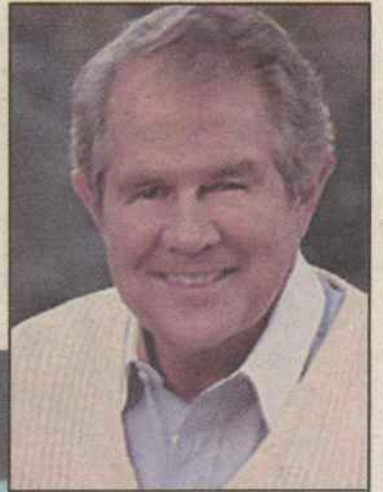


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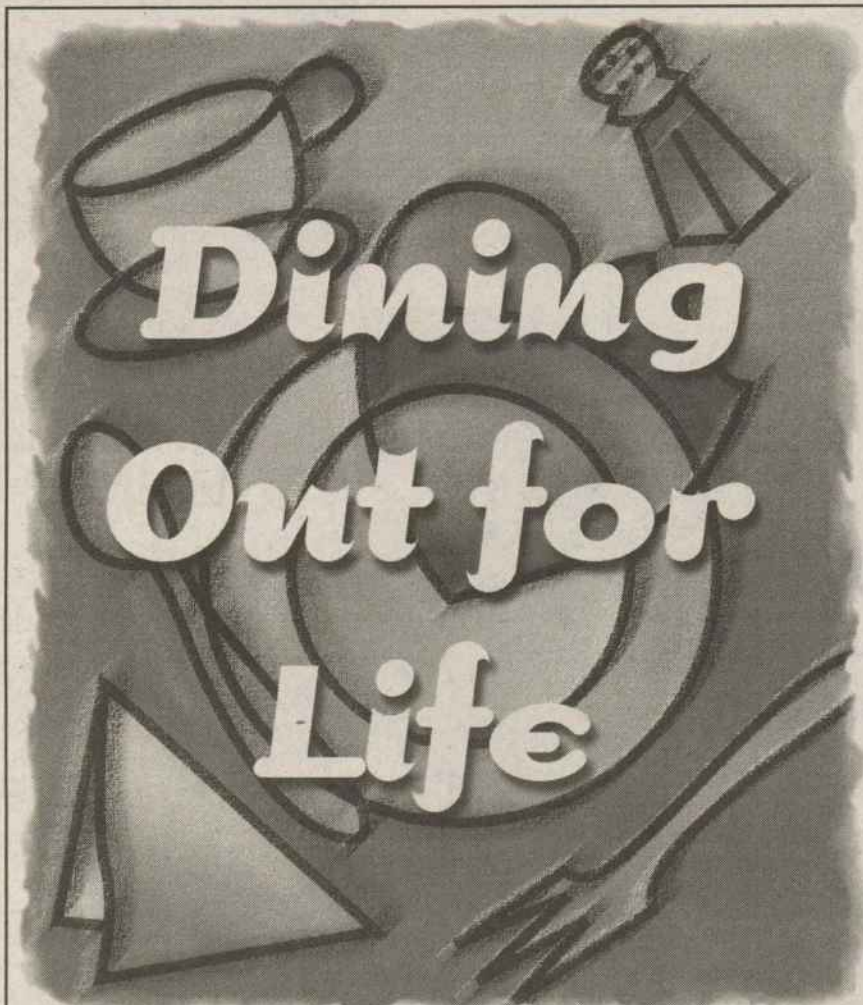


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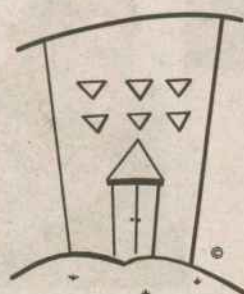
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**AP** Associated Press**PUBLISHERS NOTE****POLICE CHIEF RESPONDS**

One can't help but believe a recent interview in the biweekly *InStep* was, in part, a response by Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones to articles and an editorial that appeared in recent issues of *Wisconsin Light*. In them, we reported on Police inspections on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27 at two popular LGBT nightclubs and the community response thereafter.

While acknowledging the unfortunate reality that a police force of 2900 will have some homophobic officers, the Chief also asked us to believe that their actions were completely routine. The police found insects in liquor bottles and the bars were cited for that. There is no more.

We certainly do understand that the Chief lives in the real world and in that world he can almost never admit when things go wrong. Blame the lawyers. He has an obligation to protect the City from lawsuits, but one can't admit that homophobia exists and then say that there are never any specific consequences of that condition.

Surely, the Chief would like to believe that nothing went wrong those nights. We should have no doubt that that is what he would want. The history of this Police Chief is quite admirable. His rise from the ranks, as an activist with the League of Martin who worked tirelessly against racism on the force, is one in which the city should be proud of. He may not personally condone inappropriate action, but that is not the point.

Racism and homophobia do exist in modern life and, unfortunately, sometimes when police interact with the community. This is not a naive blanket statement about the thousands on the police force or its tens of thousands of professional interactions with the community every year.

What we wrote about were two specific examples that we found unacceptable. Who, if not us, will report on this? We will continue to do so. Just last week, we reported on a hate crime assault, which the police did not respond to for nine hours. That is simply unacceptable to us. We are confident that it is also unacceptable to the Chief.

We had more information than we printed about all three of these incidences. It is not our point to irresponsibly alienate our community from law enforcement institutions. Routine inspections are a part of the liquor license world but in these cases, no illegal activities were found, not even an underage drinker.

What disturbed us most was the appearance that disruption of the businesses was in the heart of at least one or two of the officers. I will not here reiterate, or add to, previously published discussion of the specifics. It is time to move on.

There have been many cases where I welcomed police presence and appreciated their professionalism. That is the norm. When our community, or any other, has a need to interact, we should do so respectfully, complete

our business and move on. That is all we ask of the Department.

Additionally, the police are always engaged in a certain level of security consciousness. All citizens need to understand this. When violence or the threat of violence is present, an equivalent to martial law sets in. Let the professionals do their job, and stay out of the way. I must point out that this was not the condition on either of those February nights.

The Brier days are over. We can be very thankful for that. Things are much better now, but when we uncover incompetence, we will expose it. Where we see the roaches of hate, this newspaper will continue to shine its light on them. They will scurry away, as they should.

We don't know what actually happened behind the scenes, but it is our belief that this interchange has been good. We have a Chief that we believe is sincere in his desire for professionalism. He knows, and we know, that the seeds of homophobia are not far below the surface. We will continue to expose those seeds, however rare they may be, for that knowledge is the only way that we can continue to root out overt actions aimed at our community.

While we accept the role of a real newspaper and look forward to being your eyes and ears where necessary, it would also be nice to hear the stories where a police officer saved the day or even just extended human understanding in a difficult situation. As always, this community newspaper remains open to your thoughts and comments.

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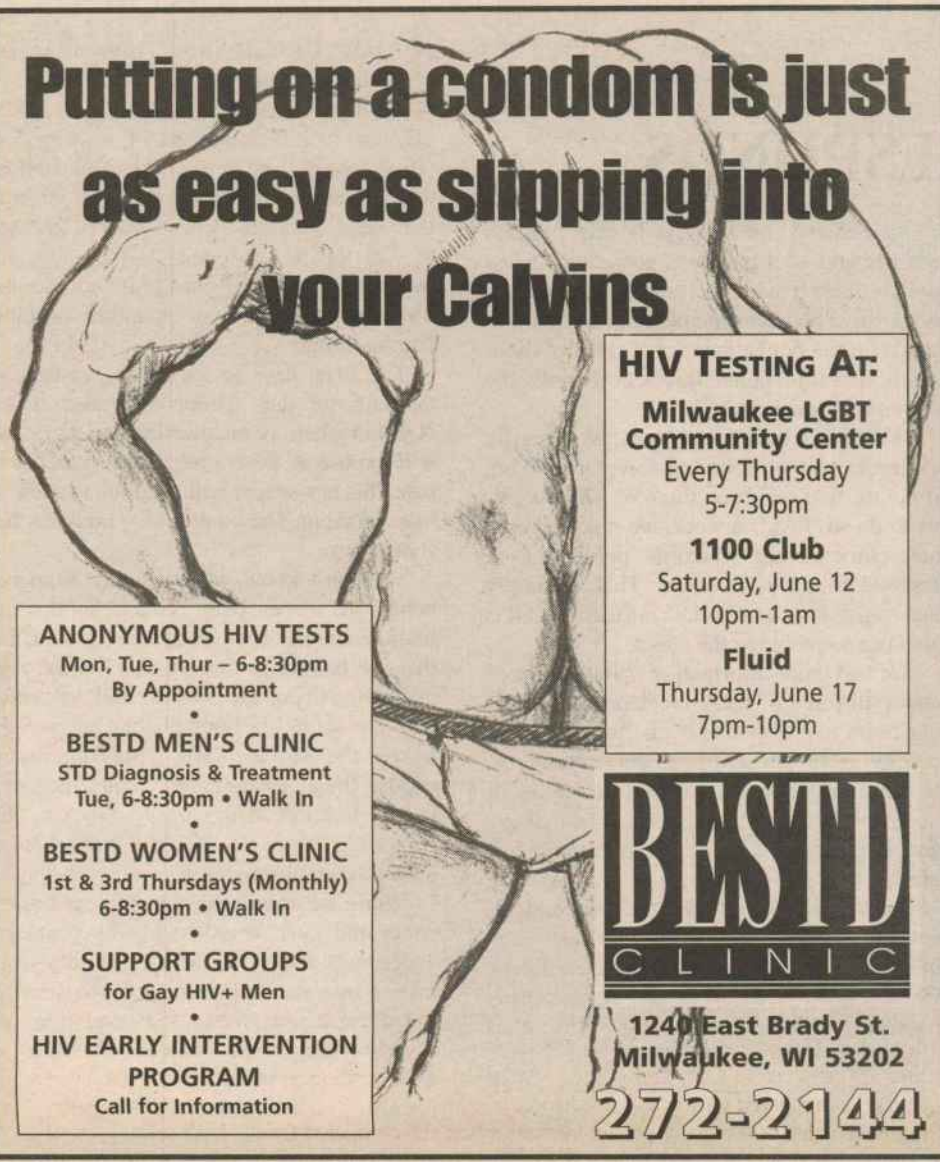
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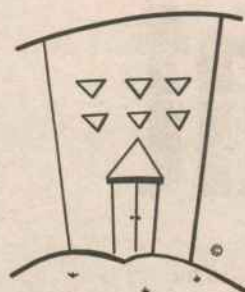
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## Hormel Appointed as America's First Gay Ambassador

by Bill Meunier

Washington, D.C. — Defying Conservative Republicans, President Clinton used a constitutional device to appoint an openly Gay philanthropist, James Hormel, as Ambassador to Luxembourg. The President gave Hormel a "recess appointment," which allows him to serve in the post until the end of the year 2000. The President has the power to make recess appointments while Congress is in recess. They bypass the normal confirmation process.

In his 6 1/2 years in office, the President has made only 57 recess appointments. By contrast, President Reagan made 270 during his eight-year tenure in office. Sources say the President is reluctant to anger Senate leaders by making recess appointments.

Hormel now becomes the first openly Gay ambassador in American history. Clinton first nominated Hormel to the post in October of 1997. The nomination died when the Senate leadership refused to schedule a vote on it. Clinton submitted the nomination again sending it to the new Congress last January.

The original nomination became a source of controversy almost immediately after Clinton made it. Using Senate rules that allow members to put a "hold" on votes, a group of conservative Republicans, Senators James Inhofe (R-OK), Bob Smith (R-NH), and Tim Hutchinson (R-AK) blocked a vote to confirm Hormel's nomination.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) refused to exercise his power and override the holds. His reluctance remained firm even though Hormel's confirmation was recommended by the Senate Foreign Relations committee chaired by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC). (Helms voted against the recommendation.)

His backers say Hormel would have easily won such a vote. They claimed to have the support of 60 senators.

Even many Republicans including former Reagan administration Secretary of State George Schultz and former Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY) backed Hormel. They cited his qualifications as an experienced diplomat. Hormel served as the alternate U.S. representative to the United Nations General Assembly and as a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission.

Nevertheless, the Senate's GOP leadership would not budge on the issue. Lott and others said the nomination would be offensive to heavily Catholic Luxembourg.

Last June, Alphonse Berns, Luxembourg's Ambassador to the United States, told *The New York Times*, "We would welcome Mr. Hormel." Like all European Union nations, Luxembourg bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.

After the White House announced the appointment, Lott spokesman John Czwartacki called the it "a slap in the face to Catholics everywhere."

Republican conservatives also attacked Hormel's support of LGBT causes. The Ambassador played a key role in the founding of the Human Rights Campaign. He has supported other LGBT causes as well.

His opponents said that if Hormel was sent to the embassy in Luxembourg, he would use his post to promote "a pro-homosexual agenda." They cited Hormel's former membership on the HRC board, his contribution to Academy Award-winning filmmaker Debra Chasnoff for the documentary *It's Elementary*, and materials contained in the San Francisco Public Library's James C. Hormel Lesbian and Gay Center. Nearly all the library materials Hormel's critics objected to are also available in the Library of Congress.

In response to his opponents, Hormel pledged to give up all his board positions except for the San Francisco Symphony and Swarthmore College, his alma mater. He also agreed to appoint a trustee to administer his philanthropic foundation and to stop any organization from using his name to raise money. He assured those opposing his confirmation that the only public positions he would take on any issue would be those of the U. S. government.

LGBT activists and others say anti-Gay discrimination is the real reason the Senate never voted on the nomination. They point to a comment made by Senator Don Nickels (R-OK) during a June, 1998 appearance on *Fox News Sunday*.

Nickels said, "He has promoted a lifestyle and promoted it in a big way, in a way that is very offensive. One might have that lifestyle, but if one promotes it as acceptable behavior, I don't think they should be a representative of this country. I think it's immoral behavior, and I think a lot of other behavior is immoral and shouldn't be treated as acceptable behavior."

