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By Bill Meunier

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Milwaukee - For most of the world, 1999 has special significance. It's the end of a millennium, the last year of the 20th century, the end of the third decade of the modern Gay rights movement. The last year of the Gay 90's also marks another significant occasion, at least for LGBT Milwaukee, the 25th anniversary of Milwaukee's BESTD clinic.

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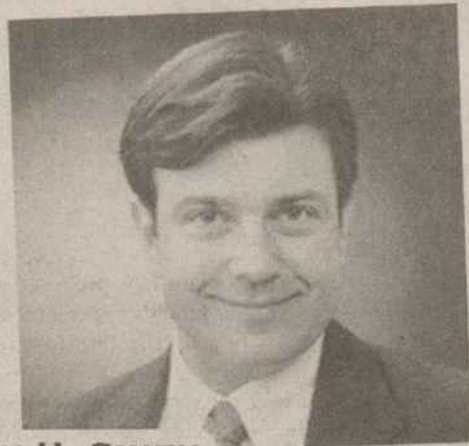


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**AP** Associated Press*Letter from the Editor***Moving On...**

Dear Readers,

Other than a column I wrote two months ago, wherein I talked about my new proposed role with the *Light*, I have not publicly commented on developments, preferring to let our publisher speak for the paper.

I have heard the doubts expressed by some of you, and a few people have heard my own doubts. Now, however, is the time to put those questions aside.

My mind began to rest much easier when it became clear to me that we had at last found a very capable and very qualified candidate for the Editor's chair, Nadine Walther. She will be more than an outstanding editor; Nadine is an outstanding individual, who will be an asset to our community. If my initial experiences are any guide, it will be a pleasure to work with her.

Nadine will be taking the Editor's job in mid-January and we are already working together on plans for upcoming issues. A more complete introduction of Nadine will appear in next week's *Light*.

Some people have wondered why I would leave a job that I have obviously enjoyed doing. In reality, I am not leaving it; I am taking it to the next level. What editor/writer would not want to increase their readership a thousand fold or more? That's what I am going to be doing as Director of our new Internet project.

Actually, there's more to it than that. Over a year ago I wrote that we wanted to include all the diverse elements of our community in these pages. We've succeeded in some areas. In other areas, we need to do more. As I said at the time, a newspaper like this one will always be "a work in progress."

The limitations imposed by the print medium do not exist on the Internet. Moving on to play a prominent role in LGBT cyberspace means that I won't be limited by page size, page counts, print quality, missed deadlines and countless other things I would rather not deal with. That's a very appealing aspect of the opportunity before me.

Then there is the emotional and even physical toll that the grind of putting out a weekly newspaper with such a small staff has had on me. Adding Nadine to our staff, affords me the opportunity to write the well researched stories our readers have come to expect without having to put in 70 to 80 hours a week in order to complete them.

You will still see my name on these pages. I began writing for the *Wisconsin Light* with its very first issue 12 years ago. It has been a very important part of my life and it will remain so even as I move on to bigger things.

We are certainly aware of the challenges we face in our drive to become a major force on the Internet. We are also very aware of the possibilities presented by the creation of a cyberspace home for ALL of our community.

For me, those possibilities include working with a pool of writers that is far larger than what our LGBT Wisconsin community can provide. More importantly, they include building a global sense of community. GayGlobe.com - the name for our new site - is a very appropriate one.

The Internet is a highly competitive and rapidly expanding area of global communications with new technology becoming available on a regular basis. Therefore, I can't give you all of the details about what we are planning for GayGlobe.com. I can tell you that with an estimated 9 million LGBT netizens exploring cyberspace everyday, there is room for more Internet offerings to our community.

I can also tell you that our exhaustive look at the major Gay web sites makes it clear that there is substantial room for improvement in a number of areas. That makes our Internet project more than an opportunity for me, it's an opportunity for ALL those who want to contribute and have an impact on the future.

I know that some people wonder about our ability to have that impact. I heard the doubters when Leon Rouse and I sat down and wrote the rough draft of AB-70, America's first statewide LGBT civil rights law. I heard them when I organized the state for Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign. I heard them when Roberta Niggemeier and I founded PrideFest. I heard them when I predicted that PrideFest would eventually use the Summerfest grounds. I have heard them every time any of us tried to challenge the status quo.

The fact is that great ideas always provoke doubt. On the other hand as we have seen repeatedly, putting those doubts aside allows us to achieve great things.

Nadine Walther has helped me put my doubts aside. I hope that you will join me in extending your support to her and I ask that you join me in putting any aside any doubts that you might have. Together let's move on to the future.

Enjoy the Light!

