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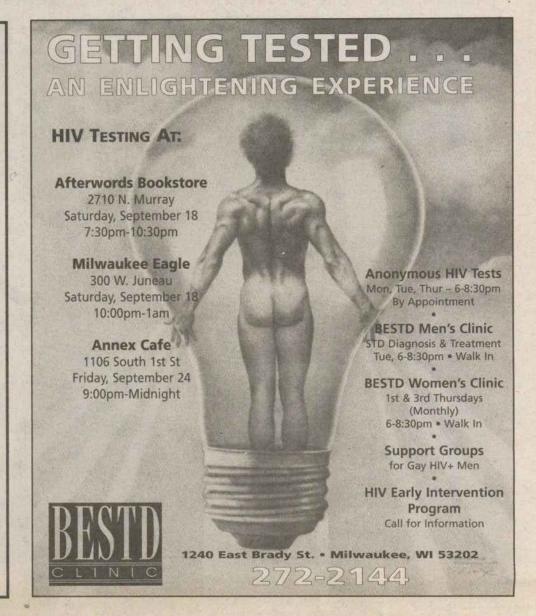
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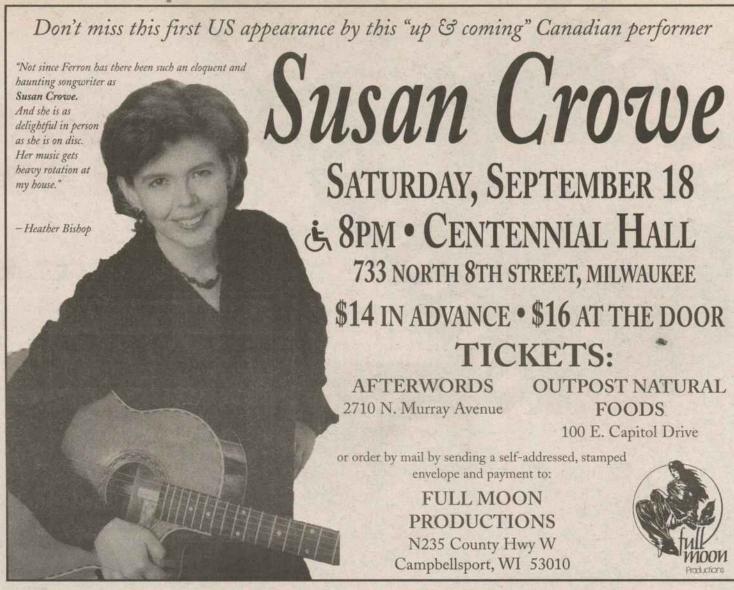


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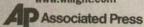
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Letter from the Editor

The Door is Open

Dear Readers,

I hate locked doors. I don't like the fact that we live in a society that's full of them. That's why despite entreaties from friends and family, I refuse to keep the door locked when I am working late at night at our office. I want people to feel free to come in and speak their minds. I want them to realize that they have access to their paper.

It's time we realized that locked doors aren't just in our homes, offices and cars; they exist in our minds, too.

We can't afford to lock out new ideas, fresh starts on old ideas and our own community. When we do, we also shut out all the possibilities those ideas and that community offers.

We can't afford to look only at those parts of life that affect us directly. That short-term perspective ignores the reality that when we help each other, a stronger community more fully capable of helping ALL of its members results.

Communities aren't built by ignoring problems — or potential solutions to them. Nothing is ever accomplished by an "everyone for themselves" mode of thinking.

Some of us seem to have forgotten that the progress we've made over the last three decades didn't happen by itself. It occurred because as a community, as many of us as possible made it happen.

In the days before statewide LGBT civil rights laws, huge pride festivals, *Will and Grace*, and domestic partnership registries, the vast majority of Gays and Lesbians were in the closet. They simply couldn't help without fear of losing their jobs and often even their families.

Now, however, tens of thousands of us are out to our families, friends and co-workers. For far too many, the chant of "Gay Rights Right Now!" has been replaced with a new set of mantras: "I'm too busy," "I don't want to be bothered," and the ever popular "It won't affect me."

So, during the push for Milwaukee's Domestic Partnership Registry, while many of us called our aldermen, wrote letters and turned out for the hearing, many others did not.

More than a few people told me they would not help because they had no plans to register. "It doesn't go far enough," some said. "I don't believe in monogamy," and "I am not in a relationship, so it doesn't affect me" were other common responses.

These people locked their minds to the possibilities the idea presented. They missed the important symbolism of an official pronouncement that our same sex relationships and, by extension, the rest of us have value.

Its effect will be more than is presently realized. For example, can you imagine the State giving LGBT couples any of the benefits enjoyed by married couples, if its largest city refused to even recognize their relationships?

Two weeks ago our bar columnist, Dusty Sass, overheard a man in a Milwaukee LGBT bar telling everyone he would not join the AIDS walk because AIDS "doesn't affect" him.

The reality is that there are few Gay men who don't think about AIDS every time they engage in sexual activity. If they aren't thinking about it, AIDS will affect them in an even more profound way.

Our last few issues have contained articles about the murder of a Gay soldier, who by all accounts was an exemplary member of his unit and the new version of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." We also devoted space to the Boy Scout controversy. We know that there aren't that many of us who are interested in signing up for the army or the BSA. Does that mean we should lock our minds to those who are? Of course not.

We know how often the mainstream media picks up on what it sees in the LGBT press. Sometimes it takes years, as it did with the Boy Scouts; sometimes it takes only a few days, as was the case when we broke the story about the Milwaukee bar raids.

Small victories, whether it's the Milwaukee Police changing their policies on how they treat our bars or a New Jersey Scout regaining his position may not affect all of us. However, they lead to larger victories, which can have an impact on everyone's daily lives. The responsible parts of the LGBT media understand that. They also understand that if we don't raise these issues, no one else will either.

We cannot do it alone. We need everyone to open their minds to the possibilities that await us, even when we think the issues don't affect us. It's time to unlock the doors.

Our door is open, feel free to come in and share the possibilities that you see.

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Log Cabin Convention Focuses on 2000

New York – Protesters are nothing new for Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), a Lesbian/Gay Republican organization, as last year's national convention in Dallas was picketed by fundamentalist Christians. But this year, LCR faced protests from the left as well as the far right at its national convention.

Representing the far right was Peter LaBarbera, who writes for the Family Research Council and heads Americans for Truth about Homosexuality. LaBarbera attacked LCR as "homosexual activists first, Republicans second."

Meanwhile, a group calling themselves "Fed Up Queers" tried to disrupt the keynote speech by NYC Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani. The activists attempted to break down the locked doors of the ballroom foyer. The pounding was clearly heard on television footage of the Mayor's speech, and the Mayor paused and mused, "They're here..."

The balfroom filled with excitement and tension as the pounding continued. "We wondered what kind of confrontation we might be involved in if the protesters gained access," said Jim McFarland, an LCR-WI officer and columnist for Wisconsin Light. The activists failed to gain access and returned to the hotel lobby. The banquet continued, and LCR members were unaware of a

melee occurring in the lobby involving the activists and hotel security.

The Mayor's address noted that the Republican Party was created to promote human freedom. The Mayor emphasized his belief that the goal of the Republican Party should continue to be the promotion of human freedom. He stated that his efforts to reduce taxes, reduce crime, free people from the shackles of the welfare system, and adopt domestic partnership benefits all promote human freedom.

Not all from the left condemned LCR. At one conference seminar, a number of liberal activists praised the role of LCR in changing the Republican Party, including Urvashi Vaid of NGLTF, Winnie Stachelberg of HRC, and Brian Bond of the Victory Fund.

For its part, LCR focused on its goals for Election 2000. Those goals include educating the presidential candidates on Lesbian/Gay issues, electing openly Lesbian and Gay delegates to the 2000 Republican National Convention, and pushing the Presidential candidates and the party to adopt a message of inclusion.

Jailer Fired For Same Sex Marriage... with Inmate

Chicago - The Sun Times reports that the Cook County Sheriff fired a female jail officer because she allegedly married a female inmate in a jail house ceremony. The employee, Lynn Harper, is suing to get her job back.

Lynn Harper was suspended without pay in December, 1997 and fired last July after she allegedly gave inmate Jacqueline Montanez engagement and wedding rings during a ceremony held in the Cook County jail's law library.

Officials also accused Harper of giving Montanez contraband food from outside the jail on the same day, Aug. 9, 1997. Montanez is serving a life sentence for murder.

The jail's employee handbook includes a rule that states, "Employees shall not use their position to become emotionally or romantically involved with clients."

Harper denies all of the allegations. She says that her firing resulted from lies told by a jailhouse snitch, who conspired with her bosses. Harper says the Sheriff's office wanted to remove her because she is Gay.

Harper's suit asks a Cook County judge to overturn her firing and award her back pay and benefits. Sheriff's officials said they stand by their decision to fire Harper.

Missouri Sodomy Law in Doubt

Kansas City, MO – Missouri's antisodomy law may or may not still be in effect, say legal experts in the "Show Me" state. Earlier this year, a jury convicted William Cogshell of sodomy and sex with a minor. Cogshell appealed the sodomy conviction and his attorney convinced the appeals court to reverse it because the minor consented to the contact. The court did not, however.

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strike down the state's sodomy law.

That put the law in a legal limbo and left prosecutors and the State Attorney General Jay Nixon wondering whether it was still in effect. Gay activists say that since the judge ruled consensual male to male sex did not violate the law, the decision effectively gutted it. Missouri's Sodomy law outlaws several types of sexual contact, but its final clause says the ban applies if these acts were performed "without consent."

Despite that clear language, Missouri prosecutors have been obtaining sexual misconduct convictions against Gay men engaged in consensual sex.

Nixon apologized all the way to the next court of appeals. The state's chief legal officer said he didn't agree with criminalizing Gay sex, but that he had an obligation to defend it. The Western Missouri Court of Appeals refused to hear the appeal without commenting. Nixon's office said there would be no more appeals.

Cogshell remains in jail serving the 13year sentence handed to him for having sexual contact with a minor, while some legislators are talking about rewriting the law. Prosecutors say they can still issue sodomy charges even if it is likely that they will be thrown out of court.

Scouts Win One

Chicago – The Chicago Tribune reports that the Chicago Boy Scout Council won a delay in enforcing a court order not to discriminate against Gays in its hiring practices.

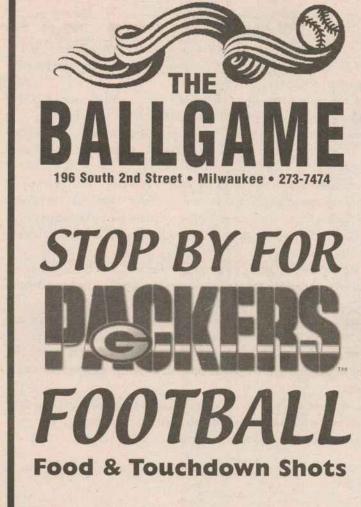
On August 12, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Schiller ruled that the BSA

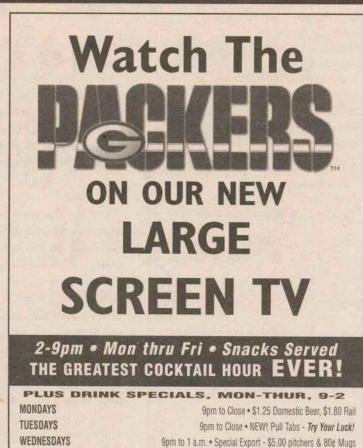
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was in violation of Chicago's LGBT civil rights law when it refused to hire Keith Richardson in 1992 because he is Gay.

