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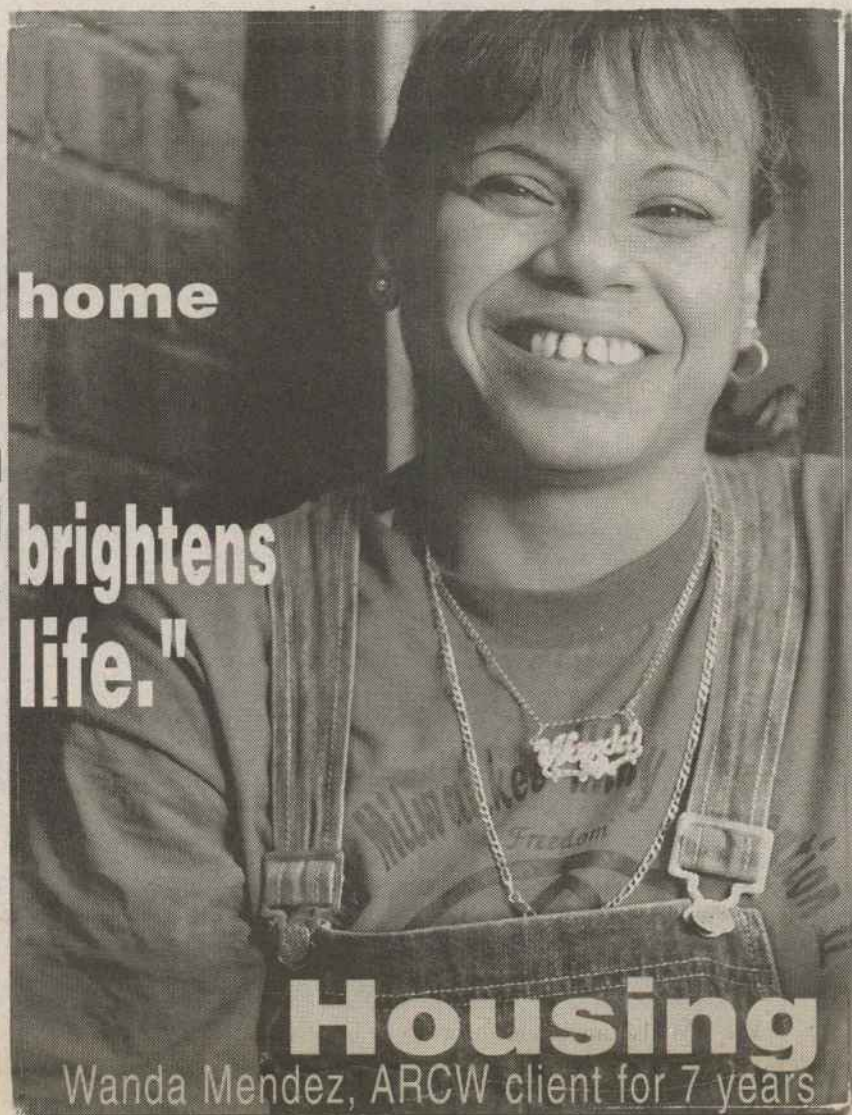


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AP Associated Press*Note from the Publisher***Deserving Community Seeking a Couple Hundred People Who Give a Damn**

Rick & I attended the Lambda Legal Defense reception two weeks ago. No, it wasn't held on palatial grounds overlooking Lake Michigan, and Tammy Baldwin only appeared on the invitations – not in person. Nonetheless, the turnout, approximately half of last year's, was very disappointing. This comes only a few weeks after Lambda's victory in a landmark Boy Scouts case, as reported in last week's cover story.

There were a few new faces at the event. There were some of the same old reliables who attend four or five "must attend" events each year. While thanks should go out to the few attorneys who were there, where were the others? But mostly, where are our professionals, those who could afford to be there, and where are our wealthy? They surely exist. They have their stocks and bonds and real estate, some of it hard earned, some of it inherited. What prevents these people from stepping up to the plate and making a difference?

It is the same people over and over, who volunteer their time and donate their money, that make our community a better place for us and for future generations. The power of a couple hundred more people donating a thousand or two, and a few people donating a few tens of thousands, could be truly profound. Some communities have 2% plans for business where they encourage businesses to donate 2% of their earnings. For those in the high tax brackets, the real cost after the tax savings would only be 1.2% of earnings.

Thousands and thousands read this paper each week, yet only hundreds ever give to local LGBT efforts. ARCW may be the exception, and that is gratifying to see, but even they constantly fight a complacency that seems to pervade our community. The good things that are happening all around us, as we gain real political and institutional influence, would have been unthinkable without the support of a dedicated cadre of volunteers and donors.

Yes, it is also important for us to be involved beyond the LGBT Community. The various arts and other charitable work that we do are important, but we need to find ways to involve a few hundred more good people in *our* community's efforts. If all you can do is write a check, please do so. Better yet, offer not only your money but also your time, services and experience to boards and committees who surely can use the help.

I don't have the answers. I just know that it needs to be part of the mission of this newspaper to find ways to involve more people. We do what we can to provide a forum to get the information out. We, too, are a resource-hungry institution that gives back to the LGBT community in a myriad of ways, including hard cold cash.

As reported recently, there are a record number of HIV cases in Wisconsin. If you can't walk, give to somebody who will. Only you know what you can really afford. We all have uses for all of our money, no matter how rich we are. Nobody is asking you to forsake your European vacation or your summer cottage in Door County.

And you, two guys just making \$28,000 a piece, might be able to find a way to give a few hundred or even a thousand in a year. Don't forget that to give a thousand only costs \$600 - \$800. And come on, isn't there somebody out there, maybe even two or three, who will offer the Cream City Foundation a \$10,000 or \$20,000 check? I know they will do their best to spend it wisely.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center held its Family Reunion on Saturday. For a first time event, it was moderately successful, but I know that there are a few of you who could find a thousand or two, or more, to give to this all encompassing effort.

Wisconsin Community Fund, of which I am Treasurer, is holding its annual fundraising dinner in November. We could really use the support of the LGBT Community. Networking with the not-for-profit community has significant political value. Besides, we are one of the largest funders of LGBT causes in the state.

There are many other deserving groups, PACs, political campaigns and such. I just sight a few here. We have a community with a wealth of untapped resources at a time when those resources could be most effectively used. I am frustrated at a community that sometimes doesn't seem to care, but I am also encouraged by our many successes. The people, talent and money are here. Do what you can, and have the courage to ask others to do the same.

Greg Quindel
Publisher

A Guide to Starting an Employee Group

by Gip Plaster
Contributing Writer

If you're an employee at a company that doesn't have an LGBT group, what can you do to make a little progress in the direction of equality? The answer is simple: start a group. We asked some experts for advice on how to get started.

Kim Mills, the Director of Workplace Education at the Human Rights Campaign, says the first thing you have to do is make sure there isn't already an underground group at the company that you don't know about.

Once you're sure you aren't duplicating someone else's efforts, Mills says there aren't many qualifications for the person who decides to take the first step. "I think you just have to be motivated," Mills says. "Usually, though, the person who steps forward has some leadership ability."

Your next step is to determine what rules your company has about the formation of employee groups, according to Sheryl Robertson, the chair of COLLEAGUES, an umbrella organization which Gay and Lesbian employee groups or individuals can join. Obviously, your job will be in jeopardy if you violate any company rules while trying to start a group.

Once you're sure the rules are on your side - or at least know what rules you will have to abide by - it is a good idea to start forming a relationship with key people in the human resources department. That can

be useful if you want your company to recognize the group or try to obtain domestic partner benefits.

At the same time, you can meet one-on-one with some carefully chosen people to let them know what you plan to do, Robertson says. You should also try to meet with employees that you think are Gay or Gay-friendly and with essential members of management, even if you aren't sure what their response will be.

"Make an appointment and tell them what you want to talk about," comments Robertson. She says you'll be surprised how far one person can get if they are willing to take a risk.

Robertson says there is no way to avoid the risk of stepping out, but she adds, "of everybody I've known that's done this, I haven't heard of anyone that's been adversely affected."

"I put it on my resume because it's leadership experience," she said, noting that she has been promoted since she started working with Gay employee groups.

Once you have established contact with even a few people who are willing to help in the formation of the group, call a meeting. It can be a small, simple meeting after work at a coffee shop.

"If there are three of you - boom - you have a group," Mills says. If employees seem resistant to forming a group, take a closer look at the company to see if groups

exist for African Americans, Hispanics or other minorities. If it doesn't have any, "the problem might be that the company hasn't made it clear to employees that it's okay" to form groups, Mills says. If other groups do exist, try to get advice and support from their leaders.

Robertson says once you have an established core group, even one as small as two or three people, it is important to try to become an officially recognized employee group, if that is possible at your company. "If you want to influence, help educate and create a safer work environment at the company, go within the structure," Robertson says.

Robertson also says that it's important to have a clear idea of what you want to accomplish as a group. Gaining domestic partner benefits is a good goal, but it should not be the only one. Otherwise, the group will be in danger of dying once the company agrees to them.

Here are some additional suggestions if you want to start a group, compiled from the two websites and other sources:

- Create a mission statement, and articulate your goals to all members of the group. Set timelines and make structured plans on how to achieve your goals.
- Set up a telephone number and website

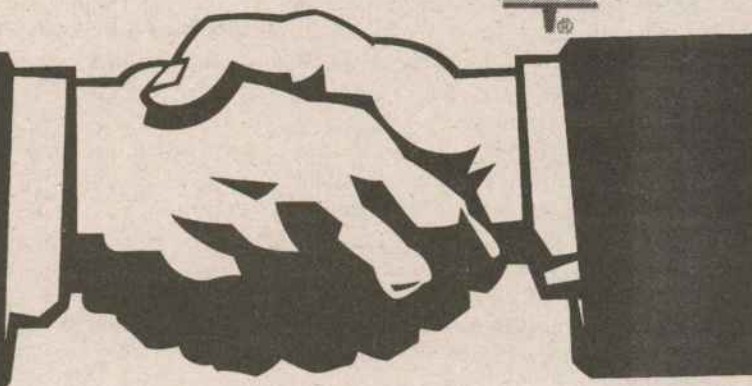
for your group as soon as possible. Use a company email address and web server only if allowed by your employer's rules. If not, get voicemail and a website from a service provider.

- If your company does not have a nondiscrimination policy that includes specific protection based on sexual orientation, it might be best to stay outside the company's structure and to use caution in approaching management.
- Start an email list to help members stay in touch and feel connected to the group. Again, use private email addresses for both you and the recipient if the company's policies are not in your favor.
- Form strong, straight allies. Your cause will not succeed without their help.
- If in your company a member of management must sponsor your group, you should not choose the obvious choice. An open-minded skeptic can help lend credibility.

Not all Gays or Lesbians in the company will be willing to be a part of the group, perhaps because they are not out or maybe because they are not political. You'll have to accept that.

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Precedent Setting Lesbian Custody Case

Kansas City - In a precedent setting decision, a Kansas Judge ordered two Lesbians to share custody of a child even though the child's biological mother is now married to a man and lives in another state.

Leanne Bueker and Kelly Naylor will have joint custody of their nine-year-old daughter. Naylor conceived the girl through artificial insemination. After the couple separated, Naylor married a man and moved to New York. Bueker sued for custody rights claiming that she was the girl's "psychological mother."

Under the court order, Naylor will have custody of the child during the school year. Bueker will get custody during the spring and summer and half of the winter school breaks.

California May Ante Up to Fight Hate

Sacramento - A bipartisan group of California lawmakers are working together to get \$5 million in State funds to help local prosecutors press charges on hate crimes. The State does not currently earmark money for hate crime prosecution.

That would change under a bill introduced by State Assemblymen Rod Pacheo (R-Riverside) and Robert Hertzberg (D-Sherman Oaks). Observers say the hate motivated shooting at an LA Jewish Community Center, the murder of a Gay couple in rural Northern California, and synagogue fires caused by arson in Sacramento spurred introduction of the bill.

The California Department of Justice reports that in 1998 more than 2,000 hate motivated crimes occurred in the state.

Transgender Battle

Brewing in Minnesota

Minneapolis - A legal battle is taking shape over whether a Transgendered school librarian, Debra Davis, can use the women's rest room in the school where she works.

Davis, who was employed by the Minneapolis Public Schools for 28 years as David Neilson, has been working as a woman since last year at Minneapolis Southwest High. Davis has not commented on whether she has undergone gender reas-

signment surgery.

Carla Cruzan, a Southwest High teacher, filed a complaint with the school over having to share a bathroom with Davis. Cruzan said that Davis violates her rights to privacy and modesty when she uses the woman's rest room.

The American Center for Law and Justice, founded in 1990 by religious right broadcaster Pat Robertson, is taking up Cruzan's case. It is asking the State Human Rights Department to ban Davis from the women's restroom. Davis says she does not intend to change restrooms.

School Principle Robert McCauley said the school is operating within the law by allowing Davis to use the women's room. Minnesota is the only state in the country that includes civil rights protections for Transgendered individuals in its anti-discrimination laws.

Iowa Mayor Challenged over Rights Law

Cedar Rapids - *The Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports that two conservative ministers are considering a race for Mayor of this Iowa city. Francis Frangipane and Larry Johnson say one of them will run for the post due to the Mayor Lee Clancey's support of the City's LGBT civil rights law. Both ministers are circulating nomination papers, but both have said only one of them will oppose Mayor Clancey. Johnson said he wants Frangipane to make the race, but Frangipane doesn't live in Cedar Rapids. He recently built a home just outside the City.

Frangipane told the *Gazette* that he had few criticisms of Clancey other than her support of the ordinance. "As for her expertise and professionalism, I would give her high marks," he said. "I wouldn't dismantle anything. I just think, perhaps, we have a different vision for the future."

Johnson said that he disagreed with the LGBT civil rights ordinance and other decisions made by the Council. Clancey, who is running for re-election, could not be reached for comment.

Six GOP Hopefuls Sign Anti-Gay Pledge

Des Moines - An anti-Gay group announced that six Republican Presidential candidates signed a pledge to oppose LGBT

rights. The religious right group and former Green Bay Packer Reggie White are promoting the pledge. According to Bill Horn of the Straight From the Heart group, Steve Forbes, Dan Quayle, Gary Bauer, Pat Buchanan, Orin Hatch and Alan Keyes "signed the pledge on the spot."

The leading Republican Contender, Texas Governor George Bush, did not sign, nor did Elizabeth Dole and Arizona Senator John McCain. Horn reported that the Bush and Dole campaigns said they would get back to his Straight from the Heart group about whether their candidates would sign on. A spokesman for the Bush campaign said the pledge was "under review." The Dole campaign said it was also reviewing the pledge and emphasized the former Labor Secretary's opposition to same-sex marriage.

The candidates were asked to sign the

pledge at the Iowa Republican Presidential Candidate Straw Poll. In the quadrennial Poll, Bush finished first, Forbes was second and Dole placed a surprising third.

