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By Bill Meunier



here are tens of thousands of Gay fathers and Lesbian mothers. That means there are also tens of thousands of children with at least one Gay or Lesbian parent. In fact, some estimate that there may be as many 10 million American children with a Gay parent.

Like other kids, children of LGBT parents worry about their appearance, schoolwork, making the sports team, and "being cool." They also face their unique set of challenges.

Those challenges have been largely ignored by a community that is afraid to mention the words "children" and "Gay" in the same sentence. As increasing numbers of Gays and Lesbians decide to have children either through adoption or by other means, it's time to ask the question, "What's happening to OUR kids?"

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# Letter from the Publisher

## Lessons in a dinner?

Last Saturday, progressives of all stripes gathered to hear Lesbian activist Torie Osborn deliver an articulate and inspiring keynote address and to raise otherwise scarce funds for social justice in Wisconsin. Not all was serious at the Wisconsin Community Fund Annual Awards Dinner, as Milwaukee native Will Durst ended the evening by putting the record breaking crowd of over 200 in absolute stitches as he skewered politicians of all stripes. The evening was emceed by African American writer Eugene Kane.

This organization reaches across all boundaries within the progressive community to build stronger ties in a coalition of like-minded socially progressive Wisconsinites. There are few, if any, other organizations that bring these diverse interests into one room. Last year, as announced at the dinner, over \$115,000 was distributed to organizations throughout Wisconsin. The largest single grant, approved by the Grant Allocation Committee, was for \$4175 that was awarded to the LaCrosse Alliance Program, an LGBT social services

Perhaps the most emotional point of the evening was the posthumously presented award to long-time American Indian Activist Walt Bressette, who fell victim to illness earlier this year. With his young children

present his words and image beamed across the room via videotape. Interestingly, the first non-Indian group in which he referenced were "Gays". He spoke of a political world in which various groups could see beyond there own agendas to a broader program for a better earth. There were tears in the eyes of many as his an early teen daughter thanked the group for honoring her father.

These types of dinners are hard work. In the early years they don't earn all that much money, and some would say, aren't even worth it. However, in time, if they are done right, they grow into exceptional fundraising and spirit building activities. Most notable in our community is ARCW's Make A Promise Dinner which has



raised many hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years. Besides the dollars, bringing many like-minded persons together for a common cause rejuvenates the commitment that is necessary for success and

Milwaukee based Cream City Foundation is in need of such an event but it is hard to do without some paid staff, I wish them well in their endeavor to secure funding for a paid Executive Director. While CCF does hold smaller fundraising events throughout the year, a single large annual event could help launch a new era of greater philanthropy within the Milwaukee area LGBT Community. While not a typical dinner, the Milwaukee LGBT Community, and its Executive Director, successfully held a street party in August that has the potential to grow into a very significant event. Madison's Outreach has an Executive Director and several considerable fundraising events. ROW has the Row Picnic, a very significant effort for a community of its

Should PrideFest take a role in this area? As they met last week in their annual planning retreat was there any discussion on the meaning or purpose of all that activity and volunteerism. Do they too need a paid staff or is that once again duplicative? In December, in time for the Holidays, Wisconsin Light will take a closer look at all of these issues. We appreciate the many comments and suggestion that we have received. Keep the cards, emails and letters coming.

Greg Quindel Publisher

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# Straight Student Works to Promote LGBT Pride

Menasha - Emily Nelson has what some might say is an unusual cause for a young, heterosexual college student. She wants to raise awareness of and pride in Northeast Wisconsin's LGBT community. Nelson is organizing a Rally and Celebration for LGBT's to be held at the UW-Fox Valley Field House. The event, to be held on December 10 from 6:30pm to 1am, will include

Nelson, the President of the UW Fox-Valley Student Association, said the rally and her efforts to start a LGBT student group on her campus grew out of concern for Gay students and her own personal experiences.

Nelson wants to debunk what she calls the "common myths about homosexuality." She says that many area residents believe that homosexuality is a sin, that every homosexual has AIDS and even that homosexuality is contagious.

Those attitudes may explain why UW-Fox Valley doesn't have an LGBT student group. "Our campus is not fully open. We did have a Gay student group here but it disbanded suddenly," said Nelson. "We are trying to start a new one called the Gay Straight Alliance, but it's hard to come out of the closet here. This area is the pinnacle of Republican values. We have a lot of problems bringing forth issues that are outside of the Republican realm."

Nelson adds, "There are liberal people in this area too. But it's hard to dispel the fears and myths when people aren't aware of what the culture is. People buy into the stereotypes that Gays don't like sports and that a woman who doesn't wear makeup and is not afraid to speak up, must be Gay. It's very easy in this area to not accept the LGBT culture."

Nelson saw how those myths and fears work against Gays and Lesbians while going out with Gay friends. Even in liberal Madison, she saw homophobia at work. When Nelson and some friends went to MAGIC picnic last summer, she heard the type of verbal abuse that's often directed at the LGBT community.

We were walking to the park and we heard people outside of it making nasty comments about the 'queers," said Nelson, who was with her best friend Melissa at the time. "During the march people stood around on the sidewalks, rolled their eyes and said things like 'Oh no! Here

"Melissa was the first actual Gay person that I came in contact with," said Nelson. "We instantly bonded. I had experienced things with Gay people before, but I'd never been close to someone who is Gay. She is one of the most beautiful people I have ever met."

"Every qualm I ever had about Gays simply dissolved. I started seeing them not as Gay people but just as people. I began to realize how many people weren't accepting. I saw that Gay students couldn't feel accepted here because they didn't feel safe or comfortable. My ultimate goal is to have people accepted. We are a university and that implies unity. If we can't achieve that then all we have is a group of people going to school without any relationships going anywhere."

Some people don't want the kind of unity Nelson strives for. "I have actually been asked if I am trying to convert people," she said. "It's an irrelevant fear. It just shows that people are afraid to accept change and to accept what isn't the norm."

Nelson has received hate e-mails. Most referred to the Bible like the one that read "God damned Sodom and he will damn you." Some called Nelson a "Queer lover." Some threatened her with physical violence. She has turned those over to the Police.

The e-mails haven't discouraged Nelson from moving forward. "This is not an attempt to be the next martyr," she says. "This is an issue of allowing people to be who they want to be without

"This is an issue of allowing people to be who they want to be without being afraid."

> - Emily Nelson, President **UW Fox-Valley Student Association**

She adds, "We're trying to teach and educate people that this isn't a recent issue or a matter of style. Some people think this is a 90's development or a 70's wu hooo. This is something that's been going on for years. It's like any other culture; there's a history. People are very unaware of

Others are coming forward to support the rally and the idea of acceptance. Groups like P-FLAG and the United Council of UW Students (a statewide federation of 24 UW system student governments) are solidly behind the Rally and Celebration. So are many average citizens and stu-

Last week, Nelson and her helpers began a "chain of allies." Links are added to the chain as people, who support acceptance of Gays, sign them. After just one week, the chain has over 300 links signed by people on and off the UW-Fox Valley campus. "And we didn't even try to promote it that much," said Nelson.

Nelson, Fox Valley Gays, Lesbians, and their allies hope the chain will continue to grow. They also hope that along with the December 10 rally, it will begin the process of building acceptance and understanding in their community.

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# Local AIDS Funding Approved In Milwaukee

Milwaukee - Two local governmental units approved AIDS prevention funding in their year 2000 budgets. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's Life Point program gained funding from Milwaukee County while the Milwaukee Common Council approved an allocation of \$309, 200 to fund AIDS prevention programs. The money will be used to fund AIDS prevention programs operated by ARCW and seven culturally diverse groups that target minority communities in Milwaukee.

AIDS activists are thankful that the City maintained the AIDS prevention funding at its 1999 level."ARCW is grateful to Mayor Norquist for the leadership he provided by maintaining the City's AIDS funding in the budget given the difficult financial issues being faced by the City," said ARCW Deputy Executive Director, Mike Gifford.

The City's budget ran into problems due to a Governor Thompson veto of a planned increase in State aid and the settlement of a pension dispute with the Milwaukee Police Union. AIDS prevention activists worried that the funding would be cut or eliminated during the City's struggle to fill the holes in its budget without substantially increasing property taxes.

Alderman Dan Schramm attempted to cut the funding from Mayor John Norquist's proposed budget during the Council's Personnel and Finance Committee's Budget review meeting. At first, Schramm made a motion to eliminate the funding. Later he withdrew that motion and moved to cut the funding by \$25,000. That motion lost on a 2 to 3 vote.

Only Alderwoman Susan Brier joined Schramm in voting to cut the funding. Brier represents Milwaukee's Bay View area, a neighborhood with a large number of Gay residents. Aldermen Marvin Pratt, James Witowiak and Michael Murphy voted against the cut.

Given the rocky relationship between ARCW and Mayor Norquist, some observers were surprised he kept all of the AIDS funds in the budget. "If John (Norquist) ever wanted to cut ARCW out of the City budget, this would have been the perfect time," said a City Hall source.

Wisconsin Light asked the mayor about his determination to maintain AIDS funding in the face of the AIDS crisis. "We worked hard to not to eliminate anything essential," said the mayor

Even after the Committee recommended approval of the allocation, concerns about the funding remained. Gifford worked to make sure that it would withstand an expected challenge from Schramm and Brier when the full Council took up the budget. ARCW believed that its supporters would defeat an amendment to eliminate the funds. Nevertheless, when the deadline for introducing amendments passed and Schramm did not act, Gifford and others breathed a sigh of relief.

"The Common Council has always been a strong supporter for effective AIDS policies," said Gifford. "We appreciate the core group of members who time and again support life saving AIDS initiatives."

That core group may get smaller after April's elections. One of the most vocal supporters of the City's AIDS funding, Downtown Alderman Paul Henningsen, faces a tough re-election battle. Two other supporters, Common Council President John Kalwitz and Wayne Frank are not running for re-election.

In a less surprising, but well received development, the County Board approved County Executive Tom Ament's proposal to help fund the ARCW Life Point program. The program provides clean needles and drug abuse counseling to injection drug abusers, who are at high risk for AIDS due to sharing needles with other abusers.

The County Board stipulated that Life Point can't use the money for the needles it distributed. The funds will help Life Point's Harm Reduction Program activities including referrals to drug treatment programs and HIV counseling and testing. Gifford said the money would also fund a Hepatitis C testing program. Like AIDS, Hepatitis C is a communicable fatal disease that affects injection drug abusers.

The Board's quiet approval of the funding was a stark contrast to last year's controversy over County Executive Tom Ament's proposal to provide \$100,000 in County money for Life Point. Last October's often harsh debate left bitter feelings when County Supervisor T. Anthony Zielinski provided the winning vote for a motion that eliminated the funding. Zielinski had asked Ament

to include the money in his budget.

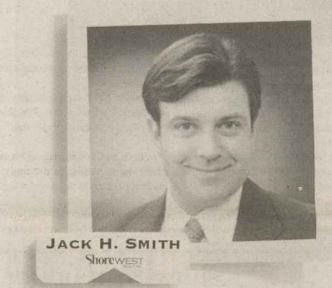
Needle purchase wasn't an issue this year, thanks to the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS foundation, which provided ACRW with a \$25,000 grant to support the needle distribution and pay for medical supplies.

"County Executive Tom Ament has shown remarkable leadership on this issue," said Gifford. "We are pleased that the County board rallied around sending a strong message in support of our efforts to stop the spread of AIDS and help drug abusers get into treatment programs."

Some may object to spending over \$400,000 in local tax funds on AIDS prevention during a time of shrinking budgets, but others say that in long run, local taxpayers are actually saving money. That's because, County funds are used to pick up the cost of treating uninsured persons with AIDS

"Milwaukee's commitment to AIDS has grown this fall. Milwaukee's elected officials rejected complacency. Now it's up the rest of us to follow their lead," said Gifford. "Both the city and country have targeted their money to aggressive and effective AIDS strategies. These dollars will save lives. They target high risk groups, and they are a bargain for the taxpayers too."

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Milwaukee - The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) returns for its 21st annual Thanksgiving weekend bowling extravaganza, November 25-28. This year's theme is Hit Me - 21! More than 200 LGBT bowlers from around the world are expected to participate. The HIT Committee invites the LGBT community to come mingle with the bowlers both at the lanes, and out in the bars over the weekend.

Registration begins at 1pm on Thanksgiving Day with the opening of the Hospitality Suite (the Juneau Room) of the downtown Milwaukee Hilton where bowlers will check in and mingle with old friends. Bowling action gets underway at 5pm with the first shift of Team Bowling at the Red Carpet Regency on 76th and Florist. Later that evening, the HIT Board will showcase its "talents" in the annual Welcome Show, 10pm at Club 219. (As always, the show promises to be a real drag!)

Friday, there will be two shifts of Doubles and Singles events. The first starts at 10am. Late arrivals can register at the Lanes beginning at 9am. The second shift begins at 5pm.

On Saturday, the second shift of Team Event bowling begins at 10am. The Awards Banquet at the Hilton kicks off with a cocktail hour beginning at 5pm in the Grand Ballroom lobby before it moves into the dining room for the dinner and awards program.

The M&M Club/Glass Menagerie will host the Farewell Brunch on Sunday.

Anyone who wishes to participate in HIT, the nations oldest LGBT bowling tournament, or who wants buy banquet tickets only, can contact Director David Kiefer at (414) 871-4172 or his Assistant Jeff Sonnenburg at (414) 443-0213.

# WCF Dinner Sets A Record

Milwaukee - A record crowd of over 200 supporters turned out for the annual Wisconsin Community Fund Dinner on Saturday, November 13. The Fund, which supports progressive causes throughout the State, grossed an unofficial total of around \$20,000.

Key note speaker and noted Lesbian activist Torie Osborn told the diners that progressives should continue to build an infrastructure capable of bringing about social change. Osbourn pointed to the right wing surge to power in Congress as proof that quiet organizing work eventually pays off in policy changes.

Milwaukee native and PBS Comic Will Durst had the audience in stitches as he lampooned everyone from Al Gore and Bill Bradley; "They had strobe lights during their debate so people would think somebody was actually moving"; to Pat Buchanan, "He left the Republican Party and joined the Reform Party. That's because the American Nazi party is in such disarray."

Among the LGBT leaders, were Wisconsin Light Publisher Greg Quindel, Editor Bill Meunier,

Cream City Foundation Board President Mary Messerlie, and ACLU of Wisconsin Executive Director Chris Ahmuty were in attendance.

# Marshfield Gays Gather Weekly

Marshfield - The Marshfield Gay and Lesbian Organization (MGLO) gathers for fun events every Friday night at 130 S. Central Avenue, #3 (above Thimbleberry Bookstore) from 10:30pmon. Ages 21 and up are welcome. Bring beverages and join the fun and dancing.

MGLOs also sponsors a social on the second Monday of the month. The next social will be December 13 at 7pm, at the above location. Bring a dish to pass. Victor, co-leader of MGLO, invites those interested to check out MGLO's web site at: mglo@webtv.net. For more information, call him at (715) 837-2068.

# W M's Rainbow Alliance

Milwaukee - Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Rainbow Alliance will hold its next biweekly meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, December 2. Check the TITU board or call the office at (414) 229-6555 for location information.

Students and youths interested in the organization can also call the office or check the website at www.uwm.edu/StudentOrg/-glbc/. The email address is GLBC@UWM.EDU.

The Alliance is currently planning events for World AIDS Day on December 1. Details of those plans were not available when Wisconsin Light went to press.

# Milwaukee MATA Channel

Milwaukee - Brandon Marsh Entertainment will host a serious live interactive discussion series about Milwaukee's cable system, Time Warner's MATA (community access) channel. The discussion is open to cable system users, the producers, franchise experts, cable company officials and City Aldermen.

The first live broadcast is slated for November 20 at 1pm on MATA Channel 14 (this number may be different for those of you with fiber optic cable installed). The topic will be The Franchise and bow was it Gained?