The Scouts appealed that ruling and won a stay from the Illinois Appellate Court while it decides the case.

Teens Sentenced for Gay Murder, Family Blames the Victim

West Palm Beach, FL – Two teens, Bryan Donahue, 17, and William Dodge, 18, were sentenced to 50 and 25 years in prison for murdering Steve Gordereis, a 29-year-old Gay waiter. Judge Harold Cohen handed Donahue a sentence that exceeded the Circuit Court sentencing guidelines of 36 years for third degree murder. Cohen told the courtroom, "Now Palm Beach County has its hate crime."

The Judge said Donahue and Dodge were "misguided and devoid of humanity... This case has become a symbol... A statement must be made. A lesson must be taught."

Donahue robbed Gordereis and then summoned Dodge to help him with the murder. Donahue claimed that Gordereis said he was "cute" as he walked by. During the trial, defense attorneys tried to shift the blame to Gordereis. During the sentencing hearing, Gordereis' mother told the judge, "The light of my life has been taken away. I'm left with

a nightmare with how frightened he must have been."

Judge Cohen lambasted the defense attorneys for bringing up the victim's conviction for a previous encounter and his drinking on the night of that attack. He labeled the strategy "attempts to make convicted murderers look like choirboys and the victim into the purveyor of violence."

After the trial, Gordereis' family hugged outside the courtroom. The defendants' families jeered at them. Donahue's grandmother shouted, "Their son was the perpetrator. He started the whole thing." She told the *Palm Beach Post*, "How can they be happy about sending a teenager to prison? I don't think it's a fair sentence. I think there's a lot of politice."

Transsexuals Sue in Hawaii

Honolulu – The Star-Bulletin reports that six pre-op Transsexuals are suing their employer for sex discrimination. The six were all hired by RGIS Inventory Specialists as men.

All six are undergoing hormone treatments, psychological counseling and socialization therapy to live their lives as women. All six say they are living as females "24 hours a day."

On June 17, RGIS told them that they

must alter their appearance so that it conforms with the sex they put on their job applications. RGIS said if they failed to comply, the women would lose their jobs. The women say the purpose of the treatments they are undergoing would be defeated if they complied with the order and filed suit at the beginning of this month.

Federal courts have ruled that gender expression discrimination is a valid ground for a sex discrimination suit.

LGBT PTA Forms

Seattle – According to the Seattle Times the first PTA chapter created to represent the interests of LGBT parents, students and teachers is organizing here.

Directors of the Washington State PTA say they will charter the new Gay Lesbian PTSA of Great Pudget Sound. The group has about 50 members from several school districts.

Susan Carmel, who is president of the new group, said she joined to help spare other families "the utter hell" inflicted on her Gay son by his high school and middle school classmates in two states.

Jim Carpenter, Executive Director of the state PTA, told the *Times* his board approved the charter after asking, "Does it help build a better world for kids? In this case it does."

Not everyone is pleased with the new organization. Erika Davis Pitre, a former President of the Seattle Council of PTSA said, "If what we're going for is the black PTA, the Hispanic PTA and the Gay and Lesbian PTA, I don't support that. There is already enough separation of people's needs.

We should come together regardless of our differences and work on solutions together."

Sex-Change Topless Protest Stops Traffic

Seattle – The Seattle Times reports that a Transsexual protest caused a traffic jam when Ara Tripp danced topless on top of a high voltage electrical tower.

Tripp told the *Times* that she planned the stunt for weeks to protest discrimination against women and laws that allow men to take their shirts off but not women.

Tripp climbed the 180-foot tower Wednesday morning, took off her shirt and began dancing. Her choreography was accompanied with an occasional drink of vodka, which Tripp spit out and set aflame.

Seattle Light cut electricity to the tower (and 5,000 homes and businesses) to make sure Tripp would not be electrocuted from the 120,000 volts of juice flowing through the lines the tower supports.

Local police arrested Tripp, charged her with criminal trespass and indecent exposure. Each carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine, Carmen Best said. She was released after posting bail and faces a Sept. 22 court date.

"I'll plead guilty," Tripp said. "It's pretty obvious."

Tripp said his wife, who she married while she was still a man, wasn't going to be happy with what she had done. Tripp said, "I'm going to be grounded."

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Twin Ports Pride

by Stephanie Hume

Superior/Duluth Labor Day Weekend means many different things to folks. Because I come from a union family, I've always considered it an opportunity to honor the Labor movement and the end of summer. All that changed for me after I ventured to the shores of Lake Superior for the Superior/Duluth LGBT Pride weekend.

As a participant in Pride events all over Wisconsin and the USA, I thought I'd seen it all. The



The Duluth / Superior GLBT Pride March "Building Bridges."

courage, dedication and pride the Twin Port communities exemplified during the Twin Ports Pride weekend humbled me. From Friday evening through Sunday evening, there were events

honoring prominent community members, picnics, dance jams and more.

My friends and I hit town late Friday night. Chris Homan from the Pride Committee said their first Friday evening Art Show and Poetry reading drew a standing

We stopped at Bev's Jook Joint, JT's and The Main Club in Superior. We felt the energy from everyone as they greeted us on the way into the clubs.

We danced the night away and after a brief sleep (very brief), we headed to Leif Erickson Park in Duluth on Saturday for the Pride Picnic. Entertainers from the Twin Cities, Thunder Bay Canada, Superior and Duluth kept a crowd of about 500 entertained. Venders sold food, drinks,

eather stained glass and rainbow everything, while organizations got out their messages.

Sunday night was the Main Club's grand party. The fabulous Club Metro Drag Kings from

Sunday, the Pride March started at the Duluth harbor. Led by the Minnesota Freedom Band, 300 marchers made their way to the steps of City Hall. The marchers passed by over 20 businesses that

flew the Rainbow flag in honor of LGBT pride. Later that day, we boarded the "Fruit Float" for gave us the opportunity to eat, talk, hug, dance and party with close to 300 people from all over Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Kat, an organizer, speaks at the

Duluth City Hall Rally.

a three-hour cruise on beautiful Lake Superior. It Conga Line Dancing on the Fruit Float.

tained a large crowd. The evening ended with a bang, the one-and-only Ti-nea (Queen extraordinaire) who rocked us with a little "R.E.S.P.E.C.T."

AIDS groups.

Although I need another week's sleep to recover from a wonderful weekend, I plan to spend next weekend with the folks from Duluth/Superior. Mark your calendars for next year. You know where to find me Labor Day weekend.



Bev (middle) with staffers at Bev's Jook Joint.

AIDS Walk '99 Exceeds Last Year's Total

Milwaukee – For the first time in three years, Wisconsin's largest fundraiser for the fight against AIDS raised more money than the previous year had. This year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin total of \$641,626 in pledges exceeded the 1998 revenues of \$632,888.

Throughout the campaign leading up to

the Walk, its organizers and supporters urged the publie not to be complacent. The combination of the new therapies and the declining transmission rate has led some to believe that the AIDS crisis is over.

AIDS advocates dispute that theory. They point out that people are

still dying of and becoming infected by HIV/AIDS. As Honorary AIDS Walk Wisconsin Chairman Danny Glover said during a press conference the week before the walk, "this is not the time to be complacent."

Speakers at the AIDS Walk Breakfast held at the Italian Community Center and at the opening ceremonies on the Summerfest grounds continually reminded those in the crowd that they must keep walking until "it's really over."

During the breakfast, Honorary Chair Danny Glover called providing condoms in the high schools and needles to drug abusers "an act of love." The Hollywood star assailed those who say the crisis is over. Recognizing that the members of his audience are active in the fight, Glover said, "I am preaching to the choir. But it's Sunday and sometimes you should preach."

A number of elected officials were present at the breakfast. They included Congressman Tom Barrett (D-Milwaukee), Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) and County Executive Tom Ament. The crowd of well over 200 cheered Ament when ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson introduced and thanked him for their supporting a county effort to help fund Life Point needle exchange program. The same was true of State Representative Antonio Riley (D-Milwaukee) who Nelson said was leading the fight to get more money for AIDS programs in the State budget.

Other politicians on hand included openly Gay State Representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison), State Senator Peggy Rosenzwieg, (R-Wauwatosa), State Senator Richard Grobschmidt (D-South Milwaukee) and State Representative Gregg Underheim (R-Oshkosh).

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist was not at the breakfast, but he did attend the opening ceremonies. Prior to their beginning, the Mayor joined an aerobics warm-up group on the stage to the delight of many in the gyrating crowd.

> That crowd consisted of families who've lost a loved one to AIDS, students. bluecollar workprofesers. sionals and diverse others who came together fight AIDS. Although over half of AIDS cases in Wisconsin are men, Gays and

Lesbians seemed to constitute a very small portion of the crowd.

Unlike previous years, Religious Right protestors did not appear before the Walk. However, about 30 protestors lined Harbor Drive with signs that denounced homosexuality and claimed that the real victims of AIDS are innocent babies and rape victims.

The returning walkers largely ignored the protest, although many expressed anger over it. A source told *Wisconsin Light* that the Native Americans, who were celebrating Indian Summer on the Summerfest grounds, were outraged over the actions of the protestors. Indian Summer provided the AIDS walkers with free admission to the festival after the Walk.





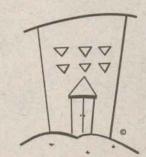
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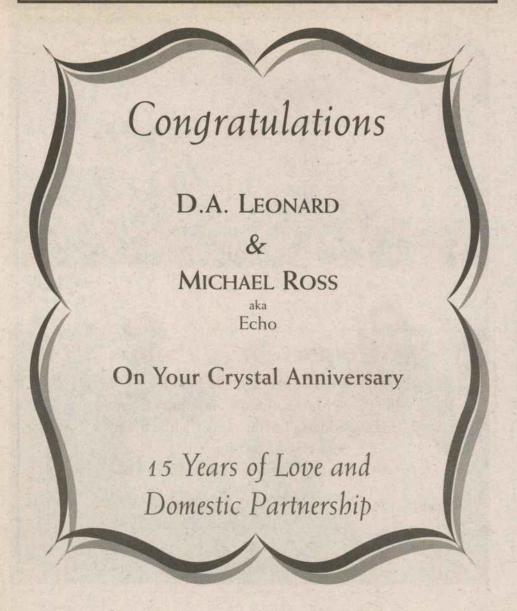
Spirituality Sunday Every Sunday, 10-noon 2 hours of meditation, drumming or discussion.

Visit our on-line event calendar for more information.



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Church Needs a Paint Job

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is conducting a work day beginning at 10am, Saturday, Sept. 18 at its newly acquired building, located at 1239 W. Mineral St. on Milwaukee's near south side.

Volunteers are more than welcome to bring a brush, roller and or ladder and put in a few hours to help Milwaukee's first predominately LGBT Christian Church. All are welcome, and food will be served free of charge.