Some Republicans agree that discrimination has been a factor in the failure to schedule to a confirmation vote. Even before Nickels made his nationally broadcast comments, then Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY) wrote an open letter to Lott.

It read in part, "I fear Mr. Hormel's nomination is being obstructed for one reason, and one reason only: the fact he is Gay... for the United States Senate to deny an appointment on that basis is simply wrong." D'Amato added, "On a personal level, I am embarrassed that our Republican Party, the Party of Lincoln, is seen to be the force behind this injustice."

With the matter taken out of the Senate's hands, the issue appears to be resolved in favor of those who felt the Ambassador was treated unfairly.

The appointment takes effect immediately.





# AROUND THE STATE

## Milwaukee Partnership Registry Update

### Ordinance Could Face Council Vote on June 22

**Milwaukee** – A proposal to establish a Milwaukee Domestic Partners Registry may soon get a hearing according to Alderman Wayne Frank. Frank, Chair of the Milwaukee Common Council's Judiciary and Legislation committee, told *Wisconsin Light* that he plans to call a special meeting of his committee "soon" to hear testimony and vote on the idea. He plans to forward the Committee's recommendation to the full Common Council for a possible vote at their regular June 22 meeting.

Grant Langley, the Milwaukee City Attorney, declared the Registry ordinance to be "valid and enforceable" on June 3. The next step in the process was its assignment to the Judiciary and Legislation Committee for consideration.

A spokesman for the proposal's main sponsor, Alderman Mike D'Amato, said, "Once the ordinance is heard by the Judiciary Committee, it will move very quickly to the Common Council." He also warned the Council vote would be "very close, one or two votes either way."

D'Amato has said, "It's going to take across-the-board support by members of the LGBT community to get out there and let their Alderman know how they feel. Anyone who lives anywhere around the city needs to call and write their Alderman."

#### Community Meeting June 10

Patrick Flaherty, Co-Chair of the Milwaukee LGBT Domestic Partners Task Force, said the group will continue its grassroots campaign with an outreach party at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 10 at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second street.

Volunteers will receive a brief update on the registry before heading out to supportive bars and businesses to collect postcards of support and to distribute action alerts. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## Background

The ordinance was introduced May 11 by D'Amato and co-sponsors Paul Henningsen and George Butler. The proposal would establish a Domestic Partners registry in the City of Milwaukee. LGBT couples would be able to register their relationships with the City Clerk for a \$25 fee. The fee would more than cover the costs of registering.

Registering provides LGBT couples with proof of a domestic partnership, making it possible for them to apply for partner benefits at work. It would also allow them to take advantage of family discounts offered by City of Milwaukee businesses. The registry would not include unmarried opposite sex couples.

Advocates of registries believe they encourage private employers to offer domestic partners benefits to their employees.

The proposed ordinance has already raised opposition from a Fundamentalist Christian organization, Wisconsin Christians United, who activists say distorted what the proposal entailed in literature distributed in at least one Aldermanic district.

## A Call to Action

Registry supporters expected a battle. D'Amato told *Light* that battle would occur "between those who support and recognize the rights of Gay and Lesbian and Transgender people and those who don't recognize those rights. There will be no hiding behind other issues here. This will be a vote that either says we are going to treat people humanely and equally, or we're not going to treat them humanely and equally."

Many LGBT organizations and individuals support the Registry and came out in force at a May 3rd Town Hall Meeting over the proposal. Milwaukee's Equal Rights Commission also passed a resolution in support.

(Constituents may contact their Alderman by calling (414) 286-2221. The number for the Domestic Partnership Task Force is (414) 225-1621.)

## Dane County Board Vote on Domestic Partnership Insurance

**Madison** – The Dane County Board's Personnel and Finance Committee postponed a vote on insurance for domestic partners of county employees until Monday, June 14. The Committee canceled its June 7 meeting because a legal opinion sought by them did not arrive in time for consideration.

When it meets, the Committee must decide if the plan will be available to unmarried heterosexuals in addition to same-sex couples. The Personnel Committee received the proposal after the Employee Insurance Advisory Committee narrowly approved offering the insurance to both same sex and unmarried heterosexual couples. However, the Finance Committee has already amended that recommendation to apply to only same sex couples.

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, who initiated the proposal, believes that only same sex couples should receive the benefit. She noted that heterosexual couples could marry, whereas same sex couples could not.

The Committee must also decide if the plan should be approved by the full County Board or sent to the County's labor negotiator for consideration during contract negotiations. Some county unions have said they don't want the benefit, while others do.

Guidelines in the proposal would require couples to sign an affidavit stating they meet three of five standards: a relationship of more than six months; partner's standing in a will; a joint lease; joint mortgage or joint car payments.

The Madison Metropolitan School District has been offering similar benefits to its employees for a year, for both same sex and heterosexual partners. The cost for the District is approximately 1% of its overall insurance budget.

## Baldwin to Keynote Government Pride Event

**Washington, D.C.** – Department of the Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt invited out Lesbian Wisconsin Representative Tammy Baldwin to be the keynote speaker at his department's LGBT Pride celebration.

The "Out and About in Government" celebration was held Tuesday morning in the South Interior Auditorium at the U.S. Capitol. The event also featured the "Not What You Think Ensemble of the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C."

## PrideFest Honors Boughner and Johnson with Lifetime Achievement Award

**Milwaukee** – The PrideFest Council has announced that former *Wisconsin Light* Publisher Jerry Johnson and Editor Terry Boughner have been jointly honored with the 1999 PrideFest Achievement Award.

PrideFest Co-Director Christine Klein told the former *Wisconsin Light* owners, "you are receiving this award in recognition of the untold thousands of hours of hard work you put into creating and publishing the *Wisconsin Light*. For more than a decade, the *Wisconsin Light* gave the LGBT community a voice that was not only heard in Milwaukee, but throughout the U.S. We can only imagine what it took in energy, sweat and tears to publish this fine publication for so many years."

Johnson and Boughner will ride as Parade Marshals in the PrideFest Parade, and then receive the award in a public ceremony at approximately 2:30pm on the Harley Davidson Stage.

Although they sold *Wisconsin Light*, Johnson and Boughner remain involved with the paper. Jerry Johnson is its Arts Editor, while Terry Boughner is a columnist.

PrideFest founder, *Wisconsin Light* Editor Bill Meunier, hailed the award saying, "I am really pleased to see the outstanding work done by Terry and Jerry will be recognized. They are truly deserving of this honor."

## GLSEN Honors Students and Adults for Making a Difference

**Madison** – The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) honored four high school seniors, two educators and one community member who have made a difference in their community. The winners were honored at a Sunday, May 23 ceremony held at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Madison.

Each of the award recipients worked to make their schools a safer place for LGBT students and staff. Awards include four \$500 scholarships to the following graduating high school seniors:

- Jeanne Fahrenbach, who attended Madison Memorial High School, helped to found its Gay/Straight Alliance as a sophomore. Last summer, she organized a protest against the anti-Gay billboards that appeared throughout Madison.

- Fahrenbach also broke many gender barriers when she competed for the high school wrestling team and finished 9th in the Women's National Wrestling Tournament. She plans to attend the University of Michigan.

- Jillian Hayward also attended Madison Memorial where she was very active in the Gay/Straight Alliance. Hayward has given many presentations on the harmful effects of homophobia to high school and civic organizations. She also broke many barriers when she and a friend were elected as the first Lesbian couple on Madison Memorial's Homecoming Court. Jillian has been accepted at UW-Madison.

- Brian Wiedenmeier attended Oshkosh North High where he was instrumental in organizing a LGBT support group. While in school, he worked to include Gay and Lesbian themes in his schoolwork and projects.

Wiedenmeier also provided input to counselors and community people to create a safe and supportive environment for all students. He said his goal in life is to be a successful, honest, openly Gay role model for others. Following a year in Australia, he plans to study creative writing in college.

- Kathryn Wilkin attended Oregon High School where she was a co-founder/mover/shaker extraordinaire of that school's Gay/Straight Alliance. Some of her projects include a very successful speakers' panel for school staff; in-service training for combating homophobia, and helping to draft the zero tolerance harassment policy.

Wilkin also worked on the Tammy Baldwin campaign and participated in actions opposing AB-104, a proposed anti-Gay marriage law. She will attend Lawrence University where she will continue her fight against homophobia.

### The three additional awards go to the following adults:

- Judy Born, a French Instructor at Whitefish Bay High School, has touched the lives of many and is largely responsible for the formation of the district's first Gay/Straight alliance, PRYSM.

In the fall of 1997, when several students expressed interest in forming a GSA, Born immediately stepped forward and offered to serve as faculty advisor for the group. She fought struggles to establish the club and gain acceptance for the group within the school community, student body and among her fellow staff members.

- Charlie Daniel has been an important asset to the LGBT community and especially teens. Her commitment to, and support of, LGBT youth has had a positive impact on the lives of many teens.

Daniel has been a co-facilitator for Teens Like Us. Through numerous presentations to high school administrators, teachers and students, Daniel has been a major advocate for youth safety and health.

- Camille Farrington is the driving force in the formation and continued operation of the Oregon High School Gay/Straight Alliance. Farrington's passion and dedication have been instrumental to the success the alliance has achieved over the years.

She challenges the status quo and pushes the comfort zone of her colleagues and administration around the issue of sexual orientation. Farrington's dedication to LGBT issues goes way beyond her professional life and is an integral part of her personal life. She is a true ally in every sense of the word.

*Editor's Note: Wisconsin Light congratulates these exceptional individuals and thanks them for answering the call to make our schools better and safer places for ALL of those attending them.*



# LGBT Friendly Fast Food?

by Gip Plaster

You may want to consider carefully who owns the restaurant you wander into the next time you're looking for some fast food that isn't the same old burger. If you're not careful, your money may be supporting a company that does not show respect for the Gay and Lesbian community.

We looked at policies toward Gay and Lesbian employees at TRICON Global Restaurants — owners of KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell — and several of their competitors. There is a nugget or two of good news to report, but not much.

## The Big Guy

TRICON is the number two fast food company in the world. Number one is, of course, McDonald's. TRICON's three chains have more total locations than the Arched One, though, with almost 30,000 restaurants in more than a hundred countries.

The company is a 1997 spin-off of PepsiCo, Inc. (NYSE:



PEP). Pepsi acquired Pizza Hut in 1977, Taco Bell in 1978 and KFC in 1986. Pizza Hut now accounts for more than 40 percent of TRICON's units, but KFC has the strongest sales. Taco Bell is the number one Mexican fast food chain. It controls over 70 percent of that niche.



Louisville, Kentucky-based TRICON includes the phrase "sexual orientation" in its nondiscrimination policy, but it does not offer domestic partner benefits or have a Gay and Lesbian employee group, according to company spokesperson Amy Sherwood. She pointed out that the company does comply with specific laws regarding employment of Gay and Lesbian people in specific jurisdictions.

Sherwood did not know whether Gay and Lesbian issues are specifically discussed in the company's diversity training. She said the training "focuses on respect of individuals."

## Domino's

Things are changing at the number two pizza chain. Privately held Domino's Pizza, Inc. was recently sold by its founder, Tom Monaghan. Monaghan, an orphan who was raised by nuns, apparently remembers his past and supports Catholic and conservative political causes. The sale of Domino's to Bain Capital was completed in December 1998.



Bain, a private equity investment firm, has invested in more than 115 companies totaling more than \$4 billion. Among other things, the firm invests in Staples, Totes, Sealy Mattress, The Learning Company and Brookstone.

Domino's has over 1,700 franchisees that operate more than 6,100 stores in the U.S. and 64 international markets. Sexual orientation is not currently mentioned in the company's nondiscrimination policy, but that could change, according to spokesperson Cozette Phifer.

"I know that it's being considered by the new owner, however," Phifer said. The company does not offer domestic partner benefits or have a Gay and Lesbian employee group, but it does mention Gay and Lesbian issues in diversity training, she said.

"We believe in the Golden Rule," said Phifer. "We're in business to sell food and treat people the way we want to be treated."

## Papa Caesar, or something like that

Privately held Little Caesar Enterprises is the number three pizza chain with about 4,000 stores in 11 countries. The Detroit-based company is owned by Michael and



Marian Hitch, a married couple, who also own the Detroit Tigers, hockey's Detroit Red Wings and other companies.

Little Caesar's did not return calls requesting information despite repeated requests over a three-week period.

Papa John's International is the number four pizza chain in the U.S. Two-thirds of its 1,700 restaurants are franchised.

"We do not discriminate against anyone for any reason," spokesperson Carol Trask said. The company, however, does not offer protection based on sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy. Nor does it discuss Gay and Lesbian issues in diversity training. Domestic partner benefits are not being considered. In addition, the company does not allow any employee groups, according to Trask, because they believe allowing groups would mean the company "would have to allow unions."

"We don't want any [groups] at all," she said.

## AFC

Privately held AFC Enterprises, Inc. is number two in chicken restaurants. The company owns or franchises 2,500 Church's Chicken and Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits restaurants, but that's not their only business. The Atlanta-based company franchises more than 150 Chesapeake Bagel Bakery restaurants and also owns Seattle Coffee Company, Torrefazione Italia and Cinnabon.

Spokesperson Ellen Hartman said the company includes sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy and includes Gay and Lesbian issues in diversity training. The company does not offer a Gay and Lesbian employee group or provide domestic partner benefits.

Frank Belatti, the chairman and CEO of the company, recently keynoted the Multicultural Food Service and Hospitality Alliance conference, according to Hartman. In the speech, Belatti specifically mentioned Gays and Lesbians and suggested that companies should create inclusive policies rather than be subject to government regulation.