Common Council Aldermen and Time Warner officials are invited to discuss funding and answer questions about the future of cable in Milwaukee on November 24 at 6pm.

Part three airs live at 6pm on December 7, and asks Where Do We Go From Here? It will look at other systems around the country and the future of Access in Milwaukee.

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# National

# Police Say Shepard Never Made Pass at His Killers Killer Laughed after Conviction

Laramie - During his trial for the murder of Matthew Shepard, Aaron McKinney's lawyers tried to convince a jury that their client killed the 21-year-old Gay college student because Shepard groped him. Now that McKinney has been sent to prison for the rest of his life, unsealed records and police investigators tell a different story.

Salon magazine is reporting that Sgt. Rob DeBree, the chief investigator in the murder, says he is outraged by widely held belief that Shepard was a reckless sexual adventurer. DeBree says that confessions made by the killers and other evidence showed that Shepard never made a sexual advance towards McKinney or his accomplice Russell Henderson.

DeBree said Henderson told Police that he didn't see or hear of any attempt by Shepard to grope McKinney. Henderson, Shepard and McKinney were crammed together in the cab of a pick up truck when McKinney started to beat Shepard with a gun. DeBree said that Shepard could have groped McKinney without Henderson knowing or hearing about it.

In his taped confession, McKinney told Police that Shepard touched his groin. "Then later, he says 'as if he was going to.' To me that says clearly, it never happened," said DeBree.

McKinney's taped confession was played in court, but parts of it were inaudible. The jury was shown a transcript of the confession, but it was not available to the media due to a court-imposed gag order. The press reported McKinney's story and many Americans came to believe that Shepard did in fact make a pass at his killers.

Henderson, who agreed to testify against McKinney as part of a plea bargain to avoid the death penalty, could have cleared up questions about why Shepard was targeted and killed, but he refused to testify. With Henderson serving two life prison terms without the possibility of parole, Prosecutor Carl Rerucha didn't have any leverage to force him to testify.

The Detective also said that he believes McKinney and Henderson killed Shepard because he was Gay.

DeBree said that Henderson told him that McKinney picked Shepard as a target because "he appeared to be a lonely homosexual." Henderson approached Shepard first and whispered a "come on" in his ear. McKinney then used a feminine voice to reinforce the ruse.

In a related development, DeBree told the press that 20 minutes after he was convicted of murder, McKinney was laughing and joking with inmates while watching himself on TV. He said McKinney signed autographs for his fellow inmates and repeatedly used anti-Gay slurs when referring to his victim.

## Killer's Girlfriend Freed

Laramie - The last Matthew Shepard defendant, Kristin Price, is now, a free woman after pleading guilty to a charge of interfering with a police officer. Price is the former girlfriend of Aaron McKinney, who was convicted of killing Shepard late last month. Price was originally

charged with the more serious offense of accessory to first degree murder after the fact.

Judge Jeffrey Donnel sentenced Price to 180 days in jail. He credited her for 120 days for time served and suspended the remaining 60 days. During McKinney's trial, Price testified that she helped him dispose of his bloody clothes and lied to the police to protect him.

## College Administrator Stole Newspapers with Story on Homophobia

Saratoga Springs - The Albany Times Union reports that Skidmore College Director of Admissions Mary Lou Bates confessed to stealing 1,000 copies of the Skidmore News because of a front page story on anti-Gay incidents at the college. Bates said she wanted to keep visiting high school recruits and their parents from seeing the paper.

Bates said she thought the visiting recruits and their families would be offended by the story. With the help of two other College employees, Bates loaded the papers in the back of her pick up truck and dumped them into a recycling pile at her home.

College President Jamienne S. Studley told a news conference that she was "deeply appalled that this was done by a member of our community" but gave some credit to Bates for taking responsibility. Studley said the College would investigate the incident and take corrective action.

## Kentucky Legislators May Push to End Gay Civil Rights

Frankfort - Conservatives in the Blue Grass State are growing increasingly alarmed about the passage of local Gay rights ordinances. So a group of conservative legislators are talking about sponsoring a bill that would forbid cities and counties from passing local Gay civil rights law and void those laws that are now in place.

Kentucky's Gay civil rights activists made substantial progress over the last 12 months. First, Louisville passed an ordinance banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. Then Lexington, Henderson and Jefferson Counties outlawed anti-Gay discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

On the other side of the coin is a statewide Gay civil rights bill sponsored by Rep. Kathy Stein (D-Lexington ). The Stein bill would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing and employment, insurance and mortgages. Observers say the measure is unlikely to pass.

## Gay SF Mayoral Candidate Gets Death Threat

San Francisco - Police say they are investigating two death threats aimed at Tom Ammiano, an openly Gay City Supervisor, who

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is running for Mayor. The outspoken liberal surprised the pundits by finishing second in the November 2 mayoral balloting with a last minute write in campaign.

Police Chief Fred Lau said his department is investigating the threats, which were posted on two local Internet sites. The threats posted by someone, who identified himself as a Christian, included anti Gay slurs and details about Ammiano's path to work and the accessibility of his office.

"Any serious threat against a public official we take seriously," Lau said. "If the threat is assessed and ... it requires our participation, of course we would offer it."

Police would not comment on whether they had identified the person who posted the six-paragraph messages. Threatening a public official is a felony, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Ammiano, who has garnered national attention for winning over thousands of San Francisco voters in his grassroots mayoral campaign, appeared to take the threats in stride. "It's an unfortunate consequence of public life that this situation is going to arise," he said. "I know I am not alone in this – certainly the Mayor and other public officials and celebrities (have received threats)."

Mayor Willie Brown said he, too, was concerned. "Frankly, it's an awful thing to occur anywhere," he said. Ammiano and Brown will square off on Dec. 14.

To many San Franciscans, the threats call to mind the assassination of the City's first openly Gay elected official, Harvey Milk. In 1977, a former City Supervisor, Dan White, shot and killed Mayor George Moscone and then walked to Milk's office and shot him to death as well. Gays were outraged when a jury convicted White of manslaughter instead of First Degree murder.

The story of the Dan White trial is the subject of a Showtime movie, Execution of Justice, which will premier on Sunday, November 28.

## LA Mayoral Candidate Comes Out

Los Angeles - Mayoral candidate Joel Wachs, a 28-year City Council veteran, came out of the closet during a TV interview on a local public affairs show.

Wachs said he answered the question put to him by Gay moderator Bill Rosendahl because it seemed "natural." He also said that he didn't think about the impact his answer could have on his bid to become Mayor. When Rosendahl asked, "Are you Gay?" Wachs answered, "I am and I'm very proud of what I've done for the community, and I'm also very proud of the fact that what I've done for the community is what I've done for all communities."

Wachs is a fiscal conservative who fought for civil rights laws that outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and HIV status. Political analysts say that the admission may help him in the Mayor race by winning support from the LGBT community and by showing him as an honest candidate.

## Shepard Vigil Marchers Sue NYPD

New York - Eight people arrested during an October, 1998 march for slain Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard are suing the City and its Police Department claiming officers falsely accused them and violated their civil rights.

Their attorney, Daniel Alterman, said the seven men and one woman were detained, but weren't told of the charges against them and or allowed to consult with lawyers. Alterman called the police actions an example of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's "unprecedented denial of civil liberties."

The federal lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and an explanation from the police and Giuliani for the actions. "They were there to make arrests and to scare us into not doing this again," said Timothy Bryant, 32, one of the plaintiffs. "These scare tactics have to stop."

New York police arrested more than 100 people during the demonstration in downtown Manhattan. Police officers in riot gear and on horseback tussled with about 4,000 marchers. A judge acquitted Bryant of disorderly conduct last year. The officer who arrested him testified that he did not see Bryant obstructing traffic, the reason stated for his arrest. According to the lawsuit, the officer said he arrested Bryant on orders from a police inspector.

## Nixon on Gays

Chicago - Transcripts of tapes made during a Nixon White House office meeting show that the late President had as much disdain for Gays and other minorities as he did for his Democratic opponents. The transcripts published by James Warren, a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, show Nixon attacking African Americans, Mexican Americans, Gays and even the Catholic Church.

While talking about African Americans, Nixon said, "I have the greatest affection for them, but I know they're not going to make it for 500 years. They aren't. You know it too. We're going to (put) more of these little Negro bastards on the welfare rolls at \$2,400 a family...work, work, work, throw them off the rolls."

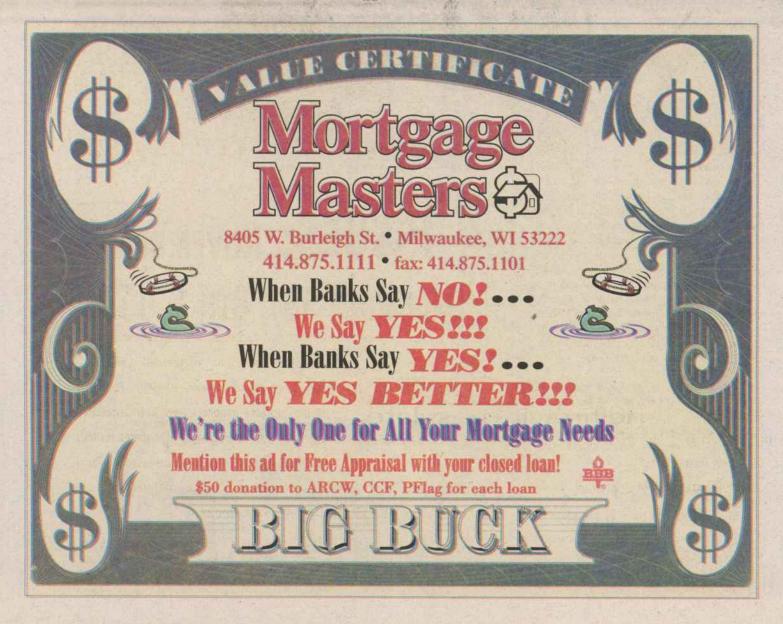
Nixon had this to say about Mexican Americans, "At the present time they steal. They're dishonest. They do have some concept of family life, they don't live like a bunch of dogs, which is how the Negroes do live like."

Nixon then turned his fire on an *All in the Family* TV show attempt to "glorify homosexuality." Nixon said, "I don't mind homosexuality, I understand it... Nevertheless, goddamn, I don't think you glorify it on public television, homosexuality, even more than you glorify whores. We all know we have weaknesses. But goddamn it, what do you think that does to kids?"

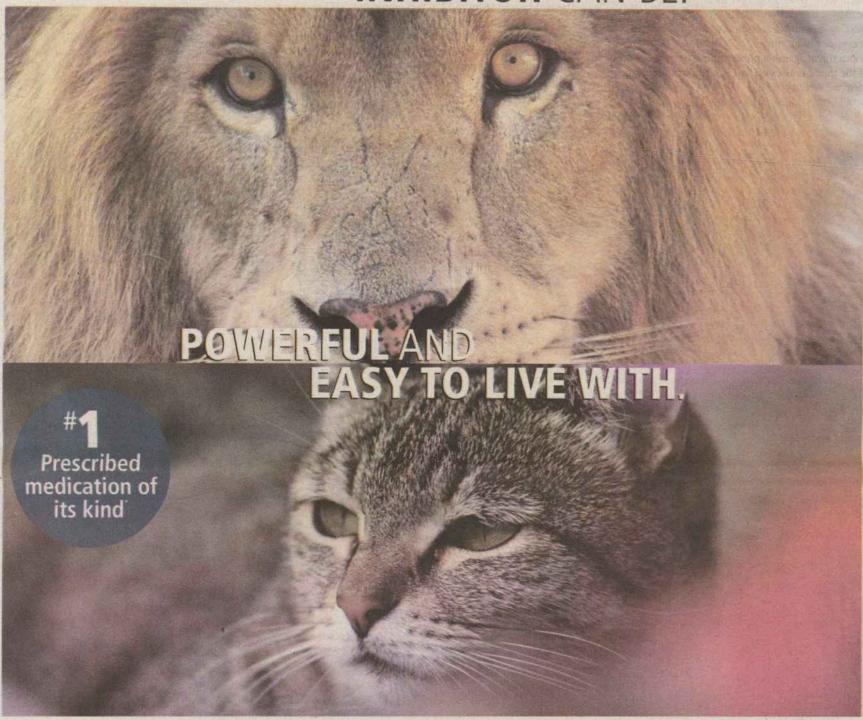
He went on to say, "You know what happened to the Greeks. Homosexuality destroyed them. Sure, Aristotle was a homo. We all know that. So was Socrates... You know what happened to the Romans... The last six Roman emperors were fags."

"Let's look at the strong societies. The Russians. Goddamn, they root'em out. They don't let'em around at all. I don't know what they do with them," said the President who also commented that he "couldn't shake hands with anyone from San Francisco."

Nixon aimed his most vicious comments at Catholic clergy. "You know what happened to the Popes? They (had sex with) the nuns, that's been going on for years, centuries. "But the Catholic Church went to hell three or four centuries ago. It was homosexual, and it had to be cleaned out. That's what happened to Britain, it happened earlier to France."



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medications and some HIV related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, and with increased bleeding

in patients with hemophilia. Ask your doctor. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.agouron.com.

(Refer to the important information on the next page.)





## Information for Patients About VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept) Generic Name: nelfinavir (nel-FIN-na-veer) mesylate

### For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

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VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in their CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir\* (zidovudine, AZT), Epivir\* (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit\* (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

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Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:
Altergles: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacfist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

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If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

- Orugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

  Seldane\* (terfenadine, for allergies)
  Hismanal\* (astemizole, for allergies)
  Propulsid\* (cisapride, for heartburn)
  Cordarone\*(amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
  Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute\*, Cardioquin\*, Quinidex\*, and others
  Ergot derivatives (Cafergot\* and others, for migraine headache)
  Halcion\* (triazolam)
  Versed\* (midazolam)
  Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.
  Ritampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane\*, Rifadin\*, Rifater\*, or Rifamate\*
  This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with: Mycobutino (rifabutin, for MAC), you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

- A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

Phenobarbital
Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)
These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.
Oral contraceptives ("the pill")
If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food. Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)

Epivir (lamivudine, AZT)

Videx\* (didanosine, dd1)

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If you are taking both Videx (dd1) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

- Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNHTIs):
  When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

  Viramune® (nevirapine)
  The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

  Other NNRTIs
  VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

- Other protease inhibitors:
  When VIRACEPT is taken together with:
  Crixivan® (indinavir)
  The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.
  Norvir® (ritonavir)
  The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Invirase® (saquinavir)
The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

### WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

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Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium<sup>®</sup> A-D (toperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do not have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.

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Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label. The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, you should not miss any doses. However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)
The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

### Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily **Body Weight** Number of Level of Level Lb Scoops\* Teaspoons **Tablets** 7 to < 8.5 15.5 to <18.5 8.5 to <10.5 18.5 to <23 13/4 10.5 to <12 23 to <26.5 6 11/2 12 to <14 26.5 to <31 13/4 14 to <16 31 to <35 16 to <18 35 to <39.5 9 21/4 18 to <23 39.5 to <50.5 10 23/2 >23 >50.5 15 33/4

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

\* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

**HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?** 

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?
Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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# the Acenda

Note: The Gay Agenda is a list of LGBT Community Special Events. When space is available, we also run the "every...(Wed. - Tues.)" weekly organization meeting lists. Please remember to contact us when dates or times are changed or are no longer valid. Items for both Gay Agenda sections must be in our office by Noon, Friday the week before the following Wednesday publication date. Items can be faxed to (414) 226-0096, mailed to our office, or emailed to: rong@wilight.com



Advocacy, OutReach (Madison): Interested in this topic? We need action oriented problem solvers to be involved. This is the first meet-

ing. OutReach Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, (608) 255-8582.

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Financial Strategies for Gays and Lesbians, Center's Rainbow Lecture (Milwaukee): Estate planning, joint ownership, financial con-

trol, and more. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.; 8pm, (414) 271-2656.