Bill Meunier  
Editor  
*Wisconsin Light*

# National

## Loebel to Leave NGLTF

**Washington** - National Gay Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Kerry Loebel submitted her resignation effective April 7, 2000. Under Loebel who served as NGLTF's Executive Director for the last three years, NGLTF doubled its budget and staff, focused in on state and local organizing, and expanded the Policy Institute, the NGLTF think tank.

"When I began my tenure at the Task Force, there were a number of goals I wanted to accomplish," Loebel said. "With the help of a talented staff and board of directors, the generous support of our many members and donors, and the partnership of so many local, state and national organizations, we have met every goal."

Loebel was instrumental in organizing the Equality Begins at Home, EB@H campaign last March. She also championed the inclusion of Bisexuals and Transgendered individuals in legislative priorities and Gay organizations.

Kerry Loebel is not, however, without her critics. The NGLTF decision to withdraw its support of ENDA, because the Gay civil rights bill doesn't specifically mention Transgendered individuals remains controversial. Loebel also came under fire when she resigned from the Millennium March on Washington Board of Directors citing the decision making process as the reason.

Nevertheless, Loebel earned the respect of thousands of grassroots activists. Last month's NGLTF Creating Change conference drew a record crowd.

## Reggie Draws Small Crowd

**Des Moines** - The *Des Moines Register* reports that Reggie White told a local fundamentalist rally that Gays don't deserve the same civil rights other minorities. "Every black person in America should be offended that a group of people should want the same civil rights because of their sexual orientation," he said to a crowd of less than 100 people.

White's speech came during a rally sponsored by the Straight from the Heart Ministries, an anti-LGBT group. The rally was called to protest Gov. Tom Vilsack's executive order banning state discrimination in employment based on sexual preference or gender identity.

Straight from the Heart President Bill Horn wept as he introduced White. "Reggie doesn't hate homosexuals. He loves them so much he is going to be honest with them and tell them that what they are doing is destructive," Horn said.



Kerry Loebel

## Adoption Ban Challenged

**Salt Lake** - *The Desert News* reports that two Gay men and a Lesbian are challenging Utah's policy banning homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples from adopting children who are in state custody.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights filed a complaint Tuesday in the 3rd District Court to intervene in a lawsuit Utah Children filed against the state Division of Child and Family Services last month. Steven Lazarus, his partner Mike Splitt and Colleen Sandor are asking the court for permission to join the child advocacy group's suit.

In January, the Board of Child and Family Services, which sets child-welfare policy for the agency, adopted a rule that bans Gay couples, unmarried heterosexual couples and polygamists from state-sponsored adoptions. The rule took effect in October. It does not prohibit single parent adoptions.

"We see this as an effort to raise the bar to increase the likelihood of a stable home for a child who has been severely abused or neglected," said Randy Ripplinger, Utah Department of Human Services spokesman.

The ACLU and the National Center for Lesbian Rights say the policy is discriminatory and violates the adults' rights to equal protection under the law.

## Scouts Reject Troop

**Petaluma, CA** - The *San Francisco Examiner* reports that leaders of a Petaluma church and a powerful member of its congregation, Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), went public with their outrage over the Boy Scouts of America's refusal to let them sponsor a new troop.

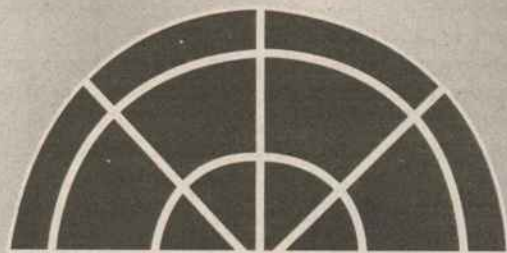
The Boy Scouts rejected the United Church of Christ's petition because the new troop was proposed and might have been led by Scott Cozza, the head of a group that's been advocating for an end to the scout ban on Gays. In requesting approval of its new troop, the church pledged that it would not allow Cozza to use the troop as a platform to attack the ban.

"I'm just incredibly offended," said UCC Pastor Lynda Burris, at a press conference. "What they said to us was that we don't trust what you are saying, that we as a church would not abide by Scout law and the Scout oath."

The Boy Scouts' denial "flies in the face of the core values that scouting says it works to promote," said Woolsey.

Cozza, his father and his son Steven, formed Scouting for All two years ago after the boy, then 12, said he disagreed with the scout ban on Gays. Since then, Cozza has been stripped of his leadership job in another Petaluma troop, where Steven was a member and earned scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout, earlier this year.

Burris said the new troop would have been involved with a homeless shelter near the church. The new troop had seven boys, including Steven, signed up, and hoped to recruit boys living in the shelter too. "We've been shot down," she added.