## Chick-fil-A

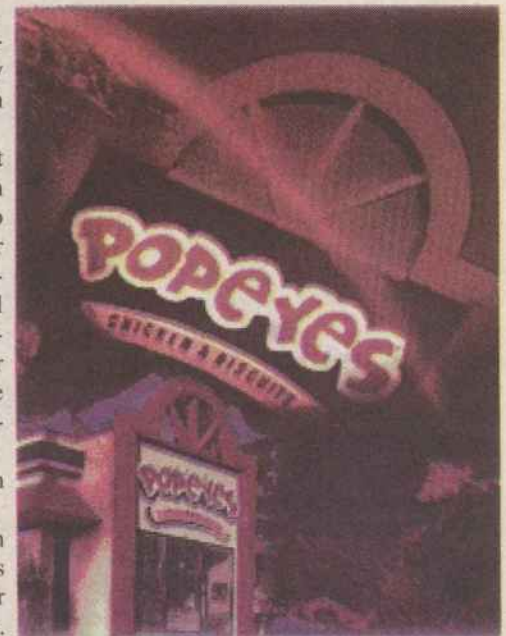
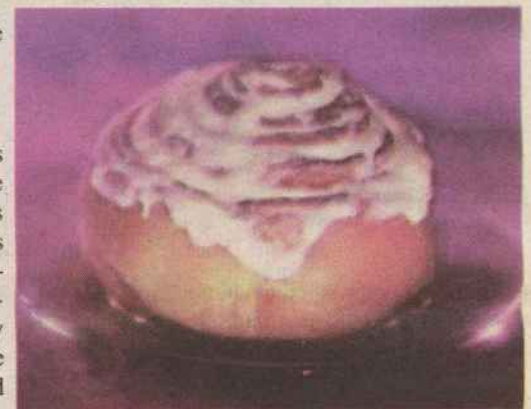
Privately held Chick-fil-A Inc. is the number three chicken restaurant, but they only serve their boneless. They have more than 760 restaurants in 35 states.

The company began in 1946 when S. Truett Cathy sold his car, combined his savings, with his brother's and borrowed from the bank to open the Dwarf Grill, which was later renamed the Dwarf House, in the Atlanta suburb of Hapeville. Atlanta's Greenbriar Mall was home to the first Chick-fil-A. The company that claims to be the first chain to offer fast food in malls and to have invented the chicken sandwich now has freestanding locations, too.

All locations, however, are closed on Sunday. Cathy is a devout Baptist.

Chick-fil-A refused to answer written questions that were provided at the company's request after we asked for information on their policies toward Gay and Lesbian employees. They provided a terse, two-sentence reply by email.

"Chick-fil-A restaurants are operated by franchisees (Operators)," according to the statement provided by spokesperson Jerry Johnston. "The Chick-fil-A, Inc. corporate office and its restaurant Operators follow all Department of Labor Laws."





## AROUND THE NATION

### Gay Days Draws Crowd and Flack

**Orlando** — As many as 100,000 people are expected for the annual "Gay Days" celebrations at Disney World and several other area-theme parks.

"Gay Days" began in the early 1990's when Doug Swallow suggested that a group of Gays and Lesbians visit Disney World on the same day. To help identify each other, Swallow urged them to wear red shirts. Nine years later the event has expanded to included days at other Orlando area theme parks as well.

Gay Days is not popular with everyone. Although none of the area parks sponsors them, they've been targeted by the Religious Right. This year, a coalition of 18 conservative Christian groups added a new twist.

The coalition attempted to run commercials promoting Ex-Gay programs. All of but two local stations, which air religious programs rejected the ads with some calling them "hateful."

Swallow is undisturbed by the opposition. In fact he revels in it. "We have taken advantage of the controversy," said Swallow. "In a way, it's free advertising for the event."

### Biased Judge Gets Sharp Rebuke

**Chicago** — A three Judge State Appeals Court panel issued a blistering decision attacking a lower court Judge for showing bias in two Lesbian adoption cases.

In one case, two Lesbians partners became pregnant by artificial insemination and wanted to adopt each other's children. In the other, a Lesbian wanted to adopt her partner's child. "Not so fast," said Circuit Court Susan Dunn.

As reported in the June 2 *Wisconsin Light*, Dunn held up the adoptions, appointed the Family Research Council, an anti-Gay group, to act as a secondary guardian for the children and questioned the Lesbians about their sex lives. After her removal from the case, Dunn voided the adoption orders of Presiding Cook County Judge Francis Barth.

Normally the Appeals Court would take several weeks, or even months, to write a decision. In this case, it issued an immediate verdict granting the adoption petitions. Speaking from the bench, Judge Morton Zwick said Dunn's actions "discredited not only the judiciary but the citizens of Illinois."

Speaking to the Lesbian parties in the case, Judge Zwick said, "You have my apologies as a Judge," he said. "If that seems woefully inadequate, I have no other solace for the trouble you have had."

LGBT adoptions have been legal in Illinois since 1995. Illinois' Judicial Inquiry Board is investigating Judge Dunn's handling of the cases. Judge Dunn is now in the Cook County Traffic court.

### Teens on Trial in Gay Murder Case

**West Palm Beach FL** — Two teens, who prosecutors say beat a Gay man to death, admit that they did attack the man but claim they did not do so because of his homosexuality.

Bryan Donahue, 18, and Billy Dodge, 17, stand accused of beating and kicking Steven Goedereis beyond recognition. Prosecutors say the defendants murdered the 118-pound, 29-year-old man because he called one of the boys, "beautiful" and allege that Donahue told Police, "The fact that he was Gay upset me the most."

His attorney claims that Donahue was grabbed by Goedereis who told him, "You look pretty." According to the attorney, Donahue broke away from the victim, stole his knapsack and ran to his friends, telling them "Someone tried to rape me."

The suspects say that Dodge's girlfriend suggested that Goedereis might be the same man who offered to buy her underwear.

Donahue and Dodge then tracked Goedereis down until they found him in front of a closed convenience store. The men say they did not intend to kill Goedereis. Police say that the suspects beat the victim so savagely that they found his blood on the store's overhang and a sneaker imprint on his forehead.

### Gay Vets Want Memorial

**Phoenix** — A local chapter of the GLBVA, Gay Lesbian Bisexual Veterans of America, is seeking permission to place the nation's first memorial of its kind in a national veteran's cemetery.

The 22" wide and 2 foot high chunk of granite would read, "In Memory Of All Veterans Who Served with Courage and Pride, donated by the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America."

"It's in the memory of all veterans who served," said Wally Straughn, 41, a GLBVA member and businessman who spent four years in the U.S. Navy. "But it will be the first memorial in any National Cemetery that we know includes us." The monument will cost around \$5,000.

### Pro-LGBT Minister Unrepentant

**Lincoln NE** — A Methodist Minister, who was tried by his church for officiating at a Lesbian commitment ceremony, remains defiant.

While attending a United Methodist conference in Nebraska, the Rev. Jimmy Creech said that he would continue to ignore Church policies on the issue of homosexuality. "I can only be faithful as a pastor and act with integrity," he said.

Rev. Creech now lives in North Carolina but comes under the jurisdiction of Nebraska Bishop Joel Martinez. Martinez is reviewing a North Carolina complaint accusing Rev. Creech of performing a Gay marriage in that state.

A church court acquitted Rev. Creech of disobeying church law in the earlier case. Despite the finding, he did not receive a reappointment to his post as a Pastor.

Rev. Creech said he doesn't worry about being stripped of his duties. "I'm not worried about what consequences there may be for me — that's up to the church, and I leave it up to the church as to what it will do as a response," he said.

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## Local Fundraising Made Smarter through Workshops

**Milwaukee** – The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, with funding from The Gill Foundation, is offering organizations a series of workshops to help them find new ways to raise money and develop stronger organizations.

The OutGiving Workshops for Doers and Donors, "Growing our financial resources today and for the future of Milwaukee," will be held June 19, July 10, September 18, October 16 and November 6 at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

OutGiving in Community is a unique interactive program funded and designed by the Gill Foundation of Colorado Springs. It offers technical assistance, hands-on training and mentoring to community leaders and not-for-profit groups across the nation.

The program focuses on fundraising and organizational development. The workshops are tailored to the needs of attendees in Milwaukee.

OutGiving trainers, including Mickey MacIntyre, a nationally recognized fundraising and development expert, will present the workshops at the Center, located at 170 S. 2nd St.

"We promise it's worthwhile, lively, enlightening, painless, insightful, fulfilling, thought-provoking, and of course, life changing. You will find new allies, friends, contacts and resources, and you will teach as much as you learn. You might even win a few prizes," said the organizers.

For details and to register, contact Neil Albrecht at (414) 271-2656 or by e-mail at: [excedi-rec@mkelgbt.org](mailto:excedi-rec@mkelgbt.org).

## Center Offers 'Sort Boxes' for Community Groups

**Milwaukee** – The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center now offers LGBT organizations a way to distribute flyers, newsletters and other correspondence to other groups.

A 60-slot Sort Box, donated by PrideFest, will provide groups a cost-effective way to share information between LGBT organizations.

PrideFest developed a list of groups it thought would most benefit from this service. Groups that are on the list have been notified that a sort box has been set up for them. Other groups wishing to participate should contact Neil Albrecht at the Center at (414) 271-2656.

## Dating in the Age of HIV & Support/Therapy Groups

**Milwaukee** – The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. is hosting a special presentation titled "Dating in the Age of HIV" on Sunday, June 13 from 6-8pm at the Center's office, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue.

According to Bill Hanel from the Center, "Dating can be a complicated process for many reasons. STDs, including HIV, must be a consideration when establishing an intimate relationship with another man." He plans to answer the question "what steps can be taken to keep dating a safe experience for both men involved?"

This session requires a \$3 donation. For more information, call Bill at (414) 271-2565.

## Counseling Center Summer Support & Therapy Groups

**Milwaukee** – The Counseling Center also offers Support & Therapy Groups. Some are ongoing while others are 8-10 weeks in length. All groups meet at the East Side Center. There is a \$10 fee per group session.

Support Groups: Women's Self Esteem; Men's Self Esteem; Relationship Group for Women — Why Me?; Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse; and Women with Physical Disabilities.

Support Groups for Gays and Lesbians: Free Space Group for Women Exploring Their Sexuality; MORE Space Group for Lesbian Identified Women wanting support and connection with other Lesbians; Breaking Up Is Hard To Do; Gay Men's General Issues; Silver Space Group for older Lesbians; Married/Partnered Women's Group for women partnered with men and dealing with affectional/sexual feelings for other women.

The Counseling Center also runs Facilitator Training for anyone interested in becoming a support group facilitator. For more information about these groups, call the Support Group Program at (414) 271-2565.

## GAMMA Outdoor Social Volleyball

**Milwaukee** – GAMMA's Social Volleyball season returns June 12th with outdoor play at Brown Deer Park. GAMMA is inviting members and non-members to play between 1 and 3pm. There is no fee for participants.

GAMMA recommends players bring a beverage, some sunscreen and lots of enthusiasm. For more information and the exact park location, call John at (414) 540-1202.

## Milwaukee Pride Marching Band

**Milwaukee** – Work on a Milwaukee LGBT marching band is well underway. Plans are set for the first rehearsal on June 14, 7pm, at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, 1239 W. Mineral St. (2 blocks south of National Ave.)

Anyone who would like to join the band, assist in the organization of the group or donate a working musical instrument should call (414) 933-3743, or e-mail [rickfinger@aol.com](mailto:rickfinger@aol.com).

Interested persons are also encouraged to drop in at the rehearsal.

## Meunier Named Emperor

**Milwaukee** – *Wisconsin Light* Editor Bill Meunier was proclaimed Emperor of Andromeda 42 on Thursday, June 2 after his 12-player team finished first in a 4-week war waged in a Space game on the Internet. The game attracts hundreds of players from around the world. Andromeda 42 joins 14 other galaxies under Meunier's "benevolent rule."

The next day, "Emperor PackFan" came to work expecting tribute from his subjects. He received 10 messages, 12 faxes, 6 press releases and 65 new messages in the Imperial email box.

With his courtiers unavailable, the "Emperor" had to deal with these himself. While doing so, he made vague threats about his starships blasting those who fail to show him the proper respect.

Meunier declined comment on rumors that his fleets will attack Earth. We urge everyone to continue to keep him busy with faxes, emails and letters to the Editor so he won't have time to plan the invasion.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Bank Cancels Partnership with Pat Robertson

### Wisconsin Jobs May Be Affected

**London** - The Bank of Scotland announced that its deal with American Television Evangelist Pat Robertson is dead. The controversial \$230 million deal fell apart following disparaging comments Robertson made about Scotland on his *700 Club* TV show.

The partnership between the Bank and the Christian Coalition founder was announced last March. Under the terms of the deal, Robertson would have invested \$50 million in a new Internet/Telephone bank. The Scottish Bank would provide the needed expertise for the bank's operation. Robertson would use his vast database and television show to generate customers.

The project was modeled after a similar deal between the Bank and Britain's Sainsbury PLC grocery store chain. The Sainsbury Bank, which began last year, has a reported 800,000 customers.

Financial analysts say the Scottish Bank was looking for a partner to help it access the U.S. market. With a claimed audience of 55 million viewers, the Christian Broadcast Network, which airs Robertson's show, was seen as an effective way to reach American consumers.

In his on the air comments, Robertson said, "In Europe, the big word is tolerance. You tolerate everything. Homosexuals are riding high in the media... And in Scotland, you can't believe how strong the homosexuals are," Robertson said. He added, "It's kind of frightening to look at that great Christian history of a nation like (Scotland) and to see the lack of depth there today."

"And so far as the vestiges of John Knox and some of these heroes, I don't think it exists any more. And what could happen? It (Scotland) could go right back to the darkness very easily."

### Controversy Began Early On

Even before Robertson's comments, many saw the partnership as controversial. Scottish newspapers began referring to the Bank of Scotland as "God's bank." The bank admits to losing 400 to 500 accounts because of the deal, but it insists that none of them were large.