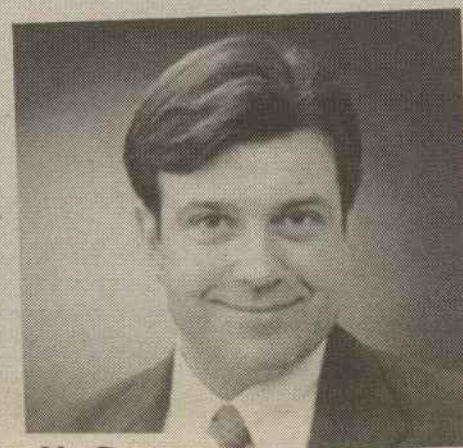
The pledge promises that if elected the candidates will "uphold the sacred institution of marriage as a lifelong union of one man and one woman." It commits them to oppose any efforts to expand marriage to or provide domestic partnership benefits to same-sex couples.

The signers also pledged to oppose LGBT adoptions and foster care, oppose teaching that homosexuality is normal in the schools, and support the rights of groups to exclude Gays and Lesbians.

Horn said the pledge was sent to the leading Democratic contenders, Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, but they did not respond.

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Pro-Gay Religious Round Table Meets

Colorado Springs - An unusual group of religious leaders came together in this bastion of anti-LGBT activity to discuss ways to gain acceptance for Gays and Lesbians within organized religion. The coalition calling itself the National Religious Leadership Roundtable included Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Catholics and Mormons.

Over 40 leaders attended the two-day strategy session. Organizers said they deliberately chose to hold their meeting in the city that serves as the headquarters for James Dobson's Focus on the Family. It also spawned the controversial Amendment 2, which changed Colorado's State Constitution to outlaw local and statewide LGBT civil rights law. Colorado voters approved Amendment 2 in 1994. Two years later, the U.S. Supreme Court said it violated the U.S. Constitution and voided it.

Those in attendance said that religious belief inspires most anti-Gay feeling and that every successful civil rights movement has the support of organized religion. The gathering, which included secular leaders from groups like the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and People for the American Way, discussed during a set of planning sessions how and when to challenge anti-Gay attitudes within churches, synagogues and mosques.

Tolerance Measure Won't Include Gays

Columbus - A state legislator's plans to introduce a bill to promote tolerance in the schools doesn't include Gays and Lesbians. State Senator C. J. Prentiss plans to propose legislation mandating a change in Ohio's curriculum guidelines to include coursework on how racism, hate crimes and the holocaust have shaped America. The guidelines determine the content of the State's school proficiency tests.

Prentiss said her bill would not include anti-Gay prejudice because the legislation would not pass if it did. The president of Ohio's Black Legislative Caucus said she supports extending respect and dignity to LGBT people, but others in the Ohio Legislature don't share her view.

In June, protestors tore down a rainbow flag flying above the state capitol and burned it. The next month, a State Commission governing the Capitol banned flags other than the U.S. and State flags from flying above it.

Democrats Set LGBT Delegate Goals

Washington - The *Washington Blade* reports the Democratic National Committee is requiring state parties to reach out to Gays and other "historically under-represented groups" in selecting delegates for the party's

2000 convention. The DNC requirement has already led to action in at least five states.

New York, Maine, Rhode Island, Iowa and Ohio have set goals for including openly LGBT delegates in their state delegations. California's Democratic Party already had an inclusion rule in place. In 1996, there were 146 openly LGBT delegates at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

The Republican Log Cabin Club said there were seven openly Gay delegates at its party's national gathering in San Diego. Speaking for the group, Kevin Ivers said the Log Cabin Club hoped to double that number at the GOP's national convention in 2000.

"Jenny Jones" Murderer Schmitz Convicted Again

Detroit - Jonathon Schmitz again stands convicted of the second-degree murder of Scott Amadure in the so-called *Jenny Jones* murder case. Schmitz killed Amadure after the two appeared on the *Jones* show during which Amadure revealed "a secret crush" on him. Two days after the show, Schmitz went to Amadure's home and shot him with a newly purchased shotgun.

This is the second time Schmitz faces sentencing for the crime. An appeals court threw out the earlier conviction because the Trial Judge erred when he instructed the jury on how to arrive at a verdict.

In the first trial, Schmitz's lawyers claimed mental illness as a defense. In the retrial, defense attorneys said that Amadure stalked Schmitz, driving him to murder. In round two, Schmitz's father testified that his son was embarrassed by his appearance on

the *Jones* show because people might think he is Gay.

Schmitz faces a sentence of 25 to 50 years for the crime. He will be sentenced later this month.

Bear and Bare Inn?

Bushnell, FL - A Gay couple, who purchased a large farmhouse hoping to turn it into a Gay bed and breakfast, are running into trouble. Ty Poland and Floyd Thomson bought the 6,000 square foot house in a secluded part of rural Sumter County. While they have official permission to use the house as an Inn, local authorities are balking at their plans to make it a clothing optional resort.

The 60-acre property is located just 45 miles west of Orlando. Poland and Thomson plan to call their resort the Seminole Wind Country Inn.

Sumter County Commission Chairman Ben Strickland said, "I don't think Sumter County is ready for nudity. We're looking into whether there is anything legally we can do to stop them."

Poland said that word got out about the Seminole Wind Country Inn, which can sleep eight under its current permit, when the proprietors handed out business cards to workers doing renovations and other work on the building. Someone showed Sumter Sheriff Bill Farmer one of the cards, which has the bed and breakfast's Internet address.

Farmer said that when he called up the website, he became concerned. The web page says, in part: "We bought this place specifically for the soul purpose of being used by our brother bears worldwide. We are a clothing optional B&B (Bears and Bare)."

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AROUND THE STATE

LGBT Community Center, Project Q Merge

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Project Q have merged efforts to establish drop-in space and activities for Milwaukee's Les/Bi/Gay/Trans and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

Under the new relationship, Project Q will become a program of the Community Center and Project Q members will coordi-



Center Executive Director Neil Albrecht spoke at the recent Family Reunion.

nate the Center's youth space and activities.

"The establishment of a place where LGBTQ youth can host activities in a safe environment is another victory for Milwaukee's LGBT community," said Center executive director Neil Albrecht. "This has been our dream since the concept of a community center in Milwaukee was first discussed."

Project Q organizers Justin Lockridge and Kurt Dyer were equally enthused with the merger. "Our goal was to get the community to really think about the needs of youth and providing opportunities for youth leadership. Youth programs by and for youth," said Lockridge.

"Our new relationship with the Community Center will provide us with access to the resources we needed for a youth drop-in space to be successful, and will allow for our continued leadership of this project."

The Center will provide space, financial support and other resources to facilitate the development of regular youth drop-in activities. Project Q will provide youth leadership, program development and direction.

Lockridge reported that many other LGBT-ally organizations have already exhibited support of the collaboration. "The BESTD Clinic has very generously allowed us use of their office space at the Center. PFLAG members have helped us work through some of the details and also provided a lot of support."

The designation of space at the Center will allow for what Center and Project Q members describe as a core of activities for LGBT youth. "These activities will include art, computer access, movie nights, game nights, mentoring and support opportunities, topic discussions and many, many others services," said Dyer.

"We are confident that other service providers working within the LGBT community will provide some of the wrap-around activities that would complete this type of program," said Albrecht. "Our goal is to fully integrate HIV prevention, health, mental health and other services into the program through the establishment of some very creative collaborations."

Albrecht, Dyer and Lockridge all spoke



Mrs. Fun performed at the Center's Family Reunion.

positively and appreciatively of some of the existing LGBT youth programs in Milwaukee, including Gay Youth Milwaukee and ARCW's True Colors Programs.

They said they recognize that "The founders of these programs understood early on the need and value of providing youth

with safe space and opportunities to socialize. Gay Youth Milwaukee has been around for more than ten years. Without their leadership, this initiative never would have been able to take form."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Project Q members hope to have weekly drop-in activities scheduled by early to mid September. Project members have identified a number of items that would benefit youth drop-in space including computers, television/VCR, stereo and bookshelves.

Information on Milwaukee LGBT Community Center/Project Q youth activities can be accessed by calling Project Q at 264-5524 or the Center at 261-2656, or through accessing the Center's web page at www.mkelgbt.org.

Wisconsin Contestants Shine at Mr. Gay USofA Pageant

Cleveland - Wisconsin contestants scored as three of the twelve finalists in the 1999-2000 Mr. Gay USofA pageant here Sunday, August 29. Jeff Jennings of Green Bay took sixth place, T. C. Hammond of Green Bay took ninth place and Dan E. Dance of Milwaukee took tenth place. John

Michael Gordon of Texas won the title. Fellow Texan Gregory Bosarge was first runner-up.

In the preliminary competition both Jennings and Hammond won the talent competition in their respective groups. Jennings placed third in talent in the final with a live rendition of Neil Diamond's *Hello Again* paired with Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the USA*.

In all six of the 49 contestants in the national competition were from Wisconsin. Also competing were Madison's Sean North and Michael K. and Green Bay's Tony K. According to Jennings, the Wisconsin contestants also had one of the largest and most vocal groups of supporters at the pageant. "There were more than fifty people from all over the state there to back us," Jennings said.

Veteran competitor Jennings also noted that this year's pageant was the largest in the history of the Mr. Gay USofA system. "Competition was fierce," Jennings said. "Last year there were only thirty-something contestants. One titleholder competed the first night then just dropped out because it was so intense this year."

Jennings, who also is the current Mr. Gay Wisconsin All American 2000, will compete in that pageant's national competition in Oklahoma City September 7-10.

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Superior/Duluth - The Twin Ports area is gearing up for its biggest ever celebration of LGBT pride. The Pride weekend begins Friday, September 3 and runs through Sunday, September 5. This is an event so big that one city isn't large enough to hold it.

With its theme "Building Bridges," the Duluth Superior Pride Committee has set out to produce an event that includes something for everyone. The Committee said it selected the theme to show its commitment to strengthening ties between the two host cities, reaching out to other minority groups and building the Pride event itself.

For the first time, the 13-year-old celebration will include an LGBT Pride Art Show, Sale and Poetry reading. The event will feature local and regional LGBT artists. An open mike will allow local and visiting poets to read their writings. The Art Show and Poetry Reading will take place from 6 to 8:30pm on Friday, September 3 at Jitters Coffee Shop, which is located at 102 W. Superior Street in Duluth.

Later that evening, a Pride event that may very well be unique to the Twin Ports area will take place, the annual Pride Bonfire at Wisconsin Point. The Bonfire, which includes a marshmallow and hot dog roast, begins at Dusk and runs until Dawn.

Assuming that you don't stay up all night roasting things in the Pride blaze, you'll be ready and roaring to go to the Pride Picnic in the Park. The annual treat will take place from 11am to 6pm at Leif Erikson Park, 12th Avenue East and London Road in Duluth.

Picnic goers can bring their own food and drink or buy what suits their tastes on the grounds. The picnic will include live entertainment, vendors, organization information booths, artists and other activities.

The entertainment stage includes impersonators and live entertainment. Helen Pumps and Brandi Chablis will provide female impersonation. A Liberace impersonator will dazzle the crowd. Giljunko, a local rock band, will have them up dancing.

The stage will take on an international flavor

when Outside the Lines performs, an all-female band from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

The famous Drag King revue from the Minneapolis Club Metro is scheduled to give an hour-long performance starting at 4:25pm. Drag Kings are women who impersonate men.

During the picnic, the Twin Ports Pride Committee is honoring four outstanding individuals for their contributions to the area's LGBT community. They are Shawn Burch, Shirley Duke, Bob Jansen and Kat Sommerchild.

Among other activities, Shawn Burch was active in promoting diversity training at the University of

Minnesota - Duluth.

Shirley Duke works with

Duluth Superior

LGBT youth. Bob

Jansen, the owner

of the Main Club,

has been active in

many causes to

advance the visi-

bility and civil

rights of the Twin

Ports LGBT com-

munity. Kat

Sommerchild is the

Chairperson of the

Pride committee for the

third consecutive year.

The grand finale at the

Pride Stage will be presented by La

Femme Mystique, which bills itself as a Drag

Queen AND King troupe, which like Outside

the Lines is also from Thunder Bay.

After the picnic, everyone will be heading to

Bev's Jook Joint for a special Pride Weekend

party. Bev's is located at 820 Tower Avenue in

Superior.

No Pride celebration would be complete without a parade, and the Twin Ports celebration has one. Led by the Minnesota Freedom Band, the non-motorized parade begins noon on Sunday, September 5. For the first time, the parade will go through the heart of Duluth instead of the traditional route along the Lake Walk.

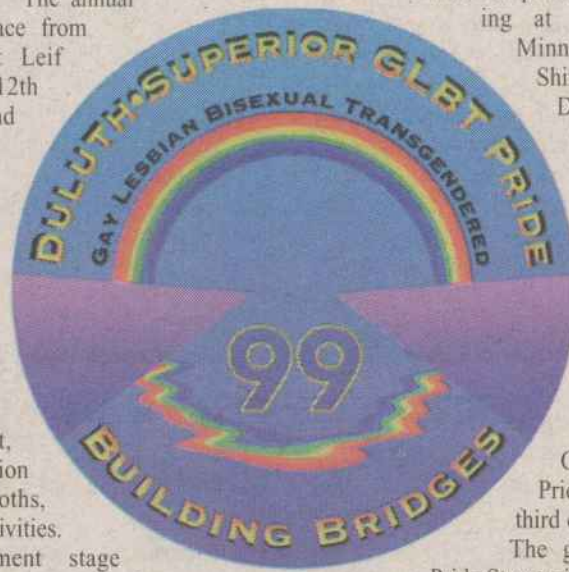
It starts on 5th Avenue West outside of the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, DECC. It stops at the Duluth City Hall for a short program of speakers and then heads through Downtown to the Minnesota Slip Bridge.

The Parade grand marshals are the "Dinosaurs," LGBT people who've been out and active in the community for at least ten years. The Pride Committee has issued an open invite to all who qualify.

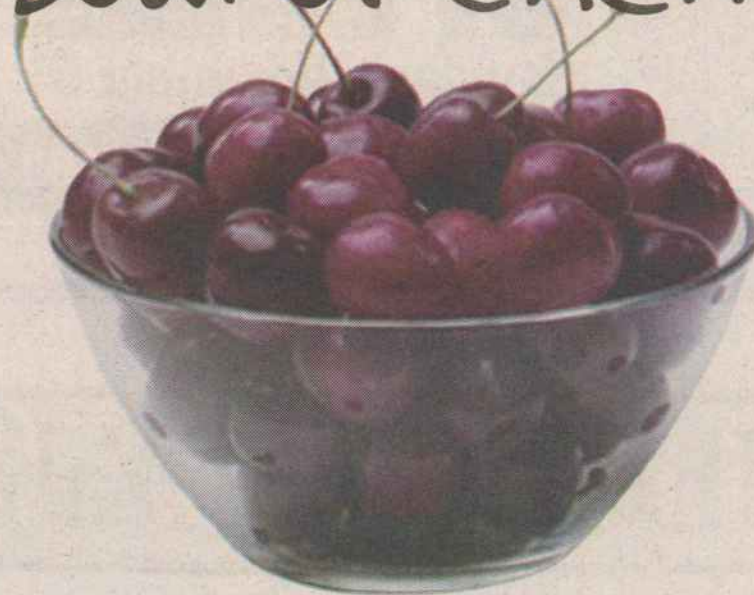
Later in the afternoon, one of the weekend's most popular events will take place - the Fruit Float. The three-hour cruise of the Duluth Harbor and Lake Superior is sold out. It includes a cash bar, a live DJ and food.