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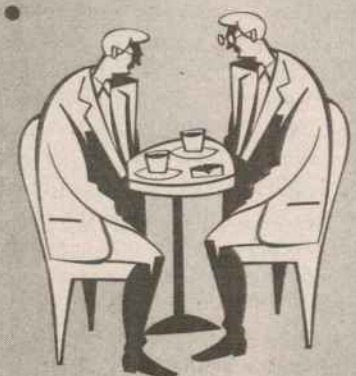
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# National

## Gay Election Advances in GA

**Atlanta** - One Gay man won election to the East Point City Council, while the election of another Gay candidate was delayed at the last minute.

Bobby Carnes became only the second openly Gay candidate to win a Georgia election when he defeated Johnny Folwer, an incumbent Council member. During the campaign several mailers were sent to voters that said Carnes and another Gay candidate Alex Prince were Gay. Carnes, an antique dealer, says he is not a one issue candidate. He told the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, "I didn't run as a Gay man, I ran as someone who wanted to be on the council who happened to be Gay."

Prince saw his election postponed when a court ruled that his run off opponent, James Lewis, failed to prove that he actually lived in East Point. Prince garnered exactly 50% of the vote in the primary, one less than he needed to avoid a run off. Because the court ruling came too late to reprint the run-off ballot the vote was postponed to a date that will be set by a Fulton County Court.

Prince will face incumbent City Council member Timothy Cooper, who finished third in the initial round of balloting. Up until this year Cathy Woolard, who took an Atlanta City Council seat in 1998, was the only open Gay candidate in Georgia history to win an election.

## Professionals Send out School Pamphlet

**Minneapolis** - Calling themselves the "Just the Facts" coalition, ten major American professional groups sent a pamphlet designed to help schools better understand their LGBT students to heads of every public school system in the nation. The booklet entitled *Sexual Orientation and Youth* carries a message that there is nothing wrong with individualized sexual orientation and that so called conversion therapy is harmful to the emotional and mental well being of Gay students. It calls on educators to create accepting and safe environments for LGBT students.

The ten groups; the American Academy of Pediatrics; the American Counseling Association; the American Association of School Administrators; the American Federation of Teachers; the American Psychological Association; the American School Health Association; The Interfaith Alliance Foundation; the National Association of School Psychologists; the National Association of Social Workers and the National Education Association represent more than 475,000 professionals.

## Supreme Court to Hear Hate Crime Case

**Washington DC** - The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in a case that will determine whether or not a judge can impose a sentence based on a hate crimes law if they think a crime was motivated by bias.

The case involves Charles C. Apprendi Jr. The New Jersey man fired five shots into the home of an African-American family that moved into his all white neighborhood. He pled guilty to firearm and bomb possession charges and was sentenced to 12 years in prison, two years more than the normal maximum on the charges he faced.

At his plea hearing Apprendi admitted that the shots were motivated by racial hatred. The judge gave Apprendi an enhanced sentence under the state's hate crimes law. Apprendi appealed the sentence arguing that only a jury could find him guilty of a hate crime. The New Jersey Supreme Court disagreed saying that motivation is a factor in pronouncing sentence and as such is within a judge's purview.

## Transsexual Suit Alleges Police Harassment

**New York** - A transsexual woman filed a lawsuit alleging that police stormed her apartment and terrorized her family because they disapproved of her gender change.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan said the problem arose Nov. 24, 1998, when Nancy Lamot called 911 asking for medical assistance for her child who was born male but was living as JaLea, a Transsexual woman. The lawsuit said ambulance workers arrived and looked at JaLea, now 28, but left because she was fine. Afterwards, two police officers arrived at the apartment and also left when they learned there was no emergency.

As they proceeded down the stairwell of the Bronx building, they passed JaLea in the hallway and were told that she was a male. The suit alleges that the Police went into a rage, called JaLea profanities and forced their way into her apartment. The suit says they used Mace and beat several people including JaLea's mother, brother and a visiting neighbor.

The suit also alleges that additional officers arrived, wrecked the apartment, stole money and tranquilized two pet dogs, one of whom had to be put to sleep.

The lawsuit says that JaLea was taken to a psychiatric ward at local hospital and held overnight. It alleges Police arrested her mother, brother, and the neighbor and charged them with felonies carrying sentences of up to 15 years in prison. All of the charges were later dismissed.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

# World

## South African Gays Win Decision

**Johannesburg, South Africa** - Lesbian and Gay people and their immigrant partners should be free to live together as families, said the South African Constitutional Court. The Court found that the Aliens Control Act unfairly discriminates against Lesbian and Gay couples by denying them the same rights that it gives to married couples. Until now, the Act has only allowed married partners of South African citizens to live and work in the country.