Lesbian Singles Discussion Group, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee): Every 3rd Thursday. 170 S. 2nd St. 7-8:30pm (414) 271-2656

Youth Issues, OutReach (Madison): Interested in this topic? We need action oriented problem solvers to be involved. This is the first meeting. OutReach Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, (608) 255-8582.



Deadline, WI Light (Statewide): Noon, today for the November 24th issue. Call (414) 226-0075. Film Screening, SAGE

(Milwaukee): In and Out, a comedy about a teacher who is outed by a former student. Is he or

isn't he? Small meeting room. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 6:30pm, (414) 271-0378



BWMT Meeting, Black and White Men Together (Milwaukee): An inter-racial men's social organization offers

friendship, comraderie and possibly new loves. Meets the third Saturday of the month. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.; 7-9pm, (414) 461-4586, box 3.

What Do You Want To See on Cable?, Brandon Marsh Entertainment (Milwaukee): Part 1: Franchise and How was it Gained? This show airs live on Warner Cable's Milwaukee MATA channel 14. 3 part series will be a serious interactive discussion program between the Cable System users, the producers, franchise experts, Cable Co. officials and City Aldermen. 1pm.



LGBT Youth Group Meeting, ARCW Office (Kenosha): For LGBT youth and sexuality issues, not HIV specific. 6-8pm, every first

and third Sunday of the month. FMI call (800) 924-6601. ARCW office, 1212 57th St.

Tue.

Social Activities, OutReach (Madison): Interested in this topic? We need action oriented problem solvers to be involved.

This is the first meeting. OutReach Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, 608) 255-8582.



What Do You Want To See on Cable?, Brandon Marsh Entertainment (Milwaukee): Part 2: Cable officials and alder

men discuss funding decrease and the future of Cable. This show airs live on Warner Cable's Milwaukee MATA channel 14. 3 part series will be a serious interactive discussion program between the Cable System users, the producers, franchise experts, Cable Co. officials and City Aldermen. 6pm.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) Weekend, HIT

(Milwaukee): 21st Annual bowling tourney through Nov. 28, HIT

Me – 21. Beginning 1pm today Hospitality Suite at the Milwaukee Hilton opens for registration and to mingle. Bowling gets under way at 5pm at the Red Carpet Regency on 76th and Florist. Tonight: HIT board showcases their talent (?) at the annual Welcome Show at 10pm at Club 219.

Teddy Bear Thanksgiving Celebration, Frontiers (Madison): Potluck turkey day. Bring a teddy beat for orphans, waifs and strays. Join a mix of LGBTQ groups, men and women and str8ts. Turkey, mine pie, sweet potatoes ice cream. Bears taken to the Women's Shelter. Cocktails at 4, dinner at 5pm. Call for details and directions. Dave's house: 4701 Judy Lane, (608) 241-2500.



Film Screening, SAGE (Milwaukee): Of special interest to women, men always welcome: part 2 of the documen-

tary *Out of the Past*, which related stories of Gay and Lesbian pioneers working for gay rights as told to a high school student. Small meeting room. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 6:30pm, (414) 271-0378

Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) Weekend, HIT (Milwaukee): Two shifts of Bowling at 10am and 5pm, registration begins at 9am at the Red Carpet Regency on 76th and Florist.



HIV+ Gay Men's Social, BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee): New monthly event. Tired of bars? Looking for people like

yourself to spend time together? Drop-in center provides the setting and opportunity. Last Saturday of every month. 1240 E. Brady St. (side door, closest

to street) 8-Midnight (414) 353-4798

Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) Weekend,
HIT (Milwaukee): 2nd shift of Team events begins
at 10am at the Red Carpet Regency on 76th and
Florist. Awards banquet at the Milwaukee Hilton
Grand Ballroom, cocktail hour at 5pm, dinner and
awards program follows.

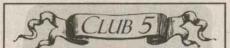


A Celebration of Remembrance and Hope, Entertainers Against AIDS (Green Bay): At the Weidner

Center: on the eve of World AIDS Day, Co-hosted by Teri Barr (Fox 11) and Kathy Larking (WQLH) and a huge variety of local talent and personalities and politicians. Weidner Center. 7:30-9:30pm; Free Admission, Open to all: (920) 437-7400.

Jolly Holly Folly, Benefit for ARCW (Milwaukee): Cocktails, buffet, performance of the Milwaukee Rep's Noises Off as a benefit for ARCW.

Milwaukee Center Arboretum and Gallery, Water between Wells and Kilbourn. 5:30pm cocktails,



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Research on the children of LGBT parents is scarce. Most of what does exist has been driven by custody cases where one side or the other tries to show what's in the best interest of the child. Still the results of that research are instructive. It shows:

There are no significant differences between kids with gay parents and kids with straight parents on a variety of psychological measures, including gender-roles and self-esteem.

Kids with Gay parents are no more likely than kids with straight parents to be Gay themselves.

There are almost no quantitative differences between Gay parents and their heterosexual counterparts.

None of that means that kids with Gay parents don't have a special set of problems - they do. Our kids face a complex set of legal, social and emotional issues that add to their experience in a myriad of ways.

# Legal Issues

Children of Gay parents with partners are caught in the battle over recognition of same-sex relationships. Inequities in the law pose a threat to their well being.

Under Wisconsin law, those in same-sex relationships cannot adopt their partner's biological children. Wisconsin children of Gay parents involved in a relationship will almost certainly lose both their parents if their biological parent dies or loses custody rights.

Courts have long recognized that establishing visitation rights for both parties in a dissolving marriage is in the best interests of the children they raised. Although courts in Wisconsin and elsewhere are becoming more sympathetic to the pleas of non-biological Gay parents, the record is

When Lesbian mothers and Gay fathers decide to exclude their former partners from the child's life, there is no recourse but to an expensive, time consuming lawsuit.

Beyond that, there is the issue of inheritance rights. Same-sex partners of Gay parents have to make special arrangements to ensure that Federal and State probate taxes won't gobble up huge chunks of an estate left to their partner's children.

There is also the issue of Social Security. The Social Security system provides additional benefits if a disabled wage earner has dependent children. In Gay families, those benefits will only come if the wage earner is the child's biological parent.

# A Tale of Three Kids

Most Gays and Lesbians know what it feels like to be called a "fag" or a "dyke" at school. They also know what it's like to hide in the isolation of the closet.

So do many children with LGBT parents. Furthermore, just as Gays and Lesbians respond to homophobia in different ways, so do their children.

Sol Kelly-Jones, a 12 year old honor student in Madison, has two Lesbian moms. "In my school, I hear the words 'faggot,' homo,' 'queer,' 'lesbo,'" said Sol. "I am one of the only kids that is open. The teachers just stand there and don't say anything. Silence is taking a stand?

Sol says that she hurts when others describe her parents in a derogatory way. She also admits to hiding some of the abuse from her mothers. "I don't want them to feel bad so I don't tell them everything," she says.

Sometimes though, the truth comes out anyway. "Sol is a good student but it got to the point where she didn't want to go to school," said her mother Sunshine. "It was so intense. We would take her by car in the morning and make her go. It was like she couldn't take it any more."

Sol decided to fight back. She wears a rainbow ribbon on her backpack. She talks to other kids about the problems faced by children who are Gay or who have Gay parents. Sol said she deliberately chooses to display the symbols of the Gay community.

"I do that because I know there are kids who are Gay and who are in LGBT families," she said. "I want to let those kids know that I am out there and I care.

Choosing to be a 12-year-old advocate on LGBT issues is not an easy decision, even for someone like Sol Kelly Jones. She has faced criticism, not just from her peers but from adults too.

One school counselor told her that she didn't have to adopt "your parents' cause." Sol was outraged. She is not sure what her sexuality will turn out to be, but she says, "They are my causes too.

Sol uses a web site www.mymomsandme@yahoo.com to reach out to other kids. Nearly 100 of those kids have reached back. They use her site as a way to connect with someone who has had an experience similar to their own. "Some kids don't have anyone to talk to about what they are going through," said Sol.

Sol is a model young activist. Other children of Gay parents take quieter approaches that best

Jamie, a 16-year-old heterosexual sports enthusiast, shuttles between the homes of his two mothers. His biological mother lives with her new partner in a Madison suburb. Her former partner lives in Madison. Jamie spends half the week with each of the women he calls, "my moms." Jamie loves his moms dearly, but he also lives in his own kind of closet.



Left to right - Katie Buckwalter, Jamie Maples, Sam Kellerman Sol Kelley-Jones, Emily Popp, Emily Trigs, Cory Trigs, Emma

"You don't want people to find out because you don't want to have others make fun of you," Jamie said. He cites another boy at his school who told other students about his Gay father in San Francisco.

"People really abuse him and make fun of him," said Jamie. "He's treated like an outcast. People say he must be Gay because his Dad is.

Jamie says that he's very careful about who he mentions his own family to. "I try to get know people before making friends with them," he says. "It's hard when you try to make new friends. You don't know if they will discriminate against you. You're scared about telling them."

Jamie says that he's heard anti-Gay remarks at his school. "I object sometimes," he says. "But I try not to lead people into thinking that I

Nia, a bright assertive African-American 11-year-old has a different experience. Her two mothers were ostracized in their church. One was told to leave her volunteer post at the Church food pantry. The other was told to leave the church choir.

If you ask her how she feels about that, Nia will tell you,"It felt real-

got kicked out because they are Lesbians." Nia says that she doesn't care if her friends know about her parents. "If they are really my friends they won't care," she says. She doesn't look at herself as being different from other kids. "It's just like if I am with a group of white kids. I just think of us as all being the same color, like yellow or something," Nia said.

Nia, Jamie and Sol take different approaches to their circumstances, but they are all firm friends. Along with about a dozen other children they comprise the active membership of the Madison chapter of COLAGE, a group run by and for children with Gay parents.



Jamie Maples, Sol Kelley-Jones

# COLAGE

Barbara Tepper chairs the national Board of COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere. Her group offers a variety of services to what she calls COLAGErs. The services include educational materials on how and when to tell friends about a Gay parent, a pen pal service, advocacy for all children and speakers at conferences.

The group's most important service may be just the fact it exists. "Our international office gets dozens, maybe hundreds, of phone calls per week from LGBT parents and their children," said

COLAGE has twenty-five chapters around the country. Efforts are underway to form a chapter in Milwaukee through the LGBT Community Center.

Tepper says many children with Gay parents consider themselves special. "Our former Executive Director used to say 'I'm erotically straight but culturally Gay.'

Tepper points out that a recently published study showed that there are benefits to be what she calls a "COLAGEr." For example, children of Gay parents are less worried about their sexuality and are more sensitive to the concerns of other oppressed groups. Still, she recognizes that many children with Gay parents have special issues.

The problem isn't the parents, it's the homophobia," said Tepper. "I know of kids who have spoken out when they hear the verbal terms. If they don't get support, they end up being targeted for harassment."

Tepper talks about a 14-year-old boy who was beaten by his classmates after they learned that his mother is Transgendered. "It started in a math class and it got worse," she said. "There was no intervention by the school. When he left school that day a group of kids were waiting. They beat him to the point where he spent three days in a hospital."

The young man is starting a local chapter of COLAGE. "He loves his mom," said Tepper. "He knows his mom is not the problem."

Sol Kelly Jones, Nia and Jamie say that they enjoy COLAGE meetings in Madison and the friends they've made in it. They say that the opportunity to share and talk about their experiences without fear is very important to them.

"These kids are being raised in a different culture from the other kids, a Gay culture," said Sunshine. "They need friends who share that experience with them. These are bi-cultural chil-

The idea that children of LGBT parents are bi-cultural is a fascinating one. Could we be raising the people who will finally break down the barriers between Gay and straight cultures? Only time will tell.

Meanwhile millions of children who love their Gay dads and Lesbian moms grow up trying as best as they can to deal with problems that many adults have difficulty dealing with. As the number of LGBT parents grows so does recognition that their children will have an impact on our

Jo Anne, Sol Kelly-Jones' other mom puts it, "As a community we have to recognize that whether they turn out to be Gay or straight, these kids are part of our culture for life." COLAGE can be reached at www.colage.org or (415) 861-kids.



Jamie Maples, Sol Kelley-Jones (as Tinky Winky), Emma

# Youth Speak



by Justin Lockridge

he Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is worried about America's youth. They are worried because we're not wearing safety belts. They're concerned because we're not eating five servings of fruit and vegetables per day. They're perplexed over why we're not wearing bicycle helmets.

They wonder why, even though the AIDS crisis developed around us, 43% of us are having unprotected sex with multiple partners at an early age. Whoa Nelly, stop the train. Go put on your helmet, sit down, buckle up and eat some fruit this instant so I can get to the real issue here.

I grew up in the midst of the mainstreaming of the AIDS crisis. We never talked about it in my snobby private school, but I heard about it on television newscasts. I read about it in the newspapers. I remember it so clearly. My grandmother was so excited about something that was killing all the "homos."

It's almost 20 years since we learned

of AIDS. We know what we have to do to prevent it from getting into our bodies. It's no longer called GRID, Gay Related Immune Disorder. It's like the posters say: "AIDS Knows No Boundaries."

AIDS is no longer killing the homos. Don't misunderstand me, we're still dying from AIDS, but not because of the disease. We're dying because of our ignorance, stupidity and stubborn nature. We're allowing our self-image, perception of what is expected of us and the media to kill us. We're killing ourselves.

For some reason, we think that as youth we are immune to the effects of this devastating disease. We're not. We have to start realizing that AIDS is a still a killer and we are not invincible. We had better realize more than that. We had better realize that AIDS is the number one killer in some groups including ours.

Granted, abstinence is not a realistic option, but condoms are. It doesn't take that long to put one on. Don't even try the "I'm too big for condoms" routine. I've been doing safe sex demonstrations for years and I can fit one on my head. Look at my picture up there. I have a big head. If you're bigger than that than stay the heck away from me.

A monogamous relationship is a good way to avoid doing things you'll regret later. Just because the media says we sleep around doesn't mean we have to. I get upset when one of my role models says that monogamy is a myth and we youth should stop looking for someone to settle down with.

Unfortunately, if you know me you know this isn't an area where I can act high and mighty. I've done my share of sleeping around. There are many names that I don't remember. There are cab drivers, cars and parking lots my friends won't let me forget.

I've changed. It just took the right person. He helped me to realize that in most cases I didn't have any feelings for the people I was with, and I wasn't even doing it for pleasure. I was doing it because I could. I was doing it because that's what I thought I was supposed to do.

We know how to prevent the transmission of this horrible disease, so why aren't we? Some blame the media.

The media extols the virtues of the new miracle drugs that prolong the lives of some people who live with AIDS. However, it say much about the studies that show these drugs don't work for most people with AIDS. It doesn't extol the virtues of studies that show even when they do help, these drugs only give more time to live through the agony of the disease with added side effects.

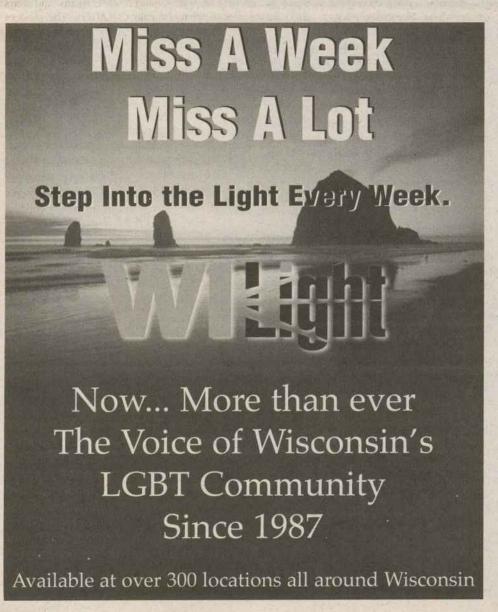
The media reports on all the money

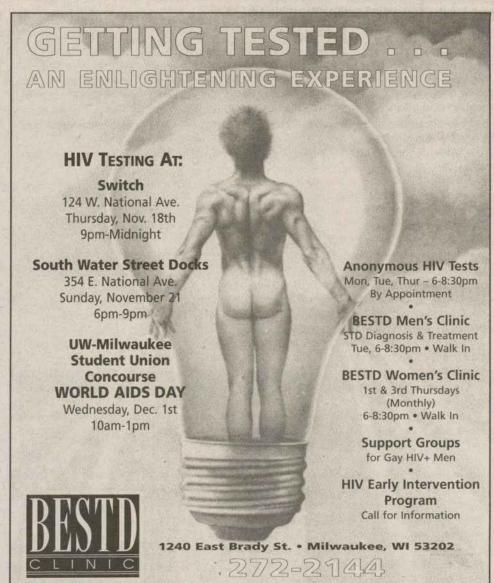
going to AIDS groups. However, it doesn't tell us that vast majority of that money is spent on treatment and prevention. It does't help us to realize that although we've come a long way since the day that Ronald Reagan said the word "AIDS," we're still very far from a cure.