The celebration winds up with the big Drag and More Show at the Main Club, located at 1217 Tower Avenue, Superior. The annual fundraiser for local AIDS programs raised over \$1,000 last year. There's a suggested donation of \$3. All of the performers have agreed to donate their tips to the cause.

Sponsors of Duluth Superior Pride 1999 include Metro Pride, *Focus Point*, Aurora - A Northland Lesbian Center, Bev's Jook Joint, Duluth Liquor, Jitters Coffee Shop, the Main Club, Northland Gay Men's Center, Stanford Inn, Perkins Restaurants, Hawthorn Suites and Mike Senaraghi at Coldwell Banker.



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TIDBITS FROM TITTLE TOWN

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Nabozny Kicks Off Fall Programs:

Internationally known Gay civil rights icon Jamie Nabozny will be the featured speaker at a first-ever combined meeting of Positive Voice and the Appleton/Fox Cities PFLAG chapter. The meeting will be held at the Liberty Hall Convention Center in Kimberly, 6:30pm on September 20.

Following the reception at 6:30pm, Nabozny will speak at 7pm with a question and answer session following. Now a community college student in Minnesota, Nabozny gained front-page attention in 1994 when he sued the Ashland, WI school district. His suit charged the district with failing to protect him from almost five years of extreme verbal, mental and physical abuse while a student in the district's middle and high schools.

Students and faculty harassed Nabozny daily. He was brutally attacked several times, with one attack necessitating abdominal surgery. Pleas from Nabozny and his parents to the school district went unheeded. At one point, his high school principal told Nabozny that he had to expect that kind of harassment because he was Gay.

With the assistance of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, Nabozny reached a settlement with the school district for \$962,000 in 1996. The case had been on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court following a series of victories for Nabozny in lower courts.

Nabozny also will appear on a live, local follow-up program after the showing of the documentary *It's Elementary* on Green Bay's PBS station WPNE-TV on September 21. The film, which explores the teaching of tolerance for sexual minorities, has caused controversy since public television stations began airing it last spring.

Teaser Time: What nearly completed project by a coalition of straight and Gay groups in northeastern Wisconsin will leave egg on the face of the LGBT com-

munity's favorite bigot? Watch for all the down and dirty details right here in *Wisconsin Light*, possibly as soon as next week.

Reggie Watch: Speaking of bigots, guess who showed up on late night cable TV recently? Right there between the infomercials and the grade Z movie reruns was none other than former Packer pro Reggie White. No, he wasn't peddling his R-Gel analgesic balm, his candy bar or the other marginal products, which carry his name - he was out Gay bashing again.

Reggie has found that the only way to stop his celebrity free fall from football favorite to ten-point trivia question is to secure "face time" representing the Radical Right. Between stints as the token Negro out on Gary Bauer's presidential campaign trail, he's been picking up a few minutes of exposure on Pat Robertson's *700 Club* and now the Fox News Channel's political issues shoutfest *Hannity & Colmes*.

For those unfamiliar with the program (and according to the Neilson ratings that's 99.9% of you), lanky limousine liberal Alan Colmes squares off with bombastic Pat Buchanan wannabe Sean Hannity for (in the breathless words of the channel's PR department) "an often animated, yet always compelling debate." Right. So was the scuffle over the last lifeboat seats on the Titanic.

Each hour of this *CNN Crossfire* knock off covers two hot button issues featuring representatives from "both sides" of the issue to provide "balance." For the few nanoseconds between lengthy, canned rhetoric-laden questions, guests struggle to respond before being out yelled by one of the co-hosts or the opposing guest.

Everyone's head shot and identifier captions are onscreen throughout. The overall visual effect is a cross between talking postage stamps and a humorless version of the final set piece on the old *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* minus the music and

Day Glo painted door slams.

Reggie was paired with a second-string spokesperson from the Human Rights Campaign to "discuss" the recent N. J. Supreme Court ruling against the Boy Scouts for anti-Gay discrimination.

His identifier captions reflect how far he has fallen. The first was "Former Football Player." Apparently, that \$28,000 NFL fine finally got Reggie to realize he can no longer hook his hatred to his Packer legacy. The second caption was "Christian Minister." It seems the Baptists are sick of him, too. The term "Reverend" was not used. Maybe all those Divinity school degreed clergy have been complaining as well.

Amidst Hannity's frenzied fears that single women will be legally chained to

Lesbian house shares and third graders will be force-fed *Heather Has Two Mommies*, Reggie accused the HRC of having no African-Americans on staff. Dan (the HRC guy) was able to out scream host Hannity loud enough to note that 30% of HRC's employees were people of color. Reggie, of course, was attempting to parrot the Right's pitch to African Americans that homosexuality is a "white man's disease."

Of course, all of this nonsense is at the heart of the Boy Scout court case, right? As I watched, all I could think was how much I missed Joanne Worley. At least when she screamed, I got a belly laugh. The only response I got from this witless banality, which passes for reasoned public discourse, is a nauseous chuckle.

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A Living Document

by Dave Runyon

Jim McFarland's August 25-31 From the Right Column, "Don't Federalize Hate Crimes," was an example of a steel-trap interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. It was not unlike (to take us back a few years) the attempt of a lawyer named Borke to aspire to the Supreme Court bench. Like Jim, Borke held a fundamentalist "every word is literal" interpretation of the Constitution. Borke was roundly rejected, as should Jim's attempt to explain the U.S. Constitution.

In his previous column, Jim rejected the notion of even state gun control laws. If he wants to adopt a literal interpretation of the Constitution, perhaps he should read the part about how citizens can bear arms only within their "state militia."

His approach to the Constitution is not unlike that of a claims adjuster for an insurance company. Oh, he knows the letter of the

law, but maybe he's not so clear on what lies behind it from a more global perspective. The Constitution was a product of liberal minds of the 18th century. They wrote it in a cultural/historical context. That context is missing from Jim's perspective.

Although the Industrial Revolution began around 1750, Europe and its colonies were agricultural in culture and perspective. The vast majority of people were small merchants, horse and buggy types quite literally. The Constitution should be looked at as a document that is a mirror of what Americans felt at that time was their best shot about their hopes, goals and aims.

At the time of the Constitution's writing, there was only one corporation, a fire insurance company. Since then, we have shifted from a rural society to an urban society. Accompanying that population shift was a shift from scattered rural settlements to a multi-national corporate urban centered power world culture. Horse and buggy

mindsets, or more to the point, static interpretations of the Constitution, show a profound ignorance of governing as well as void in understanding written materials.

The Constitution is not a dead thing; it is a living document. As such, the Supreme Court will interpret it by what the Court sees as the spirit behind its words. Yes, the Court may be dead wrong at times. It certainly was in *Bowers vs. Hardwick*, when the Court said the police had a right to break into a man's home and arrest him for consensual sex. That decision ignored the Constitutional prohibition against "unreasonable searches and seizures."

Nevertheless, the concept of interpretation is the operative word here. Even the Founding Fathers wrote on and on about their intent and interpretation of the Constitution in *The Federalist Papers*. They saw that the actual words they wrote were not as important as the intent behind them.

What I'm addressing is a concept, indeed, a Biblical concept, that seems to have been missed by Jim. After speaking about the futility of sewing the old shrunk clothe to new clothe, we read in Matthew 9:17, "Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; if it is, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Parables are not meant to be taken literally. They are figures of speech or images that express a basic concept. Clothe or wine or wineskins are not the issue. In the same way that we interpret a parable's meaning, the Supreme Court interprets the meaning of a law and its constitutional basis. To say it

another way, the issue is about living by the spirit/meaning behind the words, not the dead letter of the word itself.

If we were to follow Jim's dead letter interpretation of the sovereignty of state's rights, there would be no Federal union. America (if it still existed) would be but a collection of isolated states that would have been vulnerable to the military advances of Napoleon III with his forces on our border with Mexico. African Americans would still be in physical slavery.

One must see the issue in its context, and that's why Jim's tunnel vision perspective is so shallow as well as inaccurate.

The founding fathers created a Supreme Court as the final arbiter of interpreting the spirit of their words. In so doing, they established a mechanism to apply their intent within the context of the times. Certainly, they knew that America would change over the years, and that it would be foolish, indeed dangerous, to apply outdated circumstances to that interpretation.

If the Founding Fathers could have envisioned large sprawling urban centers, television broadcasts, space travel, international drug rings, multi-national cartels, labor unions, the combustible engine and other changes in society, perhaps they would have enumerated additional areas for the Federal government to make laws. The Founders knew their limits. That is why they allowed the Federal government to make laws "for the general welfare" of the people. The Founders recognized that they could not know what Federal laws would be needed in the future.

They knew that as America changed, so would the definition of what is required for the "general welfare" of the people.

As I keep saying, the way to combat reactionary ideology of the extreme right wing is to do serious research, and you'll nail their ass to the wall every time. Why do I have the feeling that the use of the mind in history and philosophy are not Jim's strengths?

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CAPITOL REPORT

by State Representative Mark Pocan

Milwaukee On The Move:

Congratulations to the people of Milwaukee for their many recent successes. Over the past couple of months, Milwaukee has shown us what commitment, organization, activism and hard work can accomplish. The Domestic Partnership Registry passed, PrideFest was a great success and the Human Rights League - Political Action Committee (HRL-PAC) had a tremendous kick off event.

I had the pleasure to participate in PrideFest. It is always energizing to be a part of such a large, powerful and peaceful group of people coming together for positive change. I appreciate the hospitality extended to me throughout the weekend.

Upcoming Equal Rights Legislation:

My hope is that we can take the Milwaukee momentum and use the energy to capitalize on issues at the state level. In the next few months there are plans to introduce (are you listening Ralph Ovadal?) equal rights legislation, Domestic Partnership and adoption rights. These will affect Gays and Lesbians through-

out the State.

Since there is an opportunity for extreme (F)right wingers to make money on these issues, I anticipate some hate mongering by the likes of Ralph Ovadal. As is his pattern, he will most likely attempt to derail these issues and make a few bucks fundraising.

We must be prepared to voice our beliefs. We can't let the minority view of the preaching for profit contingent of the far right drown out the voices of the majority of Wisconsin citizens who favor fair and equal treatment for all.

Over the next few months as these issues progress, it will be important for everyone to take the time to get involved in the process. If you are interested in helping out with the organizational aspects of promoting legislation dealing with domestic partnership benefits and adoption rights, please give my office a call at (608) 266-8570.

Join Action Wisconsin

I want to invite each and every one of you to join Action Wisconsin. As legislation and issues dealing with the LGBT community arise (especially the upcoming proactive legislation), we need a strong statewide

organization to mobilize the forces of equality and human rights to fight the radical right.

You can contact them at: Action Wisconsin, Inc., PO Box 342, Madison, WI 53701-0342, (608) 283-3251 and by email to ActionWI@execpc.com.

Your dues support services such as their phone line and the costs of printing Action Wisconsin's newsletters and Action Alerts. Action Wisconsin is a volunteer organization. Your dues do not pay for any staff; and many volunteers and board members contribute of their own time, money, telephone charges and Internet services to complete projects for the group. They do not in any way sell or publish their membership, mailing or email lists.

Annual dues are \$25; for students, seniors and low-income individuals, dues are \$10-\$25 (sliding scale). Please join Tammy Baldwin and myself by joining Action Wisconsin. To receive a membership form, contact Action Wisconsin.

Love One Another as... I Have Spurned You?

While attending Milwaukee PrideFest, I had the opportunity to encounter the protesters at the gate. A few weeks back, I met Ralph Ovadull (sic) at a television taping. So when I saw him at PrideFest, I thought that I would go over and say hello. As I approached, I extended my hand only to be rebuffed. He looked at my hand, said, "I don't know when the last time you washed it

was," and refused to greet me.

Now, I may not know how to define a Christian, but I do know what one isn't when I see one.

After a taping of a show dealing with the Mazo Beach issue, I was able to discuss my thoughts about the motivation for his hate mongering with Ralph. I said that I truly believe that he is spreading hate not because of his religious beliefs but because he can make a buck at it. Once again, I asked him to open his financial records.

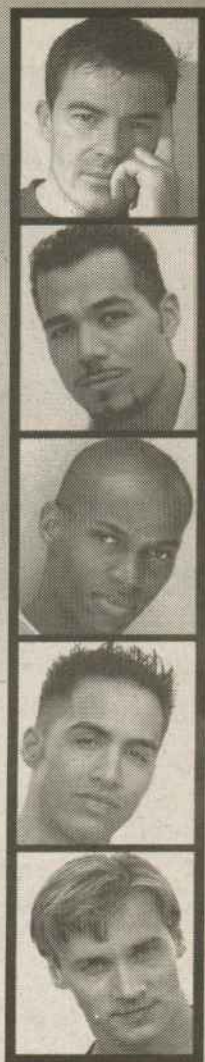
He became visibly disturbed. Let's hear it one more time! Open your books, Ralph, if you have nothing to hide. P.S. Ralph, thanks for dropping 1000 attack pieces on me in my district. The support calls I received were overwhelming.

Budget Stalemate:

We continue to wait for Speaker Scott Jensen to reconvene the Conference Committee to deal with the budget deadlock. The rumor around the Capitol is that Representative Jensen walked out of the budget negotiations, not because of his stance on taxes but because he does not have the votes in the Republican controlled Assembly to pass the budget.

If you have any question or comments, please feel free to contact me: e-mail Rep.Pocan@legis.state.wi.us, call (608) 266-8571 or write State Capitol #418 North, PO Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708.

Until next month, Representative Mark Pocan



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EDITORIAL

Walking Until It's Over

Since 1982, the AIDS pandemic has devastated our community. Throughout that time, this paper has received reports of "cures," "breakthroughs," and "miracle treatments." The harsh reality is that none of those reports turned out to be true.

To be sure, there have been some important advances. The protease inhibitor treatments have helped many who are living with AIDS/HIV. We know more than ever about the virus. New testing techniques have made it possible to get results faster than ever before.

But the most important facts are these: AIDS is still with us. Thousands of Americans are exposed to it every month. State of Wisconsin figures show an alarming increase in reported cases of HIV among our young people. While new treatments have extended the lives of those with HIV, there is no "cure." AIDS/HIV still kills.

It is those undeniable sobering facts that everyone should consider when deciding whether to support AIDS Walk Wisconsin. The financial pressure on our AIDS service groups is enormous.

Those affected by HIV are living longer. That means increased numbers of persons living with AIDS/HIV need help.

Too many of us think that the crisis is over. That makes it harder than ever for those fighting to prevent the spread of this killer.

State and Federal funding have not kept pace with the need. In fact, the State of Wisconsin has not increased funding for AIDS prevention programs since 1988.