The case ends a drawn out dispute between the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality, NCGLE and the Department of Home Affairs about the status of same sex couples. In August 1999, six couples, the Coalition and the Commission on Gender Equality asked the Court to extend immigration rights to Lesbian and Gay couples. Their suit asked the Court to bring the existing law in line with the new Constitution, which explicitly bans discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

The issue of immigration is a hot one in South Africa, especially for Lesbians and Gays. Homophobic statements and police harassment in neighboring countries are causing an influx of Gay immigrants fleeing their native lands.

Gay activists say that the Home Affairs Department acted with cruelty in its treatment of LGBT couples. NCGLE says that some couples have been illegally detained, harassed and threatened with deportation. Its legal advisors say that thanks to the Court decision foreign partners of LGBT South Africans will be able to apply and receive permanent residency status.

The court also awarded legal costs to the plaintiffs, which the Coalition says shows that the courts "will not tolerate the state abusing the legal system in delaying justice."

## Gay Lesbian Candidates Picked

**Perth Australia** - In an unprecedented move, the Labor Party of West Australia pre-selected a Lesbian and a Gay man to run for safe seats in the next election.

Town of Vincent Mayor, John Hyde will stand for election for a seat held by a retiring Labor Deputy. The seat is considered a safe one with a large Labor following. Louise Pratt was placed third on the list of party members, who will fill seats in West Australia's Upper House. Pratt is a prominent Lesbian activist.

A Labor party spokesman said that Hyde and Pratt weren't tapped because of their sexual orientation, but he added if they are elected, they will help make its caucus "more representative of the broader community."

## China Pulls Condom Ad

**Beijing** - Data Lounge is reporting that the Chinese government pulled a condom ad from its state run TV network two days after it began airing.

The State Administration for Industry and Commerce banned the ad citing a prohibition on "the promotion of sexual aids." Chinese health officials expressed disappointment over the cancellation and predicted an explosion of AIDS cases. That prediction is also being made by UN Health officials who say by the year 2005, Asia could surpass Africa in the number of AIDS cases unless immediate steps are taken to curb the disease.

In 1998, UN officials put the number of Asian AIDS cases at 7.2 million versus Africa's 23 million. However, the Asian cases are growing at a far faster rate.

## Flap Over Repeal in England

**London** - A Labor government proposal to repeal a controversial anti-Gay law known as Section 28 is threatening to divide the Conservative party. Section 28 prohibits local governments from engaging in any activities that may "promote homosexuality." It was passed during the Thatcher era in response to Labor controlled local governments providing funds to LGBT centers and organizations.

The Shadow Cabinet voted to require all Conservative members of Parliament to vote against the Prime Minister Tony Blair proposal to repeal the law. The vote came after only 30 seconds of discussion.

The party has already sacked one front bencher, Shaun Woodward, after the married father of four said he would not abide by the Shadow Cabinet decision. Woodward said that Section 28 hampers educators, who are trying to protect Gay students from 'homophobic bullying.' The party's spokesman on London policy said that he didn't want Section 28 totally repealed but did want to change it. "I do not wish to 'promote' homosexuality. I simply want a decent environment for young people to grow up in and not be bullied because of their private sexual orientation," he said.

Other members of the Shadow Cabinet are also angry over the decision, and the Conservative stance has raised concern from one of the party's new contenders for London mayor, openly Gay millionaire Ivan Massow. The party has to come up with a new candidate for Mayor of Great Britain's capitol because its nominee withdrew from the race after admitting that he asked a friend to lie for him in order to win a libel suit.

Massow is seen as important to the Conservative Party effort to change its image to one of an inclusive instead of an exclusive party. After a few days of public sparring, Massow announced that he will stay in the race for Mayor because he had received assurances that he will not be bound by the party's stance.

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## State

### Action Wisconsin Elects Executive Committee

**Madison, WI** - Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights, a statewide organization dedicated to advancing and protecting the civil rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people has put a new Executive Committee in place. The Action Wisconsin Board elected the committee during a Sunday, December 5, 1999, Madison meeting held at the State Capitol.

Dan Ross of Madison was elected President. Ross served as Secretary for the past two years. He has been a board member since 1996. Ross has been involved in many projects including monitoring state legislation, developing Action Wisconsin's Internet presence, and documenting domestic partner policies across Wisconsin.

Cindy Donais of Madison is Action Wisconsin's new Vice-President. She has served on the board for many years in a variety of capacities. Donais has a long history of involvement with local government and activism in Madison.

Deb Johnson of Kenosha was elected Secretary. She has served in leadership roles with the Gemini Gender Group and It's Time! Wisconsin, and was active in the statewide effort against a proposed ban on same-sex marriage.

Mary McBride of Madison was selected Treasurer. She has extensive experience with grant-writing, accounting and nonprofit organizations. McBride has Co-chaired GALVANize, Madison's Pride March organizing committee and is also a Region 1 (South/South-Central) Director.