So, what's my message here? I suppose it would have to be this: "Take your life into your own hands." I'm looking at an interview we did with Danny Glover just before he came to Milwaukee for this year's AIDS Walk. Someone asked about the importance of the message youth get about AIDS prevention. I leave you with his words.

"I think it has an enormous impact as long as we place youth in a place where youth are placed in a position where they have power and information. We can empower youth and they can empower each other to get some sense of responsibility, and choice making and understanding the consequences of those choices."







# Editorial

# On Wisconsin!

Pen tepid sports fans had to be excited by what transpired at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday, November 13. Our Badgers earned an invitation to the Rose Bowl, a Big 10 Championship and a new all time collegiate rushing record for UW running back, Ron Dayne.

Just seven weeks ago, the State's only major college team was in a downward spiral. With a 2-2 record and Dayne struggling, Badger fans were bracing themselves for disappointment. Then, a dramatic comeback at Ohio State sparked a remarkable turn around. What started as whispers of hope for Badger resurgence ended with shouts of joy when Wisconsin thrashed Iowa and Dayne ran into the College Football Hall of Fame.

When the Badgers took to the field, Gay and Lesbian sports fans united with their straight counterparts in celebrating the accomplishments of this remarkable group of young men. In the stands, in LGBT bars and at private Badger parties around the state, they toasted and cheered for the Red and White as it rolled down the field. More than a few of them joined in the post-game celebration on State Street.

It goes without saying that Ron Dayne embodies more than the spirit of the Badgers. He symbolizes the ideal of college athletics. A man of few words, Dayne prefers to let his running do the talking for him. When Dayne does talk, he speaks about achieving team goals not individual ones.

Ron Dayne has set an example that every athlete should strive to emulate. Along with the rest of the team, he has given Wisconsin fans reasons to cheer for and feel pride in their team.

For now, it's onto the Rose Bowl for the second consecutive year. As it has throughout the season, Gay Wisconsin will gather around TV sets and watch as the Badgers attempt to achieve another historic feat: becoming the first Big Ten team to win back to back Rose Bowls.

Eventually the cheering will fade and the pennants will be put away until next season, but the memories evoked by this remarkable team will remain. Throughout the long winter and for many winters to come, Wisconsin sports fans will be warmed when they think of that November day, when their Badgers thrilled the nation and Number 33 ran down the field and into sports history.

# Letters

# Brandon Teena

I am writing regarding the article on Brandon Teena from the 9/29-10/19 issue. Overall, I felt the article was well-done compared to some of the mainstream coverage of Boys Don't Cry.

I was surprised, however, by the statement "Brandon was a biological female who took on the life and dress of a man, including dating women." Since when in a non-heterocentric world, I wondered, did the life of a man mandatorily include dating women? Although I recognize the common cultural equation of "real men" with "date women", I didn't expect to find such sentiments displayed in *Wisconsin Light*.

I'm assuming this was an oversight and I hope that you might be willing to print a correction inserting the word "heterosexual" before the word "man".

Jordan Selha Transfag from Iowa

Jordan,

You are correct. Our only excuse is that we believe that gender descriptions of Trans people should reflect the life they are living instead of their biological sex. We made numerous changes to the way the author described Brandon Teena's gender to reflect that belief – for example changing the word "she" to "be."

Unfortunately, we were so concerned being sensitive to the Trans community that we missed an obvious correction that we should have made.



# Floodlight



by Margret Flood

I once heard Dolly Parton say that if she had been born a man she would be a Drag Queen. Gender. What is it?

Kate Bornstein is a male to female Transsexual who now says she is neither male nor female. She had the surgery and takes the hormones, but she exists in a world of no clear gender identity. Kate says, "Sex is fucking and everything else is gender". But what does that mean?

In an age of sexual openness, it has become almost indefinable. In LGBT circles, we have transcended male/female categorizations. In our desire to grow emotionally and spiritually, the old definitions of male and female don't serve us very well at all. Butch/femme still defines a type of sexual tension but it has nothing to do with being male and or female.

Biology is no longer destiny. We now have Female heterosexual, Male heterosexual, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual. In addition to this there is Male to Female Transsexual, attracted to Males, Male to Female Transsexual attracted to Females, Male to Female Transsexual Bisexual. Then there are female to Male Transsexuals, attracted to Females, attracted to Males and Bisexual. That doesn't even get us started talking about Male and Female Cross Dressers and Drag Queens.

I was at a dinner party the other night where someone mentioned reading that there are 18 genders. I've mentioned the 14 or so that I can think of right here.

I met Kate Bornstein in San Francisco. We were friendly acquaintances and talked with each other about life and things we had in common. At that time she was Lesbian identified. She wrote a play, which was performed in a theatre space similar to Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward theaters. Some friends and I went to see it and I was a bit shocked at the visualization of her ordeal where she fashions a penis and scrotum out of clay then proceeds to chop them on a cutting board. Gender Outlaw. I guess it was her coming out story.

Kate was the first M to F Lesbian that I had ever met. It was difficult for me to trust her at first and I was curious about her motivations. Later I found out that the reason she wanted to be a Lesbian after the surgery was because she really preferred the company of strong women and in her mind those were Lesbians. Women who were independent thinkers.

This explanation helped me to define something that happened years earlier in a Madison bar. The bar was called "Going My Way?" It had three floors. Gay men were on one floor, Lesbians on another and the third floor was for those of us who were looking for something too.

I was looking to meet women that night. I started talking with a man and we kind of hit it off. However, he was not a she. Talking was where my interest ended. He proceeded to tell me that he was a female trapped in a man's body. He was very sincere. I however

was skeptical.

I figured if he was trying to pick up a woman, why not do it at a het bar. When I left, alone, I was more confused than when I went in. I've changed. I know more now and I accept this man's experience as one that is not unique.

Native Americans call Gays and Lesbians "Two-Spirits". I think they knew something about what we in the "Queer" community are coming to terms with.

I am fascinated at all the human variation. Gender role stereotypes have been useful in creating stable worlds of inheritance and order. In the age of the communication revolution, those static roles are no longer the only game in town. We know that there are many ways to be in the world and many of us push that envelope and experiment.

We are all looking for the best fit.

I just found out that a San Francisco friend and former co-worker recently went from being Elaine to being Joel. He had the surgery, is taking the hormones. Elaine and her partner Sheila adopted two children in the mid '80's who are now college age.

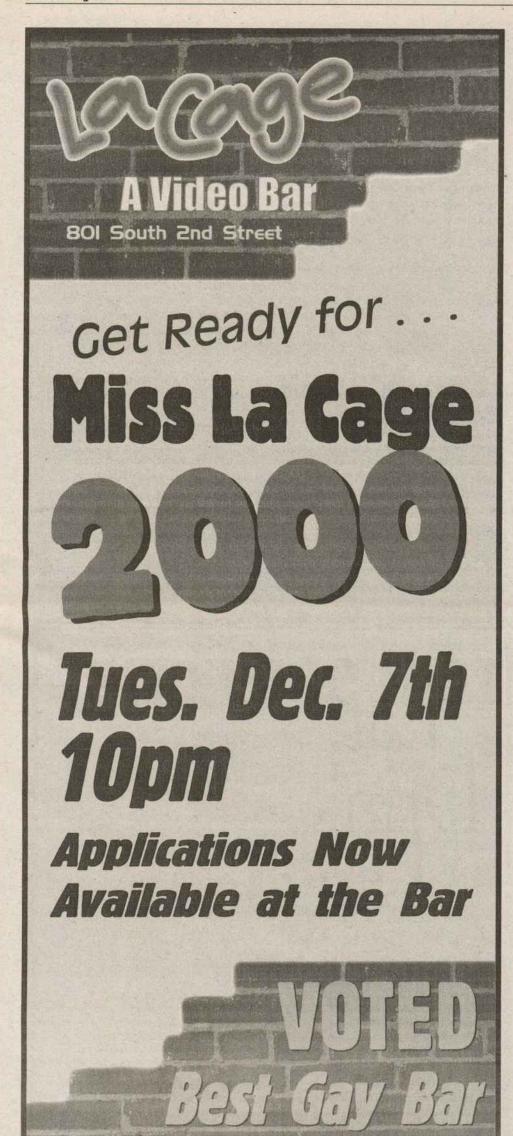
They were and still are a stable American family with family values. The F to M transition from Elaine to Joel won't change the essence of the person, just the gender. Hormones I'm sure will add a new dimension to that person, how, I am not sure. A new friend in Milwaukee is undergoing the same process.

There seems to be an increasingly large number of people, who are not happy with the gender they were assigned by the pink and blue blankets in the nursery. It seems this revolution of sorts will be accused of croding the foundation of civilization. If we continue to be civilized about it and separate self-destructive behavior from self-liberating behavior, civilization can only be enhanced.

As long as we have enough tolerance, love and acceptance, we can make room for all the variations of being human. It's a lot to work for and it sometimes feels that the whole world is against us. The thing that is at stake and will always be at stake is the continual liberation of the human spirit.

To comment please email me at marmar@execpc.com

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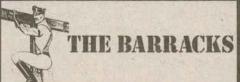
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# ded Ruthie



Dear Ruthie,

I'm a male homosexual in my late 30's—no, you don't need to know my exact age, dear. After several years of one-night stands, haphazard dates and insignificant relationships, I think I've finally found my life partner. We've been dating for a more than a year and our relationship grows stronger each day. We've begun discussions about living together.

If we do move in together, it would cause a problem. You see, I am white and my lover is black and I'm afraid that my family would be extremely upset. They know I'm in love with an African American man and they're not pleased—to say the least. My family doesn't say much about my partner, but when they do talk about him and our relationship, they always make negative comments.

I think they thought this relationship would end as quickly as my previous attempts at love. My parents have a difficult enough time with my homosexuality, let alone the interracial aspect of this relationship. Moving in with my lover would definitely intensify the issue with my family.

Don't get me wrong—my parents are wonderful people, but I admit that a dictionary would probably label them as racist. I think the problem is that they are from a different generation: a generation where homosexuals hid and interracial relationships — heterosexual or homosexual — were unacceptable.

Moving in with him would be wonderful, but I may be jeopardizing the relationship I have with my family. If my family disowns me, as they very well could, and the relationship doesn't work out, then I will really be alone. What would you do?

### Hugs and kisses, GWM

Dear GWM,

The answer is simple. Tell your family to take their white hoods and shove 'em with walnuts! You better hurry and call them before they leave for some Nazi meeting or gun swap.

Now just relax, I'm only kidding. It sounds like you've found yourself one heck of a guy, but that you don't want to do anything that will isolate you from your family. That's understandable, unless you've got a bunch of ingrates in your family that you could care less about, like ... say ... a twin sister name Poinsettia.

I always hated my twin sister Poinsettia, a woman who is so fat that she has to iron her pants suit in the driveway. Some people find lint in their belly buttons; Poinsettia finds entire sweaters!

Well anyway, until her daughter Fanny got knocked up, Poinsettia was about as big a bigot as they come.

You see, my niece Fanny was dating this kid all through high school. Personally, I never cared for him. He had a confederate flag tattooed on his forehead, bad skin and smelled like Tang. Anyway, Poinsettia drilled it into Fanny's head that she has to go steady with this boy because he comes from "a strong white family" and because his father managed the local Fashion Bug.

One day Fanny came home after school and told Poinsettia that she has a bun in the oven. Let me tell you, the crapola really hit the fan that night.

Nine months later, Fanny and my sister are in the delivery room—Fanny's legs in the air, doctors running around, Poinsettia rubbing Fanny's head with one hand and holding a cigarette with the other. The skinhead father was nowhere to be found. After a few hours of labor, Fanny plops out a baby boy and to everyone's shock—it was African American!

It turns out that Fanny was making time with the captain of the football team, a lovely Black boy named Thomas. I thought my sister was going to lose it, but she took one look at that perfect little baby and all signs of bigotry vanished.

She may have given Thomas a hard time at first, but he made a terrific father—much better than that worthless tattoo kid would have—and Poinsettia realized how wrong her views on race were. Thomas and the baby turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to Fanny and to Poinsettia for that matter.

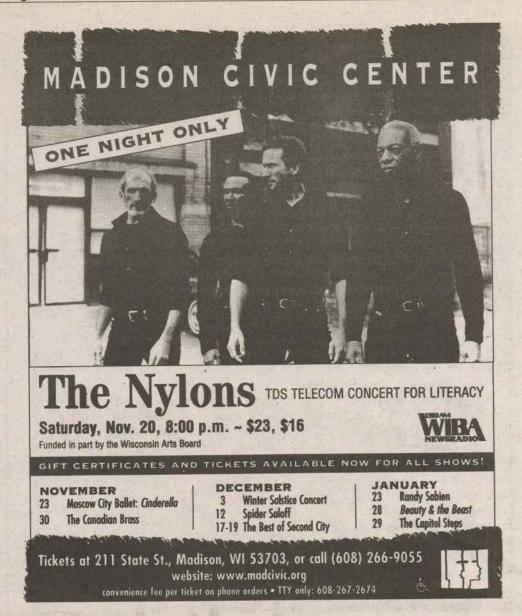
Thomas and Fanny were married, but Thomas rightfully divorced her and won custody of the baby after the Police arrested Fanny and charged her with stalking Rosie Greer.

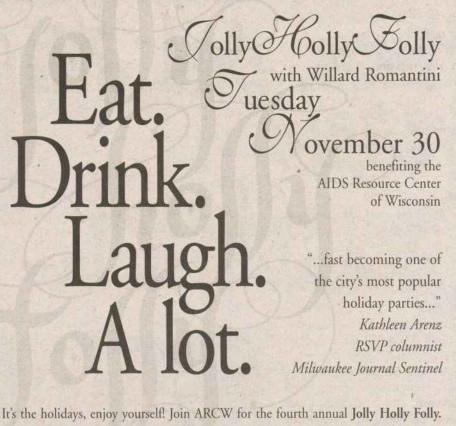
So what does this have to do with you? Well, there's a good chance your parents could turn out like Poinsettia. No, not washed-up bitter old hags, but people, who realize their own ignorance,

In other words, once your parents meet your partner and see how happy he makes you, they may consider him a very important part of the family. Their feelings toward people of different nationalities most likely stem from the fact that they don't really know anyone who isn't white. Once they get to know your partner, there's a good chance those feelings could change.

I say follow your heart. You're a grown man who shouldn't let something as stupid as someone else's bigotry get in the way of this relationship. Good luck!

Hey folks, send me your letters! Send them to Dear Ruthie, Care of The Wisconsin Light, 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.





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# SpotLight

# The Holly Jolly Folly: A Growing Holiday Tradition

# Unique November 30 ARCW Benefit Combines Fine Food, Spirits And Theater

Milwaukee – Fine foods, good company, laughter and the spirit of giving are hallmarks of the holiday season. That's why the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) benefit, the Jolly Holly Folly has grown increasingly popular. An evening this special only comes around once a year. This year it occurs on Tuesday, November 30.

