.

Sleep well,

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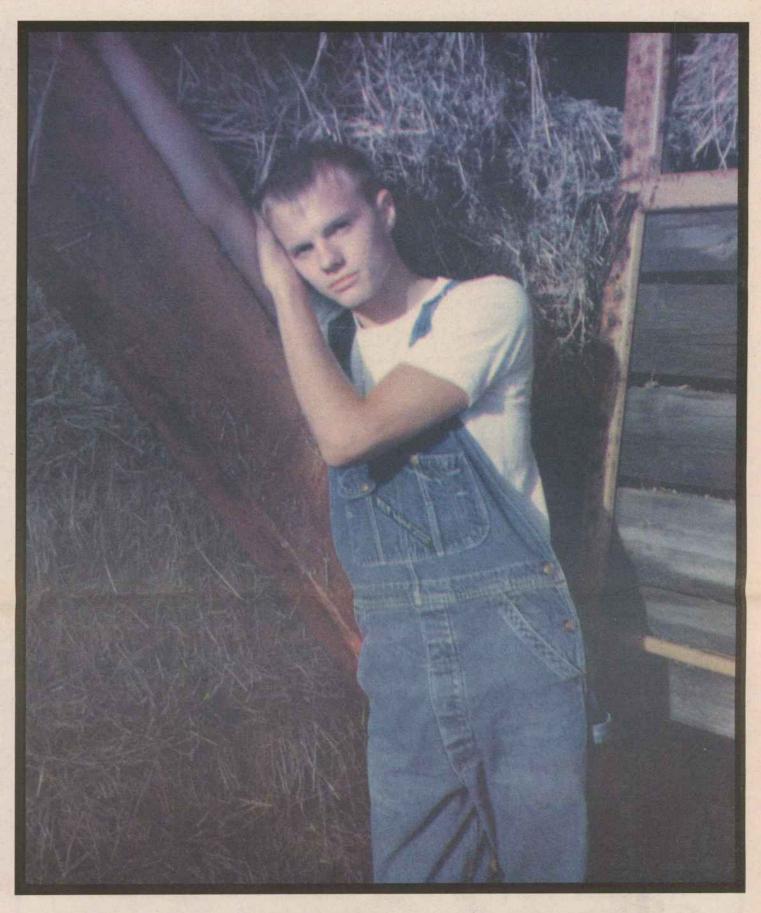
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Uncle Jack, Studio 2000 Productions
Starring Chris Stele, Cody Matthews, Peter
Wilder, Brett Ford, Michael Crawford,
Zachary Scott, Griff Thorsen, Drew Peters,
Rick Chase and Kevin Cobain.
Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Chris Steele and pretty boy Cody Matthews go to a film studio to deliver scenery. Jack is approached and boldly propositioned by his friend, Peter Wilder. Embarrassed, Jack introduces his nephew who is now living with him since his grandma died. Jack gives his nephew the car keys and suggests that he go to the beach. Instead of going to the beach, he returns to the set and watches at a distance as Steele and Wilder have red hot sex.

The next day the nephew is back at the set watching Zachary Scott, Griff Thorsen and Drew Peters have a hot three-way. He rubs himself a bit indicating that Gay sex is beginning to get to him. Then he watches Rick Chase and Kevin Cobain get it on. Cobain has noticed a couple of handsome air conditioning workmen and he talks about them while Chase is giving him instructions about the placement of scenery. In frustration, Cobain turns on Chase and says, "Either we fuck or I go talk to the air conditioning guys." (The best line in the film!) Chase promptly capitulates and the nephew watches from the balcony, finally opening his fly and playing with himself.

In the fourth scene, the air conditioning guys, Brett Ford and Michael Crawford, have noticed that the kid has been watching them, and they decide to put on a show for him. It is quite a show with Ford topping Crawford's beautiful body. The nephew watches from the balcony and masturbates to climax while

Uncle Jack also watches.

That night, Jack and his nephew finally discuss things. The cat is out of the bag. Jack admits that he is not really his uncle, but was his father's former lover.

The next day the set is finished, complete with hedges, low benches and a large flowing fountain. The kid admits he is glad that his father had Jack for a lover, since his father was happy when Jack was around. They get down to business and after Jack gives oral sex, the kid reciprocates before allowing himself to be screwed. Of course, they could not have had incestuous sex, so the uncle/nephew part had to be dropped, and I must admit to being a little bothered by the implication that watching men having sex could turn a person Gay. Oh, well. I guess he was Gay all along, but just didn't know it until it hit him in the face. I recommend.

This film is available at Video Adventures.

Gang Bang Cadet with James Reece, Robert
Steele, Alex Wilcox, Steve Shannon, David
Istavan, Bobby Cox, Dave Nelsonn and
Bruce Hill.

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Gang bang films are generally not very good, but I hoped that this one would be different. Alas, I was disappointed, although this one had better-looking people than most gang bang films. This film had the bad lighting, photography, and lack of attention to production values that is not uncommon with such films.

There isn't much in the way of plot. The scene is a room being shared by two naval air cadets who are on separate cots as the first scene opens. After some conversation, which we can't hear, one goes over to the other's bunk and begins to work him orally. You are left wondering what the dialogue was that caused the action. He chomps away for awhile and then quite suddenly decides to sit on it. This goes on for awhile when in comes an officer who berates them both, particularly the one who sits — James Reece. (You probably will never see Reece in another flick, but he does most of the work in this film, and even though he acts as though he is bored to tears with the work, he does deserve a mention by name.) The officer confines both men to quarters telling them that just punishment will be meted out in a day or so.

The next day, five junior officers in navy tans stalk into the room and start stripping for action. Says one, "We hear you've been a bad boy." They are there to punish the sitter, since apparently being the top is okay, and he doesn't need to be punished. Reece has a couple of the men orally since the rest are flailing away at themselves with no results. Almost everyone in this film has trouble getting wood. Then one of the very muscular, lean street hustler types climbs aboard Reece, and to everyone's amazement, he likes it that way. The Captain comes in and strips and takes his turn, but he's a modest guy and we never see his equipment, just his body bumping against Reece's behind in fake sex. All of the men have not participated, but they all ejaculate on Reece's stomach. Big deal! Don't rent this one unless you have a very good imagination and can fill in the

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