EM. "Mike" Fitzpatrick of Green Bay will remain on the Executive Committee as its Immediate Past President. He will also continue his years of service on the board as a Director representing Region 3 (Northeast), which includes the Fox Valley.

Fitzpatrick's presidency was marked by tremendous growth in Action Wisconsin's organizational capacity and statewide citizen involvement in LGBT issues.

Walt Jackson, who was President prior to Fitzpatrick, will be leaving the Executive Committee. So will Charlie Squires, who served as Treasurer for the past two years. Also leaving is Tanya Atkinson of Milwaukee, who served last year as Vice President and helped to make a domestic partnership registry a reality in Milwaukee.

Both Jackson and Squires will remain members of the Board. Jackson will continue to represent Region 1 (South/South-Central) Director, and Squires will continue as an At-Large Director.

The Board selected David Walker-Crawford of Lomira for an At-Large Director position. Walker-Crawford brings expertise and interest in enhancing Action Wisconsin's Internet presence.

Other board members are Jacquie Bodle of Madison, At-Large; William Boulware of Black River Falls, Region 5 (West); and Patrick Prudlow of Milwaukee, Region 2 (Southeast). Board positions are unpaid. Directors and officers are prohibited from profiting directly or indirectly from the organization.

Action Wisconsin carries out its mission through education, advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition-building, and electoral involvement. These efforts are designed to educate the general voting public, sensitize the media, promote a politically active and effective organizational membership, and better inform policy makers on issues of concern to the organization's members.

### Unique Lives and Experiences Lecture Series

**Milwaukee** - North America's most informative, entertaining and influential women's lecture series has announced its 2000 roster of speakers. The upcoming third Milwaukee season includes a diverse selection of intriguing, intelligent and inspiring women whom will share their personal and professional stories with the public.

A favorite of all ages, Oscar Award winning actress Julie Andrews will launch the season on February 23. Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, will present a multimedia view of her life in space exploration on March 6. Dr. Jane Goodall, the remarkable researcher of chimpanzee behavior, will follow on April 12. One of the most glamorous icons of the screen Ann-Margret, will entertain on May 10 and Professor Anita Hill, who vaulted to household familiarity during the 1991 Supreme Court Justice Nominations, will close the season on May 30.

The lectures will take place in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 North Water Street, Milwaukee, WI. Series tickets (includes all five lectures) start at \$99. They are on sale now through the Marcus Center Box Office 414-273-7206.



First Woman Astronaut Sally Ride..

# cover Story

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## BestD Clinic

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The beginnings of BESTD can be found in the records of Milwaukee's Gay People's Union. "As I recall things, the Clinic began with Alyn Hess and Eldon Murray," said long time Lesbian activist, Miriam Ben-Shalom.

Murray confirms Ben-Shalom's memory. "We had an outbreak of syphilis in 1974," he said. "The health department thought it had everything cleaned up and the investigators went on vacation. They came back two weeks later to find a bunch of new cases."

Murray adds, "GPU tried to co-operate and we urged people to work with the Health Department, but they just didn't want to do that. People didn't want to reveal the names of their sexual partners, they didn't trust the Department to maintain confidentiality."

It was clear to Murray, Hess and others that Milwaukee's Gay community needed its own testing facility. Getting one, however, was another matter.

There was money available because the Pfizer drug company was under court order to provide funds for public health purposes that it had gained through drug overcharges. The money was channeled through state and local health programs.

Murray and Hess put together a proposal and set up a meeting with Health Department officials. The meeting included staff from the department's downtown clinic and a community clinic on Milwaukee's south side.

"The head of the downtown VD clinic saw neighborhood clinics as a threat, encroaching on her territory," said Murray. Fortunately, Hess and Murray were prepared and ready to answer any objections.

As a result of the meeting, the South side clinic agreed to submit the GPU grant proposal and then give the funds to the organization. What followed was seven months of work to get what was then known as the GPU VD clinic open.

GPU found a supporter in River Queen owner, Jimmy O'Connor. The long gone River Queen was located on Water and St. Paul across the street from another building owned by O'Connor. "I went to Jim and he agreed to donate the space for a monthly rent of only \$85, which was far less than its value. After he agreed to do that, I told him we would need water, electricity, painting and carpeting," said Murray. "He laughed and said, 'Eldon you drive a hard bargain, but I'll do it.'"

Jerry Meyers, who donated the first set of furniture for the clinic, a few pieces of which are still in use, was another key supporter. Finally in October of 1974, the new clinic held an opening ceremony and saw its first patients.

"It was the best investment the city has ever made," said Murray, who adds, "It's considered to be a model for the rest of the country."