Imagine savoring delectable food from twentyfour of Milwaukee's
finest restaurants without
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leading companies. Imagine
getting an early start on
your holiday giving by supporting the patient care
and HIV prevention programs of ARCW.

If you can imagine all of that, you have good idea of what the Jolly Holly Folly is all about. Now in its fourth year, this unique event is a real holiday treat. In fact, those in the know say that it just wouldn't be the holidays without the annual Jolly Holly Folly.

The 1999 version will again feature volunteers serving up sumptuous offerings from Milwaukee's best restaurants, all of which donate the food for the festivities. This year's line up includes Sanford's – with its world renowned chef, the Boulevard Inn, Osteria Del Mondo, La Perla, the Bark River Inn, the East Side's hottest new restaurant Cempazuchi Comida

There's no need for separate checks, and no one will care when you go back and ask for more. Actually, everyone expects you to, so go ahead enjoy!

Brava and the M & M Club.

"It's important to us to give to

the community and help in the fight against HIV and AIDS," said Sal Sanchez, chef and co-owner of Cempazuchi Comida Brava, which features authentic Mexican food from the Oaxacan region of Mexico. "What better way than to share some of our deli-

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Oaxacan food was born in southern Mexico and found its way to Milwaukee's Brady Street with the help of Cempazuchi's co-owners and founders, Sal Sanchez and Bryce Clarck

cious food?" he asks.

Sanchez will be offering up servings of his mouth-watering entree Guelagetza, a classic Oaxacan mole negro that is served over turkey breast, rice, vegetables and tortillas. This dish is named after a Mexican dance festival in Oaxaca.

Guelagetza is just one of the many culinary delights that await those attending the Jolly Holly Folly. With twenty-four fine restaurants providing dinner, there will be something to please everyone's taste.

After you've worked way through all of the restaurant stations and savored as many taste sensations as you can; you'll be ready for phase two of this fabulous evening, *Noises Off.* **The Milwaukee** 

Repertory production of this smash Broadway hit will stimulate your funny bone just as much as the fabulous food stimulated your palate.

Noises Off is the story of a third rate British theater company on tour with its production of Nothing's On. You'll roar with laughter as the cast takes you through its version of actor's hell: misspoken lines, missed cues and backstage jealousies that erupt into on stage chaos.

This fun evening fulfills another holiday tradition: giving to those in need. The participating restaurants donate the food. Miller Brewing, the Market Basket and SKYY Vodka donate the beverages. The Milwaukee Repertory provides the theater and the performance free of charge.

All of those donations insure that the ENTIRE purchase price of a \$75.00 or \$100.00 ticket goes directly to help ARCW. That's a nice early holiday present for those who need prevention information and patient care services.

To purchase tickets or for more information call Becky Sapinski at (414) 225-1577. To purchase tickets online point your browser to

http://www.arcw.org/JoinFight/Specia I\_Events/index.html

# Theatre

# Noises Off

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Production of Michael Frayn's Hilarious farce *Noises Off* will be a featured attraction at the core of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's Jolly Holly Folly fundraiser.

In this Broadway hit, a second-rate sitcom star headlines a third-rate British troupe that is touring an old drawing-room farce called *Nothing's On.* At the dress rehearsal, and two subsequent performances, a few minor mishaps like missed cues, lost contact lenses, jealous fits and star tantrums somehow get between the audience and the author's intentions.

As might be expected, things get dramatically worse as the production proceeds. By Act Three, Nothing On has almost totally disintegrated. All this makes for comedic madness as the antics of this frantic company spill over from behind the curtain to create pandemonium onstage.

Directed by Paul Barnes, Noises characters are played by the Rep's resident acting company including Laura Gordon, Torrey Hanson and Deborah Staples.

Returning to the Rep for this production are Richard Halverson and Rex Young. Making their Rep debut are Leslie Brott (Utah Shakespeare Festival) and Sam Gregory (Denver Center Theater Co., Alabama and California Shakespeare Festivals). Interns, Laura Gray and Andrew Worm, complete the cast. This outrageous play within a play previews during ARCW's fundraiser, Holly Jolly Folly on November 30. It opens to the public December 1 for a run through January 2.

Tickets range from \$5-36 during the regular run. Students and seniors may purchase, at the Rep box office, half-price rush tickets 30 minutes before curtain for all Quadracci performances. For more information, call (414) 224-9490

# The Nylons Slip into Madison

Madison – Perennial Madison favorites, The Nylons, return to the Civic Center with a brand new Christmas CD, A Wish for You, in tow at 8pm on Saturday, November 20. A portion of every ticket sold will benefit the Madison Area Literary Council, thanks to underwriter TDS Telecom.

Known for their a cappella harmonies, the Nylons will entertain fans and newcomers with classic audience favorites The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Up the Ladder to the Roof, and Na Na Hev Hev (Kiss Him Goodbye).

The four-member group arose from the Toronto theater community in 1979 when a nightclub owner discovered the voices of Paul Cooper, Marc Connors and Claude Morrison. Former Platters member Arnold Robinson joined the group in 1981. Morrison and Robinson remain today as the Nylon's elder statesmen. Relative newcomers Garth Mosbaugh, who became a member in 1993, and Mark Cassis, who signed on in 1997, join them.

Before last year's nearly sold out Nylons appearance at the Civic Center, *Isthmus*, Madison's weekly, wrote that the group "continues to mix lush harmonies, sure-fire oldies and a heapin' helping of corn."

Tickets are \$16 and 23 and are available at the box office, 211 State St., or call (608) 266-9055, 267-2674 (TTY).

# Cinemaci Review Boys Don't Cry

Review by John Jahn

the heart of Boys Don't Cry is a horrible, unfortunately true-to-life hate crime. The scenario is all too familiar. In this case we go back six years when, in Falls City, Nebraska, young men named John Lotter and Tom Nissen murdered Teena Brandon and two of her friends, Lisa Lambert and Philip Devine.

Teena was a young woman undergoing hormone therapy to eventually become a man. In fact, she had been living as a man ("Brandon Teena") for a number of years, and had presented herself as such to Lotter and Nissen, who became friends. When they learned the truth, they reacted with hateful violence. Brandon was humiliated in front of his girlfriend, Lana, then kidnapped and raped. After he reported this to the police, Lotter and Nissen resorted to murder.

This incident made national news headlines and is especially familiar to the LGBT community, so don't expect too many surprises. Other than for a few details, this tragic film sticks close to the facts previously seen in last year's documentary, The Brandon Teena Story by Susan Muska and Greta Olafsdottir. Certainly no minor factual alterations dilute or diminish the story's brutal impact. There's no happy ending but, like other films dealing with well-known events in a realistic fashion, the fascination with the film is in seeing how the plot unfolds.

Due to its strong emotional content, this is often a difficult film to sit through. It forces you to confront the visceral results of intolerance and hatred, and Director **Kimberly Pierce** doesn't spare your feelings. In graphic detail every indignity and torment visited upon Brandon, once the truth comes out, is filmed.

Falls City is the kind of town you might picture before even knowing the specifics: fairly economically depressed, virtually all white, a place where pickup trucks outnumber cars. Residents may have heard about Gays and Lesbians, but personally have never met an uncloseted one and, frankly, have no desire to change that.

Into this unpromising community, 21 yearold Teena Brandon arrives, hoping to find acceptance and friendship. Perhaps naively she expects the best from supposedly decent Midwesterners, but disastrously discovers the deep-seated vein of homophobia that characterizes many such communities. Lotter and Nissen are simply the triggermen for a wide range of townspeople. The most chilling thing about these two characters is that some people in this country regard them as heroes.

The responses of the "good" folks of Falls City to the murders are not unique. The same feelings and beliefs can be found in numerous places around the country. Matthew Shepard's horrific murder by two homophobic thugs reminds us once more that the hatred directed at Brandon six years ago is neither isolated nor a thing of the past.

Thankfully, this important film contains excellent performances that only increase its overall impact. The cast consists primarily of actors whose only previous experiences have been in small, low-budget features. Best of all is **Hilary Swank** (who bears a remarkable resemblance to the real Brandon Teena), who gives the performance of her career. Through her powerful performance, we feel Brandon's confusion, uncertainty and alienation, making the film's final act almost unbearable.

The ending of Boys Don't Cry, a matter of historical record, assures that there will be no room for an upbeat conclusion. As the inevitable catastrophe looms nearer, events are viewed with a growing sense of discomfort. Thankfully, the film avoids even the slightest hint of exploitation and sensationalism. It's a story of great human tragedy. The worst part of it all is you just know someday, somewhere, it's going to happen again. Boys Don't Cry can't be recommended for its "entertainment" value, but nevertheless is a film everyone should see because of the strength of its message. Boys Don't Cry, opens this Friday at the Oriental.

3 1/2 Stars

# The Messenger

Review by Terry Boughner

"It's been done a million times before," someone complained. And so with some slight exaggeration, it has. The story of Joan of Arc has long fascinated writers and dramatists. Now, a new movie called *The Messenger* retells the oft-told tale.

It's the story of a teenage French girl in the 15th Century who hears voices that she claims are from God. It is the middle of the 100 Years War. France is in danger of falling under English control. The city of Orleans is under siege. Charles, the heir to the French throne must be crowned king and the English hold that part of the country. Joan is told by her voices that only she can save her land. She does save it, but in the end, Joan is betrayed and eventually burned at the stake by the English.

As I said, it's an oft-told tale, but The Messenger pulls it off. Starring Milla Jovovich as Joan, the movie presents her as a bona fide mystic (unique for our times), who embarks on her mission. She is only the "messenger," she says. It is this combination of the mystical and the mundane that makes the film so fascinating.

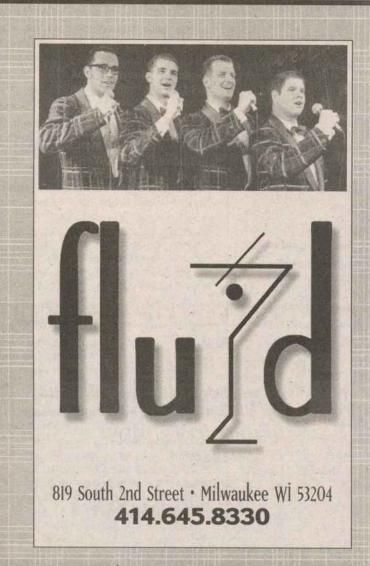
Did she actually hear voices and have visions or was she mentally ill? The usual answer to that question is not the one that the writers give.

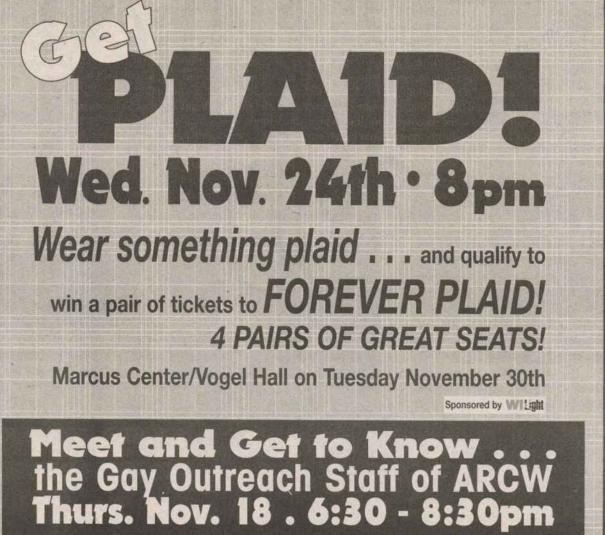
Backed by an all-star cast that includes **Dustin Hoffman** as her conscience, two-time Oscar nominee **John Malkovich**, as King Charles of France and **Faye Dunaway** as the Queen Mother, the film is well acted. The costumes are good and completely authentic and the ending is not as brutal and bloody as one might think.

Nor does the film hide the fact that the French king was Gay. The screen is alive with the most beautiful young men, all of whom are "devoted" to Charles although why, God only knows. If **he/she** said anything about that to Joan, she never repeated it.

The Messenger opened nationwide on November 12. It is a film well worth seeing.

3 Stars





# Cine The Messenger: A New Look at a Fascinating Story

by: Tim Nasson

Los Angeles - Fantastic stories seem to always come in pairs. There have been many recently. Last year brought with it two animated insect pictures, A Bug's Life, and Antz, two meteor, end-of-the-world pics, Armageddon and Deep Impact, two volcano films, Volcano and Dante's Peak and two Steve Prefontaine films.

This year brings with it two Joan of Arc films. This past spring, ABC television delivered its rendition with the up and coming **Leelee Sobieski** in the starring role. This week, Columbia Pictures ushers in **Mila Jovovich** in a big screen production of the 550 year old true story of the martyred teen.

"Do I think that God actually spoke to Joan?" asks Director, Luc Besson, when I asked him the same question. "I think that Joan thought that God was speaking to her and that her heart told her that she should be doing the things that she did. Her motives were certainly pure and not evil."

As time tries to heal all wounds, the famous girl in boy's clothing on a mission to establish peace was canonized, in 1920, five hundred years after her burning at the stake

"The most amazing thing about the making of the film," says Mila Jovovich, who plays the role of Joan in a very butch fashion, "was not the actual shooting but what transpired afterwards. Sure, putting on 50lbs. of armor every-

day was hard. It was insane but all in a day's work. The most horrific thing was reading the comment cards after early screenings of the film. We got a 'few' and I am not saying only one, a 'few' comment cards back that said that Joan should not burn at the end, and that that ruined the film."

With those comments it seems obvious that there really is a need for an increase in the budget for public education in this country.

Jovovich, who grew up in Russia as the daughter of a doctor (her father) and lawyer (mother) came to the United States at age eight. She began acting at age eight and model at age eleven (she's still the spokeswoman for L'Oreal) As if that were not enough, she began singing at age fifteen. At the ripe old age of twenty-four, the Russian triple-threat has even gone through a difficult



Milla Jovovich as Joan of Arc in The Messenger



not the actual shooting but what Faye Dunaway as Yolande D'Aragon, the queen of France transpired afterwards. Sure, in The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc

romance with Joan of Arc's Director, Besson.

The two met a couple of years ago while Jovovich starred opposite **Bruce Willis** in Besson's *The Fifth Element*. "It was magic from the first moment we set eyes on each other," says Jovovich, dressed in a black Prada suit and wool wine turtle neck. "However, at times, things change. We still have a huge creative, as in making movies, connection to each other and work so well together. As two acrobats would, we trust each other implicitly."

Other than that, neither Besson or Jovovich had much to say about the romance that has fallen by the wayside.

Taking a break from working to bring the stage version of *Master Class* to the big screen, **Dunaway**, who owns the rights to the film version, took the role as Yolande D'Aragon, the shrewd mother-in-law of Charles, the Dauphin, the man the real life



Dustin Hoffman as the Conscience of Joan of Arc in The Messenger



Desmond Harrington, John Malkovich, John Merrick and Christian Erickson in The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc

Joan wanted to see made King of a united France. The Dauphin is played by **John Malkovich.** 

"Excuse my tardiness," shouts Faye, upon entering the suite I am in to interview her. "As you know, I am always late." She arrived, with her own coffee mug, not one from The Four Seasons in Beverly Hills, and began sipping immediately, to wake herself.

"I just got back from Madrid, where I did some promo work for Ted Turner for CNN," she explains.

While Dunaway may not have had top billing in her most recent films (The Thomas Crown Affair), she has played characters who are very integral to the story. In Joan, it almost looks as if she had to shave her head. But alas, "No, I did not shave my head," she says, with a smile, wearing a Gap suit and T-shirt. "I wore a skull cap."

The actress, who became an icon after her work in Bonnie and Clyde – and who admits to stealing a few blouses from the set of that movie – grew up a less than privileged girl in Florida and Texas, Dunaway quickly made a name for herself while attending University of Florida, where she earned a Fulbright scholarship in theater.