That means it's up to us, each of us to lend a hand or in the case of the AIDS Walk, lend our feet. AIDS Walk Wisconsin is the most important fundraiser of the year in the local war on AIDS. Its proceeds help to arm those fighting this deadly disease.

We all long for the day when this horrible disease no longer affects us. That day is not yet here. Until it arrives, we urge you keep walking until it's truly and finally over.

LETTERS

From a Mother!

To the Editor:

Regarding the youth focus - with Justin's "Youth Speak" column and the letters in the Aug. 11-17 issues from Joshua and from the six confident, proud young womyn - I am thrilled to see youth speaking out and taking stands to validate themselves and their place in society. So many others have laid the groundwork over the years, and youth like the above are continuing to build on that foundation.

These youth care, they learn and they act to facilitate change. That's why I love working with them. Keep the focus on youth, as they are going to take everyone along on the pride ride.

Elna Hickson
Bayside

Milwaukee Common Council Murdered Three Construction Workers?

Dear Editor:

That the Milwaukee Common Council murdered three construction workers was the gist of Pastor Matt Trehwella's statement Wednesday morning on WVCY, the religious

radio station operated by Vic Eliason's VCY-America.

Trehwella is a frequent speaker on WVCY, and was discussing the recent Gay PrideFest and Parade with the infamous Ralph Ovadal (leader of the homophobic hate group, Wisconsin Christians United) and with Pastor Dale Demary, who operates a church in the Paradise movie theater in West Allis.

The charge has been made before on WVCY that the Common Council's passage of the Domestic Partners Registry caused the crash of "Big Blue." But on this broadcast, Pastor Trehwella was unmistakably clear: "The day before that big crane crashed at Miller Park, our government here, our city government here gave Sodomites quasi-marital status - from our government. The very next day the crane crashes down...and so you see God trying to wake the people up, but unfortunately what you see is insolent government officials who will not bend the knee before a Holy God."

Now you might think Trehwella's charge ridiculous (and I agree), but there are many on Milwaukee's Common Council who do not find Trehwella and his people ridiculous. Unfortunately, many elected officials in Milwaukee City government do "bend the knee" when Vic Eliason mounts one of his telephone terror campaigns.

On August 18, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* announced that a large convention is backing away from its promise to hold a convention here. The need for more exhibitor space is given as the reason, but could the real reason be that the officers saw "Sodomite" rainbow flags flying from the

lampposts? Don't be surprised if that is the next charge coming from WVCY.

The big issue here is not what incredible and ridiculous charges VCY makes: the homophobic hate group has no surprises for those who follow its activities. The big issue here is the fact that politicians are swayed by VCY and act on those incredible, ridiculous charges. What does it say about a politician when he or she "bends the knee" to Vic Eliason, Ralph Ovadal and Matt Trehwella?

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Alphabet Soup

Dear Editor:

On one hand, this letter to thank and congratulate *Wisconsin Light* for its tremendous increase in using more inclusive language, namely LGBT and Queer, is past due. Please know that your written attempts at recognizing all four segments of our community, since Bill Meunier took over the editorship of the paper, has been noticed and is greatly appreciated by many more than you may know.

Our LGBT community is larger, stronger and more diversified when we don't limit ourselves to just Gay men and Lesbians. Bisexual and Transgendered persons have been active in our Queer community during the Stonewall riots and before, however, we were ignored or called Gay. Just as Lesbians fought for and deservedly obtained an identity of their own - yet remain an important part of our LGBT community - Bisexual and Transgendered people deserve this same right.

While inclusive language is still sporadic, like when recently calling the song "We are Family" the "Gay anthem" instead of a much more inclusive LGBT or Queer anthem, *Wisconsin Light* is head-and-shoulders above most other Queer press regarding Bi and Trans inclusiveness.

On the other hand, I would like to thank F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick, President of Action Wisconsin, for challenging the *Light's* July 7 editorial, which criticized the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's withdrawal of its

support for the current version of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Additional thanks to him for mentioning how dramatic, energetic and highly visible Bi and Trans people were in last March's EBAH campaign.

Other than not changing their name to adequately recognize Bisexual and Transgendered contributions, NGLTF has been working on other Bi and Trans issues since Kerry Loebel took over the reigns. Contrarily, Elizabeth Birch and her Human Rights Campaign is well known for not being Bi- or Trans-friendly. HRC has been approached many times by Bisexual and Transgender activists in hopes of bridging this gap, only to be turned away time and again.

To the specific point, gender issues are issues of the LGBT community because in addition to what Mr. Fitzpatrick previously mentioned, the "radical right" doesn't discriminate about whom they discriminate against. They dislike everyone who doesn't conform to their "tunnel vision" beliefs of what they consider to be normal. If we don't fully support all family members when under attack, who will support us when we're attacked?

We are a stronger community and will gain true equal rights thoroughly only when we cast a wide net and not allow some to be left out. I hope *Wisconsin Light* and the HRC will reconsider their stance regarding gender expression with how it relates to ENDA by not continuing to assist the fundamentalists in their quest to divide and conquer our LGBT community.

Lastly, your comment about the HRC being "far larger" than NGLTF was irrelevant. Because the straight community is larger than the recognizable LGBT community, does that make heterosexuals any more "right?" The NGLTF is simply standing up for an admirable principle that says an attempt at "efficient, trickle down" rights won't work any better than trickle down, "Reagan-omics" did.

Steve Butler
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A Day At AIDS Walk Wisconsin

By Bill Meunier

It's time to put on the sneakers, rev up the engines and walk into the fight against AIDS again. It's time for the 10th annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin, Sunday, September 12.

Registering

Joining in the walk starts with registering. It's easy to do. Just call 1-(800)348-WALK or go to the AIDS Walk web site at <http://www.arcw.org>. The friendly folks at AIDS Walk headquarters will be happy to help you.

When you register you'll be joining over 10,000 others marchers, runners, and walkers working together to raise badly needed dollars for Wisconsin's fight against HIV and AIDS. AIDS Walk Wisconsin is Wisconsin's largest and most important fundraiser in the local war on AIDS.

The walk itself is only 10k (that's 6.2 miles) but each stride is an important one, because they bring more dollars to help those affected by AIDS/HIV and to prevent new cases of AIDS.

Don't get the idea that it's all work. There will be plenty of entertainment along with way. This year all of the rest stops have themes. There will be jazz, carnivals, discos and other surprises along the way. We won't give you all the details. Why spoil the many surprises that await?

The entertainment is not the only treat in store for pledged walkers. After the walk, all pledged walkers are invited to indulge in Milwaukee's last ethnic festival of the season, Indian Summer. Indian Summer offers fabulous array of activities and entertainment that display Native American culture.

THE SCHEDULE

AIDS Walk Breakfast

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Day starts with the AIDS Walk Breakfast at the Italian Community Center located on E. Chicago Street, right next to the Summerfest Grounds. At the breakfast, which begins at

9am, you will have a chance to get up front and personal with this year's honorary chair, Hollywood star, Danny Glover.

Tickets for the AIDS Walk Breakfast are \$50.00. You can purchase tickets by calling (414) 225-1543 or by pointing your browser to <http://www.arcw.org/AIDSWalk99/breakfast.html>.

Early purchase of breakfast tickets is highly recommended, since it's expected to be a sell out.

Warming Up

After meeting with Mr. Glover over a nice breakfast, you'll want to head over to the Summerfest grounds for the 10am check in. It's always exciting to see all of the walkers turning in their pledge cards and donations.

One of the walkers, the one who raises the most money, will win a free trip for two Europe. In fact, there are prizes for everyone who raises at least \$250.00. Of course, the biggest prize of all is knowing that you are helping those affected by AIDS.

After you check in, it's time to head over to the Miller Pavilion, for the warm up exercises. Over 10,000 people stretching their arms and bouncing up and down can be quite a sight.

Then at 11:30am it will be time for the speakers including Mr. Glover. They will make sure you know how important your contribution is.

And You're Off . . .

At around Noon, Danny Glover will cut the ribbon to begin AIDS Walk 99 and everyone will start down the street to begin this year's walk. Along the way, you will see young and old, people of all colors and in all shapes, all of them walking together in a united front against AIDS.

You'll also see some great entertainment at the rest stops, each of which has refreshments available.

Upon Return

As you finish the walk, you will be able to walk through the gauntlet of cheerleaders telling you what a special person you are. And you know what? They're right.

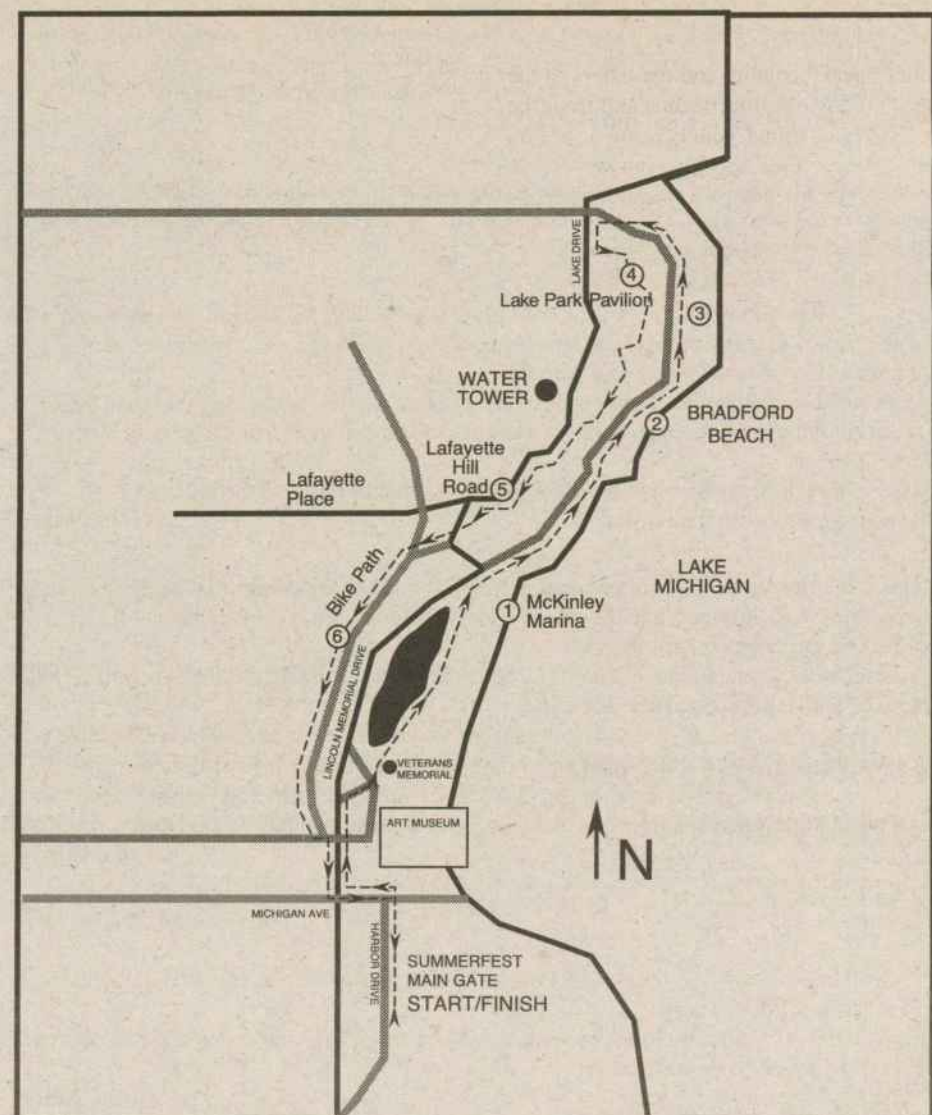
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tion that includes entertainment, the announcement of the total and admission to Indian Summer.

Just think you get to have all this fun and help a very worthy cause all at the same time. Sounds like a plan doesn't it?

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AIDS Walk Wisconsin Map of Route



Why Will You Walk?

"A year ago, I began accepting myself and loving myself as being Gay. I didn't do it alone, though. My friend Ben has helped me to grow and be comfortable with who I am.

Last night, I found out that he is HIV+. I never thought that I would know someone who was positive. I never imagined that it would hit so close to home. I will be walking this year for the first time. I am doing it for the strength and courage that Ben has shown me in his daily living. I am doing it for all the people that has been touched by this disease. I am doing it for myself". — **Thom**

"I've participated in six American AIDS Rides, and raised thousands for their beneficiaries. This will be my second Walk. I ride and walk (and cry and smile) in memory of Donald-David Fehrenbach.

He rode 2,100 miles on his bicycle in 1997, and raised over \$15,000 for ASO's across the country. He was also living with AIDS. He was my friend, my mentor, and now he's my angel. I miss him more than my heart can bear ... so I will walk, and ride, until the pandemic is over.

When you love someone, you tell them, right then ... or the moment just passes you by.' Hold a hand, hug a friend, lend an ear - and keep on walking. See YOU in September!" — **Kristina**

"Oddly enough, I find the whole day just full of fun.

From yelling back at the protesters to trying to figure out just where I parked the car, the whole day is just fun. I get to be surrounded by tons of people who are all walking to find a cure, I get some exercise, and I enjoy a beautiful day. What more could I want out of a day?" — **Sarah Jean**

"I have been fortunate enough that as of this moment in my life I have not lost a friend. I am able to walk and will continue to do what I can to help find a cure for HIV.

We each have a role to play while we are here, mine is to help fight this disease as best as I can. Thank you for walking with me! See you there, I'll be the one in the sneakers! :)" — **Jeanne**

"I walk for all my friends who can not walk, to show support and bring awareness to this plague. I've meet and known too many under its pall and want to do what I can.

Too many have died, how can I do nothing?" — **Sherilyn G.**

"This will be my second time walking for this cause. I walk in honor of many friends that are no longer here and the ones that are too sick to walk for their cause. Hopefully one day soon this will come to an end!!!" — **Tami**

"As an ordained clergy person of a mainline Protestant denomination I have heard God calling all people - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Straight -to fight the disease.

For too long many "Christian" churches have proclaimed AIDS as God's punishment on particular lifestyles; or churches have remained silent. We can no longer remain silent as AIDS claims our lovers, sons and daughters, friends, sisters and brothers, grandchildren, and babies.

I must, we must, walk to tell the world that God walks too!" — **Scott**

"I will walk in memory of my step-brother who lost his fight with HIV. And for his 2-year old daughter who was never given a chance to be. I will walk to help find a cure and to keep people aware that this disease is still killing people every year." — **Jeff**

"I lost my brother, Jim five years ago - and I never stop thinking about what we are missing with him gone. He was a great brother, friend, son, partner, uncle, god-father, etc... He saw his partner, Jay, die of this terrible virus and then it took him too.

I walk so others will not have to bear this same ending. We were able to say our good byes and talk about all of our great times growing up. He was with us a short 35 years. He is our Hero - and now my Guardian

Angel. This will be my fourth year walking and will continue this until there is a cure. Jim and Jay, we love and miss you." — **Mary**

"This is the first year that I will take part in the Aids Walk of Wisconsin. Having been a former volunteer of the Center Project in Green Bay, I know first hand what an impact a major fund raising event like this can make on a community.