To volunteer, please phone (414) 383-1100 and leave a message with return number. All calls are kept confidential.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Seminar

Milwaukee – The HIV/AIDS epidemic has been a rapidly changing landscape of prevention efforts, at-risk populations, public privacy debates, and treatment advances. Frontline specialists in all areas of HIV/AIDS prevention are being challenged to anticipate new directions and respond to unexpected turns in the course of the epidemic

the course of the epidemic.

In response, The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is hosting a "State of the Science" conference, Oct. 25-26 at the Milwaukee Hilton Hotel.

Keynote presentations will feature David R. Holtgrave, Ph.D. of the national Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Terje Anderson, Deputy Director for Policy National Assoc. of People With AIDS (NAPWA). Holtgrave will discuss "The HIV Prevention Imperative in an Era of Treatment Advances and Policy Change." Anderson will present "Issues in HIV Prevention from a Multi-Faceted Perspective."

The conference includes an 8am-7pm day on Monday, and an 8am-4pm schedule on Tuesday of sessions, forums and keynote speeches designed by MCW as a continuing medical education activity and continuing education for allied health professionals.

The Fee for the conference is \$150 per participant, which includes lunch for both days. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 15. For more information, contact CAIR at (414) 456-7700 or (800) 644-1615, Fax: (414) 287-4209.

Counseling Center Announces Fall Sessions

Milwaukee – The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. announces its fall sessions of Support and Therapy Groups. Some groups are ongoing, while others are 8-10 weeks in length. All the groups meet at the Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., on Milwaukee's East Side. There is a \$10 fee per group session. The Center also offers Facilitator Training for those interested. For more information about any of the following groups, call (414) 271-2565.

Support Groups specifically for Gay Men and Lesbians include: Free Space Group for Women exploring their sexual orientation, More Space Group for Lesbian Identified Women wanting support and connection with other Lesbians, Gay Men's General Issues, Gay Men's Discussion Group, Silver Space for Older Lesbians, and Married/Partnered Women's Group for those who are partnered with men and dealing with affectional/sexual feelings for women.

In addition to the Facilitator Training, the center also offers a Therapy Group for Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse and the following Support Groups: Separate Men's and Women's Self Esteem, Relationship Group for Women, Separation/Divorce Group, Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse, and Women With Physical Disabilities.

Nabozny to Speak in Appleton

Appleton – Jamie Nabozny, who sued the Ashland, WI School District for its failure to protect him from years of sexual harassment and abuse, will speak at the Sept. 20 meeting of Positive Voice (PV). The meeting at Liberty Hall in Kimberly is free and open to the public.

Nabozny is now a Minnesota college student. He settled his suit with the district in November, 1996 for \$900,000 plus an additional \$62,000 for potential medical expenses related to injuries he suffered as a student in the District.

Positive Voice, Northeast Wisconsin's largest LGBT organization, hosts monthly educational meetings and newsletters, an annual conference, information and referral telephone line, speaker's bureau and social events.

The Fox Cities Chapter of PFLAG is also supporting the event. PV will also be at the annual fall kick off at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhauer Drive. For directions or more information call (920) 435-4404, email: pnvnew4glbt@aol.com. Admission is free and open to any interested parties. Donations are accepted and refreshments will be served. Reception at 6:30pm, speaker at 7pm.

Learn How to Gather Oral Histories

Milwaukee – Woodland Pattern Book Center presents "History in the Telling: The How To's of Gathering Oral Histories with Jamakaya," Tuesdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26 from 7-8:30pm, \$80/\$75 members.

The workshop will present an overview of the practice of oral history and guide each participant through the complete process of interviewing an individual with life experiences to share.

The workshop includes discussions on various topics such as choosing a subject, techniques, equipment, editing, ethics and more. It will also focus on "how to" and "what is" questions and explore avenues for publishing and archiving .

Jamakaya is a 25-year veteran writer and historian, whose works have covered the feminist, labor and LGBT communities in Milwaukee. She's a former Editor, Publisher and Author of *Like Our Sisters Before Us: Women of Wisconsin Labor.*

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Center to Host Gay Men's Writer's Group

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is beginning a Gay Men's Writing Seminar beginning Thursday, Sept. 23 and continuing every third Thursday at the Center, 170 S. 2nd St. in Milwaukee. There is no fee for attending the monthly meetings, which begin at 6pm.

The program calls for those interested wordsmiths to "create an engaging and producing workshop where members write together, share together and critique together, propelling each closer to their own publishable work."

Ex-Gay Movement in Disarray?

by Bill Meunier

Washington DC – Last fall a series of newspaper ads claiming that Gays and Lesbians could become heterosexual focused the national spotlight on the ex-Gay movement. The ads, some of which featured former Green Bay Packer Reggie White, called on Gays and Lesbians to change.

Since then, the Ex-Gay movement has given LGBT activists cause for concern. Additional ads, TV commercials and numerous media interviews from Ex-Gays focused attention on the Religious Right's claim that Gay and Lesbians choose to be homosexual. While most Americans view these claims with more than a little skepticism, some do not.

In the eyes of LGBT activists, the ex-Gay movement and its leaders have given the Religious Right justification for claiming that homosexuality is a choice and that homosexuals should not be protected by civil rights laws. Furthermore, LGBT activists express concern that those practicing reparative therapy victimize closeted homosexuals. The American Psychological Association denounces reparative therapy and calls it harmful.

Recent events, however, show that the ex-Gay movement, like the LGBT movement, is not a monolith. What's more, infighting may discredit the movement, its aims and the Religious Right itself.

Last month, Parents and Friends of ex-Gays (P-FOX) fired its founder and Executive Director, Anthony Falzarano. A letter sent by the P-FOX Board to the group's supporters gives no reason for the dismissal, but warns that Falzarano is not authorized to solicit funds for the group. The letter said Falzarano was fired effective August 7. It called the decision to dismiss him "heartbreaking" and necessary.

Falzarano in turn is attacking something other than homosexuals for a change. He is attacking his fellow fundamentalists. Falzarano says that the ex-Gay movement should be expanding not shrinking. He said that 15 "ministries" folded this year due to a lack of financial support from groups raising money for the ex-Gay cause.

Just two months ago, the Family Research Council, an anti-Gay religious right group, excluded Falzarano from its national ex-Gay conference, Exodus, held in Wheaton, IL. The conference, billed as the largest ever gathering of ex-Gays and their supporters, attracted around 1,000 people. The exclusion set off speculation that Falzarano, who says he is an ex-homosexual, was out of favor with the Religious Right. How far he had fallen became clear last week when Falzarano gave a press briefing and appeared on C-Span.

Falzarano said that he is under attack for blowing the whistle on Christian groups who solicit donations for the support of the ex-Gay groups, but then don't give the money to the ex-Gay movement. Falzarano said, "Many of us in the ex-Gay movement feel we're being used."

According to Falzarano, last fall's ad campaign organized by Coral Ridge Ministry raised over \$4 million in donations, most of which he says Coral Ridge kept. He also claims that a Tennessee group, the



Anthony Falzarano

Maclellan Foundation, offered to raise money for P-FOX using the Family Research Council as a conduit. Falzarano says the Council kept the money.

Falzarano's letter also said that not only is he not soliciting funds for P-FOX; he doesn't want anyone to donate to that group or its sister organization, Transformations. Falzarano asked supporters to send donations to his new group, Parents and Friends Ministries, instead of P-FOX.

Parents and Friends ministries and P-FOX have the same address. Falzarano says that lawyers are looking at who owns the P-FOX name

Some might find it curious that Falzarano is asking people not to send money to a group that he says he still directs. Others see the flap as an expected outgrowth of a movement they say is fraudulent. Many LGBT activists are watching the unfolding drama with no small amount of glee.

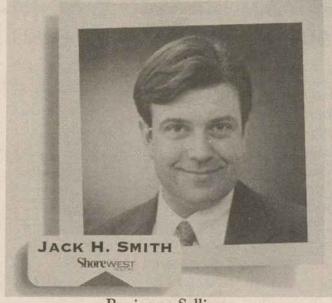
Kristin Kingdom is the Executive Director of Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians (PFLAG), the group P-FOX tries to imitate. She told *The Washington Blade*, "When you try to build something on a foundation of fear and ignorance, I don't believe it's going to be lasting."

David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign said, "I think the whole idea of ex-Gay ministries was morally bankrupt from the beginning and is in the process of imploding." Smith chided the Religious Right for not providing support for P-FOX, a group he disagrees with.

Behind all the charges and counter charges is a power struggle for control of the ex-Gay movement. Falzarano says that ex-Gays should be in charge of that movement and its finances. Others, who are not ex-Gay but who are raising money for the cause, however, hold the purse strings.

No one knows how of this will play out. One thing, however, is certain; Falzarano's accusations have raised serious questions. Is the Christian right being honest in its claim that it wants to "help homosexuals to change," or as Falzarano believes, is it using ex-Gays for fundraising purposes? While the Religious Right scrambles to answer that question, the LGBT community may well wonder if the ex-Gay movement doesn't need some reparative therapy of its own.

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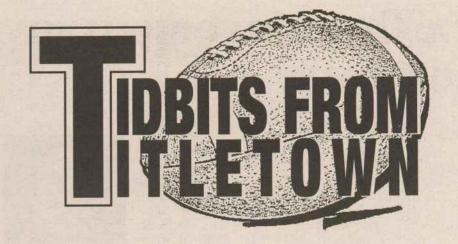
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The votes come after a multi-year process of in-depth research, discussion and debate on the subjects of homosexuality, sexual



by Mike Fitzpatrick

Rude Awakenings: A deep chill settled over Northeast Wisconsin the night of September 9. A lot colder than the Weather Channel had predicted. I was up at 4am to make a shivering dash for the extra quilt in the closet. Three nights earlier I was kicking off covers. Late summer in Packerland is almost menopausal: hot flashes one minute,

League Launches: It's not as if there haven't been other reminders that autumn is nigh. Green Bay's Gay bowling league started September 8. According to league organizer Ken Sann, there's still time to join the Wednesday night open league at Riveria Lanes. Bowling begins at 9pm, and new three-person teams can register in person at the alley or by contacting Ken at 435-4107. The league runs a leisurely 20 weeks with a month and a half break at the holidays.

Meetings on the Menu: Another sign of fall is the return of regular meetings by area groups such as the 10% Society at UW-GB and Positive Voice. Just a reminder: Jamie Nabozny will be the featured speaker at the joint meeting of PV and PFLAG's Fox Cities chapter on September 20, 6:30pm at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Admission is free.

Also coming up is PFLAG-Green Bay's meeting on September 28, 6:30pm at Angels of Hope MCC in Allouez. Meeting attendance doubled at the August meeting, and the group received a generous donation courtesy of the Possum Queen pageant and Fluid bar in Milwankee.

Packermania Prevails: Of course, the surest sign of fall in Titletown is the start of the Packer schedule. Packermania is a chronic condition in Green Bay, but the start of the season brings on full-blown lunacy to which even the Gay bars succumb. Since the start of the pre-season, each game has brought on buffets, touchdown slammer shots and hordes of howling homosexuals dressed in green and gold. Is this the decadent Gay lifestyle the frowning fundies

Catch the Spirit: As long as we're on the topic, the fundies' frowns will deepen further over the next few weeks. Two United Church of Christ congregations in northeastern Wisconsin are expected to vote to become "open and affirming" of LGBT people. Hope UCC in Sturgeon Bay will vote on the issue September 26 and Union UCC will follow on October 24. Church members expect both votes to be overwhelmingly in favor of acceptance.

morality and the true Christian response to those issues. According to insiders in both congregations, the greatest fears have not been loss of membership but of the vandalism and picketing which has occurred at other churches that have openly announced their acceptance of LGBT people.