From those beginnings, the clinic underwent several location and name changes. After leaving its St. Paul location, it operated out of an Episcopal church before it found a home in the new GPU Center on Farwell and Albion in 1979.

Those early years set a tone, which continues to the present day. The operation is largely supported by donations from the LGBT community. All of the staff are volunteers. Clinic board members are required to do more than make decisions and set policy, they must spend time working in the clinic itself. The dedication shown by those volunteers that has kept the clinic going and going.

In 1981, GPU lost the lease on its Center when a law firm bought the building it occupied. While the Gay People's Union board scrambled to find a new site, and the money to occupy it, the Clinic was lost in the shuffle.

"GPU basically told us to fend for ourselves," said Dr. Roger Gremminger, a volunteer back then and the BESTD Medical Director now. "Technically we were still under their structure. We moved to the West of River clinic on Booth and Clarke while we found a facility of our own."

The move was jarring. Some volunteers became discouraged and left. Gremminger, Chuck Colson and a group of eight other volunteers went to work to save what had already become an LGBT Milwaukee institution.

It would have been easy for Gremminger and the others to give up. The syphilis outbreak was long since over. Some people argued that with more Gay men coming out of the closet there were fewer concerns about the confidentiality of public health officials.

Gremminger and others, however, saw things differently. "We had already made contacts with other Gay clinics around the country," said Gremminger. "We attended national conferences in '79 and '80 and we felt that there was urgency that such a service be maintained in Milwaukee. There was a strong feeling that we just had to do it. It was too important."

He adds, "Some people had horrific sexual appetites that were beyond imagination. The City did not have a great sensitivity in treating Gay men and a lot of them would not go to the City. We saw lots of errors by private physicians either because the patient wasn't honest or the doctor wasn't aware of the problem."

All of the information being received by the Clinic pointed to an impending public health disaster looming on the horizon.

"We had a premonition that something bad was coming," said Dr. Gremminger. "By 1979, the Center for Disease Control had already asked Gay doctors what their research priorities were." In 1980, Dan Williams a New York doctor friend told Gremminger he was seeing some strange cases among Gay men.

"He told us, 'Something bad is happening,'" said Dr. Gremminger.

The premonition was right. AIDS was about to hit and the BESTD clinic would play an essential role in forming Milwaukee's response to the crisis.

Dr. Gremminger said, he started following AIDS in July of 81. "We tried desperately to elevate awareness in the community but we met with a lot of resistance," he said. "Even the Board was somewhat resistant. They didn't really get on the bandwagon until 1984. People were thinking it was just a problem on the coasts. They didn't think it would affect a state like Wisconsin."

By the time the "Gay cancer" was known as AIDS, the Clinic was prepared to lead the way in the fight against it. In June of 1982, Dr. Gremminger purchased the building that still houses the clinic at 1240 East Brady Street. The clinic's volunteers voted to ask GPU to let them establish an independent orga-

nization. The GPU Board agreed. In August of 1982, the BESTD clinic opened on Brady Street.

It was an instant success. Milwaukee did not have a community center and the BESTD clinic filled that need. In an ironic twist of fate, even Gay People's Union used the new space to hold its membership meetings. GPU and other organizations were joined by support groups in making the BESTD space, Milwaukee's unofficial community center.

In 1984, Alderman Paul Henningsen secured \$15,000 in City funds for to establish an AIDS program at the Clinic. The money was used to hire Susan Dietz, as Director of the Clinic's fledgling AIDS program.

In 1985, two more grants came in. Milwaukee County provided \$15,000 through a contract with Milwaukee County Hospital. Karen Lamb, wife of Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier, Dr. Gremminger, Mark Behar and Nancy Berg wrote a grant proposal to the US Conference of Mayors. Their work netted an additional \$18,000.

Dietz, who is now employed by the Center for Disease Control, directed what would soon become MAP, the Milwaukee AIDS project. Dr. Gremminger says that the BESTD Clinic made a conscious decision to spin off its AIDS program.

"It was the baby of the clinic, but it quickly grew so big, that the Clinic felt it was appropriate for it to be a separate organization," he said. "The clinic chose to stay with its roots. We knew the AIDS project needed a significant amount of funding and staffing."

The Clinic's AIDS program started Wisconsin's first HIV testing program. "We did various research projects for drug companies on a hepatitis project," said Dr. Gremminger. "In 1984 we were in contact with Abbot Labs, which was working on an AIDS test. They needed blood samples to test it. I said I was able to find a good set of samples. A number of people volunteered."

That first set of tests yielded three positive results. "We encouraged those who tested positive to keep up to date and see a physician, but at that point in time there wasn't a lot that was being done," said Dr. Gremminger.