Funds are needed for education, prevention, and researching a cure. I think that it is vital for all of us to do our part in helping to fight this disease.

Growing up I have gone from not knowing anyone that was HIV Positive, to knowing people very close to me that are now HIV Positive. Quite simply put I want to do whatever I can to fight!

On a personal note, I am walking for David, whom I found only four short years ago and want to keep as long as I can. Thank you for organizing such a wonderful event, I'm proud to be a small part of it!!!" — **Sarah L. Butzen**

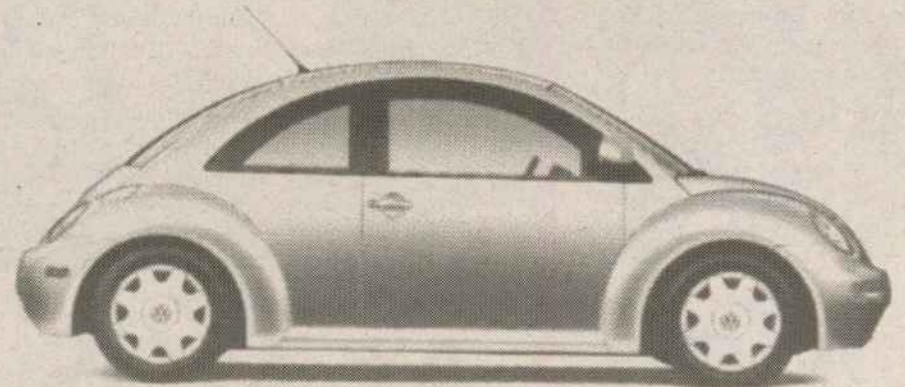
"Because I care." — **Johnny Paul Gomez**

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Every year, the organizers of the most important Wisconsin fundraiser to fight AIDS come up with something new. This year is no exception.

AIDS Walk Prizes

There will be some great new prizes for Walkers.

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- Raise \$500 or more and receive a commemorative sports watch.
- Raise \$1,000 or more and win a CD Walkman Disc Player.
- Raise \$2,000 or more and you get a special edition of a Subaru Mountain Bike or a 13" Color TV, AND you will have your picture taken with Honorary Chair Danny Glover!

The top three fundraisers will win extra special prizes. The Walkers with the second and third highest totals turned in at the AIDS Walk will win two first class round trip tickets to any destination in the contiguous U.S.

serviced by United Airlines.

The Walker with the largest amount of pledges turned in at the AIDS Walk wins two round trip tickets to any European destination served by United Airlines.

New Themed Rest Stops

This year, the rest stops for AIDS Walk Wisconsin will have their own themes. There are jazz, disco, swing and carnival themes. Don't stop too long to enjoy the music and activities though. You'll want to see all that's happening throughout the walk.

Free Admission to Indian Summer

Another great new feature is the Indian Summer Festival. All pledge walkers will receive complimentary admission to this fabulous look at Native American culture after the walk. With five entertainment stages and a variety of activities, Indian Summer is a perfect way to cap off a great day!

Wisconsin AIDS Caseload at Record High

Milwaukee - Wisconsin's HIV caseload has reached an all-time high with 6,680 cases officially reported to the State Division of Public Health. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin estimates that there may be more than 10,000 cases in Wisconsin when individuals who are unaware of their HIV status are considered.

"The AIDS death rate is down, but the number of people diagnosed with HIV has never been higher," said Doug Nelson, ARCW Executive Director. "Let's not fool ourselves. The HIV epidemic continues its horrible march through Wisconsin, and individuals and families in every county are feeling the pain of this disease."

Nelson said that Wisconsin's HIV caseload has dramatically increased the demand for HIV health and social services. "Our food pantry is now one of the largest in the state, our dental clinic is at peak utilization, and our housing program is struggling to keep pace with the urgent need for housing," he said.

With the state's largest AIDS fundraiser, AIDS Walk Wisconsin, scheduled for September 12, Nelson said the AIDS Walk is essential to meeting the high demands for HIV services. "The success of the AIDS Walk looms very large in our capacity to keep pace with the AIDS epidemic," said Nelson. "With HIV at a record high, we need everyone who is concerned about AIDS to

support the Walk."

The tenth anniversary AIDS Walk held in Milwaukee starts at noon on the Summerfest grounds. Bus transportation from around the state is being provided to Walkers.

Nelson added that advances in HIV drug treatment are extending the lives of many but stressed the danger in perceiving these complex treatments as a cure or an easy solution for individuals taking the medications. "We are now learning the drug treatments are failing for over one-third of the people taking them, and that they are causing serious, long-term side effects for many."

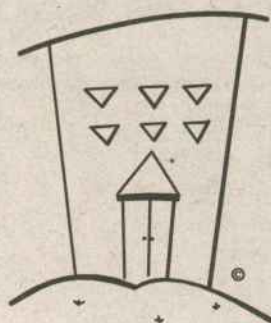
In Wisconsin, many of the advances in HIV medication and prevention are made possible by the generous contributions of individuals to AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Almost 97% of all pledge dollars raised goes directly to HIV/AIDS and benefits 17 agencies throughout the state.

This year's AIDS Walk Honorary Chair is celebrity and social activist Danny Glover. Glover will be in attendance and address walkers with a message about his concerns that society is growing complacent to the AIDS epidemic at a time when more young people, women, Gay men and communities of color are being severely affected.

"HIV is not a chronic illness. It is a deadly disease that Wisconsin's public and private sector must continue supporting," said Nelson. "The AIDS Walk is a phenomenal day where thousands of people from all corners of the state unite and walk to prevent the spread of AIDS, to help find a cure and often to remember a loved one who died from AIDS."

Sign Up For Our AIDS Walk Team

Dollars raised by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center AIDS Walk Team will support HIV prevention through the Center's youth programs. Aids Walk Wisconsin, September 12, is a moving day of compassion to rally together in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Call 271-2656 to sign up TODAY.



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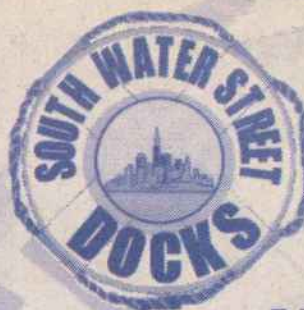
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Drugs Not a Cure, Says New AIDS Study

CNN reports that a new National Institutes of Health study shows that current drug therapies cannot eradicate HIV from a patient's body even if the AIDS causing virus is undetectable in the blood.

NIH researchers hoped that patients who had taken anti-HIV drugs for more than a year could stop treatment without fearing a return of the virus. The study indicates that patients may need to continue drug therapy for the long term.

"It's going to be very difficult to take somebody off therapy and feel that the virus is not going to bounce back," said Dr. Anthony Fauci who headed the research team. He and his colleagues studied 18 HIV+ patients who had been taking anti-HIV drugs for more than a year. In each of those patients, the HIV virus was reduced to undetectable levels. The researchers took the patients off the drugs to see if the virus would return.

In all 18 patients, the virus returned within three weeks.

In some of the patients, a form of the virus that was different from the one originally found in the patient showed up. Dr. Fauci said this indicated there are places in the body where the virus can hide.

Scientists calculate that the HIV virus is capable of hiding in body reservoirs unreachable by drugs for as long as 60 years.

They hoped to be able to flush the HIV from the reservoirs, either with the help of a drug called Interleukin-2 or with the passage of time. The scientists then thought the drugs would kill the virus as it emerged

from the reservoirs.

"It does tell us that, given the currently available regimens that we have of antiviral drugs, we are not going to eliminate or eradicate the virus from individuals," Fauci said.

When those patients who chose to resume therapy went back to their medications, the virus returned to undetectable levels.

An HIV-positive patient may need to take as many as 30 pills a day to suppress the virus, and the side effects can be debilitating. Many patients suffer debilitating side effects.

Anti-HIV drug therapies cost an average of \$15,000 a year. The high cost of the drug regimens put them out of reach of those who've contracted the HIV virus.

Dr. Fauci cautioned that patients should not try stopping the anti-HIV medication outside a clinical trial, because they may become resistant to certain drugs and not be able to go back on them.

Groups Helped by AIDS Walk Wisconsin

The money raised by AIDS Walk Wisconsin stays in Wisconsin to help those who are working to fight AIDS/HIV. They work to help those with HIV and to prevent the spread of this killer.

Some of the agencies such as the Rodney Scheel House, provide housing. Others like the Counseling Center of Milwaukee offer counseling services. Many offer information on how to prevent the spread of HIV. The AIDS Resource of Wisconsin and the Madison AIDS Network provide a variety of services ranging from legal help and housing to counseling and in ARCW's case a dental clinic.

Together, the groups supported by AIDS Walk Wisconsin form an extensive network to help those living with AIDS/HIV and their loved ones and to prevent the continued spread of HIV. No matter what role they play in Wisconsin's fight against AIDS, all of

them depend on support from AIDS Walk Wisconsin. It's the single most important source of income for their programs.

The agencies receiving funds from the 1999 AIDS Walk Wisconsin include: AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, AIDS Network, Camp Heartland, Central WI HIV/AIDS Ministry Project, Coulee Region Y M C A - G A L A X Y Program, Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Horizons, Inc., Manitowoc County AIDS Task Force, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Positive Health Clinic/Aurora, Rodney Scheel House Foundation, Sawyer County AIDS Task Force - Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, Sheboygan County AIDS Task Force, Saint Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

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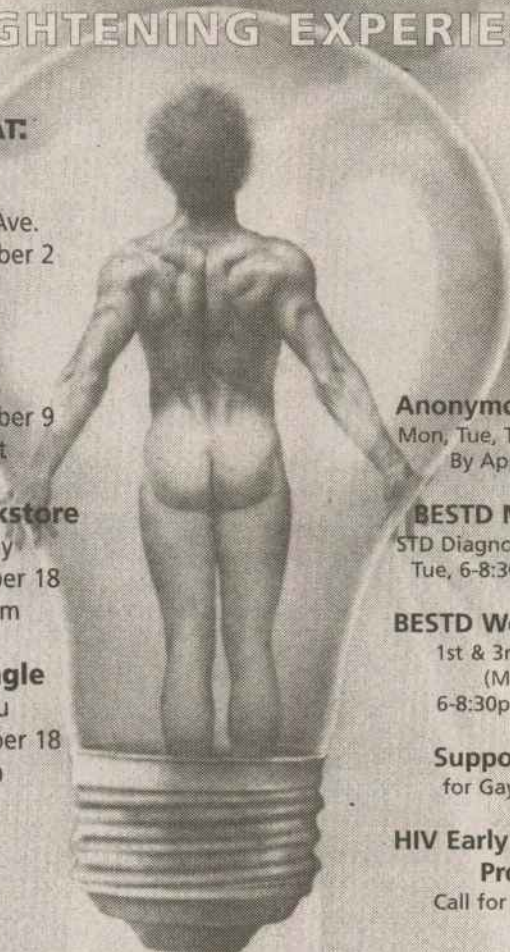


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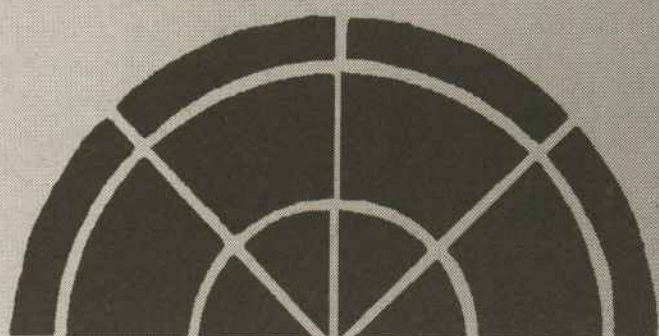
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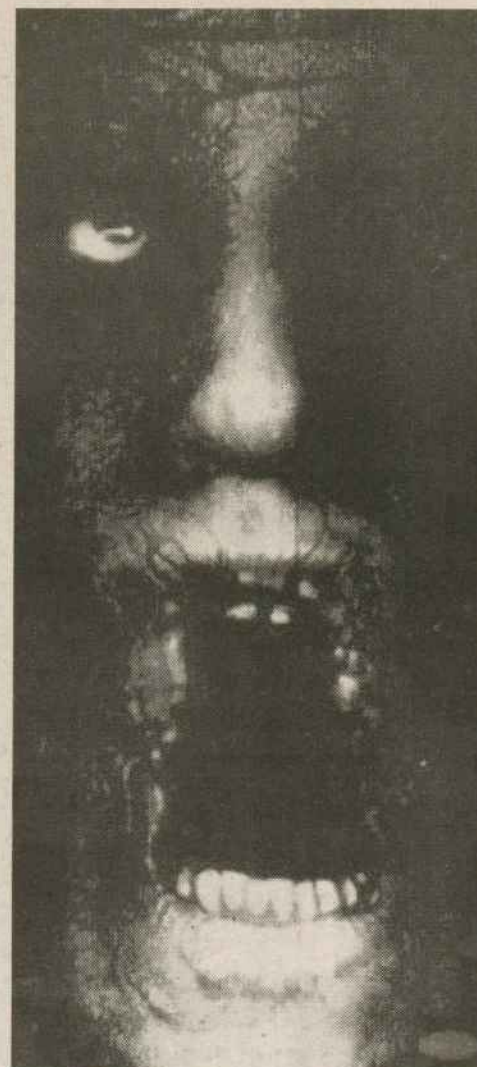
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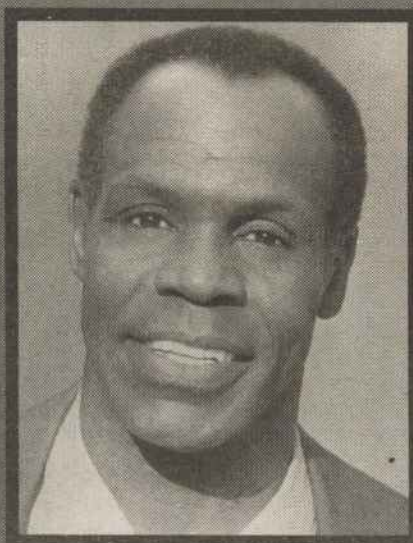
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Spotlight

Albert Brooks Talks About His A-Muse-ing New Film

by Tim Nasson

Los Angeles – It should go without saying that **Albert Brooks'** films are not for everyone. It would be unfair to categorize them as Woody Allenesque – they are far from that – but all of Brooks' films seem to deal with someone (usually him) coming to terms with one problem or another.

The similarities between Allen and Brooks lie in the way they tell their stories. They always do so with a lot of unconventional, irreverent comedy.

Just as Allen always does, Brooks manages to cast seemingly impossible celebrities in all of his films. His last film, *Mother*, used **Debbie Reynolds** to perfection. She was robbed of an Academy Award nomination.

In Brooks' latest film, *The Muse*, he manages to snag and showcase in a hilarious light a number of A+ list Directors. They play themselves, in cameos so funny that they are impos-

sible to describe on the page.