If the votes, as expected, are favorable, the congregations will become the ninth and tenth UCC churches in Wisconsin to become open and affirming of Gay people. Nationwide, more than 300 UCC churches are now open and affirming congregations.

For Gay people in northeastern Wisconsin wishing to explore and express their spirituality in an affirming environment, the UCC congregations join an ever-expanding list of churches in the area. Unitarian Universalist churches in Appleton, Green Bay, Ripon and Sturgeon Bay already count dozens of LGBT people amongst their membership and leadership. In addition, of course, the two largest congregations of the Metropolitan Community Church in Wisconsin are respectively in Green Bay and Appleton.

EAA Takes Milwaukee: Cream City citizens can check out the cream of Northeast Wisconsin's crop of talented performers September 21. Green Bay's Entertainers Against AIDS returns to the road for a show at the M & M Club. Show time is 10:30pm. A busload of EAA fans is accompanying the troupe for its Milwaukee debut. A few seats remain available. Sign up at the Napalese Lounge by September 18.

Making the Move: Speaking of Naps, the final days of Napalese Lounge on Broadway are here. Anne and Nancy tell me that Dennis Mannering is planning a fabulous farewell show on October 9. The big move will begin with a humongous good-bye party on Friday, October 15 at Napalese on Broadway. Videos of past shows and events will be shown. Customers are invited to bring in their own photos, bar wear and other memorabilia from the last quarter century to share with the revelers.

Partygoers also can expect cameo performances by the dozens of entertainers who have trod the boards of the Napalese stage. Performers wishing to get in on the fun should contact the bar.

The fun will continue with the opening of Napalese on Cedar the next day. Look for more details as the big switch weekend draws closer.



FLOODLIGHT

by Margaret Flood

In the past 30 years, the LGBT community has made important and significant strides in securing our legal civil rights. Make no mistake, though; there is a long way to go.

As long as there is a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, as long as in many states and most parts of the world we can still be discriminated against for who we are, as long as AIDS is still being contracted by our young men at an alarming rate, as long as people here in Wisconsin have to live in fear that living the kind of life that doesn't harm others and is who you are brings personal discrimination, there is a long way to go.

Recently I enjoyed the company of friends at the LGBT Community Center fundraiser billed as "The Family Reunion." We partied out in the open under a big tent on Seeboth Street in the Third Ward. An occasional car and truck drove by and honked, I believe, in support.

I had a passing thought of an explosion ala Oklahoma City as a huge truck pulled up. It turned out to be only the caterer's truck. A lot of people worked hard for months to make the evening "out" possible. A lot of people working hard for years to create a climate of acceptability also made it possible.

I noticed that one of my friends didn't seem to be enjoying herself. I asked her if anything was wrong. She almost started crying. A few years ago, she divorced her husband. She met a wonderful woman; they fell in love. She and her ex husband have joint custody of the children. She and her new partner had a commitment ceremony. Her ex husband married a Fundamentalist Christian. Therein lie her problems.

Her daughters' other family has succeeded in convincing my friend's older daughter that her mother is living in sin and is evil because she is a Lesbian. Her daughter also became distraught when she saw a fish symbol on a car with the word Darwin inside it. A Christian who believes in evolution.

Her daughter was told that the world was created in seven days and she believed it. She no longer wants to stay with her mother at all because she believes that it is a house of sin. My friend was very upset.

We have a long way to go. How does change happen?

I myself prefer the philosophies of Ghandi, Martin Luther King and Thich Nat Han. There are many paths to creating the climate for change.

Just before PrideFest, a 45-year-old Lesbian artist with a Masters of Fine Arts postered sections of Milwaukee with her series of art pieces. These were intended to confront homophobia, to make visible the invisible, to empower our own LGBT com-

The posters were seen on Locust Street and in the UWM/Downer Street area. They also appeared all over the Third Ward including LGBT businesses. They carried messages of love and commitment. That was what was intended. One showed a number of pictures of Lesbians and was titled "Take a Lesbian to Lunch." She had done the same

thing in Madison and, in fact, had made it part of her MFA study.

She studied the reactions of people. She noted heterosexism homophobia as well as internalized homophobia in reaction to her street art. In the Third Ward, these posters were accompanied or "tagged" on to by a series of Lesbian Avenger posters, some of which catered to some baser desires. Lesbians in leather with exposed breasts, etc. The timing was coincidental, but they are two separate projects with two separate agendas.

Reactions have ranged within the LGBT community from those who loved the concept of both types of posters to the Gay business owner reaction that it was vandalism, end of discussion.

The negative reaction was not foreseen nor intended. The MFA artist put them up with water soluble wheat paste and in no way intended damage to any structures. She did think that those who cleaned them off might have a valuable thought process in so doing and that would have been the intention. Because of the timing, however, the message of the one was mixed with the message of the other.

Street Art, Guerilla Art and Poster Art are forms of non-violent protest at what is in our society, the day in and day out shunning by a majority of the people, of a minority of the people. Change is slow, even with those who wish to speed it up.

There are many things that change the world.

Business owners who keep respectable establishments want their hard work to pay off. They don't want to see someone graffiti or poster their walls. If one does it, others will, and this seems to have been borne out in this case.

Unfortunately in Milwaukee, there is a long way to go to create a climate where LGBT people feel safe and secure. For some that come here from other places like Madison and San Francisco and New York, the homophobia here is gallingly blatant. For those who have lived and worked here for years to change things, there are huge successes. However, there is still the worry that if there is something that is unacceptable to the straight world, like poster art, that those hard won victories erode.

My straight friend Susan took me to lunch the week after the posters appeared near where she lives near UWM. I guess the timing was coincidental, but you never know how change happens. We need to support our business owners who have put such hard work into making safe places for us, and we need to support our artists who also help create the climate of change. We still have a long way to go.

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12th Annual Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival

Preview by John Jahn

The best new Gay and Lesbian films will illuminate the screen at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's

Union Theatre as the 12th Annual Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival gets underway later this month. The Festival offers six nights of films and videos this September 23-25 and 30 and October 1 and 2.

Presenting local premieres of features, documentaries and short subjects, the Festival once again offers exciting new works by Gay

and Lesbian artists aimed squarely at the LGBT community, examining a broad spectrum of our lives. It includes the touching as well as the ribald, and as all good film festivals, "something for everyone."

Included in this year's Festival are four films, which have already won prizes at the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival. Edge of Seventeen won the award for Best Film: Head On won for Best First Feature: Living with Pride won for Best Documentary; and Lola and Bilidikid won for Best Feature. In addition, Gendernauts won for Best Gay Film at the Berlin Film Festival.

The Festival is presented by UWM's Department of Film and Arts and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. Co-sponsors include the Gay and Lesbian Certificate Studies Program at UWM Union Programming and the Women's Resource Center. So, without further ado, here's the program!

Eileen is a Spy (USA, 74 minutes)

Thursday, September 23, 7pm Taking off from the young adult novel Harriet the Spy, Sayer Frey's resourceful, funny and smartly unconventional first feature is a daring mix of appealing characters, engaging narrative and personal documentary,

> exploring the world of female identity and same-sex attraction. The central character. Eileen, is a preoccupied woman who fills her days with task distractions instead of confronting her own suppressed past. One day, however. Eileen meets free-spirithitchhiker, ed

Jayne, an event that spells a turning point



Eileen Is A Spy

in Eileen's life.

Eileen is a Spy will be accompanied by the Canadian 3-minute short, Goodbye to Love. A lonely woman, the Carpenters, a TV dinner you do the math.

Lola and Bilidikid (Germany, 93 minutes)

Thursday, September 23, 9pm

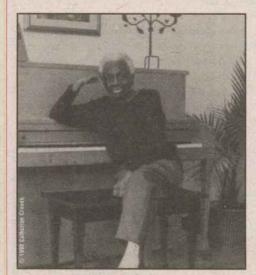
Described as "a story drawn in mascara and blood," Kutlug Ataman's tragic yet triumphant film about immigrant Turks in Germany presents the subculture of hustlers and crossdressers that provide havens for 16year-old Murat as he flees his homophobic, brutal, older brother. Prompting comparisons to the work of Fassbinder and already a remarkable film in Ataman's homeland of Turkey, Lola and Bilidikid examines the radical ruptures that are often necessary in one's life to find a place that truly feels like home.

Lola and Bilidikid will be presented with Pensao Globo, a German-Portuguese, 15minute short. Approaching death, a traveler ends his aimless journeying at a hotel in Lisbon. Presented as a series of intoxicating dissolves, the visually stunning Pensao Globo suggestively conveys life's permeable bound-

Living With Pride: Ruth C. Ellis @ 100 (USA, 65 minutes)

Friday, September 24, 7pm

Yvonne Welbon has crafted a marvelous introduction to a winning personality, Ruth C. Ellis, who turned 100 years old this past July. Ellis is seen as a spirited African-American woman who has been an out Lesbian since her teens (that's around the time of World War I!). Here, she shares tales of her loves, business ventures, community activism and even bowling. Ruth's recounting of her story is an inspiration to us all, growing up as she did in both an acutely racist and homophobic time



Living With Pride

and place in history. Yet she survived, and proves to be a vital witness to a history not often revealed in the mainstream media.

Living With Pride will be seen with I Know a Place, a 30-minute Canadian short. I Know a Place (borrowing its title from the '60s hit by Petula Clark) is an important and refreshing contribution to Queer history and geography. An intimate, engaging family photo album of

the LGBT community of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, I Know a Place centers on Bob Goddere who, for decades, was something of the community's Fairy Godmother. Consistently funny and even touching, I Know a Place valorizes the Gay men and Lesbians who work to make a life for themselves in their hometowns - wherever they may be, and however small.

Gendernauts: A Journey Through Shifting Identities (Germany, 86 minutes)

Friday, September 24, 9pm

Lesbian filmmaking veteran Monika Treut shares this valentine to the Transgendered community of San Francisco, introducing pioneers all working feverishly towards "gender elimination." Gendernauts is casual like a home movie, yet most informative and populated by vivid personalities, including the denizens of San Francisco's genderplay haven, Club Confidential. Gendernauts includes cultural theorist Sandy Stone serving as host and sexpert Annie Sprinkle as her amiable sidekick.

Gendernauts will be shown along with Alienator, an American, 3-minute short involving Gendernaut Texas Tomboy's abduction by a UFO. She's placed on an examining table to see what she can do, all beneath fast-paced, colorful, rave-type video effects.

Head On

(Australia, 104 minutes) Saturday, September 25, 7pm

Ana Kokkinos' visually dynamic first feature hurtles head first to tell the explosive, sex-anddrugs tale of Ari, the rebellious son of Greek immigrants. The film follows Ari's attempts to find his place, maybe even self-acceptance, as an immigrant's son and as a Gay man in xenophobic, homophobic Australia as well as in his own macho-dominated community.

Head On will be seen along with a special, archival screening of the 1966 10-minute short, Amphetamine, a flashback to an earlier era in which young men indulge in sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll with a Gay twist.