The *700 Club* segment that caused the latest furor was seen by many as a response to the criticism. Robertson has often questioned the religious beliefs of Christians, who disagree with his literal interpretation of the Bible.

That strategy may sometimes work in the United States, but it backfired in Europe. The Scots saw Robertson's remarks as a slam on their country, their morality and their national church.

Furthermore, Robertson's comments included a statement that it was more difficult for Christian missionaries to succeed in Europe than in any other place "except for a few Muslim countries."

The Scots, who consider themselves to be Christian, were outraged.

### The Pressure Builds

The day after newspapers throughout Scotland put Robertson's comments on their front pages, Britain's largest labor organization, the Trade Union Congress, threatened a boycott by the 100,000 of its members who use the Bank of Scotland's credit card. A spokesperson for the labor group said it would not renew its contract with the bank when it expired later this summer.

Two days later, an Scottish ecumenical group, Action Together for Churches in Scotland, said it would meet on June 18 to consider urging the 1.5 million members of its churches to boycott the bank. Members of Scotland's new parliament said they would consider a motion to pull their \$55 million account from the Bank.

The Scottish National Party called Robertson's remarks "offensive." The *Scotsman* editorialized "[Bank of Scotland] has blindly wandered into partnership with a man who insults its customers... Dr. Robertson's extreme views are not welcome in Scotland."

### Impact in Wisconsin

Wisconsin's Marshall and Isley Bank was also involved in the venture. M&I was to provide 300 personnel who would service the venture's transactions. Whether or not M&I's contract, which was between the Wisconsin company and the Bank of Scotland, will still be in effect given the cancellation was not clear as *Wisconsin Light* went to press.

The Scots say they will continue to seek a U.S. partner for their efforts to tap into the rich U.S. banking market, so it is possible that the M&I deal will still be valid. It is also possible that the M&I participation was predicated on the deal with Robertson.

### Financial Fallout

Despite the furor, the Bank initially insisted that it would go ahead with the deal. On Wednesday, June 2, investors responded to that insistence. The price of Bank of Scotland stock fell 4%. In mid-afternoon, hoping to cut its losses, the Bank announced that it would reconsider the deal with Robertson. Analysts said that the drop would have been more serious if the Bank had not made that announcement.

The Bank believes its strategy of using telephone and Internet banking to reach new markets is sound. Before the deal's cancellation, Ian Fiddes, head of Public Relations for the Bank of Scotland, told Reuters "The strategy is correct in terms of direct banking. I don't see it as stopping what we are doing direct banking-wise. If we are out of the deal with Dr. Robertson, then it may be that we have to seek other partners. We've got ideas."

It is considered unlikely that those ideas include partnerships with other controversial religious leaders.

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# TIDBITS FROM TITLETOWN

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Northeast Wisconsin Bureau

**Pride Weekend Preview:** The big news in the rainbow corner of Titledown this week is the announcement of what will be northeast Wisconsin's most extensive series of Pride events ever.

Pride Weekend will run July 8-11. It will combine a number of Green Bay-based summer traditions over the four-day period.

The fun begins Thursday night (July 8) as Brandy's II holds its second annual Locker Room Benefit Party. Rod has cooked up some clever contests. There'll be kinky prizes for some and

drink specials for all. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW).

The kickoff for the 8th Annual Gay Guernsey Pageant will be at Napalese Lounge on Friday, July 8. The contest benefits the Client Assistance Fund at AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Show time is 10:30pm.

According to veteran pageant organizer Elise Bovine (AKA Wane Thieve), this year's contest will be especially intense for several reasons. "First, the contestants will be trying to continue the unbroken tradition of exceeding the previous year's total — last year that was \$12,000," Bovine said. "Second, the contest time period will be one week shorter than last year. But last and most interesting to the community will be this year's contestants."

Elsie wouldn't tip her horn with all the names, but I can tell you the majority of the 1999 Guernsey herd have USofA pageant system rhinestones in their past, present or future. "It's going to be fierce, and it's going to be fun!" Bovine said. "In the immortal words of Disco Tex and the Sex-O-Lettes, 'my chiffon is wet, darling, my chiffon is wet!'"

Saturday (July 10) will be the biggest day of the weekend, according to ROW president Terry Tetzlaff. "Not only will the annual Pride Picnic be the most expansive ever, but it's Za's 10th Anniversary celebration and the night of the Mr. Gay Great Lakes-USofA pageant," Tetzlaff said.

The Pride Picnic will kick off at noon at the Al Kamke farm in Brillion. That's about a half-hour south of Green Bay on Highway 57. In addition to a wide selection of grilled and fresh food, beverages of all sorts, games and other sports, there will be live music and a special live and lip-synched show by some of the area's top entertainers.

Also new this year will be a separate vendor's area so picnic goers can get the latest in Gay fashion and arts. All picnic proceeds will benefit ROW. In an effort to serve the entire LGBT community, this year's picnic will be open to everyone 18 and over. Photo IDs will be required to enter the area where alcoholic beverages will be available.

That evening, the Mr. Great Lakes USofA Pageant will be start at 9pm at Za's Video Bar in Green Bay. For all you hunk watchers, the Pageant includes a special appearance by Tyler Thomas, Mr. Gay USofA.

Sunday (July 11) will feature a complimentary buffet in honor of Za's 10th anniversary from noon to 3pm at Cafe Bourbon, located on the upper level of the nightclub. Brandy's II, Buddies, Napalese Lounge and Sass have all afternoon Pride Weekend specials as well.

In all, it looks like Green Bay's Pride Weekend has grown to be on par with Madison's Magic Picnic weekend, which occurs just a week later. That growth has happened in large part because of the cooperative spirit that seems to thrive on the mix of Green Bay libertarian conservatism and the "team" (i.e. Packer) spirit, which swirls not only around but also through the LGBT community here.

**EAA Is Bumped — Just a Bit:** Imagine you get your picture on the cover of a statewide magazine as part of an official announcement of a major event. Then the same day the 'zine hits the stands you find out you've lost your event site. It's enough to deflate even RuPaul's wig!

However, that's exactly what happened to the Entertainers Against AIDS (EAA) this past week. Just as an EAA announcement about its World AIDS Day event on December 1 was to about to occur, its site for the event fell through. The Weidner Center called to advise the group that due to a reshuffling of its extensive series of Christmas programs, it could not host the event on December 1.

All is not lost, however. Through the efforts of EAA's Jeff Jennings, Kitty Roman and Paul Jacob, the group was able to get the Weidner bookers to shuffle a bit more and give the group World AIDS Day eve, November 30 as an alternate date.

That keeps the EAA event close to World AIDS Day but does cause other likely schedule bumps, which may cause problems coordinating the event with a major celebrity's work calendar. Wish I could say more but, hopefully, everything will come up roses... so to speak.

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# CAPITOL REPORT

by State Representative **Mark Pocan**

## Domestic Partnership and the State

Domestic Partnership (DP) benefits are a matter of fairness and equality. It saddens me that we are still fighting for such basic rights as equal treatment in the workplace.

Our critics cannot have it both ways. They proclaim that DP benefits should not be available to non-married couples and then deny Gays and Lesbians the right to marry. We must focus on this issue.

I encourage those of you who are not "up" on the issue of Domestic Partnership to take a closer look. Sit down and figure out how much money and legal protection is denied to you and your partner. Bring it to the forefront and take action. Show your support for the proposed Milwaukee Domestic Partners Registry. Contact your alderman, the human resources department at work, and call your state legislator. Stay involved.

## U.W. Madison Continues the Fight

Last month, U.W. Madison held a forum on domestic partnership benefits for faculty, academic staff and limited employees. There were several presentations on what is being and what can be done to help implement these benefits as well as a synopsis of the current benefits available (virtually non-existent) and who has the authority to grant benefits.

There are a number of benefits available to a married spouse but not to the "domestic partner" of University employees. These include health and dental insurance, retirement, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, dental insurance, employee reimbursement account, and family and medical leave.

On the bright side, there are a couple of programs that have the same benefits for married couples and "domestic partners." 1) Sick leave to care for an ill partner is available to state employees, and 2) The Optional Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) offers benefits for domestic partners but only on the Madison Campus.

There are partial benefits when it comes to retirement. Any beneficiary of an employee who dies after age 55, other than spouse or dependent child, is entitled to half of the retirement account (a spouse or dependent child is entitled to full retirement benefits).

If you are interested in changing DP policies and would like to get involved, please call or write our office for a list of individuals and organizations to contact.

## The Ron & Ralph Show

Ralph Ovadal and Ronny Greer are continuing their "Cultural Cleansing Campaigns."

Ovadal leafleted neighborhoods in Milwaukee attacking Milwaukee's DP registry initiative. His Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) distributed pamphlets that read in part, "It is wrong for government to force hard-working taxpayers to subsidize destructive lifestyles that violate deeply held moral values. It is also expensive." The Registry will cost the taxpayers nothing.

Perhaps Ralph could use some of the funds he raises in an attempt to "cleanse" the culture of those who do not think like him, to help lessen the overall tax burden. It would also be interesting to see just how much money he does raise, who it comes from, and if he pays taxes on it. Come on Ralph, I know you read this. Why not share this information with us if you have nothing to hide?

Ron Greer is also up to his old tricks. This time, he is picking on high school students. Ron sent out letters to about 3000 Verona School District families expressing his concern that there were "pro" Gay and Lesbian activities happening in the school.

The mailing included minutes from a student group called Student Alliance for Acceptance. The group supports people of all sexual orientations. The minutes included some students' names.

His tactics appear to have backfired. According to newspaper articles, the Verona School District was deluged with calls from outraged parents who either disagree with Greer or agree with him but have a problem with his tactics. Ron also urged parents to question tax money being used to support such school-related functions.

Do Ron and Ralph believe Lesbians and Gays shouldn't receive the same services afforded other tax paying citizens and their families?

It is time for us to ask the larger question about their tactics. What is their "end game?" Do they want to "cleanse" this culture of Gays and Lesbians? What exactly is it that they want? To create a culture that only reflects their beliefs? If so, this is a dangerous, dangerous viewpoint and we must be forever vigilant.

## Building Coalitions: Bill of the Month

The Compassionate Childcare Bill was introduced by Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison). Provisions of the bill include:

- Ensuring safe, healthy quality childcare for Wisconsin families who need it.
- Increasing benefits for the childcare work force that will stabilize, sustain and promote overall quality within the child care system.
- Building and improving access to child care benefits that support the capacity of parents to work and raise their children.

Please show your support for this bill by calling your legislators today. The Legislative Hotline number is (800) 362-9472.

## EDITORIAL

### A Deal Gone Sour

When the Bank of Scotland signed a deal with Fundamentalist preacher Pat Robertson to start an Internet/Telephone bank in America, it was hoping the venture would get a lot of publicity. Unfortunately for the Bank, the kind of publicity it gained was not of the favorable variety.

The deal was under fire from the start. Many Scots were offended that their bank would hook up with a man who they see as an extremist, and a foreign one at that. The Bank didn't care. It saw large profits coming about when Robertson's followers became Robertson's bank customers.

What was muted criticism of the venture developed into a firestorm when, in typical Robertson fashion, he attacked his critics.

Just as he has so many times in this country, this self-appointed spokesman for the Almighty questioned the morality and Christianity of those who disagree with his view of the world. Robertson launched a *700 Club* broadside aimed not only at those who objected to the partnership but also at Scotland itself.

According to Robertson, the Scots could be heading for a new "Dark Age" and are under the control of "homosexuals." Their morals are questionable and they should be more accommodating to his Christian missionaries.

The Scots thought they already were Christian and therefore didn't need of any of Robertson's henchmen. They also took exception to his implied claims that "homosexuals" are dominating their country. Angry customers, newspapers and politicians demanded that their bank pull out of the deal. It did so.

Anyone familiar with Robertson's style should hardly be surprised by any of this. They know that, in Robertson's mind, any criticism, any questioning of his brand of religion merits instant condemnation. The gospel according to Robertson says that those who don't totally embrace his version of Christianity are not true Christians.

It would be nice if we could say that Robertson has learned from this experience. It would be nice if we could say that he has a better understanding of the need to be tolerant of others.

Sadly, that is not the case. The TV evangelist sees nothing wrong with the insults he hurled at a proud people with a rich history. Robertson blames the media for the blow up, claiming that it took his comments out of context. The reality is that the media only reported what he said.

The reality is also that the fault here lies with both the Bank and Robertson. Robertson should have been more sensitive to Scottish beliefs and traditions. The Bank should have listened to those who warned that the potential profits were not worth the risks it was taking by linking itself with this extremist.

The Bank of Scotland learned a hard lesson. It found out that putting profits above all other considerations can lead to a humiliating disaster. If anyone "profits" from this Trans-Atlantic mixing of greed and hate it will be those businesses that see the results of that mix and avoid making the same mistake.

## LETTERS

### Sisters and Brothers of the Lesbian, Gay and Transgender Community,


A Job is a Right Campaign wishes to endorse the effort your newspaper has made in the effort to recognize non-traditional partnerships. As an organization we work against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Allowing couples not able to marry, to voluntarily declare their mutual commitment as domestic partners, will benefit the health and welfare of all working people. We want to actively support this initiative whatever means we can. Please keep us current on your activities.