Among the many he has managed to seduce: **Martin Scorsese**, **James Cameron** and **Rob Reiner**.

"I have a lot of information on a lot of people," is how Brooks explains getting the famed directors to agree to star in his film, as themselves, in an unflattering, albeit hysterical way.

Brooks' biggest snatch was **Sharon Stone**. (No pun intended.) Stone plays the muse to Brooks and all of the directors. Her character claims to be otherworldly and possesses an ability to compel them to once again allow their creative juices to flow after a lull.

Her price? It includes a stay in the fanciest suite at The Four Seasons in Beverly Hills, an 'expensive' gift from Tiffany's everyday, and many other amenities. All of these are to be of the finest caliber, of course.

"I purposely meant to put Sharon in a comedy," says Brooks. "I needed to

de-*Basic Instinct* this woman. Everyone thinks of her as only a dramatic actress. She possesses the ability to do great comedy and did so for me."

Brooks not only makes fun of the directors he plants in his film, *The Muse*, he pokes fun at the studio,



Paramount, that financed his last film, *Mother*.

"Films put out by big movie studios sometimes make fun of 'Hollywood,'" says Brooks, who was born Albert Einstein. (No, I am not kidding.) "But they never make fun of the studios. Studios do not have a good sense of humor about the behind the scenes."

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"No," he adds in his witty tone, "Sadly they are not known for their self-deprecating humor."

Brooks is a very charming and gifted, yet under appreciated actor/writer/director. Ironically, he sat down to speak with me at The Four

Seasons in Beverly Hills, sans Sharon Stone. That was unfortunate because Stone bares everything but her pelvic area in this film.

"It was her idea," said Brooks. "I swear."

Beginning his comedy career over thirty years ago, the fifty-something Brooks has amassed an impressive resume. Among his many accomplishments as a director are the '80s classic *Lost in America* and the early '90s sleeper *Defending Your Life*,



which stars Meryl Streep. As an actor, Brooks received an Academy Award nomination for his role in 1987's *Broadcast News*.

"I love acting, I love writing, I love directing. What can I say?" says a very content Brooks. "I'm not trying to make the next *Titanic*. All I am doing is trying to make the people who understand my films and my sense of humor laugh."

Things may be changing though. Brooks is ready to begin work, as an actor, on the *Armageddon* sequel. It's due out in 2001. He is also about to begin working with Leelee Sobieski (*Eyes Wide Shut*, *Joan of Arc*) on what he calls "a non-sexual *Harold and Maude*."

At the moment, Brooks is glad that his life is not reminiscent of that of his character's in *The Muse*.

"I'm settled now. I am married and have a kid. I guess I used to be 'Warren Beatty without the sex,' but times sure have changed. I am not the playboy anymore."

Could it be that Brooks has found his own Muse?



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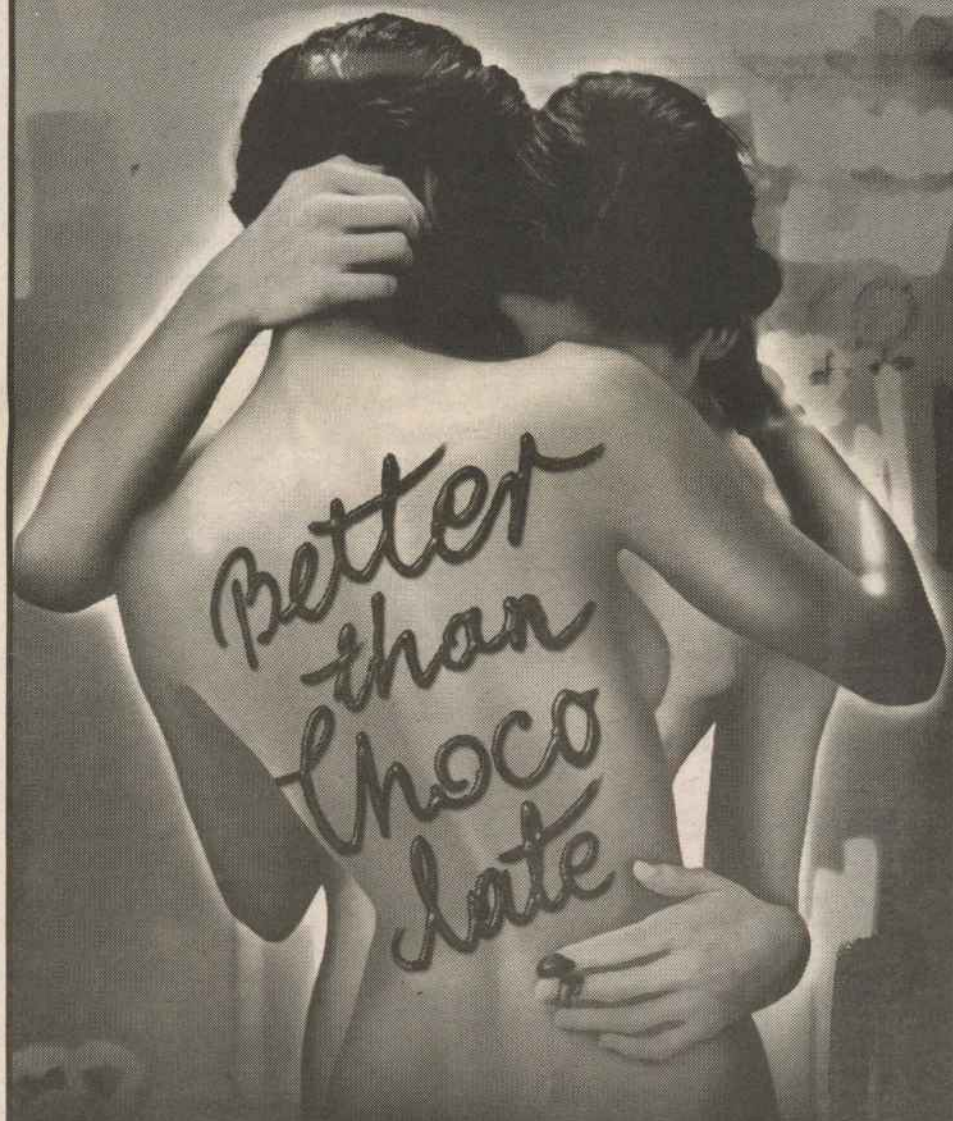
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OUT on Film

Bowfinger

Review by John Jahn

Bobby Bowfinger (Steve Martin) has much in common with real-life schlockmeister Ed Wood, the infamous crossdressing, angora fetishist movie maker of the '50s and '60s whose series of films fit easily on just about anyone's all-time bad movie list. Bowfinger has Wood's enthusiasm for the movie-making process, boundless inventiveness and general lack of talent. His "masterpiece," a campy sci-fi endeavor called *Chubby Rain*, has the odor of Ed Woodism about it.

But Bowfinger is in dire financial straits. AT&T is after him to pay his bills, his actors are about to walk out on him and the dream he has nursed for his whole adult life is in danger of floundering. He finally acquires support from Jerry Renfro (Robert Downey Jr.), a big shot producer, but there's a catch. Bowfinger has to land action mega-star Kit Ramsey (Eddie Murphy) as his lead. Needless to say, Ramsey gives an emphatic "NO!" to doing a movie called *Chubby Rain*.

This is Bowfinger's moment to show his creativity. Hilariously, he begins filming Ramsey anyway with a hidden camera and getting the other actors to walk up to him and speak their lines, causing Ramsey to think aliens are out to get him! When he disappears, a desperate Bowfinger must hire a lookalike replacement. Enter Murphy again as nerdy Jiff.

Bowfinger builds comic momentum as it unfolds under the careful direction of (Frank Oz) (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *In and Out*). Steve Martin's script isn't just funny, it shows a genuine affection for movies and the filmmaking process. There's also Eddie Murphy, who gives his best performance since *The Nutty Professor*. Both of his characters, the volatile Kit and shy Jiff, are uniquely brilliant interpretations, each getting his share of laughs. Oz, Martin and Murphy can be credited for supplying a very amusing film.

Powered by a hilarious, high-octane performance by Eddie Murphy and a witty, boisterous script by his co-star, Steve Martin, *Bowfinger* offers 90-odd minutes of solid entertainment. The last half-hour or so alone is worth the price of admission. It's a comic oasis in the midst of a mid-August desert of movie mediocrity and contains some of the biggest laughs of the year.

3 1/2 Stars

Better than Chocolate

Review by John Jahn

Now I know where all the hot, Gay sex scenes that never happened in *Trick* ended up. They've been converted from male-male to female-female and dropped into the new, joyful Lesbian-themed comedy, *Better Than Chocolate*. In fact, this film pushes the R rating about as far as it can go without lapsing into NC-17. Whether that's good or bad depends on your tastes for explicit scenes in movies, but at least the hot stuff in *Better Than Chocolate* has a context.

This steamy Canadian production, directed by Anne Wheeler, not only embraces Lesbian sex but also the taboo movie subject of... sex toys (I'll just leave it at that for now). The best thing about the film's racy sex scenes is that, in spite of them, it never loses sight of a solid story about two women coming to terms with their love for each other and how that love should be expressed.

Maggie (Karyn Dwyer) is 19-year-old Lesbian bookstore clerk who wants to be a writer. She also works as a girls' club dancer by night. Despite being thoroughly out of the closet and even somewhat of a crusader, she hasn't quite been able to bring herself to be honest with her family. When she meets a travelling, free lance artist named Kim (Christina Cox), fire ignites, passionate lips lock and the clothes fly!

Things get very complicated for Maggie when, just as she's becoming involved with Kim, her Mrs. Cleaver-esque mom, Lila (Wendy Crewson), and teenaged brother, Paul (Kevin Mundy), show up unexpectedly for a visit. The stage is set for all kinds of shenanigans and not a few serious moments, too, as Maggie must deal with coming out to her mother and brother, and do so without alienating her newly found love.

This is where *Better Than Chocolate* succeeds where so many Gay and Lesbian-themed films before have failed. It admirably depicts Lesbians in refreshingly honest, unpreachy ways, and its well-drawn characters develop beyond stereotypes. It's a smart, funny, adult sex comedy with a love story at its core that is touching and surprisingly cheerful. Comedic moments are often simply outrageous, such as the scene where straight-laced Lila stumbles across a box of sex toys and shows more than passing interest.

Screenwriter Peggy Thomson is clearly sensitive to Gay and Lesbian issues. In addition to helping us bond with the central cast, she also provides well-developed supporting characters, which helps give the story a wider view of LGBT life. Peter Outerbridge, for example, beautifully portrays a transsexual searching for her identity and dealing with pain inflicted by her family.

The film also boasts a high-energy soundtrack, with music by Graeme Coleman and songs by Ani DiFranco, Bif Naked, Ferron, Lorraine Bowen, West End Girls and Sarah McLachlan.

To its detriment, *Better Than Chocolate's* production values are a bit lame and viewers are bound to become impatient with some of the strained acting (these are not by any means first-rate actors). But all in all, *Better Than Chocolate* offers a sexy, steamy, thought-provoking comedy about life and love from the Lesbian perspective, and doing so in a way that anyone balancing family, career and relationships can surely identify with.

3 Stars

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DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

From Liam to Lesbian

Liam's Neeson's legendary light saber isn't enough to keep *Cabaret* cutie **Natasha Richardson** from playing for the other team. The Tony Award-winning actress is currently in negotiations for a Lesbian role in the Miramax black comedy, *Never Better*.

The *Fully Monty* scriptor **Simon Beaufoy** writes the film (formerly known as *Blow Dry*). It tells the story of rival beauty salons in a small English town. Richardson would play the ex-wife of a hairdresser (British bad boy **Alan Rickman**) who gets involved in a Lesbian relationship with one of the salon owners.

Co-starring as her love object is **Rachel Griffiths**, whose role in *Hilary and Jackie* garnered her an Oscar nomination. *Never Better* is about to begin shooting in Ireland and England.

Casting Against Type

Legendary womanizer and *Playboy* founder **Hugh Hefner** is the latest porn mogul to get his own biopic. The Viagra-endorsing septuagenarian is the subject of a film being produced by **Ron Howard** and **Brian Grazer**. The drama will show how Hef revolutionized the sex industry and coined the phrase "entertainment for men."

The kicker is that Hef is rumored to want none other than man-loving actor **Rupert Everett** to fill out his ubiquitous smoking jacket. It seems that Everett's turn as a horny gentleman-about-town in *An Ideal Husband* impressed the Chicago-born playboy, who concluded that Everett exudes a Hef-like charm. Hmmm... If Everett's up to the challenge, we could be seeing him at the Oscars.

Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus

Gay producer **Scott Rudin**, whose work includes *In and Out*, opened his personal checkbook to purchase the film rights to the **Michael Cunningham** Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Hours*. Rudin intends to develop the project on his own without the help (or hindrance) of a studio. He'll worry about distribution later.

The Hours, which was published last year, is inspired by Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*. Cunningham's story deals with three charac-

ters from different eras who all share a connection to the Woolf novel: the Bisexual Woolf herself as she writes *Mrs. Dalloway* circa 1923; a 1940s house frau who reads the book while pregnant; and a contemporary New York woman who plans a party for an ex-lover, now stricken with AIDS, who many years before had dubbed her *Mrs. Dalloway*.

Lily Hits the Road

Comedienne **Lily Tomlin**, who recently gave such a convincing onscreen portrayal of a Lesbian in *Tea with Mussolini*, will be returning to the stage after a 12-year hiatus.

Her one-woman show, *Lily Tomlin Live*, debuts in late September in Austin, Texas and then tours other mid-size U.S. cities. If all goes well, the show, directed by Tomlin's longtime collaborator **Jane Wagner**, may wind up on Broadway next year.

Tomlin's last Broadway foray, in 1986 with *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, won her a Tony.

High Times for Highsmith

Patricia Highsmith, the late great Lesbian suspense novelist, may become the Gay community's answer to **Edith Wharton**. Heat is building on the production of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, with **Matt Damon** and **Gwyneth Paltrow**, which is based on her homoerotic thriller.

Now Director **Hettie McDonald**, who helmed the 1996 boy-meets-boy romantic comedy *Beautiful Thing*, is developing the Highsmith novel *Carol* for the big screen. The drama deals with a married woman who is pursued by a younger woman.

Highsmith's work has been brought to celluloid before, most notably by **Alfred Hitchcock** in *Strangers on a Train*.

Romeo San Vicente would love to baby sit Liam's light saber while Natasha's off making her movie. You can reach Romeo in care of **Wisconsin Light** or via e-mail at **RomeoDeep@aol.com**. For more Deep Inside Hollywood, visit **www.pop-conq.com** or **www.gay.com**.



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Eco-Tourism: Rules for the Road Less Trampled

by Sasha Alyson

Traveling to learn about and care for the environment, known as **Eco-tourism**, is the new frontier of LGBT travel on two fronts. It has taken Gay people to many new places, while it also has created a new, progressive ethic for the tourism industry in general.



For many years, Gay people avoided travel outside urban Mecca's where we felt safe and comfortable. However, in the past two decades, a few pioneers have introduced LGBT vacations, tours and accommodations throughout the world, including the most remote and exotic places.