After continuing her studies at the Boston University of Fine Arts, Dunaway joined the Lincoln Center Repertory Company. Although she was nominated for an Academy Award in both Bonnie and Clyde and Network, it is her role as Joan Crawford in Mommie Dearest that Dunaway may best be known for.

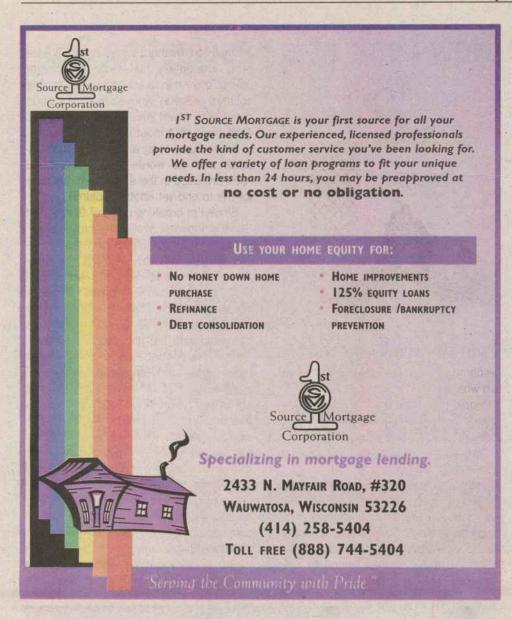
Excited about having worked with Malkovich, who is regarded as one of best actors the stage and films have to offer, Dunaway was quick to point out that she was dying to see his other new film. "I can't wait to see Inside John Malkovich," she says of Being John Malkovich.

Dunaway is also very excited about bringing Master Class to the screen. "I have been working hard on it for two years," she says. "I hope that we can start filming by Fall 2000."

"Was working with Faye 'nuts," I asked Besson, having heard from many that Dunway was difficult to work with.

"Everyone was nuts on the set of 'Joan," chuckles Besson, not willing to put his foot in his mouth







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# inside NAVIO

by Romeo San Vicente

# Rosie Outlook for Lesbians

aucy Latina actress and AIDS activist Rosie Perez gets some Sapphic action in her next role. She plays the lover of John Leguizamo's mother in the upcoming thriller King Of The Jungle. The movie focuses on a mentally challenged New York man (Leguizamo) who witnesses a murder and then takes to the streets, where he's pursued by the cops, the killer, and his insensitive father.

While the spunky Perez thought the Gay role was cool, in real life she's strictly hetero: she recently married the film's very male Director Seth Zvi Rosenfeld. No release date has yet been set for the pic-

# **Heche gets Killer** Role

Anne Heche is in negotiations for a role in an upcoming Showtime feature called One Kill. If the deal closes. Heche will play an Army captain, who has an affair with her commanding officer (played not by her



Anne Heche

real life C.O., Ellen DeGeneres, but by actor-playwright Sam Shepard).

After the affair ends, the C.O. stalks Heche and breaks into her home, where she mistakes him for a burglar and shoots him. One Kill, which is based on a true story, will be directed by Christopher Menaul, who got an Emmy nomination for his work on the cable teleflick The Passion of Ayn Rand.

# Is Hyde Pierce a Truman?

Frasier star David Hyde Pierce is practicing his lisp. Rumor has it that actress

Wilson Rita approached Pierce to play Truman Capote, the writer and bon vivant, who made speech impediments chic, in a Lifetime Television made-for-TV movie.



David Hyde Pierce

Wilson, perhaps best known for her role as Mrs. Tom Hanks, is Executive-Producing and star-

ring in the still untitled project about the high-society Cushing sisters of New York. She'll play Capote's one-time pal Barbara (Babe) Cushing Mortimer, who married legendary CBS founder Bill Paley in 1947. A script for the project is expected in December.

# Get Cumming

Tony-winner and Plunkett and Macleane star Alan Cumming is taking a role in the high-octane Sylvester Stallone gangster pic Get Carter. Cumming will play Stallone's nemesis in the revenge

tale about a mobster (played by Sly) who infiltrates the pornography business to avenge the murder of his younger brother. The film is a remake of a 1971 movie of the same name.



Look for more Sylvester Stallone Cumming on the sil-

ver screen next May when the Broadway star has two roles in the upcoming Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas - playing both "the Great Kazoo" and a (Rolling?) Stone Age version of Mick Jagger.

# Liza's Diet Tips

You might not recognize Liza if you see her one-woman show Minnelli on Minnelli, which opens in December at New York's

Palace Theater. Judy's daughter shed pounds for the role thanks to daily workouts with a trainer, dancing every day, and eating health food and lots of protein. Combine that with her grueling rehearsals Marvin



Liza Minnelli

Hamlisch, vocal training, an occasional massage, and Minnelli barely has time to

The show is more than a professional comeback for Liza, it's a sort of "coming home." The diva earned her first paycheck ever at the Palace at the age of 5 when she was paid \$5 to dance on stage with mom, who sang Swanee. The lithe Liza's show is scheduled to run through New Year's Day.

Romeo San Vicente would like to be Antonio Sabato Jr.'s commanding officer. You can reach Romeo in care of this publication or via email RomeoDeep@aol.com. For more Deep Hollywood,

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By Billy Masters

ill someone please buy Mariah Carey a dress! The poor dear must be mighty chilly, what with winter approaching and all.

In the past, I've taken the latter-day Yma Sumac to task for her album cover photos where she is invariably wearing what I like to refer to as a vulvaexposing dress. Mariah didn't even bother putting on a dress for the cover of her new Rainbow, release. which features a picture of her dressed in a bra and panties. Anything to make a buck, eh, butterfly?

Since most of my readers don't have a subscription to Playboy, I thought that I'd share a little anecdote from Ben Affleck's interview in the December issue.

Little Ben, now 27 (where did the time go?), recently decided to try Viagra (as for me - never tried it, never needed to, and those trips to Tijuana were just to soak up local culture). He was motivated to try the drug when friends told him, "It's like you were 14 and jerking off six times a day."

Ah, remember being 14? Never mind - for most of my readers, the teen years weren't the best. Anyway, Ben says that he took half a pill and felt as if he was having a heart attack. Aside from the palpitations, all he got was dizzy and sweaty. He calls the entire experience

"one of my biggest disappointments". we talking about?

tells me that he moved into his new home in the Hollwood Hills with the help of best

carried some boxes (he must have taken his Viagra too!).

Since moving in, Ben seems to entertain quite a bit - usually the guests are groups of men who drive motorcycles and often spend the night at Ben's "pinkish-peach five-story house". Well, now we know with whom

sion of Nunsense. Since that

report, I have been deluged with e-mails asking for details. Here you go - the revised play is called Nunsense A-Men, and it is playing at the Hollywood Playhouse in Hollywood, FLORIDA (did you

> hear me? California - Florida).

It opened last week and will run until December 5th. You can call (954) 922-0404 for tickets, which are priced from \$17 to \$26.50 - a bargain to see Greg dressed as Sister Robert Anne. And he looks cute in his nun's outfit check out the photo on my web site of www.filth2go.com.

If you meet Greg and find him attractive, I say hit on him. "But Billy," I can hear you saying, "Greg's already taken by Kmetko." Dare I

divulge a scandalous bit of information? Sure I do - Greg was taken, Greg may think that he's still taken, but Greg's been taken for a ride!

> My sources tell me that Stevie "Buy a Vowel" Kmetko is behaving like a single guy and not spending all that much time sitting home waiting for Greg to return. You can catch him Friday nights at Silverlake (California), where he never leaves the disco alone.

While writing about the picture I have of Greg as a nun, I remembered that I just got the most scrumptious photo of Chad

Allen from a play he did in Seattle called Temporary Help. You remember Chad from the Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman TV show or perhaps from the Globe which had a picture of him making out with a guy in a swimming pool.

> Well, Chad's looking every inch the character in this play, who is described "virile farmhand". YUM!

Could it be that our little Jonathan Taylor Thomas is all grown up? He's certainly on the brink of manhood, with college just around the corner. My spies at Northwestern University (hi, guys!) tell me that JTT (as he's known on the net) was recently in Chicago to visit



Jonathon Taylor Thomas Moving to Chicago?

the campus and seemed very impressed with what he saw.

People who were there tell me that he was very nice and approachable. He even ate with other students in the dining hall. Did he check out any of their "special interest" groups?

Could it be that a certain leading man enjoyed his man-to-man love scenes a lot more than his beard - I mean, girlfriend would have liked? So, say my friends on the set of his current flick. They tell me that the lip-locks weren't limited to what happened in front of the camera.

While on location, this film and TV star (who, incidentally, has a connection with one of the other guys mentioned in this column) allegedly enjoyed making various parts of different guys' bodies disappear. Now, hush your mouth!

When I give away a blind item that blatantly and the words "virile" and Chad Allen are used in the same item, it's time for me to end yet another column.

Since I'm breaking news of Greg's and Steve's apparent availability, I must break some news about Billy's own status. As you know, I've been enjoying the pleasures of the multi-talented (and, dare I say, multi-orgasmic) David Drake ... However, he's in New York and on the brink of mega-stardom, and I'm traveling the world with the glitteratti. Therefore, we've decided that - as a service to our fans - we would keep our liaison casual.

While I am in no way suggesting that any of you hit on David (and trust me, I'll find out and hunt you down), I am certainly as approachable as I ever was. So, should you have a proposition or some gossip to share with me, feel free to send an email to Billy@filth2go.com. respond really fast to notes with a personal photo attached! To keep track of my comings and goings, log onto my web site of www.filth2go.com.

So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



Mariah Carey

A show it off

Ben Affleck

Likes Motorcycle guys not Viagra

Exactly how "big" a disappointment are Incidentally, one of Ben's neighbors

friend Matt Damon... Matt even

Ben had his "experience".

A few weeks ago, I reported that Greg Louganis would be playing a nun in an all-male ver-



Steve Kmetko Cheating on Greg Louganis?





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| PrideFest Inc. • 907 S. 1st St, Suite 105, 53204   |  |
| e-mail Pridemilw@aol.com • www.pridefest.com  Project Q • (For LGBT & Questioning Youth) 170 S. 2nd St., 53204   | fax 647-8697   |
| The Queer Program • Tuesdays 7pm •PO Box 090441, 53209   | 265-8500   |
| Rainbow Alliance at UWM • PO Box 413, Union 122, 53201 • Office in E381E   | 229-6555   |
| Rainbow Families • (Alternative Family Situations) Call Wendy  |  |
| Riverwest Rainbow Assoc. • 1001 E. Keefe, 53212  |  |
| Saturday Soft Ball League (SSBL) • PO Box 510615 Milw., WI 53203   |  |
| Shoreline • Country Dancing Fri, night, LaCage • PO Box 510283 Milw., WI 53203   | -  |
| Sherman Park Rainbow Association • PO Box 76115 Milw., WI 53216  |  |
| Call for meeting schedule and updated events.  Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (WCA) Corporate Professionals Network  |  |
| Wisconsin Cream City Chorus • 170 S. 2nd St., Milw., WI 53204  |  |
| MEDICAL / HIV  |  |
| Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) • STD & HIV Testing • 1240 E. Brady St   |  |
| St. Camillus AIDS Ministry • 10101 W. Wisconsin, Milw., 53226  | 259-4664   |
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| Dignity • LGBT Catholics • PO Box 597, 53201   | 272-0662   |
| Milw. Metropolitan Community Church • 11am Sun. service • 1239 W Mineral, 53204  | 383-1100   |
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| Rebuilding Faith • Discussion Group • for LGBT Catholics • Fred  | 481-8543   |
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# Spottight

Note: The SpotLight Agenda is divided into two parts: Premieres by date, and Rendezvous, for shows still running. Information for this section should be faxed (414) 226-0096, mailed, or emailed to: rong@wilight.com by noon Friday, the week before the following Wednesday publication date.



Author Reading, Woodland Patterns (Milwaukee): Vine Deloria, the renowned Native American historian will read from

Singing for A Spirit: A Portrait of the Dakota Sioux and other works, 720 E. Locust St., 7pm, Free, (414) 263-5001.



Opening Gallery Reception, adambomb gallery (Milwaukee): Artist Stacie J. Meyer presents Images from Idaho, reflecting post-

millennial, industrial dreamscapes in mixed media form. Through Dec. 18, 524 S. 2nd St., Tonight from 6-10pm, (414) 276-BOMB.

Fiber Fireworks, Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee): The 49th annual juried exhibition by Wisconsin Handweavers, Inc. Exhibition runs through 28th. 1801 N. Prospect Ave., (414) 278-8295.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee): Local producer Dale Gutzman, known for his prolific output of fine musical theatre as well as Gay oriented productions, stages a Stephen Sondheim show every season. Forum is Sondheim's most popular and funniest work, a wild burlesque musical with a laugh a minute with show stopping numbers. This production boasts a bevy of beautiful girls and a hoard of handsome hunks in brief but stunning costumes. Continues Saturday and next weekend. Milwaukee Public Library's Centennial Hall, 8th St. entrance. 8pm, \$10, (414) 327-3552.

A Time for the Spirit, Present Music (Madison):
Annual Thanksgiving Concert. Listen to ancient spiritual traditions translated into the music of today. Featuring the haunting Jesus Blood by Gavin Bryars and the Milwaukee Choral Artists. Also, music by Arvo Paert, Christopher Rouse and John Harbison. First Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive, 7:30pm \$15/\$7.50 students, tickets: (414) 271-0711.

Dionne Warwick with the Pops, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee): The soulful stylings of diva Dionne Warwick makes her debut with the MSO Pops under the baton of associated conductor Andrews Sill. Continues through Sunday, Nov. 21. Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center, 8pm tonight, \$25-75, (414) 291-7605.

Art Fair, Art Center (Madison): Presenting the works of Midwestern artists and artisians in this annual fundraising event. 211 State St. (608)

Opera: The Marriage of Figaro, Madison Opera (Madison): John De Main, Artistic Director; Susan Hai, Conductor; Lorna Haywood, Stage Director. Continues through Nov. 21; Oscar Meyer Theatre, (608) 266-9055.

Plymouth Concert Chorale, Plymouth Church (Milwaukee): Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and Haydn's Great Organ Mass in E-flat. Continues again on Saturday, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave., 8pm, \$10 (\$8 students & seniors) (414) 964-1513.

Sculpture Unveiling, Madison Art Center (Madison): Commissioned sculpture by Leonardo Drew, an emerging artist. 211 State St. (608) 257-0158.



Looking Back, Wisconsin Ballet LTD (Milwaukee): Looks back at some of the works created for the group over the past

7 years. Cardinal Stritch University Theater \$20, Students/Srs. \$18 (414) 964-6700.

The Nylons, Madison Civic Center (Madison): Madison's perennial favorite a cappella group returns for one night only. A TDS Telecom concert for literacy. See SpotLight brief for article about the



The Nylons

group. Madison Civic Center, 211 State St.; 8pm, \$16-23; (608) 266-9055.



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Musical Survey of the Century, 1921-1930, WI Conservatory of Music (Milwaukee): 1999-2000 Faculty Artist Concert Series continues. Allis Art Museum Great Hall, 1801 N. Prospect Ave., 3pm, \$10, \$7 seniors and students, (414) 276-5760.



Author Reading, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop (Milwaukee): Visual artist, teacher of contemplative arts

and a practitioner of Tibetan style feng-shui, Helen Berliner will discuss her book *Enlightened by Design.* 4093 N. Oakland Ave. 7pm (414) 963-3111



Celebrity Memorabilia Auction, Artistic Pursuits LtD (Utica, IL.): Benefit auction for the visual arts, doors open 2pm,

advance tickets \$10, champagne fountain, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, music. Inquiries: Vanessa Doran (815) 434-2784. Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center, Starved Rock State Park, Route 178 & 71, Utica, IL.