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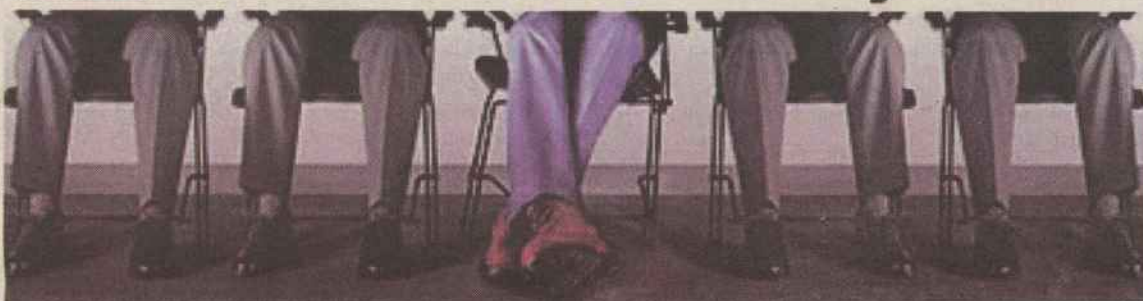




# Spotlight

## get real

### Actor Shines in Gay Role



by Tim Nasson

Disney has Miramax, New Line has Fine Line and Universal has Gramercy and October Films, so why shouldn't Paramount, a force to be reckoned with in Hollywood, have a division of their company that specializes in art films?

That is exactly what they have been pondering for a few years. Now they are releasing their first film under the new banner Paramount Classics. Amazingly, Paramount Classics' freshman effort happens to be a teenage film, but it's not in the vein of *Scream* or *Varsity Blues*, rather a film a la *Beautiful Thing*.

With *Get Real*, Paramount Classics is off to a great start. It should be no surprise to anyone, however, that Paramount Pictures is a Gay friendly studio. They recently have released *In & Out* and *Kiss Me Guido* and will soon be releasing *Next Best Thing*, which stars Madonna and Rupert Everett.



Additionally, Paramount is spending a lot of money this summer in many Gay Pride parades. "We are definitely going to have a *South Park* float in the Boston and Atlanta Gay Pride Parades," says VP of Paramount publicity, Stu Gottesman. For those who do not yet know, the popular Comedy Central cartoon show, featuring the sweet yet vulgar preteens Cartman and Stan, among others, makes its way to the big screen June 30, with an "R" rating. The floats entail the show's characters riding in the trademark *South Park* school bus.

*Get Real*, like *Beautiful Thing*, tells the story of two 17-year-old British boys who fall in love. The similarities end there though. While *Beautiful Thing* took place in "council houses" as Ben Silverstone, *Get Real's* lead actor, refers to the tenements, *Get Real* takes place in "suburbia England. An England not often seen on screen."

No stranger to movies, Ben Silverstone turns in a star making performance in *Get Real*. Previously seen opposite Jeremy Irons in *Lolita* as the young Humbert Humbert and Albert Finney in *The Browning Version*, Silverstone is eager to talk about his role in *Get Real* and how he got his start in cinema.

"I find it kind of silly, really," says Silverstone, from London recently, "that many people are comparing *Get Real* to *Beautiful Thing*. Yes, they both do revolve around two teenaged boys in love. But that is all. How many het-

erosexual romantic pictures come out in any given year? Or heterosexual teenage films?"

Silverstone, who was 18 when he filmed *Get Real* and is now 20, is a pretty normal

young adult. "I love to go clubbing. The whole scene is cool. It's a lot more fun when we're not getting bombed, though," he adds, referring

to the ghastly nail bomb that went off recently in a London Gay bar. "I also just began at Trinity College studying English."

"I also love music; hip-hop and drum and base. Do you have drum and base in the U.S.? I also like going to the movies. I always knew I wanted to be in the movies. My family does not come from a cinema background, but my parents do have some friends who are in the industry," he adds.

"My parents are pretty liberal," Silverstone continues, "but it was kind of funny bringing them to the premiere of *Get Real* at the London Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. There was an outrageously Gay audience."

"The film *Get Real* is based on the play

*What's Wrong with Angry?* by Patrick Wilde," informs Silverstone. It is the winner of many film festival awards, and it was prominently featured in this year's Sundance Film Festival and last year's Toronto Fest.

"Although the story is about a Gay teenager, the filmmakers were captivated, as was I, by the story's universality. The process of coming out for my character [Steven] emphasizes the difficulties all adolescents face in developing a sense of identity," he adds.

"It's obviously a Gay love story. But to a large extent, the Gay issue just highlights the difficulties most teenagers have in dealing with their parents and trying to establish an identity for themselves. The film works because the characters that surround Steven are so funny and diverse. It's full of moments that every teenager will recognize. All those problems that arise out of being a teenager are in the film."

Silverstone is quick to point out how ironic it is that he was making a coming out speech at the end of *Get Real* in front of a group of



high school students. When working opposite Albert Finney in *The Browning Version*, it was Silverstone who was sitting in the audience, as a student, listening to the same type of speech.

Ben Silverstone plans to continue to act in films. He is hopeful to someday be featured in a film shot in the United States. For now, though, he is content promoting the world wide release of *Get Real*, his biggest film in which he has the biggest role to date. "I know that *Get Real* has an important message. And for that alone, I am happy and proud to be a part of it."



# DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by *Romeo San Vicente*



Ian McKellen



Chris Kattan

### Lillith Fair Game for Spoof

*Saturday Night Live* comedian and Roxbury guy **Chris Kattan** will try his hand at cross-dressing in the upcoming film *Billith*. He'll portray a struggling musician who gets the *Tootsie*-esque idea to put on a dress and audition for the femme music fest Lillith Fair. Once on the tour, his career takes off and he must keep up the ruse in order to enjoy the life of a successful musician.

Kattan's slim build and armpit hair (a la **Paula Cole**) make him standard Lillith fare. New Line bought the project and is waiting for the script to be finished before they set a production schedule, which gives Kattan plenty of time to perfect his drag routine.

### McKellen Chooses X over Tom

For his next project, openly Gay Academy Award nominee **Ian McKellen** will re-team with *Apt Pupil* Director **Bryan Singer** in the film *X-Men*, based on the Marvel Comics characters. The Gay knight chose the role over one in the upcoming **Tom Cruise** flick *Mission: Impossible II*, which will shoot simultaneously.

The classically trained McKellen will star as ubervillain Magneto, Master of Magnetism, whose wicked ways stem from the mistreatment of his Jewish family by the Nazis during World War II. He leads an evil band of genetic mutants who attempt to conquer the world.

The role of a Jewish Holocaust survivor is an interesting departure for Sir Ian, who portrayed a Nazi living in suburban America in *Pupil*. *X-Men* begins production this summer, with **Patrick Stewart** of *Star Trek* and *Jeffrey* fame co-starring.

### Mizrahi: Virgin Director

The most popular Lesbian at the Cannes Film Festival was **Christine Vachon**, who was touting her high-profile slate of independent pictures. The *Velvet Goldmine* producer has a slew of hot projects, including *The Extra Man*, for which she wants the Gay former fashion designer **Isaac Mizrahi** to direct.

The story, based on a **Jonathan Ames** novel, is about the friendship between a sexually confused young man and the show tune-loving older man from whom he rents an apartment. Vachon clearly believes that Mizrahi's interest in the film industry won't be as short-lived as his eponymous fashion label.

### Gay Bashing for New Line

New Line Cinema paid a hefty six-figure sum to acquire the film rights to attorney-cum-novelist **Andrew Vachss'** latest book, *Choice Of Evil*, about a serial killer who preys on Gay bashers. The novel, which was published by Knopf last month, has a cornucopia of queer characters — from a Lesbian dominatrix to a Gay rights "Unabomber," who goes by the moniker Homo Erectus.

### Pop Goes the Closet?

The Tinsel Town buzz is that the handlers of a sizzling pop sensation are so afraid he might come out of the closet, they are thinking of arranging a hetero marriage for him. Seems they'll go to any lengths to keep his teenybopper fans in the dark about this hottie's sexual preferences.

*Romeo San Vicente* would love to play "Two Minutes in the Closet" with what's-his-name. You can contact *Romeo* care of *Wisconsin Light* or e-mail [RomeoDeep@aol.com](mailto:RomeoDeep@aol.com). For more *Deep Inside Hollywood*, visit [www.Gay.com](http://www.Gay.com) or [www.popcomq.com](http://www.popcomq.com).

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# OUT ON TV.

## In the Life Gay Pride Month Special

by John Jahn

*In the Life*, America's LGBT newsmagazine series, returns to Wisconsin Public TV this month with a special Gay Pride edition. Subtitled *American as Apple Pie*, June's *In the Life* offers a program that shows how far the LGBT community has come in its quest for greater visibility and equal rights. This year, for the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, *In the Life* also looks back. In Milwaukee, this special Pride month edition of *In the Life* will air Wednesday, June 16 at 11pm on Channel 10. On other Wisconsin Public TV stations, it will air Monday, June 21 at 10pm.

### The Judy Connection

Thirty years after Judy Garland's death, the legendary singer remains one of the defining entertainers of the century. This story examines the widely held view that her death on the eve of the 1969 Stonewall riots helped spark the event that became a worldwide movement. Several Gay and Lesbian singers and artists inspired and influenced by Judy Garland are interviewed. These include Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland and author of *Me and My Shadows*; John Fricke, author of *Judy Garland, World's Greatest Entertainer and 100 Years of Oz*; Thomas O'Neil, author/playwright of *Judy at the Stonewall Inn*; Joel Dorn and Scott Schechter, producers of *Judy*, a new CD collection; entertainers Tommy Femia, John Epperson ("Lypsinka") and Lea DeLaria. This story includes rarely seen footage from the 1963-64 series, *The Judy Garland Show*.



extensively on Black Gay and Lesbian history and sexuality. Monroe criticizes Black churches and the Nation of Islam for their treatment of women and Homosexuals. She sees church attitudes toward Gays as both civil rights and serious public health issues, given the reluctance to talk about AIDS which has been ravaging the Black community.

### Pigs

Jim Brewer and Dale Riffle founded and run "Pigs," a non-profit, rural West Virginia sanctuary dedicated to providing a safe haven for exotic pigs and serving as an education center about the abuses of the miniature/exotic animal industry. For more than 10 years they have welcomed hundreds of abused or unwanted animals, rescued animals from slaughter and research, and have educated thousands of visitors about their strong animal rights beliefs. Riffle and Brewer have been profiled in the mainstream news media, but with nary a mention of their long-term relationship.



### Paula Vogel

Vogel's plays have held center stage at theaters around the world throughout the 1990s. For her work, Vogel has received many awards, including the Pulitzer (Drama), an Obie, the New York Drama Critics Circle, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards. Her latest work, *Mineola Twins*, is currently running in New York City and her acclaimed play, *How I Learned to Drive*, is set for over 50 productions worldwide this season. The show catches up with Vogel to discuss her work and life as an out Lesbian.

### Stonewall 25

Five years ago in New York City, hundreds of thousands of Gays and Lesbians, their families and friends gathered for one of the largest LGBT events in history. To celebrate the anniversary of Stonewall, *In the Life* looks back at the historic 1994 Stonewall 25 March and Rally. Special guest correspondent Marga Gomez recalls highlights with never before seen footage. This anniversary segment includes appearances by Liza Minnelli, Amanda Bearse, Karen Williams, Suzanne Westenhoefer, David Drake, Ian McKellen, Kate Clinton, Georgia Ragsdale, Kathy Najimy, Carol Channing, Sandra Bernhard and Harvey Fierstein.

### Project Yes

Studies show that large percentages of teenagers who commit suicide, drop out of high school and become homeless are Gay or Lesbian. Nearly half of Gay and Lesbian youth are rejected by their parents. Miami-based Project Yes is an education organization aimed at the healthy development of LGBT youth. It works with numerous civic organizations, churches, schools, youth service agencies and peer groups to strengthen networks and dialogue with youth, parents and families. *In the Life* talks to Project Yes officials, parents and teens, exploring the project's efforts.

### Reverend Irene Monroe

This story profiles the very outspoken Reverend Irene Monroe, who has written

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# OUT ON FILM

## Notting Hill

Review by John Jahn

Love means never having to say you're sorry. But that memorable line clearly doesn't exist in the film world of Hugh Grant. In fact, Grant must know every possible way to say "Sorry" after playing another one of his stereotyped characters in the dismal romantic comedy *Notting Hill*.

Grant plays a self-effacing, ineffectual bookseller, who lives in an area of London that still calls itself a village, and contemplates the reasons for his failures in life and love. He shares a cramped house with a Welsh slob (Rhys Ifans) who wanders around in his underwear (yuck!) while devouring the British tabloids and junk food.

"It was another hopeless Wednesday" (as Grant's character puts it) when Anna Scott (Julia Roberts), the most famous movie star in the world, wanders into his shop. She buys a bad book, they exchange smiles and she leaves. At this point their romance is set to begin, but the film has a surprise for you - nothing happens! Grant's character can't seem to make a move, so she does. Along with her, we wait and wait and wait.

The film just seems to hang around. The pace reflects the time it takes Grant to sort out his love life. Problem is, people have died of old age quicker. Writer Richard Curtis cannot be accused of writing a sequel to *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. That film had a cast of characters and some funny lines. This plodding borefest has but Hugh and Julia. You can't build a movie on just Roberts' fine features and Grant's self-deprecating charm.

Perhaps one line sums up *Notting Hill's* intelligence level best of all. At one point Grant's character confides to his housemate that his feelings for Anna have opened a Pandora's Box. "I knew a friend at school called Pandora," the Welshman replies, "but I never saw her box." 'Nuff said.

**1 1/2 Stars**

## Super Speedway

Review by John Jahn

Anyone who's ever watched even a few minutes of auto racing will come away from it wondering what it must be like to whip around a track at breakneck speed. Televised car races frequently display footage from cameras aboard cars, but this fails to impress. Not so with IMAX technology, which literally surrounds you visually and aurally. *Super Speedway* will take you about as close to the real thing as you can get.

This exciting film features extensive scenes filmed from an IMAX camera near the cockpit of an Indy car, taking you into the world of championship auto racing at speeds in excess of 230 m.p.h.

But there's much more to it than dizzying racing sequences. At the core of the film's action is the Michael Andretti racing team, designing, testing and eventually racing a newly fabricated car. We see the process from drawing board (actually, computer screen) to final product within the security-conscious Lola plant in England, then ride along with it on the track.