Those men were the first, but unfortunately not the last, people BESTD volunteers found positive. For all of them though, the Clinic was there to help, offer what advice it could and lend whatever emotional support its volunteers were able to provide. The testing program continues today in LGBT bars and at special events like PrideFest.

The Clinic saw other changes in addition to its work on HIV testing and education. In 1986, BESTD established a women's clinic to provide STD testing services.

In 1989, Dr. Gremminger donated his equity in the Brady Street building to BESTD. A major remodeling project commenced in 1992. It was the "pay as you go plan." The roof and exterior was upgraded first. Then the interior was redone floor by floor.

Today, BESTD the Clinic that began 25 years ago to address an outbreak of syphilis, offers a variety of services to the community. HIV and STD services and counseling, meeting space, support groups and volunteer opportunities are among them. Donations, buildings and its history did not bring about the continuing success story of BESTD.

There is a special spirit at BESTD and an underlying philosophy that has allowed it to easily adapt to changing circumstances. We will look at the spirit and philosophy along with the continued reasons for supporting the Clinic in part two of our special look at BESTD: 25 years young!

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### Weidner World AIDS Day Show A Wow!

**I**t was an extravaganza reminiscent of a 30's Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland "let's put on a show" MGM musical.

They sang, they danced, they frolicked, they remembered those who have been lost and those who continue to struggle with HIV disease. Northeast Wisconsin's Entertainers Against AIDS (EAA) and their supporters took the stage by storm at Green Bay's Weidner Center November 30.

The 800 or so in the audience cheered wildly throughout the two and a half hour event, offering several standing ovations for a number of the performers, among them eighth grader Brittany Harper and the 70-something Silver Foxettes dance troupe.

Other standout performances included folk singer Sharon Beckers' original composition, Stan and Marti Kocos rendition of Peter Paul and Mary's *Home is Where the Heart Is* and EAA co-founder Jeff Jennings' emotional reading of *The Impossible Dream*.

Local political leaders and media celebrities enlivened the evening as well. Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum's remarks were inspiring. Long time AIDS activist Jean Oleksy's gentle remembrance and tribute to her son who died of AIDS a decade ago brought tears. The banter between Fox 11's Teri Barr and Star 98 FM's Kathy Larkin brought chuckles and cheers.

Unfortunately the high visibility that the show brought to both AIDS and the area's LGBT community resulted in a few off notes as well. Prior to the event, an ad hoc evangelical group briefly passed out plain white envelopes containing what they claimed was "AIDS prevention information," outside of the Center. The enclosed five typewritten pages of script contained anti-Gay rhetoric and Bible verses. University security shooed the group away because they had not obtained a permit to distribute the material.

Onstage Miss Green Bay (of the real girl Miss America system) and various Gay titleholders wore their tiaras, medallions and sashes. However, no introductory references were made to the Gay titles, which left some spectators mystified as to the reason for all that bronze and rhinestone. Also, one youth act withdrew from the event at the last minute, reportedly because of parental concerns about LGBT involvement in the show.

None of that detracted from the exuberance and talent of the acts easily overcame the few odd moments. The Weidner show was one of the best attended AIDS-related events in Wisconsin's history. Only the annual statewide Wisconsin AIDS Walk and Milwaukee's Make a Promise dinner have attracted more involvement.

Additionally, though not promoted as a fund raiser, the event garnered \$1,300 in contributions and promises of support to make the show an annual event if possible. Kudos go to all of the EAA members, especially Paul "Cricket" Jacob, Kitty Ronsman and Jeff Jennings for their hard work.

### Jennings' Gift CD Benefits ARCW

Speaking of the talented Mr. Jennings, Jeff has just released a nine song compact disc, *The Gift of Song*. The CD contains traditional Christmas carols and several of Jeff's "signature" songs including *This is The Moment* and *The Impossible Dream*. All proceeds from the sale of the CD will benefit ARCW. Gay bars in northeast Wisconsin will be selling the limited edition disc.

Argonauts Holiday Food Drive: ARCW clients in northeast Wisconsin will also benefit from the non-perishable food drive currently being conducted throughout the area by the Argonauts of Wisconsin. LGBT community members can drop off canned and other shelf-stable packaged foods now through mid-December at their favorite Gay watering hole. Paper products and

toiletries are needed as well. In recent years the Argonauts have collected literally thousands of items for needy clients and their families.

### Winter Quest 26 Reservations Requested

In addition to their many charitable endeavors, the Argonauts also have been known to throw a heck of a party or two over the years. Their 26th Annual WinterQuest, scheduled for January 15, 2000 at Za's video bar in Green Bay is a wing-ding open to all. The festivities will begin at 3 pm with a wine and cheese reception featuring live entertainment. A formal banquet and installation of the club's new officers will begin at 6pm.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 after January 8. Contact the Argonauts of Wisconsin, PO Box 22096, Green Bay, WI 54305-2096 for more information.