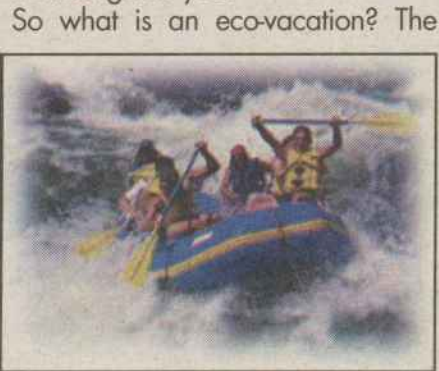
As we discover its wonders, we learn more about the environment and become better stewards of its future. Like the LGBT rights movement, eco-tourism grew mainstream through underground and grassroots activism. Our response to its sudden acceptance is a celebration of our own liberty.

Sound political and preachy? Too granola for your taste? You say you tried an eco-vacation when you paid \$500 for a mud bath at Canyon Ranch? Somewhere on the spectrum between the mud bath and a circuit party, there's a destination that could offer a fresh and fun experience. By following a few enlightened rules of thumb, you will return healthier, more confident, and a little wiser.

1. **Know before you go.** Being

aware of a country's language, customs and religions helps you make new friends. As we build bridges to other cultures, we create a more tolerant world in the only true way possible, friendship by friendship.

2. **Leave only footprints, take only photos** is the famous summary of this important rule for the responsible traveler. Remember to leave natural spaces in the same or better condition.
3. **Give back.** Support local artisans who make your destination unique. You can also cater to local businesses that share your concern for the environment.
4. **Travel in the spirit of curiosity, humility and openness.** Being an eco-traveler is not just where you go, and what you do. It's an attitude that you bring to the experience. You can have a great time by letting your natural sense of wonder guide you.



idea has become so popular that the Internet teems with eco-tourism sites. Marketers have used the buzzword to advertise even the common cruise, a cynical twist on an otherwise noble trend.

For the record, real eco-vacations fall into three categories: those offering educational and conservation experiences, those offering natural adven-

tures, and those offering both. Many eco-tour operators blend both conservation and adventure with an emphasis on group activity.

1) **Mariah Wilderness Travel** (www.mariahwe.com; 800-462-7424) offers adventure travel and eco-travel trips for women in North and South America, from white-water rafting down the Colorado River to rain-forest trekking in the Amazon. They also offer educational family vacation packages to non-traditional families, which include hot-air ballooning and storytelling for children.

2) **Rancho Mirage Travel & Way to Go Costa Rica** (; 800-369-1073) have collaborated to bring you the beautiful rainforests of this LGBT-friendly South American Island. Truly unspoiled, you can wander over the beautiful beaches at Punta Uva, explore the active Arenal Volcano, and tour the rainforests with native conservationists to guide you.

3) **Kalani Eco-Resort** (www.kalani.com; 800-800-6886) is the only coastal lodging facility within Hawaii's largest conservation area. Kalani provides wholesome cuisine, great accommodations, pool/spa, massage therapies, traditional culture and holistic seminars. Their website articulates a special commitment to the LGBT community, including numerous

conferences and special events.

4) **Earthquest** (www.earthquestadventure.com; 800-542-7111) is a non-profit eco-tour operator with journeys to Alaska, North America, South America and Central America. Among their most popular tours, travel to the Galapagos Islands, where the abundant diversity of unusual flora and fauna inspired Darwin's theory on natural selection. A quick phone call assured me that they are "friendly to all kinds of people."



This list is just the beginning. As this growing market testifies, there is a fascinating world over the rainbow; and it belongs to all of us. If you follow your natural curiosity, you could make it a better place to live...and bring back memories to last a lifetime.

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Something Every Gay/Bi Man Should Know

by Jeff Miller and Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - While much of our attention is focused on the dangers of HIV and AIDS, another sometimes-deadly virus is also working its way through our community, Hepatitis.

Hepatitis infections can come from a variety of causes, including drug and alcohol abuse. There are five types of Hepatitis.

The two strains that are common among Gay and Bisexual men are Hepatitis A and B. How common are they? A study done by Milwaukee's BESTD Clinic shows that up to one of every three Gay men have been exposed to Hepatitis A and up to one in four have been exposed to Hepatitis B.

Both strains are contagious and can spread by sexual contact. Both can be fatal. Fortunately, there are vaccines to prevent them. Free Hepatitis vaccinations are available at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee.

According to the Centers of Disease Control, over 143,000 cases of Hepatitis A are reported every year.

Hepatitis A is usually spread by contact with substances that are contaminated with fecal material. Food and water containing fecal materials, inadequate hand washing and sexual activity involving the rectum (rimming, scat, finger play and intercourse) can all cause transmission of the virus.

Hepatitis A symptoms include vomiting, abdominal pain, jaundice and diarrhea. Complete recovery can take as long as 6 months. The symptoms for Hepatitis A vary from person to person. Some people never even realize that they contracted the disease. Others may wind up in a hospital and die. Many of those exposed to Hepatitis A think they have a bad case of the flu.

The A version of the virus is not a chronic one. That means it does not remain in your body once your immune system has fought it off.

That is not true for the Hepatitis B virus. Over 240,000 people contract the virus every year. An estimated 1.2 million others are Hepatitis B carriers. Those who are unable to get rid of the virus can and do infect others, even though they show no symptoms themselves.

Sexual activity, blood exchange and/or saliva can transmit Hepatitis B. In other words, even deep throat kissing can expose someone to the virus.

Its symptoms include: jaundice (turning yellow), fatigue, nausea, muscle/joint pain, weight loss, liver pain, dark urine and swollen glands. The severity of illness varies with each

person. Some people become infected and never realize it because they do not have any symptoms. Others can die from Hepatitis B complications. Hepatitis B is the most contagious and most serious of the Hepatitis infections.

If you are lucky, your body will develop a resistance to the virus after it's exposed to Hepatitis B. If you aren't, you will become a chronic carrier of the virus. That means you will spread it to others and you may develop complications such as cancer of the liver later in life.

The vaccine for Hepatitis B consists of three injections. The second injection is given one month after the first and the third injection is given five months after the second injection.

There is a lot of discussion about Hepatitis C and its increasing frequency. However, little is known about the modes of transmission, and currently there is not a vaccine available. It does have a long dormancy period and does appear to be linked to blood transmission.

Agencies fighting STDs in the Gay community are very concerned about Hepatitis A and B. That's because

men who have sex with men are at very high risk for these two diseases. Both viruses can cause severe symptoms in people, and most importantly, they are preventable.

Unfortunately, too few Gay and Bisexual men are aware of the problem. Most are not being vaccinated. More people are becoming infected.

Experts recommend that all men who have sex with men receive vaccinations for both Hepatitis A and B. Your doctor can do the vaccinations, but they are expensive. The wholesale price of the Hepatitis B shots is \$51 for each of the three inoculations. Add in your Doctor's overhead, and you could spend \$300 to \$500 for the vaccinations.

The BESTD Clinic offers FREE inoculations for both Hepatitis A and B. The Clinic limits its Hepatitis A vaccinations to Gay and Bisexual men and to Intravenous drug users. That's because they are at high risk for the disease and because the amount of available vaccine is limited.

Therefore, if you don't have a doctor, are not comfortable asking your doctor for the vaccinations, if you do not have a doctor, or if you cannot afford them, it makes sense to use the BESTD Clinic's program. If you have any questions about the vaccines, please call the clinic at (414) 272-2144.



Dear Ruthie

Dear Ruthie,

I can not believe I am doing this because I never sent a letter to a newspaper or anything before. There is a situation going on, though, and after reading your column in the Wisconsin Light, I thought I would write you.

I met a man a few days before he had to go to court for something he says he did not do. He broke his parole agreement, and had to go back to court to face that situation and other legalities. We went out all three days before his trial. We had sex for hours every day at his place, because I live with my Mom. He says that he loves me and he even wrote me poems.

He was convicted. The Judge sentenced him to four years in prison but he says he will get out earlier. He has been in jail before. He said that we can still be lovers and he knows how I can give him oral sex when I come to visit. He also said he can call me and we can have phone sex and he will read me poems he wrote.

I am 20 years old but I don't have much experience with gay sex and love. He is 37 and has a lot of experience. He says he wants us to be together and that his friends will take care of me. A friend of his says I can move in with him until my boyfriend gets out of prison.

Moving in with his friend would solve a lot of problems. This will get me out of my Mom's house. I don't want her to know I'm Gay and I don't want her to know about him, his life or that he is jail.

Also, moving with his friend will make it easier for my boyfriend and I to have phone sex and for me to visit him.

While this sounds like a bad situation to be in, I love him and I think about having sex with him all the time. I am 20 years old and think I know what's best for me and can make my own decisions in life. I am not a child who falls in love with any guy who shows him attention and love.

He called my Mom's house from jail to talk to me, but I acted like I wasn't home. I don't know why I did that. I don't know if this is a good situation for me to continue with, but I really want to be with him. What should I do?

Thank you,
(Name withheld by request of writer)

Dear Friend,

Oh dear—this is a pretty serious one. My ex-husband Lou served time in the big house, so I have some advice for you.

I could tell you all of the advantages of jail-house lovin'. I could tell you the erotic activities that you and your man will live out with a thick sheet of plexi-glass in-between you. I could tell you how happy I was when Lou told me he became another man's bitch. I could tell you all of these things—but I would be lying. Well... I wouldn't be lying about that part about Lou, but the rest would be lies.

There is so much to say here, I don't know where to start. How can you say you know this person, let alone love him after only spending three days with him? A mature 20-year-old—as you say you are—would acknowledge that three days does not a relationship make.

You also said that he is 17 years older than you are. I'm not saying these relationships don't work, but you need more than three days to determine if such an age difference will affect your relationship.

You address sex quite a bit. I think you're letting the sex thing play too big a part in this ordeal. You need to completely take sex out of the picture and think about the more serious implications involved. What are his friends like and do you know any of them well enough to live with them?

How many times has your boyfriend—and I use that term loosely—been in jail? What other crimes was he convicted of? Is he dangerous? How can you be sure of your answer? Why does he keep talking about having sex, even though he's behind bars?

You said you're not that experienced where your sexuality is concerned, so I don't think you're ready for a complex situation with a man who carries this much baggage. Forget about him for the time being.

You're too young to be messing around with all of this. This is a time to be having fun with friends and learning about yourself. It's not a time to be living with a stranger and belittling yourself for a convict.

Tell him you're too young to take on this relationship. Tell him you aren't ready for a complex relationship such as this, and then get the hell outta of this mess!

Hey folks! Keep those letters coming. You can write me care of Wisconsin Light at 225 S. Second Street, Milwaukee WI, 53204. Or you can fax me at (414) 226-0096. You can email me through our web site www.wilight.com

OUT IN CYBERSPACE More Convergence



by Michael Stewart

My last column on the convergence of fax and voice-mail messages into e-mail generated more than the usual amount of inbound mail and questions on other related services that might be available. Some of the queries came from those who saw what the industry refers to as "unified messaging" as both a potential safeguard for personal privacy and work-a-day convenience. Other messages came from community-based groups who must always look for ways to stretch their hard-won funding and grant dollars ever further.

Most WorldWide Web-based industries are eager to link themselves far and wide in order to attract new customers. Providers of unified messaging services, however, tend not to advertise each other by providing links to related websites.

If, for example, the company you work for uses the fictional XYZ.com, you may never hear of its easier-to-use competitor, the equally fictional ABC.com. That's because advertising dollars and corporate sponsorships usually support the free features.

Most of the inquiries the convergence column brought concerned faxing services. Those who've become accustomed to making a single local telephone call to transact all their Internet business react with shuddering horror at the notion of dialing long-distance to send at low speeds what is nothing more than a low-quality graphic file. Wouldn't a service that uses 1990's technology be useful?

If your answer to that question is in the affirmative, point your browser to Fax4Free.Com, at <http://www.fax4free.com>. It makes its

facilities available to both businesses and individuals.

The sign-up process is a painless one. Once you're registered, Fax4Free allows to you send facsimile transmissions anywhere within the United States at no charge by using your browser. There's a minimal cost for faxes sent to overseas destinations.

Outbound faxes are limited to ten pages. That is probably more than enough for casual use, though broadcast faxes (the same document sent to multiple users) are charged at a rate of 6¢ per page.

Of special note is the augmented service Fax4Free.Com offers to non-profit organizations. If your group or organization qualifies as a non-profit (usually referred to as "501(c)3" status by the Internal Revenue Service), Fax4Free.Com allows you to broadcast an unlimited number of faxes anywhere within the United States at no cost.

Just a few moments spent pondering the often-limited budgets of your local LGBT political action group or AIDS awareness organization shows how Fax4Free.Com's marketing tactic can be used to enormously benefit our community.

If your communication needs are more elaborate, it may be well worth your time to check out the newly hatched OneBox.Com at

<http://www.onebox.com>. It was launched in conjunction with the Internet media behemoth ZDNet. OneBox.Com lets you get all of your communications - voicemail, e-mail, faxes and ICQ messages - in a single place, using your Windows-based version 4+ browser.

You can save all sorts of incoming messages until your inbox is full. Unlike paper faxes, transmissions received in your OneBox can easily be forwarded to another person, either to their e-mail boxes or to their own fax machine.

The voicemail offerings are equally robust. Fresh on the scene as it is, OneBox.com doesn't yet have nationwide coverage. However, it promises to have inbound voicemail service to 80% of the country's metropolitan areas within a few weeks. In fact, as part of the registration process, you'll be asked for your current area code, so they know which geographical regions to prioritize.

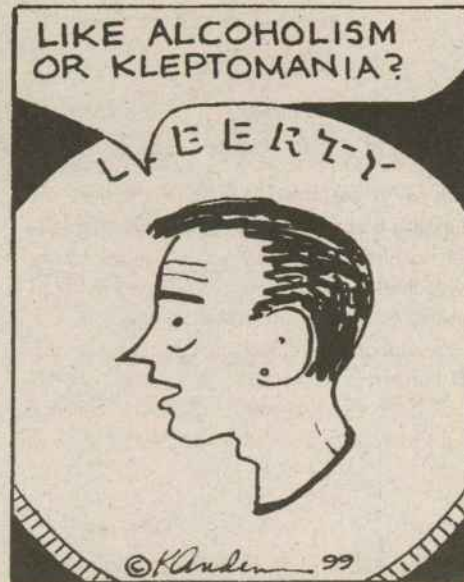
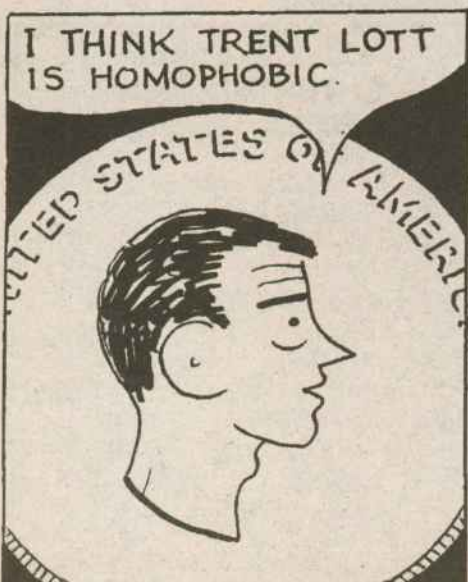
In years to come, services as MessageClick.Com, Fax4Free.Com and OneBox.Com will seem hopelessly quaint and outdated. For the time being, however, such unified messaging services represent the cutting-edge of net-based technology. Anything they'll let you do at no charge is usually worth the price.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



BIFF 'N BUNKY

by KEITH N ANDERSON



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NIGHTS OUT

News...