Small Steps Towards Happiness

Saturday, September 25, 9pm

Small Steps Towards Happiness is a selection of Lesbian-themed short subjects, running the gamut from the zany to the lovely, the sexy to the touching. The spirited program takes flight with a preteen girl who might want to be an astronaut, or at least marry her best friend (One Small Step); some kissing and eye candy (Swell); a voracious ghost (I'm Starving); a touching home movie involving girlfriends from Columbia (1/Yo); Lesbian Trekkies (Fascinating); an edgy sex picture (bed); an obsession with Buffy, or maybe with her stunt double (Stunt Double: Meditations On My Life With Buffy); a married woman with an active dream life (Sleep, Come Free Me); and a Lesbian taken to shadowing a man (Stalking Mike Hawke).

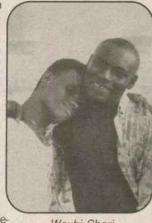
Woubi Cheri

(France/Ivory Coast, 62 minutes) Thursday, September 30, 7pm

This is the first film to give African Gays and Lesbians a chance to describe their unique world in their own

words. Often funny but always real. this documenintrotary duces us to gender pion e e demanding their rights and breaking new ground for the Gav and Lesbian rights movement in the mod-

ern world.



Woubi Cheri

Woubi Cheri will be seen along with two short subjects. Sexual Exiles (USA/Venezuela, 31 minutes) is a touching documentary about men and women in self-imposed exile from their Latin American homelands because of their sexual orientation. Sum Total (USA, 5 minutes) is a bracing, artful short comparing and contrasting an Indian woman with the stifling definitions of an idealized version as seen in matrimonial ads.

Red Rain

(USA, 56 minutes) Thursday, September 30, 9pm

This is a no-nonsense, up-front documentary introducing us to Gina "Boom Boom" Guidi, the woman's welterweight boxing champ and out Lesbian. Issues such as women in sports, "acceptable images," and

personal identity are presented in an engaging tale of triumph.

Red Rain will be seen along with the American 18-minute short, Homocore Minneapolis. This documentary unfurls the dynamic Gay and Lesbian music scene of that "nice" city to the north, introducing intelligent, good-humored and queer youth-friendly musicians.

Everything Will BeFine

(Germany, 90 minutes) Friday, October 1, 7pm

Everything Will Be Fine is a unique concoction that manages to juggle screwball comedy, a chase sequence, adult Lesbian love, and an

edgy portrayal of the everyday racism the Afro-German heroines confront. Everything Will Be Fine is easily one of the most pleasurable Lesbian comedies in recent years.

It will be seen along with a special archival screening of I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To. This 7-minute, American short by Dawn Suggs from 1992 is a funny and fresh exploration of just what makes Black Lesbians special.



Friday, October 1, 9pm

This is billed as "an evening of boys' shorts", and comprises the sexiest and goofiest collection of touching tales and sexplay! Titles include: Francois Ozon's *A Summer Dress*; Christos Dimas' *Amerikanos*; Kevin D'Souza and A. Noorani's *puri*; Al Lujan's *S&M in the Hood*, and six others. It is an interesting lineup — both naughty and nice!

Show Me Love

(Sweden, 89 minutes)

Saturday, October 2, 7pm

This film has been a triumph at Gay and Lesbian film festivals worldwide, and even outscored *Titanic* in its homeland of Sweden in terms of audience attendance. *Show Me Love* is a poignant and fiercely comic film about two teenage girls ready to burst out of their small town as well as the closet. *Show Me Love* is never shy in its depiction of teen brazenness. These two heroines come across as some of the gutsiest high schoolers you've ever seen.

Show Me Love is teamed with the American 10-minute short, The Catch. It's a comic skit involving a group of straight jocks and their silly girlfriends who mess with a Gay picnic — only to have the playing field changed on them!

Edge of Seventeen

(USA, 99 minutes)

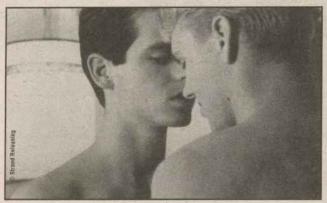
Saturday, October 2, 9pm

Set in Sandusky, OH in 1984, Edge introduces us to Eric, a somewhat confused teen who's starting to dress like Boy George and grow more interested in co-worker Rod than his gal pal, Maggie. Complete with an excelent mid-'80s soundtrack, Edge is a winning and bittersweet coming out movie, triumphant, yet not without upsetting complications.

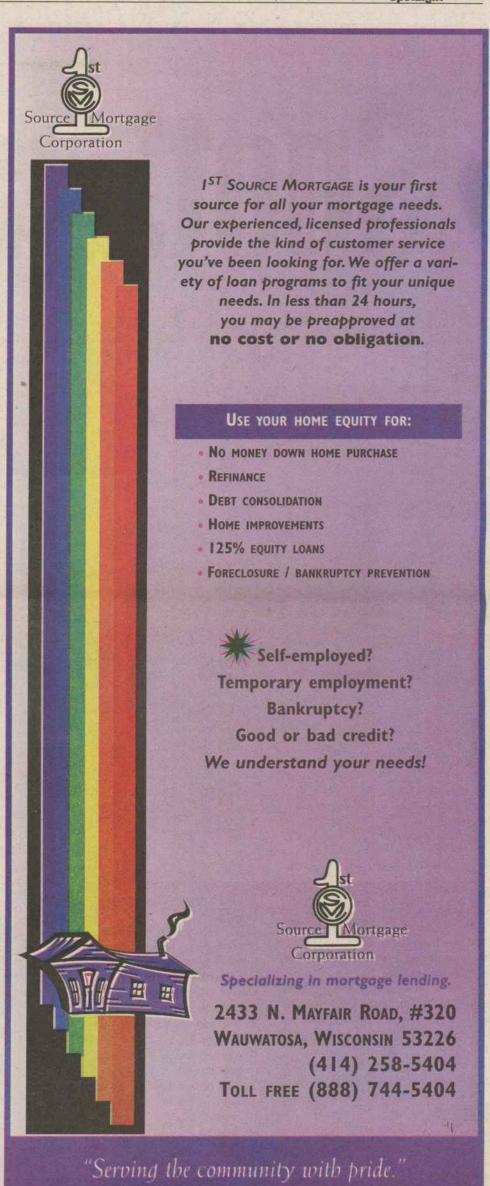
The Boy Next Door, an American, 13-minute short, will be seen along with Edge. In this film, a rivalry escalates into genuine nastiness as brother and sister compete for the attentions of the hunky new boy next door.

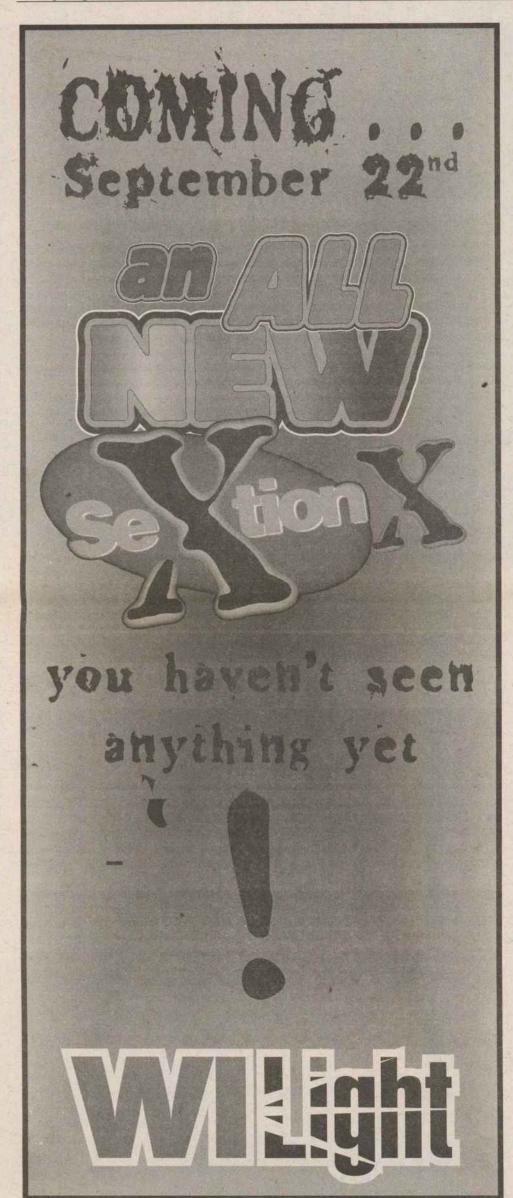
Also appearing will be the 8-minute American short, Das Clown. This may just be the freakiest educational filmstrip you've ever seen. It unleashes Sparkles, the Killer Clown Doll complete with chainsaw, who may have met his match in a handsome local sheriff.

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Edge of Seventeen







While too many movies are hampered by simplistic, linear storylines and dull, mono-dimensional characters, from time to time a film can be damaged by going too far in the opposite direction. My Son the Fanatic is such a film. With about a half-dozen subplots and secondary themes, it suffers from being overly ambitious. Indeed, there's enough going on here for a television mini-

Within 90 minutes and with varying degrees of success, the film addresses religious fanaticism, hypocrisy, immigration, bigotry, the struggle between responsibility and self-liberation, the inherent need for tenderness, and cultural clashes. The plot is equally dizzying, revolving unsteadily around a Pakistani family, a perverted German tourist and a hooker with a heart of gold.

The material is all potentially compelling, occasionally resulting in powerful scenes, but things come across as jumbled and incomplete. In the end, My Son the Fanatic's resolution leaves you strangely dissatisfied, as if something important was left on the cutting room floor.

Whatever flaws of plot and over-stuffing My Son the Fanatic has, the quality of acting can't be denounced. In fact, Om Puri, Stellan Skarsgård and Rachel Griffiths are remarkable. They rise above the often-confused screenplay and give the audience personalities to latch onto.

Even with its flaws, My Son the Fanatic has the capacity to interest a viewer because the territory it mines is so rich. The cultural divide between traditional values and modern morality is a subject not often explored in English language movies. While this film offers no more than a perfunctory treatment of the issue, there's still a compelling quality to the proceedings.

Conversely, how many movies involve the relationship between a prostitute and a seemingly unlikely suitor? Too many! But, because of the vivid nature of the characters involved here, you believe the love affair and want to see more of it. It doesn't feel tired or hackneyed, managing to avoid most of the expected stereotypes. For those who enjoy this kind of movie, My Son the Fanatic offers a full plate. Too bad there's so little of each course.

2 1/2 Stars

Stir of Echoes

Stir of Echoes belongs to one of the oldest film genres: the ghost story. And, like all good ones, it understands the intent is to build suspense through atmosphere and narrative, not through a barrage of shocks and gore. Ghost stories are often best when they remain low-key, developing a vague sense of disquiet rather than striving for bone-chilling scares.

The main characters in Stir of Echoes are both fairly normal, likable people — husband and wife Tom (Kevin Bacon) and Maggie (Kathryn Erbe). They're both hard working, and, with their combined incomes, can just about make ends meet. But things get really weird when Tom allows himself to be hypnotized by Maggie's new-agey sister, Lisa (Illeana Douglas).