Along with the building of Michael Andretti's Indy car, we also see it done the old-fashioned way - the way Mario Andretti knew. The fascinating restoration of a 1964 roadster progresses side-by-side with the construction of the state-of-the-art, computer-designed racecar.

*Super Speedway*, in addition to historical background and the human story surrounding one of racing's preeminent families, like no other film captures the high performance feel of an Indy car race. With the magic of IMAX, the assistance of the racing world and one of the top production teams in the business, *Super Speedway* delivers the real thing.

**3 Stars**

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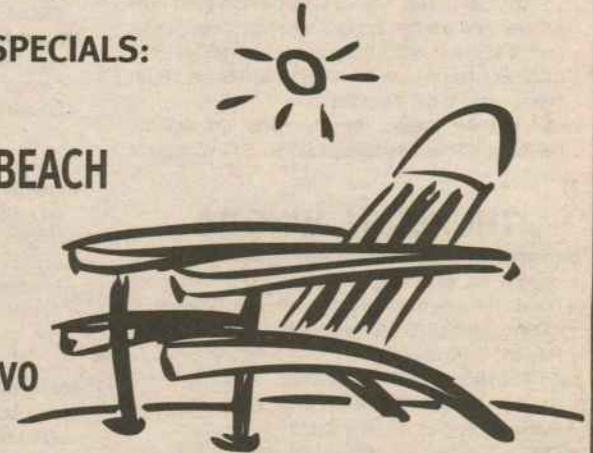
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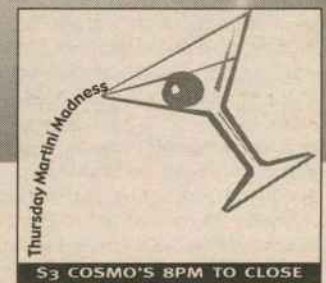
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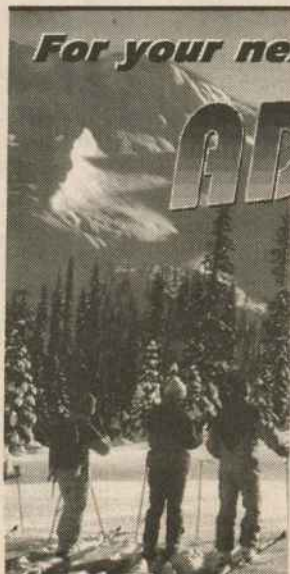
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**Unique Lives & Experiences** (Milwaukee), Final speaker of America's foremost women's lecture series: Mia Farrow. 7:30pm, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center. Doors open 6pm with pre show activities including a fashion show. Tickets start at \$23 Marcus Box Office: (414) 273-7206 or (888) 612-3500. Also through TicketMaster. \$10 Student Rush Tickets available the day of the show.

**Walker's Point Center for the Arts** (Milwaukee), Membership Show runs through July 10. 911 W. National Ave.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10

**Domestic Partnership Outreach Meeting** (Milwaukee), Help organize the community to rally behind the proposed Domestic Partnership Registry ordinance. Meeting at 7:30pm, Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 225-1621.

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), Pink Ink Writer's Group, 7pm, 170 S. 2nd St., call Cindy at (414) 444-0258 FMI, new members always welcome.

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**Milw. Co. Commission on Aging** (Milwaukee), Public Hearings for the 2000-2002 area plan. Join the Commission on Aging and the Dept. of Aging to discuss plans for providing services to older adults. Jewish Community Center, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30pm.

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (Milwaukee), Concert to benefit the United Performing Arts Fund, 7:30pm. *Doc and Fabulous Fiddlin'* with Doc Severinsen, conductor and trumpet, Violinist and fiddle grand champion Mark O'Connor. Uihlein Hall. Tickets \$15-50. FMI call (414) 291-7605 or 273-7206.

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**SAGE** (Milwaukee), SAGE men and women get together to play cards and board games, sheephead lessons available. 6:30pm, small meeting room of the Milw. LGBT Community Center (170 S. 2nd St.).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

**1100 Club** (Milwaukee), Oberons Club Night, 2nd Sat. of the month.

**Angels of Hope MCC** (Green Bay), Rummage Sale at the church, 3607 Libal St.

**Frontiers** (Madison), Gay and Bi Men's group hosts: Bridge Club Potluck, 5pm, call Gene at (608) 831-4711 FMI and location.

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**The Counseling Center** (Milwaukee), Dating in the Age of HIV, 6-8pm, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue, \$3 donation. (See COMMUNITY page article for more information.)

**Vanderbosch Memorial Service** (Madison), A service for Jane Vanderbosch, former director of the United (now OutReach), St. Benedict Center, 4200 County Hwy. M, Middleton, 10am.

**Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** (Milwaukee), *True Colors: The Gay Concert IV*, and annual Silent Auction. 8pm, Stackner Cabaret, Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells, second floor. Limited seating, tickets \$10 at the door.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

**Locust Street Festival** (Milwaukee), 23rd annual music and art festival, with over 50 artists booths, 6 music stages, children's area, carnival rides, Theater, street performers. 11:30am MGD Beer Run/Walk kicks off the day. Benefit for the Riverwest Gardeners Market. Runs through 7:30pm.

## MONDAY, JUNE 14

**Afterwords Bookstore** (Milwaukee), Book club/book/video discussion: Roger Edmonson's *Boy in the Sand*, 8:30pm, 2710 N. Murray, FMI call (414) 963-9089.

**Frontiers** (Madison), Gay and Bi Men's group hosts: Film Circle screening of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, 7pm, FMI and location call (608) 839-4060.

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 15

**Bi Definition** (Milwaukee), Bi-weekly meeting, 7pm, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. Topic: Bisexual Community., Pt. 2.

**Milw. Co. Commission on Aging** (Milwaukee), Public Hearings for the 2000-2002 area plan. Join the Commission on Aging and the Dept. of Aging to discuss plans for providing services to older adults. Manor Park Senior Center, 8536 W. Oklahoma, 1:30pm.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

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**Wisconsin Corporate Alliance** (Milwaukee), This umbrella organization made up of and serving corporate LGBT employee groups in Wisconsin, holds their monthly meeting, 5:30pm, at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. All professionals welcome.

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**MCOW's Center for AIDS Intervention Research** (Milwaukee), (CAIR) Research Conference: Twelve Years of Prison HIV Prevention Programs, The Evolution of Programs. 3pm, Conference Room at 2071 N. Summit Avenue. FMI (414) 456-7731. Refreshments reception immediately following.

**Woodland Patten Book Center** (Milwaukee), *Alternating Currents*, 7pm, Derek Bailey, guitarist will perform. \$6/\$5 members, 720 E. Locust.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 18

**Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys** (Madison), Dances at Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., (608) 245-0627, cash bar, \$3 suggested donation. 8pm Lessons; 9pm Open dancing.

**Michael H. Lord Gallery** (Milwaukee), Poetry Reading in the Gallery by 4 Wisconsin poets selected by artist Richard Knight in conjunction with his on-going *Object Paintings* exhibition, 7pm. 420 E. Wisconsin Ave., FMI (414) 272-1007.

**Milw. Co. Commission on Aging** (Milwaukee), Public Hearings for the 2000-2002 area plan. Join the Commission on Aging and the Dept. of Aging to discuss plans for providing services to older adults. Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Ave., So. Milw. 1:30pm.

**Milw. Symphony Orchestra** (Milwaukee), Concert Season Finale: Mahler's Symphony No. 5 conducted by Andreas Delfs, continues tomorrow night. Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall, tickets \$12-48; (414) 291-7605 or (800) 291-7605.

**SAGE** (Milwaukee), SAGE Film screening: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, 6:30pm, small meeting room of the Milw. LGBT Community Center (170 S. 2nd St.).

**Woodland Patten Book Center** (Milwaukee), *The Sparks*, urban voices reading by poetry writing group, Sparks. Local writers encouraged to read during the open mic portion. 7pm, 720 E. Locust, \$3/\$2 for readers.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 19

**Frontiers** (Madison), Gay and Bi Men's group hosts *Understanding How Our Minds Work, Is There Really a Gay Brain?* presentation and discussion facilitated by Prof. Deric Bownds. 7:30pm, FMI call Gene, (608) 831-4711.

**OutGiving InCommunity Workshops** (Milwaukee), For doers and donors, growing financial resources today and for the future of Milwaukee LGBT Community groups. 170 S. 2nd St., For details and registration information, call Neil Albrecht at (414) 271-2656.

**The Rose Ensemble** (Milwaukee), Midwest Summer tour in celebration of the release of their CD, vocal ensemble for early music (Medieval and Renaissance). St. Anthony Catholic Church, 1711 S. 9th St., 7:30pm. \$10 General admission at the door only.

# OUT in the Theatre

## Harry and Al

Review by John Jahn

Last weekend saw the world premiere of a play written and directed by showman Dale Gutzman. *Harry and Al*, a two-act comedy set in October, 1926, used historically accurate quotes and incidents from the lives of three famous, Jewish-American showmen and wove them together in a fictional plot.

Al Jolson (Gutzman) and Harry Houdini (Vince Lombardo) spar with each other in a clash of monumental egos, masking inferiority complexes a mile wide. Jolson's pal, Eddie Cantor (Brian Sheridan), steps in to mediate their squabbling but only gets himself entangled in their bet. Jolson and Houdini both want to be the final act at a benefit, so they make a wager that will decide the issue: Houdini must escape from a locked trunk in Jolson's dressing room. If he fails, Jolson wins. Meanwhile, Jolson is openly flirting with Ruby Keeler, gangster Lucky Luciano's girlfriend. Luciano finds out and sends a hitman, Louis Vincentiati (Lawrence Lukasavage), to "rub him out."

The backstage antics between Jolson, Houdini and Cantor are all Gutzman's creation. The action is thoroughly authentic, however, accurately displaying both the slapstick comedy of the period as well as the language and mannerisms. There is a particularly funny scene near the end of Act One in which the diminutive Cantor has to transplant a seemingly dead Houdini from one trunk to another. It was a great bit of physical comedy right out of Vaudeville.

Gutzman was right-on as Jolson, affecting his instantly recognizable voice and wit. Gorgeous Brian Sheridan nearly stole the show with his energetic portrayal of a young Cantor. Lombardo displayed Houdini's ego to great effect and held his own against the other performers, but occasionally nerves seemed to get the best of him, resulting in some fractured dialogue.

*Harry and Al*, while not perfect, nevertheless featured three strong performances, an interesting plot and witty writing. Gutzman's show manages to not only make you laugh, but also learn. We get a serious glimpse into these famous men's personal lives - an aspect of the show that actually could have been enlarged upon.

## Twelfth Night

Review by John Jahn

The first thing that smacks you when you enter the Studio Theater of the Broadway Theatre Center to see Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is how Director Paula Suozi and Scenic Designer Steven Langenecker transformed the place. The audience views the action from three sides, backdrops provide a Dali-esque vision of coastal Illyria, and the entire floor is painted to represent the sea and shore, with a small bridge at center. Excellent lighting effects enhance the experience.

*Twelfth Night* is a romantic comedy in which a set of nearly identical twins, Viola (Sarah Behrendt) and Sebastian (Michael Chmiel), wreak havoc unintentionally. They take the other for dead after an accident, but their ensuing romantic involvements cross paths, confounding and confusing all about them.

The strengths of Bialystock & Bloom's production are the set design and the tremendous comic energy exhibited by the cast. Best in this regard were Jonathan West, Ted Tyson and Reginald Kurschner as a trio of scheming boozers, Richard Carsey as the stiff butler and target of their shenanigans, and Jane Kramer as the fool Feste, who also gets to exhibit her tender singing voice.

The weakness of this *Twelfth Night* involves a serious lack of ability to connect dramatically. The "serious" moments are obscured by prattled prose. Timothy Reynolds' Duke Orsino is just too over-the-top. His shouting and bombast (as well as excessive spitting) don't serve the play well. Nevertheless, the ambitious production succeeds ultimately on the strength of its fine comedic talents and visual design.



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# LifeStyle

## Let the Possum Fur Fly!

by Ruthie

It's an LGBT Milwaukee tradition. It's a fun and a worthy cause all rolled into one. It's the annual Possum Queen Campaign. Believe it or not, the whole thing started with a TV show.

"I've never even seen the Possum Queen episode of *The Beverly Hillbillies*," laughed Charlotte Lorraine. "Lizzy Bordeaux and I were sitting at a bar when some patrons started singing, 'Who do you want for Possum Queen? Do-dah, do-dah!'"

After the episode's plot was described (Granny campaigns to become the "Possum Queen" of an unsuspecting Beverly Hills),

Charlotte bet Lizzy that she would make the better Possum Queen. Lizzy took her up on it.

The two decided that whoever raised the most charitable contributions would win. Before Milwaukee knew it, the first Possum Queen campaign was underway.

In 1991, Charlotte and Lizzy were the only candidates to run for that first title. Charlotte won the crown. More importantly, they

raised a total of \$750. Eight years later, the Possum Queen campaign is still going strong.

The two Possum Queen founders continue to support Possum Queen endeavors. They've joined forces to head up this year's campaign and relieve Max Barnett (a.k.a. Victoria Maxwell). Max acted as Campaign Director since 1994.

### The Possum Grows

The Possum Queen concept hasn't changed much since 1991. Candidates, usually sponsored by bars or organizations, collect money for a charity of their choice. "We do ask that (candidates) keep the charity AIDS-related," said Bordeaux.

The candidates raise money through events, shows, bus trips, raffles, parties and whatever else comes to mind. Each contestant has until the final Possum Queen show (held at PrideFest) to collect contributions. The candidate who raises the most money takes home the tiara.