LGBT Milwaukee is going to get another great place to meet and socialize. Well, actually, it's an old place that is going to reopen as something else.

Julia, owner of **Dish**, has finished a deal to reopen the old **Mama Roux's** on Milwaukee's beautiful East Side. She told me that the new place will be an alternative bar that will offer a great place to meet, greet and have a good time. I don't know if the name is going to change, but I expect it will.

What won't change is Julia's philosophy of offering a quality, cutting edge place for us to gather and have fun. She said the new digs will be ready in a few months. Julia

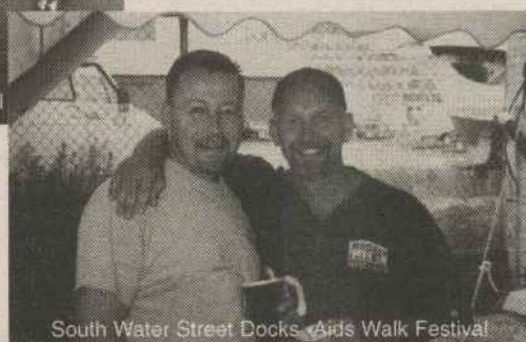


South Water Street Docks

Aids Walk Festival

your favorite bar team. In Milwaukee, the Ball Game, Kathy's Nut Hut, the M&M Club, South Water Street Docks, the Eagle and the afore mentioned This Is It have teams. So does the Blue Light in Sheboygan, Sass in Green Bay and Rays in Madison.

If helping in the fight



South Water Street Docks, Aids Walk Festival

Dusty

AFTER DARK

says that her new bar will be friendly to straights and Gays. Before little tongues start wagging, let me say that the new place is not a replacement for **Dish**. **Dish** will remain open.

In my last column, I noted the sad tale of Mr. D, who was arrested for passing some unseemly pictures at a Milwaukee bar. I hear that Mr. D. continues to insist that he is not facing any charges. I also hear that he retained a high powered attorney for \$10,000. *Hmmm...*

Recaps... Speaking of high powered, I had a high powered time at This Is It following my attendance at Dale Gutzman's new *Frankenstein* play. The play written by Clive Barker (of Hollywood fame) is quite good. I highly recommend it. I also recommend a post theater stop at *This Is It*, no matter where you've been. The place was quite crowded when I was there, and everyone was having a blast.

Coming Up... AIDS Walk Wisconsin is just a few days away, so it's time to sign up for

against AIDS is not enough motivation, consider how raising money can win you some neat prizes. If that isn't



Club 219 1st Anniversary

enough, remember some of our favorite performers like Holly Brown, Miss M and Ginger Spice. In Madison, you might want to remember Dale, the founding Director of Perfect Harmony, the Gay men's chorus. Dale died from AIDS two

weeks ago.

It's nice when we think of these people at benefit shows, but remembering should go beyond that. They can't walk for themselves, but we can walk for them. Sign up, get pledges, and do your part so that one day, AIDS itself will be just a memory.

There are some great benefits coming up for these teams too. See our Going Out Calendar for details.

Note to a Loud Mouth: The other day someone was telling a friend (and everyone else in ear shot including me) that they wouldn't join the AIDS Walk because ARCW has enough money. *Oh really?*

Tell that to those families who depend on the ARCW food pantry to eat. Tell it to the confused teens who suddenly find out they have a fatal disease because there wasn't enough money to get them safe sex information. Tell that to the guy who is too sick to work, just lost his health insurance and can't pay for the drugs he needs.

Tell it to the guy who isn't HIV+ because he's always able to pick up a condom on the way out of his favorite bar. Tell it to the HIV+ kid whose dentist won't treat him even though that cavity hurts like hell. And when you're done telling it to all those people, tell

me that any of them actually believed you.

ARCW, the AIDS Network and the other AIDS groups aren't perfect. But then again, we don't live in a perfect world and AIDS is proof of that.

What these groups are is a damn good answer to AIDS, the best answer we have. Get angry with AIDS, not those trying to fight it.

Speaking of getting mad, my Editor will be very mad if I don't send in this column really quick, like now! Hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile, stay safe and be

proud.

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Going Out

Wednesday, September 1

Boot Camp (Milwaukee), 15th anniversary celebration.

Thursday, September 2

Dish (Milwaukee), BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE party, to celebrate the opening of the Lesbian romantic comedy film. Free giveaways: t-shirts, CD's, tickets to the film. Drink specials.

LaCage (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 9pm-1am.

Club 219 (Milwaukee), Backstage Productions presents THE AMERICAN SEND-OFF, for Mr. Gay All-American 2000 in Oklahoma City, 11pm showtime featuring a stunning line up of titleholders (see ad this issue for details).

Friday, September 3

Brew City Bears (Milwaukee), 4th Annual LeBear Day Weekend through Sept. 6. Beer, Bears and Brats Tour and Microbrewery Boat Tour along the Milwaukee River. Beer BBQ, 3rd Ward Tour and special nightlife parties. See Events Calendar.

Capers Illusions (Kenosha), Backstage Productions presents THE AMERICAN SEND-OFF, for Mr. Gay All-American 2000 in Oklahoma City, 10:30pm showtime featuring a stunning line up of titleholders (see ad this issue for details).

Za's (Green Bay), Dan E Dance's benefit show.

Saturday, September 4

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), Post-picnic Party at Bev's Jook Joint (Superior) following the picnic, 6pm-2am.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), AIDS Walk Fundraiser, 10pm-close. Drawings every half hour, with some pretty cool prizes. Harley rides for a donation!

Sunday, September 5

Club 5 (Madison), Anniversary Celebration - Live Band: The Swimming Fish 5-8:30pm. Free giveaways, free buffets, drink specials all night. Beer Bust 3-8pm.

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), Drag & More: Annual AIDS Fundraiser at the Main Club, 9pm.

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), After the Cruise Drinks, 5:30 at Bev's Jook Joint (Superior).

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), The Oberons welcome the Brew City Bears and Guests to the Milwaukee Eagle for a beer bust, snacks, dancing and underwear night. 8pm-2.

Monday, September 6 LABOR DAY

Ballgame (Milwaukee), Labor Day celebration, open 11am, hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

Rainbow Room (Madison), Labor Day Special, Rolling Rock \$1.50.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee), 4th annual Labor Day Cookout, 1-9pm, food served at 5pm.

Switch (Milwaukee), AIDS Walk Benefit Picnic, 3-7pm, \$7 donation includes beer bust, food (patio cook out), raffles for prizes.

Thursday, September 9

Fluid (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free on site HIV testing and counseling from 9pm-midnight.

Friday, September 10

UW's Ten Percent Society (Madison), Welcome Back Dance for LGBT and friends of UW-Madison students and employees. 8pm-12:45am, Great Hall, Memorial Union, \$3 admission, DJ, cash bar. Area set aside for those under 21.

LIVE WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT

Barbie Dolls Playhouse (Milwaukee), Karaoke every Wed. at 10pm.

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, second and fourth Wed. of the month.

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

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

Switch (Milwaukee), Karaoke every Thurs. at 8pm.

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BAR GUIDE

APPLETON (920)			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
BELOIT (608)			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
EAU CLAIRE (715)			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
GREEN BAY (920)			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54304	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway, 54303	432-9646
Sass	WM, S	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54301	435-5476
RESTAURANTS			
Cafe Bourbon		1106*Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
LA CROSSE (608)			
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279
MADISON (608)			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Rainbow Room	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
RESTAURANTS			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
MILWAUKEE (414)			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed & Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<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
Switch	Mw, s	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 6-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This Is It	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
Woody's	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
RESTAURANTS			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
RACINE/KENOSHA (414)			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
SHEBOYGAN (920)			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
SUPERIOR (715)			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW, L/L	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

M-Men • W-Women • G/S-Gay/Straight • F-Food • DJ-Disk Jockey • V-Video
L/L-Levi/Leather • E- Entertainment • S-Sports

Events CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Celebrating Love (Milwaukee), A Free Reception for LGBT couples and the LGBT community members at Milwaukee's City Hall Rotunda. 7:10pm, a light buffet, entertainment by the John Schneider Orchestra. Celebrate OUR Family Values and Milwaukee's new Domestic Partners Registry.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), Presentation of Clive Barker's FRANKENSTEIN IN LOVE, at a special location: The Brumder Mansion, 3046 W. Wisconsin. For tickets and more information, call (414) 873-1962. Play runs through the 4th.

Jazz in the Park (Milwaukee), Weekly free concert in Cathedral Square Park (Kilbourn and Jackson), 6:30-9pm. Bring your own food, or purchase from surrounding restaurants and unique park vendors. This week features Douglas Spotted Eagle.

Milw. Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) (Milwaukee), Opening Reception from 7-9pm tonight for the exhibit: DESIGNS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY, Industrial design excellence awards 1997-1999. Brooks Stevens Gallery of Industrial Design, through March 25. 273 E. Erie St. (414) 276-7889.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Brew City Bears (Milwaukee), 4th Annual LeBear Day Weekend through Sept. 6. Beer, Bears and Brats Tour and Microbrewery Boat Tour along the Milwaukee River. Beer BBQ, 3rd Ward Tour and special nightlife parties. FMI call (414) 299-0401 or visit: www.brewcitybears.org.

LGBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), See article on page 8.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee), LET IT POUR Teapots Large and Small special exhibition of by 20 national artists working in various media. Opening night Tea Party from 3-5pm with refreshments provided by Debonshire Victorian Tea Shoppe. Exhibition continues through Oct. 23 241 N. Broadway, (414) 289-0855. Also opening tonight, an exhibition of recent works by Wisconsin oil painters James Hempel, Robert Hevel and William Weidner.

Madison Rep (Madison), DL Coburn's Pulitzer Prize winning drama THE GIN GAME. Using a card game as a metaphor for life, this pits a prim, self righteous lady and a fiery, world weary man against each other in a funny battle of wits that ends with self discovery. Through Sept. 26 at the Isthmus Playhouse at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. Tickets from \$20-25. at the Box Office or call (608) 266-9055. Opening Night Reception at Deb and Lola's, 227 State St. following the performance.

Renaissance Theatre Works (Milwaukee), FULL GALLOP, Diana Vreeland is the Original Fashion Police! Directed by Jenny Wanasek, through Sept. 19 at the Broadway Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway, tickets (414) 291-7800.

SAGE (Milwaukee), Men's Discussion Group, topic: Gay But Not Alone: Socialization Among Older Gays. 6:30pm, LGBT Community Center small meeting room.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Bi Definition Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee), Topic: Violence Against Bi's. FMI call Nikki at (414) 774-5055.

Brew City Bears (Milwaukee), 4th Annual LeBear Day Weekend see Friday September 3rd highlights. FMI call (414) 299-0401 or visit: www.brewcitybears.org.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, LABOR DAY

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., FMI call (608) 255-9131, dances in a smoke free environment with a cash bar, \$3 donation. Tonight: 7pm: Beginning two step lessons, 8pm: advanced line dance lessons, 9pm: open dancing.

In The Life (Milwaukee), Broadcast on IN THE LIFE on PBS channel 10, at 11pm.

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The Milw. Rep (Milwaukee), Low price preview at 7:30pm of Shakespeare's magical tale of shipwrecks, mistaken identity and love at first sight: TWELFTH NIGHT. Opens tonight and runs through Oct. 10. Quadracci Powerhouse Theater. Features original music by Present Music. Tickets in person at the Rep's box office, at 108 E. Wells, or call (414) 224-9490.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (Milwaukee), Join us for a season of song, rehearsals begin tonight at 7pm, LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd. All are invited to join in.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre (Milwaukee), SEPTEMBER AUDITIONS for this upcoming 14th season. 2252 S. Kinnickinnic, audition times 7pm or 9:30pm. By appointment only, call (414) 744-5757 voice mail.

Jazz in the Park (Milwaukee), Weekly free concert in Cathedral Square Park (Kilbourn and Jackson), 6:30-9pm. Bring your own food, or purchase from surrounding restaurants and unique park vendors. This week features Blues Singers.

LGB Business Alliance (Madison), An evening of socializing and networking hosted by Rep. Mark Pocan, 5:30pm-9:00pm. 1029 Spaight St., #65. Bring your business cards and a friend. Free to Alliance members, \$10 nonmembers.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee), Exhibition opening: A HISTORY OF THE 20TH CENTURY THROUGH ITS ART. Archbishop Weakland to speak at 6:15pm in the Vogel/Helffer Galleries (East Entrance), sharing his impressions on the 20th century. Opening is free to MAM members, regular museum admission for nonmembers. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Exhibition runs through Jan. 2nd.

The Milw. Rep (Milwaukee), See Wednesday September 8th highlights.

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Recovery Round Up (Milwaukee), STEPPING INTO THE LIGHT, the 14th annual Wisconsin and Northern Illinois round up for folks in recovery. Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, through Sunday. \$45 for the weekend. Meetings, dancing, food and fun, theater play, recovery workshops.

Rep's Stackner Cabaret (Milwaukee), Season opens with THAT'S AMORE, the latest work by writer/director Roger Bean, celebrates the anniversary of the Fabrizio family's arrival in America. The cabaret will be transformed into an Italian family restaurant with decor, music and food. Runs through Oct. 31.

SAGE (Milwaukee), SAGE Men and Women together to play cards and board games, Sheephead lessons available. 6:30pm, LGBT Community Center small meeting room.

UW's Ten Percent Society Dance (Madison), Welcome Back Dance for LGBT and friends of UW-Madison students and employees. 8pm-12:45am, Great Hall, Memorial Union, \$3 admission, DJ, cash bar. Area set aside for those under 21.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee), Phantom Press & Friends: presenting the newest work by local printmakers. 911 W. National Ave., FMI call (414) 672-2787.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre (Milwaukee), SEPTEMBER AUDITIONS. By appointment only, call (414) 744-5757 voice mail.

GAMMA Social Volleyball (Milwaukee), Season starts today, and to be held every Saturday at UWM Engleman Gym, 2033 E. Hartford Ave., from 1-3pm: \$2 GAMMA members, \$3 non-members, full time UWM students free. FMI call John (414) 540-1202.

Hotel Milwaukee Radio Program (Milwaukee), An old time radio program with a 90's twist produced in partnership with the Milw. Institute of Art and Design (MIAD) opens its 5th season with a special show: showcasing the Kettle Moraine Jazz Festival. 2pm taping.

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Market Place

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