While he's under, she leaves a suggestion for him to "open up," which results in Tom beginning to experience paranormal visions, including seeing the ghost of a teenage girl (Jenny Morrison). The film then follows Tom's quest to understand his ghostly visions and the resulting

Director David Koepp does an excellent job creating atmosphere; Stir of Echoes is an eerie movie. Koepp gets us into Tom's unstable mindset through a series of tight close-ups and distorted point-of-view shots. As a study of obsession, the film is first-rate, Tom's tunnel vision focusing on the ghost to the virtual exclusion of all else.

The presence of a ghost frightens and unsettles Tom and Maggie, and Stir of Echoes concentrates a great deal of attention on the pressures that his vision places upon their formerly rocksolid marriage. Bacon and Erbe do solid jobs bringing their characters to life; Bacon is effective as a man withdrawing into himself, Erbe conveys Maggie's growing desperation at her husband's

The film is intelligent, but not so talky or esoteric that it could be labeled as an "art house" attraction. While Stir of Echoes is about as disturbing as another Artisan release, The Blair Witch Project, it's the kind of film that may give you pause the next time you walk into a dark room by vourself.

3 Stars

by Romeo San Vicente

Bosley Comes Out of Charlie's Closet

Cameras are set to roll in less than two months for the big screen version of the '70s jigglefest Charlie's Angels.

Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz are set to play two of the heavenly P.I.s, but the casting of the third braless beauty is still in question.

Posh Spice and the overexposed Catherine Zeta-Jones are among the lovelies mentioned for the role, but Romeo hears that two talented black actresses now top the casting

list. Various report that the producers have

Cameron Diaz

found their Bosley. Bill Murray is said to be finalizing a deal for the role of the Angels' point man, but our sources say the deal is far from a fait accompli. One thing you can be sure of - the bigscreen Bosley will have a good explanation for why an Angel never sued him for sexual harassment. In the movie he's a closeted homosexual and even gets a steamy scene in the

John Forsythe, now 81, is expected to return as the all-powerful speakerphone voice of head honcho Charles Townsend.

Sapphic Sopranos

Bisexual comic Sandra Bernhard and Mystery Men star Janeane Garofalo have just completed filming a guest spot as Lesbian lovers on an upcoming episode of The Sopranos, the Emmy-fave mobster series on HBO. The acid-tongued duo will play film actresses (gee, that's a stretch) who pack heat and wind up in a gory motorcycle accident.

Lesbo Spice?

Those tacky London tabloids are hinting that Sporty Spice (a.k.a. Melanie Chisholm) has switched teams. The London Daily Mail reviewed Mel C's first U.K. solo gig and described the singer as "Butch and braless ... with Lesbian-chic crop, rippling biceps and alarming tattoos."

This isn't the first time sapphic rumors have surrounded the Sporty one. She has publicly insisted she likes boys. Other London tabs dismissed the Lesbianesque look as a way for the publicity-hungry Spice Girl to gain free headlines for her lackluster solo effort (which debuts in the United States in October).

They insist that Sporty is involved in a very hetero fling with Anthony Kiedis, front man for the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Love Shack: The Series

The B-52s have inked a deal for their very own animated series. The upbeat '80s party band, fronted by the openly Gay Fred Schneider, will lend their own voices to the series. It's described as a cross between the campiness of the live-action Batman series and the cartoonish innocence of Josie & the Pussycats.

Musical numbers from the B-52s' repertoire will be included in the series, and the band will serve as inspiration for the show's "colorful" story lines. Also, look for the B-52s to return to their hometown of Athens, Georgia on October 7. They'll be doing a benefit for the AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia, an organization the band helped to launch back in the '80s with a hefty donation.

Rodman as "Pussy Galore"?

The oddly symbiotic friendship of Madonna and Gay writer/actor Rupert Everett has rumors abounding that the diva is going to write the music for P.S. I Love You, Everett's long-in-the-works queer take on the James Bond movies. One potential "Bond girl" is flamboyant NBA star and Madonna ex Dennis Rodman. Hmmm... now that sounds shagadelic. Romeo San Vicente's favorite Angel was the butch one played by Kate Jackson. You can reach Romeo in care of Wisconsin Light or email via to RomeoDeep@aol.com. For more Deep Inside Hollywood, visit www.popcornq.com or www.Gav.com. Dennis Rodman



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lessons, 9pm: open dancing.

Renaissance Theaterworks (Milwaukee), Presentation of the smash hit FULL GALLOP, a one woman show saluting the woman that was Diana Vreeland, she of the Original Fashion Police. Broadway Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway, for tickets call (414) 291-7800, show runs only through Sept. 19. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel critic commented, This is a bravura performance in one of the best stage productions of

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.

Misconsin Corporate Alliance (Milwaukee), Monthly Meeting of umbrella organization made up of and serving corporate LGBT employees, 5:30pm. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

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 Christopher's Project.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

Milw. Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) (Milwaukee), Opening Reception from 7-9pm tonight for the exhibit RECYCLE-RECORD-REFLECTION, four artists explore and alter perceptions through visually challenging multi media installations. Exhibit runs through Oct. 16. 273 E. Erie St. (414) 276-7889.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee), Classics

Program, Andreas Delfs, conductor, an all-Wagne evening, 7pm, Tickets: (414) 291-7605 or (800) 291-7605. Uihlein Hall.

SAGE (Milwaukee), Film Showing: LOVE AND DEATH ON

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Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee), FOUR VOICES a performance series by Latino(a) Artists pre-sents: Maria Elena Gaitgan, THE ADVENTURES OF CONNIE CHANCLA. Barrio scholar walks us through 150 years of borders, barriers and stereotypes. WRCA, 8pm, 911 W. National, tickets \$8/\$5 students and members. FMI (414) 672-2787.

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee), Poetry Reading: Dan Tobin and Oody Petty URBAN VOICE

Reading. Local writers invited to present their work during open mic portion. \$3 admission, \$ 2 open mic participants. 720 E. Locust St. FMI (414) 263-5001.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18
Afterwords Book Store (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free on site HIV testing and counseling from

7:30-10:30pm.

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lessons and review, 9pm: Open Dancing.

Galano Club (Milwaukee), Rummage sale to benefit
Galano Recovery Club, 10:30am-5pm, 2408 N.
Farwell Avenue. Still looking for donations. For pick up
call (414) 276-6936.

Lakeshore Gallery (Shorewood), ARTIST RECEPTION from 1-4pm for the exhibition of original pastel works featuring rural Wisconsin landscapes: Gary Truman Erickson: WISCONSIN IMPRESSIONIST. 4401 N. Oakland Ave., (414) 964-2540.

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Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee), HELP-ING HANDS NEEDED, help us paint our new home at 1239 W. Mineral St. Bring a ladder, brush, roller and some friends. 10am start., food served. To volunteer call (414) 383-1100 and leave a message.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee), Classics Program, Andreas Delfs, conductor, an all-Wagner evening, 8pm. Tickets: (414) 291-7605 or (800) 291-7605. Uihlein Hall.

OutGiving InCommunity Workshops (Milwaukee), For doers and donors, growing financial resources today and for the future of Milwaukee LGBT Community groups, 170 S. 2nd St., For details and registration

information, call Neil Albrecht at (414) 271-2656.

Susan Crowe Concert (Milwaukee), The first US appear ance by this up and coming Canadian performer. See Spotlight cover story, last issue for more information. Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St., 8pm. Tickets \$16 at the door, advance tickets \$14 at Afterwords and Outpost. A Full Moon Production.

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Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (Milwaukee), Rummage Sale Fund Raiser to obtain a keyboard for community performances. 8am-4:30pm call Shirl at 327-1234 for location. Donations accepted, and Aluminum cans or cash will also be gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

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) begins its weekly taping at the Astor Hotel Grand Ballroom, 924 E. Juneau. Taping begins at 5pm, featuring Milwaukee musicians, poets and interesting regional, national and local guests and personalities. Tickets \$5 each/\$3 seniors and students, at

Metro Milw. Tennis League (Milwaukee), Doubles tournament at Lake Park and Riverside tennis courts. \$8 per person entry fee. FMI call Gary Ozuna (w) 475-7300 or (h) 562-4340. Continues on Sept. 26.

Movie Memorabilia & Collectibles Show (Milwaukee), Fall edition presented by Dale E. Kuntz. Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham St. from 10am-4pm, admission is \$2 per person, children under 12 free. FMI call (414) 466-1877.

MONDAY, SEPT. 20

Frontiers (Madison), Man to Man Rap Group, no set agenda, new participants always welcome. OutReach office, Gateway Center, 7:30pm

Positive Voice/ Fox Cities PFLAG (Appleton), First ever joint meeting at Liberty Hall Convention Center in Kimberly, 6:30pm featuring the young Gay civil rights pioneer Jamie Nabozny, as guest speaker. FMI, call PV at (920) 435-4404 or PFLAG at (920) 735-1025.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

Alderman Paul Henningsen Fund Raiser (Milwaukee), Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Ave., 5-8pm. Suggested minimum donation is \$100, but any donation gratefully accepted.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

12th Annual Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival (Milwaukee), 7pm EILEEN IS A SPY, 9pm LOLA & BILIDIKID, Tickets are \$6, \$5.50 students, Festival passes available for a discount. UWM Union Cipema 2200 E. Kennedd Phyl. Presented by the Cinema, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Presented by the Dept. of Film and the School of Fine Arts at UW Milwaukee and Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center; Co-sponsored by: G&L Certificate Studies Program at UWM, UWM Union Programming, and Women's

Gay Men's Writers Group (Milwaukee), The Milw. LGBT Community Center kicks off the new third Thursday of the month, tonight at 6pm. For writers, poets, essayists to create a workshop, sharing and critiquing. No

Katle Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee), LET IT POUR: Teapots large and small. Special exhibition features teapots by 20 national artists working in various media. Opening tonight with a Tea Party, 3-5pm, with refreshments by the Debonshire Victorian Tea Shoppe. Through Oct.. 23. 241 N. Broadway, (414)

Madison Art Center (Madison), Series Opening: DECADE BY DECADE: A CENTURY OF ART AND MUSIC. Illuminates the achievements of modern and NOSIC: Illuminates the achievements of modern and contemporary artists and composers by means of a comprehensive art installation and a series of live chamber music concerts and interactive lectures. Ticket prices are \$15 per event, \$12 for MAC members and MSO subscribers, and may be ordered by calling (608) 257-3734. Bolz and Langer Galleries, 7:30pm. Tonight features the era of 1951-1960, A NEW PROSPERITY, featuring the Pro Arte String Quartet. Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee), Classics Program, Andreas Delfs, conductor, CLASSICS, fea-turing Haydn, Saint-Saens and Prokofiev, 7:30pm. Tickets: (414) 291-7605 or (800) 291-7605. Uihlein

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

12th Annual Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival (Milwaukee), 7pm: HISTORY LESSONS, LIVING WITH PRIDE, I KNOW A PLACE; 9pm: GENDERNAUTS: A JOURNEY THROUGH SHIFTING IDENTITIES, and ALIENATOR. Tickets are \$6, \$5.50 students, Festival passes available for a discount. UWM Union Cinema, 2200 E. Kenwand Blind, Presented by the Cinema, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Presented by the Dept. of Film and the School of Fine Arts at UW Milwaukee and Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center; Co-sponsored by: G&L Certificate Studies Program at UWM, UWM Union Programming, and Women's

Big Mama's Annex Cafe (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free on site HIV testing and counseling from 9pm-midnight.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee), Exhibition opening: RAY LICHTENSTEIN PRINTS, runs through Jan. 2 surveys the extensive range of Pop graphics. Opens at 5:30pm, lecture at 6:15pm Free to MAM members, regular museum admission for non-members. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive.