Max Barnett believes the campaign

has become a growing tradition. "The Possum Queen effort has gotten much bigger because more people are aware of it," he said. Barnett is right. In 1997 and 1998, the campaign raised \$26,000 and \$22,000, respectively, for local AIDS-related charities.

The Possum Queen campaign has also received ARCW's Red Rose award. Furthermore, it's been highlighted through television and citywide newspaper coverage.

"The first year that the Possum Queen ended its campaign with a Friday night show at PrideFest," said Barnett, "PrideFest took in more than any of its past Friday night earnings." He estimates that nearly 700 people watched last year's Possum finale at PrideFest.

"We never thought it would evolve into something this big," said Charlotte. "It's grassroots. It's become a brotherhood/sisterhood of getting together and helping one another."

### Leading the Possum Pack

Past campaigns involved a steering team of volunteers. This year, however, Bordeaux and Lorraine have opted to use the candidates as a decision-making team. Bordeaux said that when a decision needs to be made, the candidates are called "to get a democratic thing going."

"I was shocked at how many (volunteers) showed up at this year's first meeting," Lorraine said. She is pleased that the campaign doesn't have any "administrative costs as paper, envelopes and services are volunteered. All of the money goes directly to the charities."

### And the Winner is....

"Even if I only raise one dollar," said Possum Queen hopeful, Iona Trailer, "that's one dollar (my charity) didn't have before." Iona is the Possum Queen candidate for the 1100 Club. She is raising money for Camp Heartland. "I'm not out to win," she said. "I think if you're going to run, you should do the best you can to raise money for your cause."

Barnett agreed saying that "it truly doesn't matter how much (candidates) raise. What matters is that some money is actually being raised for these causes. Those who become candidates to raise money have the true Possum Queen spirit."

"The charity is the most important thing," said Iliisa Trailer — Iona's sister and This Is It's representative. "That's really our focus."

"It doesn't matter if someone brings in one dollar or ten thousand," Bordeaux added. "Everyone who raises money is a winner."

Bordeaux thinks the events themselves are what help make the fundraising successful. "There are lots of big fundraisers out there that are out of reach of the average guy. These bigger functions raise a lot of money and do a tremendous amount of good. However, not everyone can afford an expensive ticket to an event. Because the Possum Queen fundraisers are smaller, everyone can participate and donate."



### The Future of the Possum

When asked about the future of the Possum campaign, everyone seemed to agree. "I hope to see it grow and operate as long as possible," said Bordeaux. "It's a good cause with a nice grassroots style."

Barnett hopes the "spirit of the campaign will prevail — a limited time to raise money with no funds." He said he would like to see Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community stand behind the candidates and help the program grow both in donations to charities and geographic participation.

The future of the campaign looks bright due to the participant's dedication to fight AIDS. Perhaps Bordeaux spoke

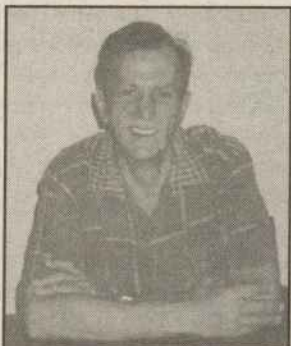
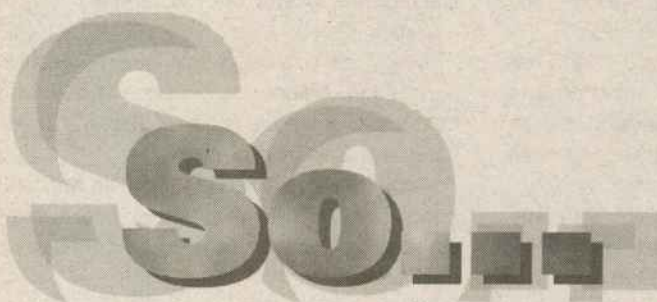
the most poignant words regarding the outlook of the campaign. He commented, "Charlotte and I have always told others that we'll do the Possum Queen campaign until we don't have to do it anymore."

Hopefully, that day will come soon. Until then, it's time to get ready, folks! The Possum fur is about to fly.

Editor's Note: Keep reading *Wisconsin Light* for regular updates on the Possum Queen Campaign in Milwaukee and the Gay Guernsey Campaign in Green Bay.







by Ron Geiman

It was a Hot Time at the Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. For once, Mother Nature cooperated and provided near perfect sunny days for the competition. I enjoyed watching the games, and appreciated the talents of many of those on the fields. It was also a great day for visiting with others who came to watch or cheer on their favorite teams and players.

The part I enjoyed the most, however, was the eye candy when players stripped down to their shorts and lounged on the grass between games. The poor boys were so sweaty, I almost offered to blow dry several of them!

By the way, congratulations are in order to the Club 219 team, which took first place in the competitive National League. Last year M&M's took first place in the American Division and Balistreri's took first in the National Division. It's nice to see Milwaukee teams up there on top.

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After the games, a burger and shake sounded awfully refreshing, so Kim, Joe and I took off for Kopp's Custard. As we were waiting for our order, we checked out their listing of special daily flavors for the month of June. Across the bottom of the list was a notation that they were going to have a special flavor designed to compliment each of Milwaukee's ethnic festivals.

For instance, to commemorate Asian Moon, they were going to offer Green Tea custard. We got to thinking, "Hmmm, are they going to do the same thing for PrideFest in early August?" We came up with several ideas for Karl Kopp to consider... How about Mixed Fruit? Tutti Fruitti? Lavender Lick? Probably the safest and most politically correct - Rocky Rainbow?

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It's really difficult arranging Summer vacations so as not to miss all the LGBT festivals, picnics and parades we have on the calendar here in Wisconsin and bordering areas. Mark your planners now with all these upcoming dates:

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- July 16-18: Madison's Pride & MAGIC Picnic Weekend
- August 6-8: Milwaukee's PrideFest Weekend
- September 3-5: Duluth/Superior Twin Ports Pride Weekend

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Last Wednesday's *WI Light* came out the same day that *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* columnist Dr. Laura condemned the documen-

tary film *It's Elementary*, which just happened to be our SpotLight section cover story. It's funny how things work out sometimes.

She argued the exact opposite position that we did, saying it should *not* be aired on Public Broadcasting System stations nationwide. The film has already been shown at numerous locations including schools and conferences. But Dr. Laura thinks it was too Gay affirming.

Wake up and smell the coffee, Miss Thing! You're a therapist, not a preacher!

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The May 25th issue of *The Advocate* featured a cover story on the appearance of Gay Olympian Greg Louganis and Alexandra Billings in the Chicago Bailiwick Art Center's production of Larry Kramer's *Just Say No*. The show has gotten great reviews for the duo and the production and runs through September at the Gay friendly theater. That issue also featured a Special Advocate Report on "What Is Transgender."

What makes it all the more interesting for those of us who know her is that Billings is better known to many of us here in Milwaukee and Chicago as the drag performer Shante. As Shante, Billings was one of the stars at Chicago's Baton Lounge, and performed a number of times in Milwaukee during the '80s at Club 219.

Shante was a stunning beauty and a terrific performer with a great personality. She made you forget that she was, in reality, physically a man.

*The Advocate* article follows her interesting transformation from a gender-confused young man, to a top female impersonator, through sex reassignment surgery to what she is today - a successful chanteuse and actress.

Alexandra's performance in a Nancy Reagan-esque role has earned her rave reviews, and I couldn't be happier for her. (Congratulations, girl!) I'm also glad she is content with her life. For those of you interested in seeing her performance, the Bailiwick is located at 1229 W. Belmont; their phone number is (773) 883-1090.

*The Advocate* also deserves kudos for its well researched and written *What Is Transgender* special report. Even I learned a few things!

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# OUT IN CYBERSPACE

## Summer Fun

by Michael Stewart



No matter what the calendar claims for June 21, summer began with the Memorial Day weekend. Having gone from being sick

of snow to being tired of mowing, many of us like to plan getaways for the warmer months, but quickly suffer "in season" sticker shock.

If you'd rather pay off your mortgage than Walt Disney's, the Internet offers resources that can often help get your trip at a significantly lower cost.

The first step is to aim your browser at the bigger online travel services. Travelocity at <http://www.travelocity.com> offers access to the schedules of 700 airlines and the booking facilities of 50 rental car companies and 40,000 hotels. Microsoft's Expedia, at <http://www.expedia.com>, offers the same resources with a slightly different "look and feel." If you've never used either before, you'll need to spend a few minutes registering, which allows you to use their scheduling and reservation features.

Both services operate similarly. Type in your origin and destination points and the dates and times you'd prefer to travel, click the button and the services will return a list of flights that fit your criteria.

You may need to take a moment to decipher all the information that's presented to you, but the time you invest in double-checking can spare you any unpleasant surprises. Pay careful attention to any fare restrictions or purchase requirements that might exist.

One way to save beau coup bucks online - but which busy travel agents find infinitely annoying - is to tweak the itinerary and schedule in search of a cheaper fare. In many instances, adjusting your departure time by as little as 30 minutes can shave a nice chunk off the airfare. Rescheduling yourself to travel on a less busy day, such as a Wednesday as opposed to a Friday, can also save money.

Expedia's "Fare Compare" does much of the poking around for you. For my trip to Las Vegas earlier this year, I used a combination of both methods - "Fare Compare" and adjusting the schedule - and ended up saving about \$500 by investing less than an hour's time.

Once you've found a suitable combination of flights and fares, you have several options for ticketing. When time allows, keep the money "in the community." Print out the itiner-

ary from the online service's summary screen and take it to your local Gay travel consultant. If that's not convenient, both

services can issue your tickets and send them to you via overnight mail. If you prefer, they will arrange to have an "e-ticket" waiting for you at the airport check-in counter.

The detail-oriented can invest a few extra minutes and follow the links from either online travel site to that of the individual airline you'll be using. Most offer maps to their airport gates, aircraft seat layout diagrams, in-flight food service menu options, and even a roster of what movies will be showing. Especially useful are each carrier's specific baggage restrictions. Some airlines enforce these more rigidly than others do. Knowing "what's what" ahead of time can help you plan appropriately.

The day before you're scheduled to leave, surf on over to The Weather Channel's popular website at <http://www.weather.com>. Enter either the name of the city or the ZIP code of your destination and this cable climate mainstay will happily provide you with the same weather forecast it serves up to its viewers in that area. Most useful to the traveler will be the five-day forecast. Knowing what the weather will be like when you get there will be a great help in deciding whether to pack your collection of thongs or sweaters.



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# Dear Ruthie

Dear Ruthie,

If you were to speak at our graduation, what would you say? I don't think we can invite you to speak, but what would you tell the future workers of Wisconsin?

Signed  
Graduating Gary

### Dear Class of '99,

As I look out over this sea of young minds each topped with one of those stupid hats with the tassels hanging off them, I can't help but think... "My God, you kids look stupid. You all look like Salvation Army drag queens. Someone buy a glue gun and stick sequins on those costumes, would ya?"

Anyway, in an attempt not to sound like Dave Barry, that sunscreen guy or some nerdy, Star-Trek class valedictorian that nobody liked to begin with, I'd like to give you some advice that will see you into the new millennium.

Many of you kids are familiar with the poem *Everything I Need to Know about Life I Learned in Kindergarten*. Well, I'm here to tell you something very important. That poem is a bunch of crap. The sunscreen guy has some good points, but someone oughta tell this kindergarten person he's got it all wrong.

Actually, that's my first tip for you. Don't base your life on some poster you found at Pier One or a framed poem hanging in the john of a TGIF restaurant.

If I had to entitle the speech I'm giving today, I'd call it *Everything I Need to Know About Life I Learned in a Trailer Park*. Yes, my own private Disgrace Land, the Rusty Nail Trailer Park, has become the cornerstone for my moral judgment and social upbringing.

As you go through life, please remember the following bits of advice:

Pool boys make the best lovers, tequila shooters are not a natural phenomenon, and your third marriage is usually the best.

A real friend doesn't care if you wear a halter-top to her wedding. A real friend doesn't mind if you're wearing that same halter-top inside out after you return from a car ride with the groom.

Remember that friends are like old party-hose. If they continue to smell after being washed, it's time to get rid of them.

Be nice to the people you meet on the way up, as you're likely to wake up underneath them at a later date. Always pack an extra toothbrush. Bend over in front of the cable repairman and never trust a guy with a video camera who wants to do a magic trick involving your panties.

Pizza is like sex. Even when it's bad, it's still pretty good. Particularly when it involves a lot of grease, tomato sauce and a friendly delivery boy.

Marry rich, and if possible, do so several times.

Don't have kids. They will cramp your style and you'll end up paying for their weddings. If you absolutely have to have a kid, contact Sally Struthers. You'll get updates and pictures, but you won't have to deal with stretch marks or neglected Big Wheels in the middle of your parking slab.

Remember not to shave your body during an earthquake, that Christmas trees can last well into the Easter season, and that all things polyester are fashionable.

Get the last names of the people you sleep with. In doing so, you can be sure they are not related to you. When in bed with someone, don't worry about what he or she looks like. Your eyes are closed most of the time anyway.

While breaking one or two of the Ten Commandments has become commonplace, try to stay away from people who say "Been there, done that" after you read off each one.

The law of finders-keepers applies on a consistent and international front.

Do not put too much faith in professional football players, miracle healers and Tae Bo. All three of these things will leave you alone and sore in the morning.

Furthermore, football players betray your dedication by insulting your community, miracle healers take your money and run, and Tae Bo is not as addicting as Carmen Electra says it is.

Do not trust endorsements made by Carmen Electra.

Bury your partner at sea. That way you can still have the funeral, but you can tie it in with a singles' cruise.

Finally, as you begin your search for that perfect job, I want you understand that the best things in life are not free. This is a falsehood kept alive by poor people.

Another one is, "See the glass as half full, not half empty." Needless to say, people with drinking problems and those living in desert regions wrote that.

Other well known lies include: "Honesty is the best policy," and "I swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

With that Class of '99, I bid you adios and wish you the best of luck. PARTY AT PEARL'S!!!!