Classics Program, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee): Pinchas Zukerman, conductor and violin; Yefim

Bronfman, piano performing Beethoven . Continues through Sunday, 11/28; Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Uihlein Hall; 7:30 Fri/Sun, 8pm Sat. (414) 291-7605.

The Three Musketeers, UW Theater Dept. (Madison): James De Vita's classic romantic adventure. Continues through Dec. 19 UW's Mitchell Theater, 821 University Ave. (608) 262-1500

# Rendezvous

8th Annual El Dia del los Muertos Show, Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee): Opening reception with refreshments and entertainment. Continues through Nov. 27 911 W. National Ave. 1-4pm (414) 672-2787

An American Impressionist in France, Lakeshore Gallery (Milwaukee): Original oil paintings by Thomas Trausch. Continues through Nov. 30. 4401 N. Oakland Ave. (414) 964-2540.

[~Breathless, or Is There Sex After Asthma~, Broom Street Theater (Madison):] Original comedy with a happy ending written and directed by Broom's Joel Gersmann. This new play tells the wild and wacky tale of a year in the life of a man who discovers he has asthma and how he survives. Continues through December 19, Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St.; times vary. \$7 at the door, (608) 244-8338.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Milw. Rep (Milwaukee): Tennessee William's sizzling modern masterpiece. Continues through Nov. 21; Rep's Quadracci Powerhouse Theater. \$5-36 (414) 224-9490

Colored Threads IX, Katle Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee): Art to Wear exhibition. Continues through Dec. 1 N. Broadway, (414) 289-0855 Curt Frankenstein, Art Elements Gallery (Mequon): Paintings and Etchnings. Continues through Dec. 31. 10050 N. Pt. Washington Rd. (262) 241-7040

Dracula, The Milw. Rep Steimke Theater (Milwaukee): Steven Dietz's adaptation of Bram Stoker's chilling thriller. Continues through Nov. 21; Theater Complex, 108 E. Wells St. \$20-30 (414) 224-9490

Forever Plaid, Marcus Center Vogel Hall (Milwaukee): A heavenly musical hit parade. Continues through Dec. 31 Vogel Hall, 123 E. State St. \$28.50-36.50 (414) 273-7206. Gallery Exhibi, Lakeshore (Shorewood): The work of Russian abstractionist Mihail Cmeniakin, continues through Dec. 30. 4401 N. Oakland Avenue,

German Artist Wilhem Hopfner, Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee): Premiere US exhibition. Continues through Dec. 19 NML Gallery, 6801 N. Yates Rd. (414) 410-4105.

(414) 964-2540.

Guys on Ice, Rep's Stackner Cabaret (Milwaukee): A salute to Wisconsin ice fishermen that was a blockbuster hit last season returns. Continues through Dec. 5; Rep Theater Complex, 108 E. Wells St., (414) 224-9490.

L'I Abner, Carroll College Theatre Arts (Waukesha): Drama by Frank Mercer and Norman Panama. Continues through Sunday, Nov. 21, Otteson Theatre at Carroll College, McCall and N. East Ave.; time varies, \$12, \$8 seniors, (262) 524-7633.

Playing With Fire, Gallery H20 (Milwaukee): Gallery partner Barbara Peterson is hardly playing with fire in her most recent exhibition. Sculpting in steel. Continues through Nov. 21, 221 N. Water St. (414) 271-8032.

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Louisianna, Milw. Institute of Art & Design
(MIAD) (Milwaukee): Acadiana contrasts differing
perspectives on Cajun culture and the rural South
through faculty photographers works. Continues
through Nov. 20, 273 E. Erie St. (414) 276-7889.

# Theatre

# **Broom Street is Breathless**

Madison – Everybody breathes, some breathe better than others.

Broom Street Theater presents its latest production, *Breathless or Is There Sex After Asthma*, an original comedy with a happy ending written and directed by Joel Gersmann, Broom Street's Artistic Director. This new play tells the wild and wacky story of a year in the life of a man who discovers he has asthma and how he survives.

Over half the actors and the Director himself have asthma. Gersmann claims, "The participants in this show have a very real claim to the subject matter. It's an understatement to say that this production reeks with relevance."

All shows of *Breathless* are 8pm, Friday through Sunday, from November 12-December 19 at the Broom Street Theater Building, 1119 Williamson St. Tickets are \$7 at the door only. Call (608) 244-8338 for more information.

# Boulevard Auditions for Two Productions

Milwaukee – The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming February production of Anton Chekov's classic *Uncle Vanya* and an April production of Tennessee Williams gothic shocker, *Suddenly Last Summer* on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue from 10am-5pm.

For more information, please call the 24-hour voice mail at (414) 744-5757.

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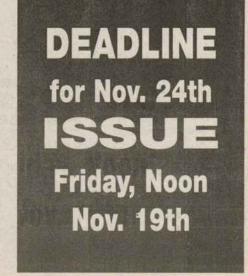
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# out Dusty

News... Nettie, the Grand Dame of the Ball Game is in a nursing home and feeling rather poorly. As all Ball Game regulars know, Nettie is owner Rick's mom. She's also one of the best dice players anywhere. Here's hoping she gets better and starts shaking us down er... I mean shaking dice with us really soon.

Ed G from Club 5 led a group down to Milwaukee last Saturday, where I ran into him at Club 219. He said that with the Badger's big Rose Bowl bid he figured it was

safe to party at his favorite places in Milwaukee. For the sports impaired it's not really a bowl, it's a stadium and it's in Pasadena not Milwaukee or bathroom at Club 5.

He was with very nice looking and charming young man. In case you're wondering Ed's date spoke English, not Norwegian.

Congrats and many happy returns to Jake and Phill who held a fun joint B-Day party at **S. Water Street Docks** last Saturday. The cake was delicious and so was the crowd. The party raised \$168 and two large boxes of food for the ARCW Food Pantry!

Confidential to a bar owner who tried to set up a date with his ex in a chat room. Forget it honey, he isn't interested. You blew it with him and from what I heard you blew it with quite a few others too.

Recaps ... I stopped in at Club 219 to see DJ Kim the other night. I think he's half the reason those strippers look so hot! Okay maybe some of them could dance without music and we'd still stare but the tunes do lend a certain ambiance to the proceedings.

Kim makes a mean pumpkin bar. He sent some to the *Light* office via Ron Geiman. I was only able to snatch one or two pieces (glares at the Editor, Ron and everyone else!). That was enough to convince me that Kim is just as good in the kitchen as he is in the DJ booth. He could be my chef anytime!

Speaking of great DJ's, Tanya of **La Cage** had some hair on his chin the other night. DJ Dave, the other half of the La Cage DJ tag team, gave me some ideas on how it got there but I can't share them. *This ain't Section X* 

Dave and Tanya decided to replay a song they had played earlier in the evening when a Madison boy requested it and said, "My friend didn't hear it and he's such a hot bottom!" Most of the crowd thought the song, which Tanya dedicated to "a hot bottom", was for them until they heard they words "from Madison."

I ran into Jimmy co-head pooh bah at Fluid late on Friday evening (or was it early Saturday morning?) He was in a gangsta mode. Jimmy said he was playing kissy and lap dancing with a Gay regular at a Gay friendly bar in Riverwest. Atta boy, show them how the other 10% lives.

Warning folks, Jimmy's a professional, don't try that at home without supervision. Oops, guess it's too late for most of you huh?

Dish was crowded when I stopped in. The crowd was 50% Gay men and 50% Lesbians, which only shows that great music and a great atmosphere transcends gender.

I also stopped at the **Boot Camp** during the **Oberon's**club night. The bar was crowded with people enjoying the evening. I ran into my friend Stu. He's the patron saint of ...well never mind, this still isn't Section X.

**Coming Up...** HIT, the big sports event of the season is coming up Thanksgiving weekend. So many hot bowlers trying to do some-

thing with those big pins. Kind of gets you excited doesn't it?

If rolling a ball down some wooden planks isn't your thing (or even if it is) check out the social event of the season, The Holly Jolly Folly. Tickets are \$75 or \$100, which may seem pricey, but believe me they are well worth it. Where else will you get all you can drink and eat from twenty-four

Milwaukee's best restaurants, watch a very funny play and BE SEEN? Everybody whose anybody knows that Holly Jolly Folly is the place to be on November 30.

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That's a wrap for this week. I hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile stay safe and be proud.

Dusty Sass loves bowlers and their pins. He'd also loves hearing about what's happening at your favorite place. I want dirt You can e-mail him at dusty@wilight.com or call (414) 226-0075.

# Nights outEvents

Note: This bar calendar is divided into two sections, Special events by date, and ongoing Weekly entertainment. Updates, corrections etc. must be faxed (414) 226-0096, mailed, or emailed to rong@wilight.com by noon Friday, the week prior to the following Wednesday publication date.



2nd Anniversary Celebration, Woody's (Milwaukee): Fosters, bring a friend night, Happy Hour Prices from open to close all week



2nd Anniversary Celebration, Woody's (Milwaukee): Suck up the Skyy Night, Happy Hour Prices from open to close all

week

HIT Fundraiser Bartender Exchange, This Is It (Milwaukee): Bartender exchange and reunion of past board members, volunteers and friends of HIT. Meet with old friends, make new ones. Raffles, silent bids on sports memorabilia including a Hank Aaron signed baseball and a pair of spikes from Jose Valenti, 4-10pm.

Stoli Oranj Party, Fluid (Milwaukee): Free samples, 10pm-midnight.

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



BESTD Clinic, So. Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Free anonymous HIV testing and counseling., 6-9pm.

Michael K's Benefit, Club 5 (Madison): Benefit show for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, showtime 10:30pm.



Get Plaid!, Fluid (Milwaukee):
Wear plaid clothing and qualify
to win a set of four pairs of tickets; 8pm drawing for Forever

Plaid playing at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Vogel Hall, showdate; November 30.



HIT Welcome Show, Club 219 (Milwaukee): HIT Board showcases their talents (?) at the annual Welcome Show at

10pm.

Karaoke Win Tix to Forever Plaid, Switch (Milwaukee): Win tickets to the play Forever Plaid playing at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Vogel Hall.

Thanksgiving Dinner, Club 5 (Madison):

Homestyle traditional Turkey Dinner with all the fixins' and beverage for \$8.95 per persons, reservations required, (608) 277-9700.



Bear Club Night, Boot Camp (Milwaukee): Brew City Bears gather every 4th Saturday.

[Levi/Leather Night, The Main Club (Superior): Last Saturday of each month.



18 & Up Night, Club 5 (Madison): \$6 soda bash, live DJ plus cameo performances by Madison area entertainers.

HIT Farewell Brunch, M&M Club (Milwaukee)

Bar Managers We can't be every where, so please send us pictures of your events! Thank you

# every wed.

Karaoke, Barbie Dolls Playhouse (Milwaukee): 10pm

Karaoke, Fannies (Milwaukee): Every other week. Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee): 11pm



Karaoke, Switch (Milwaukee): 9pm

Talent Night, Club 219 (Milwaukee): Lily White & Nova D'vine alternate hosting Talent night including female impersonators, Midnight.

every fri-

Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee): 11:30pm

Shoreline, LaCage (Milwaukee): 2 step and line dancing lessons from 9-10, dancing until 11pm

Showcase, LaCage (Milwaukee): Female impersonators, dancers and guests.

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Female Impersonators Show, C'est La Vie ( Milwaukee ): 11pm

Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee ): 11:30pm

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Female Impersonators, Club 219 (Milwaukee): Female Impersonators, two shows. 8:30pm & 12

Female Impersonators Show, Club 5 (Madison): 10pm

Male Dancers, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):
Auditions welcome at 10pm

Showcase, LaCage (Milwaukee): Female impersonators, dancers and guests and guests, Customer Appreciation night, no cover; beer bust 10pm-close. Showtime 11:30pm.

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Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee): Amateurs welcome to audition.





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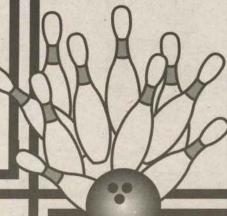
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| Rascal's Bar & Grill                           |  | 702 E. Wisconsin, 54991   | 954-926            |
| BELOIT (6                                      | O8)<br>MW, DJ                                    | 232 Shirland Ave, 53511   | 262 976            |
| Kloset   |  |   | 363-876            |
| CENTRAL  | MW, DJ   | 320 Washington, Wausau, 54401   | 842-222            |
| Oz<br>Platwood Club                            | G/S, MW, DJ                                      | 1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481  | 842-322<br>341-886 |
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| Scooters                                       | Wm   | 411 Galloway St., 54703   | 835-995            |
| Wolf's Den                                     | MW, G/S  | 302 E. Madison, 54703   | 832-923            |
| GREEN B  | AY (920)   |   |                    |
| Brandy's II                                    | Mw   | 1126 Main St., 54302  | 437-39             |
| Buddies  | MW   | 1264 Main St, 54302   | 437-925            |
| Napalese Lounge<br>Sass                        | MW, DJ<br>WM, Sp                                 | 1351 Cedar, 54302<br>840 S. Broadway, 54304   | 432-964            |
| Za's/Java'                                     | MW, DJ, E, F, V                                  | 1106 Main St., 54302  | 435-547            |
| RESTAURANTS                                    |  |   |                    |
| Cafe Bourbon                                   |  | 1106 Main St., Upper, 54301   | 435-547            |
| LA CROS  |  |   | 8.50               |
| Cavalier Lounge                                | MW, J, DJ  | 114 N. 5th St., 54601   | 782-90             |
| Rainbow's End<br>My Place                      | Wm, J, E<br>Mw, J, K, E, F                       | 417 Jay St., 54601<br>3201 South Ave., 54601  | 782-980            |
| College Chicago                                | ALCOHOLD IN COLUMN                               | 3201 30util Ave., 34001   | 700 90             |
| MADISON  | (608)<br>W,m                                     | 2415 Winnebago St. 53704  | 241-50             |
| Club 5/Planet Q                                | MW, F, DJ, V, E                                  | 5 Applegate Ct., 53713  | 277-970            |
| Fox Hole                                       | W, J   | 5 Applegate Ct., 53713  | 277-97             |
| Mens Room                                      | M, L/L   | 3054 E. Washington, 53704   | 241-93             |
| Rainbow Room<br>Ray's Bar & Grill              | MW, DJ, E<br>WM, DJ, F                           | 121 W. Main St., 53703<br>3054 E. Washington, 53704   | 251-58             |
| Shamrock                                       | MW, F, J   | 117 W. Main St., 53703  | 255-50             |
| The Barracks                                   | M, L/L   | 5 Applegate Ct., 53713  | 277-870            |
| RESTAURANTS                                    | Fire Distan                                      | A - 1   |                    |
| Club 5<br>Fyfe's Corner Bistro                 | Fine Dining Fine Dining                          | 5 Applegate Ct., 53713<br>1344 E. Washington  | 277-970<br>251-870 |
| MILWAUK  |  |   |                    |
| 1100 Club                                      | M, L/L, F, J                                     | 1100 S. 1st St., 53204  | 647-99             |
| Ballgame                                       | M, S, E, J                                       | 196 S. 2nd St., 53204   | 273-747            |
| (Open 2pm, Cocktail Ho<br>Barbie Dolls Playhou |  | 700 E. Meinecke, 53212  | 374-74             |
| Boot Camp                                      | M, L/L   | 209 E. National Ave., 53204   | 643-690            |
| C'est La Vie                                   | M, E, J, D                                       | 231 S. 2nd St., 53204   | 291-960            |
| Club 219                                       | Mw, DJ, E, V                                     | Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials) 219 S. 2nd St., 53204   | 276-27             |
| Dish   | W, M, DJ   | 235 S. 2nd St., 53204   | 273-DIS            |
| Emeralds Lounge                                | MW   | 801 E. Hadley St., 53212  | 265-73             |
| Fannies<br>Fluid                               | Wm, DJ, E, K                                     | 200 E. Washington St., 53204<br>819 S. 2nd St., 53204   | 649-900            |
| (Open 5pm everyday; 2                          | 444,44   | Fri; Wed & Thur specials, 8pm-close)  | 045-03             |
| Kathy's Nut Hut                                | Wm, Sp, J  | 1500 W. Scott St., 53204  | 647-267            |
| (Open 8pm; D) 7-nights                         | Mw, DJ, E, V<br>-a-week; Sunday show             | 801 S. 2nd St., 53204<br>; Thur. Super Bust)  | 383-83             |
| M&M Club                                       | MW, E, F   | 124 N. Water St., 53202   | 347-196            |
| Milw Eagle/Shaft                               |  | 300 W. Juneau, 53203  | 273-690            |
| South Water St. Do<br>Station 2                | Wm, Sp, J  | 354 E. National Ave., 53204<br>1534 W. Grant, 53204   | 225-96;<br>383-575 |
| Switch   | Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ                                 | 124 W. National, 53204  | 220-43             |
| (Open 5pm, outdoor pa<br>This Is It            | tio, Cocktail hour 5-9p<br>Mw                    | om, nightly specials 9-close)   |                    |
| (Open 3pm every day;                           |  | 418 E. Wells St., 53202   | 278-919            |
| Triangle                                       | M  | 135 E. National Ave., 53204   | . 383-94           |
| Woody's<br>RESTAURANTS                         | M, J   | 1579 S. 2nd St., 53204  | 672-08             |
| Annex Cafe                                     | Late Nite  | 1106 S. 1st St., 53204  | 384-799            |
| Glass Menagerie                                | Fine Dining                                      | 124 N. Water St., 53202   | 347-19             |
| RACINE/K                                       | ENOSHA   | (414)   | 1000               |
| Club 94  | MW, DJ, E  | 9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140   | 857-99             |
| Clubhouse Filling Sta                          |  | 6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140   | 857-37             |
| Capers/Illusions<br>IoDee's                    | MW, DJ. E<br>MW, DJ                              | 6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140<br>2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403   | 857-38<br>634-98   |
| What About Me?                                 | MW   | 600 6th St., Racine, 53403  | 632-01             |
| SHEBOYO  |  |   |                    |
| Blue Lite                                      | MW   | 1029 N. 8th St., 53081  | 457-16             |
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|  | Wm, J  | 820 Tower Ave., 55880   | 392-53             |
| Bev's Jook Joint                               | THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE OWNER. |   |                    |
| JT's Bar & Grill                               | MW, DJ   | 1506 N. 3rd St, 55880   | 394-25             |
| JT's Bar & Grill<br>Main Club                  | MW, L/L  | 1506 N. 3rd St, 55880<br>1217 Tower Ave., 55880<br>traight • F-Food • DJ-Disk Jockey • \  | 394-258<br>392-17! |