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SAGE (Milwaukee), Especially for women, but men wel-come: a showing of the documentary GOLDEN THREADS, about an organization for Lesbian seniors and its founder. 6:30pm, LGBT Community Center small meeting room.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

12th Annual Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival (Milwaukee), 7pm: Award winning men's feature film HEAD ON, followed by a special archival screening of AMPHETAMINE. 9pm: SMALL STEPS TOWARDS HAPPINESS: An evening of girl's shorts featuring ONE SMALL STEP, SWELL, I'M STARVING, I/YO, FASCINATING, BED, STUNT DOUBLE, SLEEP COME FREE ME and STALKING MIKE HAWKE. Tickets are \$6, \$5.50 students, Festival passes available for a discount. UWM Union Cinema, 2200 E. Kernwood Blvd. Presented by the Dept. of Film and the School of Fine Presented by the Dept. of Film and the School of Fine Arts at UW Milwaukee and Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center; Co-sponsored by: G&L Certificate Studies Program at UWM, UWM Union Programming, and Women's Resource.

Prontiers (Madison), History and Art: Day Trip to Mineral Point. Visit hosted by club member and local resident, Don L. After light refreshments at his home, tour historic areas, lunch at a local restaurant. Car pool at 9:15am (Brian 608-829-1090). Don L. (608) 987-

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee), Classics Program, Andreas Delfs, conductor, CLASSICS, featuring Haydn, Saint-Saens and Prokofiev, 8pm. Tickets: (414) 291-7605 or (800) 291-7605. Uihlein

St. Cashmir Parish (Milwaukee), An EVENING OF SONG in Riverwest, benefiting the Food Pantry, 7:30pm, 924 E. Clarke St. Admission \$2 or 2 non perishable foot items. Duets, arias and American songs featuring Tenor Joe Graziano, Baritone David Boyd and Pianist

Windy City Performing Arts (Chicago), The WINDY CITY SLICKERS, live in concert, one night only. Eric Lane Barnes directs this fabulous performance to kick off the release of their debut CD, SUNDAY. Athenaeum Theater, 2938 N. Southport in Chicago. Tickets \$20, \$25 at TicketMaster (312) 902-1500, at the Atheneaum Box Office or Unabridged Books, 3251 N.

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Addicted to the Web?

by Gip Plaster

While compulsion to participate in cyber-space sex and chat is one part of Internet addiction, it is not the only part. If an activity on the Web interferes with relationships or work, you may be addicted, according to the Dr. Kimberly S. Young, the founder of the Center for On-Line Addiction in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Young is also the author of Caught in the Net: How to Recognize the Signs of Internet Addiction — And a Winning Strategy for Recovery.

She offers help for Internet addiction several ways including, of course, through a website and through email.

"Mainly, it seems that the most **immediate** conse quence stemming from compulsive patterns of Internet use are relationship problems with existing

friends



and family," Young said in an interview. "I have served in divorce and child custody cases related to these issues."

Workplace issues are also a concern. An addiction to day trading of stocks, chatting or downloading pornography from the web at work can all lead to losing your job, she noted. Students with the same addictions can fail out of school. The result can be financial insecurity, debt and legal problems.

Young said she has not divided her research by specific populations, so she cannot say whether Gays and Lesbians are more or less likely than the general population to become addicted to the Internet. However, she has worked with Gay and Lesbian clients. She said her observations have shown that Gays and Lesbians may use the Web obsessively for different reasons than straights.

Not everyone, however, agrees that it is possible to be addicted to the Internet.

"My clients in particular live in a rural area with limited means of finding acceptance and

support in our town, so the Internet served a

need to fill that void," she said. "In places

where local services and support aren't

options, the Internet becomes a safe place to

Gay adolescents who turned to the Internet

when there was no other place to turn have

worked with Young to overcome addiction, as

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"I suppose the only criticism I have experienced has been from the medical profession, who tend to view the term addiction as only applicable to drugs and alcohol," she said. "In these instances they argue any behavior is addictive and tend to blame the patient for lack of self-control, it seems that the real problem is that as a whole, the mental health disciplines don't agree on what constitutes an addiction."

Whether it is called an addiction or something else, Young is one of many who believe that for some people, the Internet can become a problem. These eight questions, based on ones created by Young, could tell you if you are addicted. If you answer yes to five or more, you may be.

- Do you feel preoccupied with the Internet, thinking about previous on-line activities and anticipating your next session on-line?
- Do you feel the need to use the Internet for increasing amounts of time to get the same satisfaction?
- Have you made repeated unsuccessful attempts to cut down or stop internet use?
- Do you stay on-line longer than you intended to?
- Have you jeopardized or risked the loss of a significant relationship, job or school opportunity because of the Internet?
- Have you lied to family members, therapists or others to conceal the extent of your involvement with the Internet?
- Do you use the Internet as a way of escaping from problems or of relieving feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety or depression?

Help is available from the same place the problem originated. Young's website is at www.netaddiction.com. Additional resources are available at www.virtual-addiction.com. A search for "Internet addiction" will find even more

CYBERSPACE



Turnabout

by Michael Stewart

In the Internet's good old days — which roughly corresponds with the era before Disney discovered it could use the web to sell off the merchandise no one would buy at its parks — the web thrived on openness and sharing.

The notion of charging money for something on the net was thought heretical at best, and the phrase "Information Wants to Be Free" launched a whole new T-shirt industry. Alas, big business decided that a computer monitor was just like a television, and what would television be without commercials? Nowadays, just about every destination on the web has one feature or another designed to tempt you to part with your hard-eamed dollars.

As time has gone on, several companies have tried to change the dynamic by offering incentives to those who participate in their programs, the most notable being Cybergold, MvPoints and BonusMail.

Cybergold (online at http://www.cybergold.com), offers small cash rebates in exchange for often-pricey purchases at their affiliated merchants.

BonusMail was merged with MyPoints (online at http://www.mypoints.com) in the late spring of 1999. It offers "points" for various online activities.

For example, reading an e-mailed advertisement is worth 10 points, while signing up for a free online calendaring system could be worth 100 points. Actually placing an order with one of their advertisers might be worth thousands of points.

Once you've accumulated enough, these points can be redeemed for all sorts of nifty things — magazine subscriptions, bookstore and restaurant gift certificates or even hotel stays. Yours truly has participated for several years. I am currently shooting for the Deluxe Lobster Feast for Two, which includes just about everything needed for a scrumptious romantic dinner except the significant other,

who probably wouldn't fit in the Fed Ex-ed cooler anyway.

The newest entry to the field is one that bypasses the intermediate steps completely, paying out cold, hard cash in exchange for eyeballs for their advertisements. AllAdvantage.Com (online at http://www.alladvantage.com) has invented the Viewbar, which (at the user's option, of course) opens whenever they are online and launch the browser. Relatively unobtrusive, it sits at the bottom of the browser window and acts like a time clock, crediting members 50¢ an hour for every hour they spend online, up to a current maximum of \$20 a month.

While it's active, the Viewbar displays AllAdvantage.Com information along with advertising messages, and you can turn it on or off as you wish.

Like any good Internet-based marketing tactic, AllAdvantage.Com relies on multi-level referrals, but goes one step further by taking the novel approach of paying you for them as well. Those you refer directly earn you 10¢ an hour for every hour they surf the web, and those they refer net you 5¢ an hour for the time they're online.

As you might expect, anyone giving away anything — especially money — draws a crowd, and AllAdvantage.Com is no exception to the rule. It's gathered a quarter of a million members in its first ten days, and over two million in four months.

To keep from being overwhelmed (and to ensure everyone is paid), AllAdvantage.Com has a waiting period of about two weeks between the time you register and the time you can begin to participate. As it gets more attention, this will probably grow, so sign up quickly to get in on the ground floor.

You probably won't make enough to buy the new SUV that you've been eyeing, but it should be fairly easy to recoup your monthly ISP bill. By the way, if you're really desperate to fill the "Referrer" field when you register, use mine, EBA-199. I'll get those damned lobsters somehow!;)



Dear Ruthie,

I'm a straight man with many Gay friends who read your articles. They seem to agree with the advice you dish out, so I figured, what the heck?

My wedding day is just around the corner (I won't give you the exact date, but it's coming soon). Due to a particularly ugly situation in our past, my fiancée (a woman who I love very much) has given me the opportunity to have a one-night stand with anyone I want.

The only restrictions she's given are: 1) it can't happen within a month of our ceremony, 2) it can't be with anyone she knows or is likely to ever meet, and 3) if I do it, she never wants to find out. After much thought, I've decided to take her up on the deal. Believe me, I've thought about this a lot.

I have always thought about being with another man and think this may be my last opportunity. I think it might actually be good for me (and the marriage) because if I can get this experience out of the way, I won't be as tempted after we're married.

I know temptation always exists (whether it's with a woman or man), but at least I can tell myself that I've had the experience of sleeping with another man. I believe I have to fulfill this fantasy because I've had it

for so long and after I'm married, I want to be monogamous.

I will follow all of my fiancée's rules, so I don't think there will be a problem. I will also make sure the guy and I play safe, and will even have an HIV test six months (as suggested by doctors) after the encounter.

As I stated earlier, my wife and I have many Gay friends, and going to Gay establishments doesn't bother me. I've been approached by men who didn't realize I was straight, so I don't think finding a willing man will be difficult. I also considered trying the personal ads (I heard some Gay men only look for married men), or I could find an experienced man who is also married or getting married.

So, what do you think? Should I switch teams for one night? What do you think about a straight man playing on a different field for an inning or two? Okay, enough of the baseball analogies. Do you think I'd be wasting this opportunity if I went this route? I really want to do this, but I guess I'm looking for another opinion.

Thank You, Switch Hitter

Dear Hitter.

If I were to give this article a title, I'd call it "Men are like potato chips — You can't eat just one." But in spite of being too tacky, I'll just tell you what I think of this whole deal... ARE YOU OUTTA YOUR HEAD?

You're nuts if you think a one-nighter will end your man-to-man fantasies. If anything, it could wet your appetite and leave you hungry for more. I think you're talking yourself into this, guy. You're making excuses and trying to find reasons why you should go through with this (regardless of the guy versus gal thing).

I think there are three issues here. First, banging the monkey with a stranger a few months before your wedding is not a good idea. I don't care what the "ugly situations" are or what partner you chose. You should be so in love with your honey right now, that the thought of doing this to her breaks your heart – regardless of what she says.

This brings me to my second point. I doubt that she really wants you to go through with this. The fact that she is "giving" you this opportunity is weird, and I think it might be

something that needs looking into. What is she experiencing that made her suggest this? Does she have doubts about your future fidelity? Was she unfaithful at some point? Two wrongs never make a right, mister!

The last, and possibly the most important, issue is your need to explore your sexuality. This is best accomplished before you promise your faithfulness to someone else. Perhaps you're straight. Maybe you're bisexual. In any event, I think you might need to meet with a therapist and work your feelings through. I'm thinking you need to take a much closer look at yourself before you walk down the aisle.