Ruthie would love to take your questions. Write her care of *WI Light*, 225 S. Second St., Milwaukee, WI 53202. You can e-mail her at [www.wilight.com](http://www.wilight.com).

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**BIFF 'N BUNKY**  
by KEITH N ANDERSON





# NIGHTS OUT

**News...** There isn't much news to report on the bar scene right now. With summer upon us, everybody's too busy to make any news. That does NOT mean that we don't have some things to mention.

The biggest news this week is the return of Tania Michael's to the Badger State. This is sort of a hometown girl/boy does good and comes back sort of a thing.

## Dusty AFTER DARK

Miss Michaels left for the warmer climate of LA about ten years ago. While there, she made appearances in the movies *Birdcage*, *First Drag* and *Strange Days*, the TV shows *Wings* and *Mark Harmon*, and music videos *I Will Survive* by Dianne Ross and *We are Family* from the *BirdCage* soundtrack.

Tania Michaels can now be seen when the **La Cage** showcase takes to the stage to do its thing on Fridays and Saturdays at 11:00pm.

**Recaps...** I had a great time at the **Ball Game** Kicks team fundraiser last Saturday. The place was very crowded. Players from the teams mingled with bar owners, Rick from the host bar, Steve from **Woody's** and Craig from **Switch**.

I saw my friend Joel there. He was sooo concerned because he put on a few pounds since I last saw him. I think he still looks great, but he doesn't believe me — or probably anyone else either.

The event included a great silent auction, Jell-O shots and games. I don't know what the final total was, but I did see that those taking in the money were doing a brisk business.

Speaking of brisk business, **Dish** was sure doing that on Friday night. The downstairs was

soooo crowded, it was nice to escape to the upstairs bar for the trendy and chic. Okay, so I don't fall into either category, but they let me in anyway. Owner Julie was just beaming as she welcomed customers into her establishment.

A lot of customers were welcomed over at **Fluid** as well. I hear their Thursday night martini specials are going over well. Me? I'm a beer and a shot kind of guy, but those who like

martinis tell me that the ones at **Fluid** are fabulous!

Speaking of fabulous, Ronnie Nyles certainly falls into that category. Her show at **Fannies** was very

nice.

Speaking of nice, the Friday night dancers at **219** certainly fall into that category — and a few others too like hot, sizzling, exciting and... well, use your imagination.

Wherever I went on Saturday night, I found larger than normal crowds. It was nice to be able to enjoy the patio at **Boot Camp** again. The butch(er) crowd was out in force soaking up the warm night air there. My favorite DJ tag team, **La Cage's** DJ Dave and DJ Tanya, who is NOT to be confused with Miss Michaels, kept things hopping.

Over at **Woody's**, a fairly full bar was having a great time. A bunch of people were having a blast over at **South Water Street Docks**, too. Of course, **M&M** had its usual packed Saturday night house as well.

**This Is It** had a big crowd the night I paid a visit to the Downtown Milwaukee cocktail lounge. Ruthie was there with some friends dispensing advice to the love lorn and the love lost. Watch this (and other spaces) for details on a special Ruthie party to be held at **This Is It** next month. It's going to be fabulous!

Speaking of fabulous, that's about all the fabulous things I have to relay to you this week. Hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile be fierce, stay safe and be proud!

# Going Out

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11

**Sass** (Green Bay), Holly HotDamn's Show, 10:30pm, special guests.

**Za's** (Green Bay), Mr. Gay WI All America Pageant, 9pm, featuring Richard Greer, Mr. Gay All American 1999. \$7 cover, \$15 reserved tables. For more information call (800) 715-5877 or Kelli at (920) 430-8775.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

**1100 Club** (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 10pm-1am.

**1100 Club** (Milwaukee), Oberons Club Night, 10pm-1am, \$5 beer bust and raffles.

**Capers/Illusions** (Kenosha), Miss Gay Kenosha America Pageant, 9:30pm, \$3 cover featuring lots of title holders.

**Napalese** (Green Bay), Country Show.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

**Fannie's** (Milwaukee), Ronnie Nyle's encore performance, 7pm.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

**Fluid** (Milwaukee), Beach Party, 8pm-on; \$1 shots of Sex on the Beach, \$2 bottles of Corona or shots of Cuervo, and \$1.50 Rail for anyone in beach attire.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 17

**Fluid** (Milwaukee), BESTD Traveling HIV antibody testing and counseling clinic, 7-10pm.

**LaCage** (Milwaukee), Possum Queen Benefit: Miss Ugly Pageant featuring Adora Mann, live in her debut. \$2 cover proceeds to ARCW, 10:45pm.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 18

**Oberons** (Milwaukee), Run Weekend: ACORN 12, A Midsummer Night's Murder.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 19

**Club House Filling Station** (Kenosha), AIDS Ride participant benefit. Volleyball, darts, pool, dancing, fun, free food and prizes. 8pm-1am, \$10 suggested donation to help bike rider Chris raise her pledge amount.

**Oz** (Wausau), Katrina K Productions presents the 1999 Miss Central Gay WI USofA Pageant, featuring Dee Dee Winters, 1998 Miss Central and Kelli Jo Klein, Miss Gay WI-USofA, 10:30pm.

## 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.

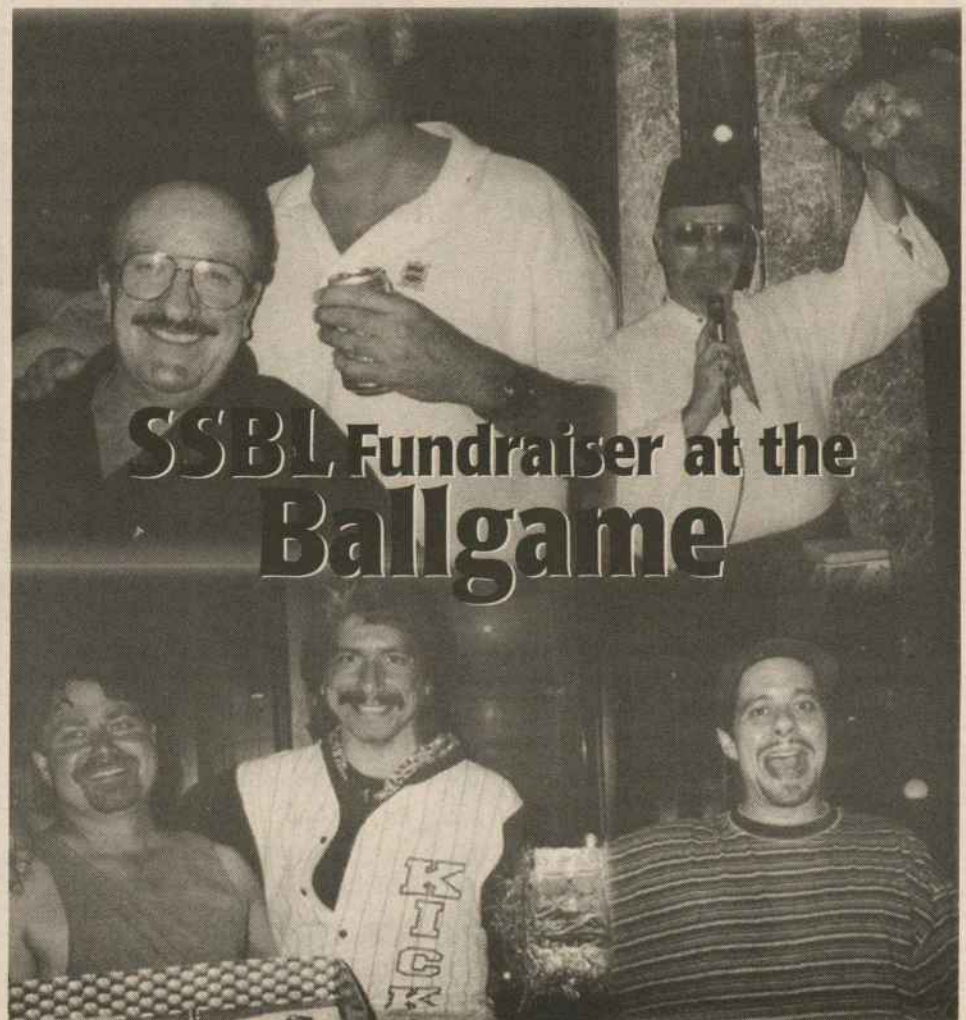
**Kathy's Nut Hut** (Milwaukee), Lingerie and Bikini Revue, every Wed., 4:30-6:30pm.

**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.

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

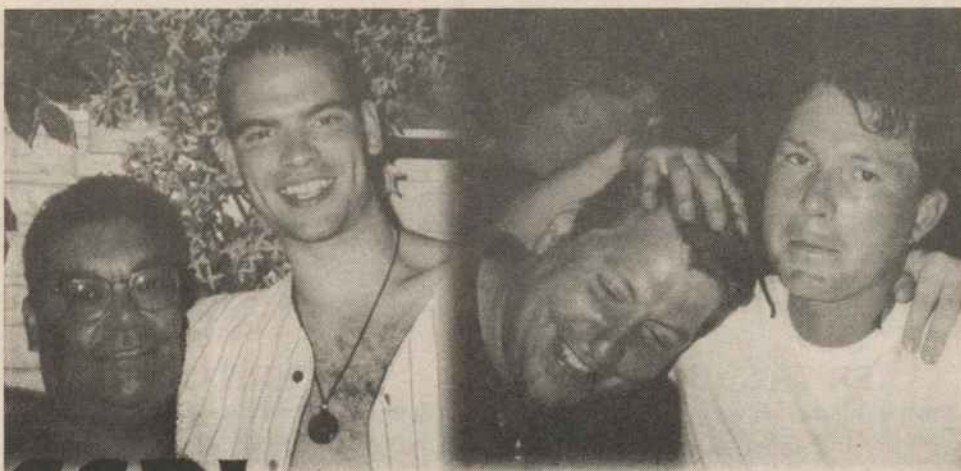


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<b>BELOIT (608)</b>			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
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
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W	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 &amp; Sat, 9pm-Close)</i>			
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
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, Food	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
<b>Ballgame</b>	M, S	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, S	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
<b>C'est La Vie</b>	M, D, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emerald City	D, DJ, E, V, G/S	1101 N. Old World 3rd 53202	226-2489
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
<b>Fluid</b>	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed &amp; Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
<b>La Cage</b>	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, S	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
<b>Switch</b>	Mw	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 6pm, Outdoor Patio, Cocktail hour 6-9pm, nightly specials 9-Close)</i>			
<b>This Is It</b>	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
<b>Woody's</b>	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<i>(Open 4pm-Close, 7 days a week)</i>			
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
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
<b>SHEBOYGAN (920)</b>			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
<b>SUPERIOR (715)</b>			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
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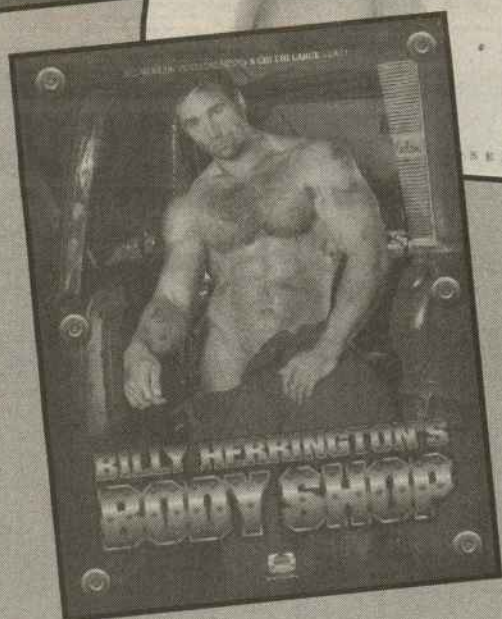
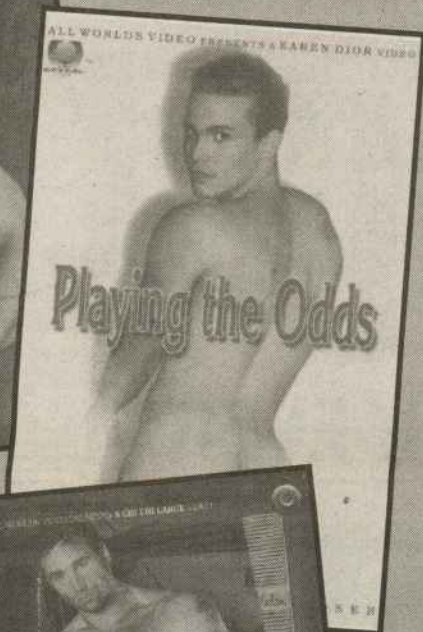
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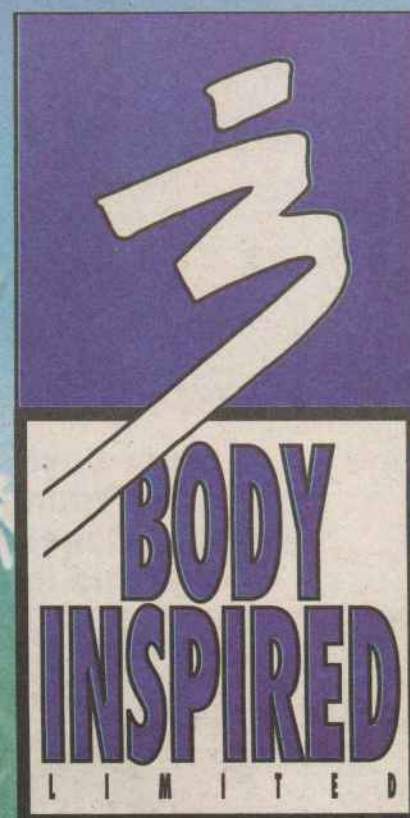
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