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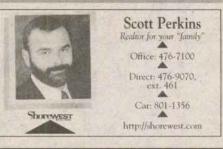
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Yin-Yang GAM, 5 ft. 6, 145, brown/black, 35, tight, smooth, enjoys outdoors, swimming, travel, art. Seeks GWM committed to personal and relationship growth. Hopes to create a friendship+ w/handsome man who is physically fit, emotionally open and loves life. (414) 258-8414.

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GWM, 5 ft. 10, 170 lbs well endowed Top ISO mature Bottom in the late 40's to 60's for friendship, good times and/or possible LTR. Any race! Mustache, beard and body hair a plus. If interested, write: Boxholder, Box 773, Green Bay, WI

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Leather Loving GM 6 ft. 190, 50s looking for serious relationship with fit macho single guy 30-50. Dressing up or down in leather gear is our mutual turn on. Not into bondage, S&M. Milwaukee area. Contact Rich e-mail:

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Mid-40's Milwaukee professional, ht/wt proportionate, looking for friends and? I have a wide variety of interests: sports to theater, festivals to staying at home and cuddling. Enjoy good friends, good conversation, experiencing new things and having fun in a variety of ways. email:

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All Worlds Video Written, photographed, and directed by Wash West

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

ash West won an award for best adult film at a festival a few years ago and everyone thought it was just a fluke, but now he is back with another film that will be in the running for one of the best gay adult films of 1999. It has an interesting and imaginative plot line, is beautifully photographed and is intensely erotic.

Animus, in the psychology of C.G. Jung is defined as the "masculine principle" or animating spirit. The Animus in this film is played by the handsome Thomas Lloyd who never speaks above a sexy whisper and whose hypnotic eyes bring everyone under his power and sexual dominance.

In the opening scene, the Animus as a cat burglar, is interrupted by the couple whose home he is burglarizing. He brings the couple under his power and rapes (if you can rape the willing) the husband while the watching wife is tied up.

Detective Joe Domino and Police Captain Leroy, played by Blake Harper and Jack Simmons, start the search for the Animus. Harper meets Dave Nelson and the two play a game of "who is the top" with neither man winning. The resulting scene is very erotic and the men settle for oral sex. Nelson is turned on after the sex when he discovers that Harper is a cop. The scene also establishes the fact that Harper claims to be exclusively a top.

Next the Animus comes between lovers and rapes a very willing Tommy Cruise. A police stakeout provides a lead and they wind up arresting a man who possibly can lead them to the Animus. An interesting version of "good cop, bad cop" is played out in the interrogation room. When they fol-

low up on the information, Harper finds a note addressed to him on the Animus' card, inviting him to participate in a millennium New Year's eve celebration at a local gay bar. He does meet the Animus and is soon under his spell and under his body, enjoying being a bottom. The hand-cuffed Animus simply disappears right after the midnight fireworks, leaving the handcuffs empty.

See this film if you are into gay adult films. There is something for almost everyone.

This video is available at Video Adventures

# God Was I Drunk

## All Worlds Video Written and Directed by Dirk Yates

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

irk Yates has come a long way from the days when he started photographing solo masturbation scenes of real, live Marines in his bedroom in San Diego. The Marine Corps got wind of these antics and investigated but never followed up, possibly because they were too embarrassed. Yates continues to add to his series of Dirk Yates Private Collection series. In addition, he has been producing and directing films for others, All Worlds Video in particular. Sometimes, as in this film, he uses some of his amateur marines or ex-marines that have appeared in his series films, mixing them in with professional porn stars.

This film is based on the oldest excuse in the world for uninhibited sex, "God was I drunk." In the first scene the sergeant gives the private so much booze that all inhibitions are overcome and both men participate in oral sex.

The second scene features a couple of college boys and their new South American roommate. The Argentinean babbles away in Spanish, giving them so much booze that they both play on it when he offers his organ.

The third scene features Dave Nelson as a cop who comes upon a drunken soldier in an alley and seduces him. Nelson has appeared as a cop, or cop lover, in so many films that one begins to wonder if he has carved out a "specialty" in porn films that fits his own obsession.

In the last scene, four sailors get into a brawl in a bar, accidentally getting locked in when the

owner tosses out the brawlers and closes. They start drinking heavily and pass out, all but one little handsome guy who seizes the moment to take advantage of his buddies. The other three sailors wake up during the treatment but do not protest. Finally, the little guy sits on the biggest of the three and continues to work on the others at the same time. Mercifully, the little sailor never takes off his jersey, just his bell-bottoms. Mercifully, because if you've seen him in a prior Yates series feature you know that his upper body is almost solid tattoos that turn an otherwise handsome guy into some kind of freak. Too many tattoos spoil the broth. Hot scene, Dirk! This video is available at Video

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# Talk Does Size Matter?

Il anyone remembers from that crappy remake of Godzilla are the billboards that read, "SIZE MATTERS!" Many of us could only nod in agreement. Among some queer men, no topic is more obsessed over than the dimensions of that little monster between our legs.

The question we ponder is: "Just how does my meat measure up?"

Science, ever eager to lend a hand, has done hard research. The Kinsey Institute's study of American college-age guys remains the standard. In that study, 80 percent of hard dicks measured between 5 and 7 inches, most in the 6- to 6 1/2-inch range (that's 15.24 to 16.51 cm for our metrically-inclined friends).

Size queens beware: Despite what you might read in Gay personal ads, less than 1 percent of Kinsey hard-ons exceeded 8 inches and the odds against finding a true 9-incher were a thousand to one.

A smaller, more recent study by the University of California San Francisco turned up shorter dicks. The average stiffy measured a tad over 5 inches. This may be due to the makeup of the study groups; it seems that race does indeed make a difference, though not to the extent that legend would indicate. Yes, on

average, black men do probably have somewhat bigger wangers and Asians somewhat smaller ones. However, there is a lot of overlap; a Thai guy might well have a bigger whizzer than a Jamaican Rasta.

In a perfect world, there'd be an enforceable international standard for how cocks get measured. Scientists and conscientious lads do it along the top, starting at the pubic bone. But some guys apparently measure along the underside, thereby adding a handy inch or two. Guys being guys, we tend to exaggerate if we think we can get away with it. This is America, land of the elephant-size "minivan," but also of "Buyer Beware."

Though conventional wisdom says, "It's not the meat, it's the motion," many of us, in our heart of hearts, don't believe it. So how about it, Godzilla-dick? Does size matter?

When it gets down to function, not form, size may not be the biggest thing to consider. God in his wisdom gave us different-sized mouths and varying gag reflexes; one man's deep-throatable tool is another man's, "Stop that or I'll choke!" Some but holes can accommodate larger visitors than others.

Yes, being fucked by a biggie does give many bottoms an extra measure of pleasure.

Longer prongs can more easily make contact with the prostate, that little gland that, properly stimulated, has brought so much joy to so many. But even small dicks can find the prostate, given the right position.

The real problem lies in the tyranny of size. It's a shame our schlongs are so directly hooked up to our egos. To go back to that minivan thing, we don't all boast Lincoln Navigators between our legs. Some of us drive perfectly acceptable Honda Civics, and even a little Miata will get us where we need to go in style. What's really wrong with a smaller cock? Anything?

Believe it or not, my friend Thom, who really does have a big fucking dick, has his complaints too. "Guys look at me and only see my prick," he said. "They compliment me on

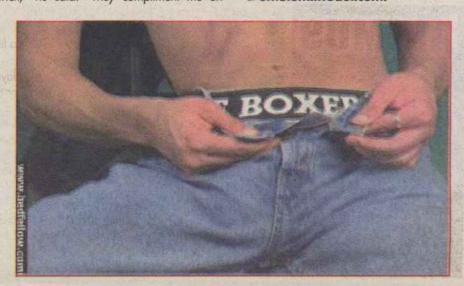
something I had nothing to do with getting. How about the shape my body's in? My mind? If I'm good in bed?"

Now, some of us would love to have Thom's problem (and his 8-incher), but he does have a point.

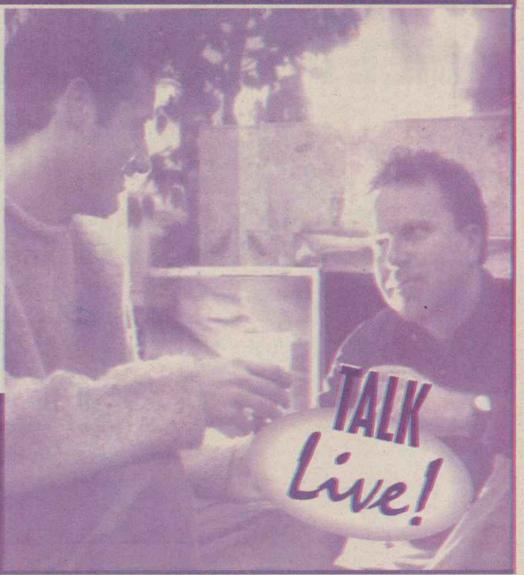
Here's one last question. There's the old cliche (quite unconfirmed by science) about "Big nose, big hose." So why do guys go to plastic surgeons to get their noses reduced, but their hoses enlarged?

It's a big mystery.

Simon Sheppard's work appears in numerous anthologies, including the forthcoming Best Gay Erotica 2000 (Cleis Press) and Best American Erotica 2000 (Simon & Schuster). He can be reached care of this publication or at **SmutSmith@aol.com**.







# out in Leather

by Charles Grosz

Interviews with local and visiting leather folk will be a regular feature of Out in Leather. Those interviewed may not be the best known or sport the best fetish wear, but have in some way contributed to the leather/LGBT community, improving all of our lives in the process.

erry Straley arrived in Wisconsin five years ago, a transplant from the netherworld of the Oklahoma Bible Belt. Jerry's get-involved attitude has earned him a leather title, the presidency of a local leather club, as well as a nasty legal battle with a former employer. I met with Jerry and his partner of three years, Mike Riley, in their comfortable Milwaukee home.

WI Light: Tulsa to Milwaukee. What gives?

J.S: I relocated to Wisconsin for family reasons, and luckily I found this area much more open and tolerant of gay issues and leather. Before I left Oklahoma, I contacted the leather clubs in the Milwaukee area, to determine which group best fit my ideas about what a leather club should be. I was relatively new to the leather scene, and the idea of starting fresh in a new community was exciting.

WI Light: You contacted the clubs before you moved? Sounds like you might be an over-achiever. What were your impressions then,

and have they changed over the years?

J.S. One thing that surprised me was the issue of pledging to the club. In the South, if you attend regular meetings of the local leather group, you were in. Here you must pledge for many months, and I was afraid I would have to sleep with the entire roster to become a member. Naturally, that wasn't the case, and I found the Oberons a great group of guys who believed in social activism and community involvement, as well as some fun leather play.

I most recently resigned my post as president with the group. I served over a year in that position, and both Mike (the Oberon's secretary) and I decided we had nothing more to offer the club. It was time for a change, both for us and the Oberons.

WI Light: Perhaps you also needed to spend more time on your new business venture? Your company, Restraints etc.. has some pretty serious pieces down at the Milwaukee Eagle. Is there a Milwaukee market for heavy metal bondage equipment?

J.S.: Sure - and not just Milwaukee. We have shipped nationally, and we will be busy through the holidays making toys for older tots. I am a welder by trade, so it seemed natural to join my natural talent with my sexual interests. Wouldn't we all, given a chance?

WI Light: Touche. What's this about a homophobic employer right here in

Wisconsin? The Gay Rights State???

J.S.: My lawyer, Brenda Lewison and I are awaiting a decision against the Summit Metal Company in Cudahy. That nightmare began earlier this year, when coworkers began harassing and threatening me because of the "rumor" that I was Gay. I ignored it until I began receiving violent, threatening notes. I notified my boss, the Vice President of the company, but he just dismissed the allegations.

I requested a transfer to another plant, and was denied. It was my opinion that the moment my boss suspected he had a queer faggot on the payroll, he wanted me out. The management of Summit Metal was condoning Gay bashing, and I did not feel physically safe going in to work. Following more threats and even vandalism to my property, I was fired. My termination report reads absenteeism and insubordination. I had missed two days of work.

WI Light: What got you through it all?

**J.S.:** Mike's support, along with a "Enough Bullshit! Gays and Lesbians don't have to stand for this shit anymore!" Attitude.

WI Light: Ah yes - Attitude. Truly the fourth dimension. Kudos for taking on the fight, and good luck with the case. (This interviewer made repeated attempts to allow Summit Metal management a chance to explain their position. They refused to speak with Wisconsin Light.) What do you consider the best and the worst aspect of Milwaukee's leather community?

J.S.: The best feature of this city's leather presence is definitely the commitment to social causes. I am glad to see such an active role in charitable fund raising, AIDS awareness and the difficult work of delivering a positive image of the leather community. Many straights and "mainstream" Gays and Lesbians maintain a negative stereotype of the leather person.

Leather and non-leather people in Milwaukee need to work together more to further our quest for equality. I sense too much infighting between businesses and organizations. Twenty-five years ago we had a common enemy to unite us. Today that enemy is still very much alive, though better organized and softer spoken. Let's not be lulled into our own downfall.

WI Light: Your plans for New Year's Eve 2000?

J.S.: That's Mike's and my third anniversary!
WI Light: Enough said. Restraints etc...can
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