I'm afraid that if you don't get a better feel for your own sexuality, you will end up cheating on your wife, ruining your marriage and upsetting her life. That's not fair to her. Take if from a woman who has been involved in more weddings then the Rev. Moon, you owe it to her to fully understand your sexuality and enter this marriage knowing who you are and what you want.

Keep it in your pants, and call a therapist. Forget this whole one night wonderland idea and focus on the future you are about to create with this woman. A one-night stand is a dead end to a marriage that hasn't even begun yet!

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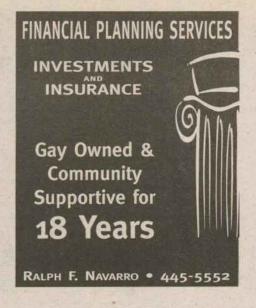
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Bob Melig, Sports Editor



Fall Sports Vaulting onto Scene

Milwaukee — With a rush, the Fall sports organizations are organizing. If you would like to Bowl, play Darts, play Volleyball, do a Tennis Tournament, Hike outdoors one last time, attend a run with the Frontrunners - now is the time to get in touch with our Fall Sports groups. Registration is now underway for all the fall to winter sports.

Bowling - You can bowl three nights or one night. Interested? Seeing Safonda at 219, Jeff at M&M, or call HIT at (414) 831-4038.

GAMMA — Outdoor activities, indoor volleyball and other social activities wait those who call (414) 264-9180.

Tennis - Great Open-to-the-Community Doubles Tournament in September — (414) 562-4340.

Darts - See Steve at Woody's or call (414) 672-0806 to join this fun group.

Outdoor Cooperative Sports Group — Call (414) 963-9833.

Frontrunners - Weekly run/walk and Community-wide fall runs are on the agenda call (414) 332-1527.

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Possibilities - Haven't heard from Touch Football League, yet, nor Rugby Group, but they are around. Give me the info, I'll pass it along.

Not Soooo Physical

Then why not think seriously about joining to sing in one of the Milwaukee, Madison or Green Bay choruses? Do some volunteer time with your local LGBT community center. Join a square dance or line dance group. Your choices are unlimited in the Milwaukee area, very diverse in Madison and growing, growing, growing in the Fox Valley.

It's UP TO YOU not to be a couch potato this fall and winter. The groups are there for you to enjoy. Expaaaaaand yourself physically and intellectually this year. If you're just too, too busy, try sending a contribution to the Cream City Foundation or the Gay Community Center Trust Fund to help the Community grow.

219 Shows

Championship Style

On the field, three 219 back-to-back home

runs in the first inning sunk the SSBL All Stars at Mitchell Park on August 27th. Off the field, 219 shook the hands and hugged the All Stars letting them know how appreciated they were in the game and all year long.

For its part, the League roundly cheered the trophy presentations to 219 as champions and to Balistreri's as runner-ups after the games. With another season under its belt, SSBL wound up things for 1999 with a picnic at the Domes.

SSBL Working Hard for Next Year.

With the 20th Milwaukee Classic coming up next May, the Classic Committee is hard at work getting this very special softball event together. There are monthly meetings to ensure that next year's Classic is the best ever. Volunteers to help with entertainment, marketing, fundraising and other non-softball enhancements are being sought. To show your support, call the SSBL at (414) 454-9204.

The SSBL is also looking for Candidates for SSBL Commissioner. Anyone who is interested can run. The election meeting will be in late September. If you are interested, now is the time to make up your mind.

HIT Committee Gearing for Thanksgiving Bowling

It's not far away - two months and count-

ing. We often overlook the amount of time the HIT Committee puts into the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Tournament.

Off the Couches!

My point in writing the above is to remind you all - it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers on and off the fields, alleys, courts, etc. to put on events. You don't have to be an athlete to participate. Our community organizations appreciate and can use any skills you have. You get to rub shoulders with the hunks in sports groups, and the talented and dedicated in the other groups.

Do something sports related or otherwise to stay active!

My Packers

Bret Favre has to work too hard. Where's his front line? He's completing shovel passes, doing high wire gymnastics and making the plays - all under duress. Get it together, linemen.

The delinquent defense needs to show up more often. With the cut-down over, it's time to gel, folks. Pick you favorite defensive man and send him a box of Jell-O as a reminder.

How about our Back-up Quarterback? It's just fun watching him. Keep it up guy.

WISCONSIN LGBT SPORTS TEAMS Send Us Your Info: editor@wilight.com

Dyles Towatch Out For by Alison Bechdel





NIGHTS OUT

News... Well, it's over. AIDS Walk Wisconsin raised \$641,646. I hope that you did your best to help contribute to the total. Special thanks go out to those bars that helped to organize and promote their teams. It

takes special people to take time out to con-

vince others to pitch in. It's not the easiest

thing in the world to do when the people you

are trying to convince

came out for a good

time, not to volunteer.

My hat's off to each

and every participating

bar owner and their

staffs. Great job folks.

The trophy for having

the biggest team, and

for raising the most

money were not avail-

able at press time. The

reality is that we are all

winners due to the

efforts of everyone

The long awaited

The trial is set for later this fall.

been postponed AGAIN! This is the third or

fourth time Dixon's day in court to answer

charges that she flambedFannies in October

'97, has been delayed. Dixon says that the

Judge is newly appointed and had a long

scheduled speaking engagement that would

have meant an interruption in the proceedings.

that business is booming. The owners say they

are thrilled and having the time of their lives. I

The word from Madison's Rainbow Room is

Sharon Dixon trial has

involved.

bet their customers are too.

LGBT/Straight Bars? Recently I have heard some people criticizing some of our Milwaukee bars because on some weekend nights, a number of straights are present at those

establishments.

You could look at it nity over the years. Or you could say (as some

I SAY there is no rea-

I have been to the

which are well behaved) decide to spend some time with us, is just downright dumb. It's the same kind of stereotyping that we don't like when

My suggestion is to get over it real fast. As we gain more acceptance. it's likely that we will see more heterosexuals than ever in our bars. That's a sign



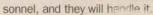
(L to R) Craig (Switch), & a Pizza-man Jim B. surround a man our GM wants to get to Know.

from the standpoint of everyone joining together in one community, which has been a goal for many in our commu-

have) that we have so few spaces where we can be ourselves, that it's not fair to have straights intrude on them.

> son why we CAN'T be ourselves in any bar, especially a Gay or Lesbian one. Those that think otherwise obviously have some issues of insecurity to work through.

bars in question, and with the exception of one rude remark, I've never observed any problems. If there are any, it's a simple matter to tell the bartender. bouncers or security per-



From Dish's "Better Tan Chocolate" party.

Wisconsin law says discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal. It doesn't just outlaw discrimination against Gays; it makes it illegal to discriminate against someone because they are straight too. What's really unfair is the expectation that a bar should risk its license and face possible lawsuits simply so some of us can feel superior or something.

To get all uppity and jealous because some straight people (99% of

it's used on us.



A legion of Lesbians surround our Sales Director, Diane (Legs) Gregory (top left) at her Fluid birthday fete.

progress. Let's try to treat it that way.

Coming Up... If the thought of a man or woman in uniform turns you on (and you know it does), check out the Milwaukee Eagle's Uniform Night this Saturday, September 18. Come on down to have a great time.

Don't forget to check out the Switch Sunday Tea Dance on the patio. It begins at 3pm and runs to 7pm. Owner Craig says that he is thinking of putting a heated tent over his patio for the winter months, so the partying out there can continue.

Recaps... It was a very busy Labor Day weekend in a number of places. Over at the Ball Game, they had a packed house to celebrate the holiday. The crowd included Corey from La Cage and some of the La Cage staff and regulars.

There was a packed house at South Water Street Docks too. Bears from the La Bear weekend mixed with regulars for the bar's annual Labor Day party. A nice buffet, which raised money for AIDS Walk Wisconsin, two hairy chested bartenders, and lots of friendly folks made for a butch but festive atmosphere. Included in that crowd were Eagle Manager Mike Walsh, his partner, former Cream City Chorus Director Scott Stewart, and Eagle bar-

Steve G of Docks told me that he was very pleased with the turnout. He said the party is a thank you for the bar's regular customers.

Over at Switch, a nice crowd turned out for the AIDS Walk Fundraiser. I saw Jimmy Balistreri (owner of Balistreri's pizza) there. He says "Hi" to all his many friends. They had a

\$6 beer bust, raffles, great food and two lovely volunteers working the door. What more could you ask for?

Speaking of asking for things, the Editor is asking for this column, so that's a wrap. I hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile, stay safe and be proud!



SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

Barracks/Club 5 (Madison), Unicorns Club Night, 3rd Saturday of the month.

Fannles (Milwaukee), Opening night for 1999-2000 NE WI Sheepshead traveling tournament.

Eagle (Milwaukee), Chuck G's Uniform/Leather/Fetish Party. The theme is uniforms of all kinds; police, military, firemen, western wear, sports, etc. as well as leather and latex fetish wear. Demonstrations and exhibitions will be featured as well as raffle drawings which start at 11pm. Proceeds will benefit BESTD Clinic.

Napalese (Green Bay), Drag show,

Za's (Green Bay), Nova D'Vine's American System

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

LaCage (Milwaukee) "Baby Jane" Henry's 3rd Annual 39th Birthday 8-11 in the Video Bar.

M&M (Milwaukee) "Baby Jane's" party continues, Midnight-close

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

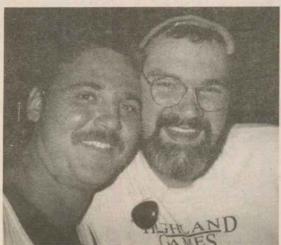
M&M Club (Milwaukee) Green Bay's "Entertainers Against AIDS" Road Show, 10:30pm with a visit by a GB bar bus crawl.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

Fluid (Milwaukee), Farewell to Summer! 8pm-on. with DJ John Murges spinning your favorite tunes from this summer, \$3 Cabana Bovz and \$3.50 Mai Tais drink specials, \$2 shots of Cuervo and \$ 2 bottles

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

Eagle (Milwaukee), Promotion and fund raiser for the SE WI Mr. Leather contest, 10pm-? Beer bust with raffle and prizes, portion of proceeds to be donated to BESTD Clinic.



Bear's stalking So. Water St. Docks.

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CENTRAL	WISCON		
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
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Scooters Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	411 Galloway St., 54703 302 E. Madison, 54703	835-9959 832-9237
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Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
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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 Shamrock	WM, DJ, F MW, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704 117 W. Main St., 53703	241-9335 255-5029
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Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	374-7441 643-6900
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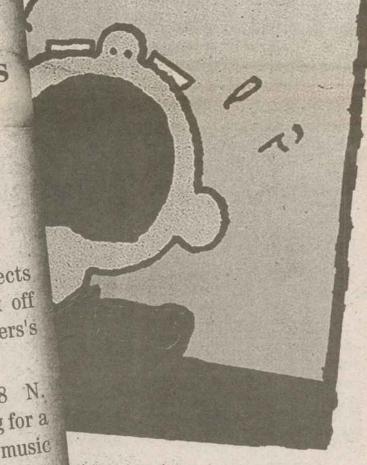
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