### Probe Magazine to Debut

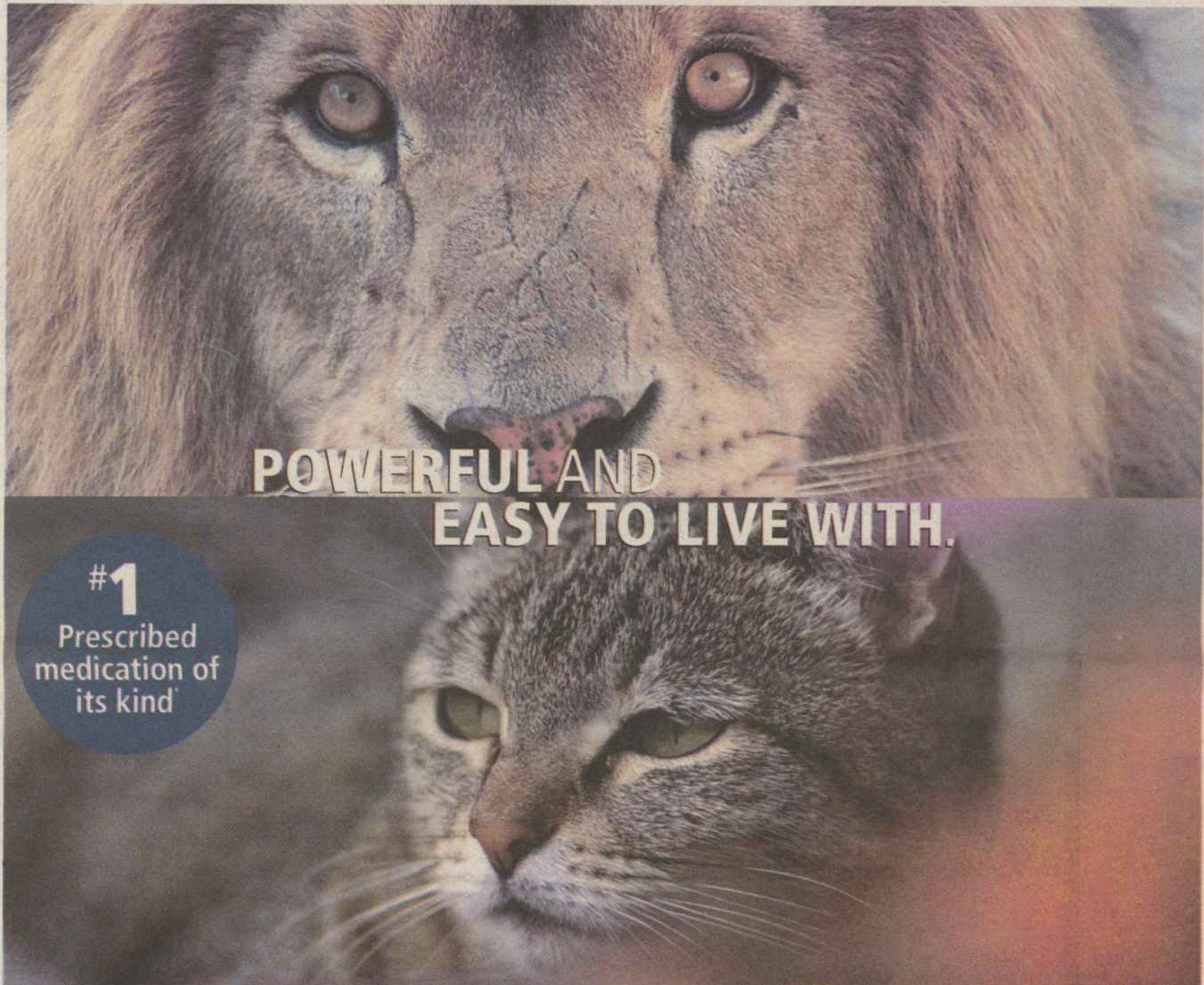
Gay Wisconsin will be treated to a fourth printed periodical when *Probe* magazine releases its inaugural issue on December 15. According to publishers Robert Van Ess and Dale Adams of Green Bay, *Probe* will be a lifestyle magazine with a glossy cover and patterned after Minnesota's successful *Lavender*, which is available at a number of LGBT bars in western Wisconsin.

Although the new publication might almost seem to be a direct response to *Wisconsin Light* publisher Greg Quindell's recent series of comments on the crowded state of Wisconsin's LGBT print media, sources report pre-production on *Probe* began last summer.

Bottom line: no one in Wisconsin's Gay media establishment should quit their day jobs any time in the foreseeable future. For those whose media job is their day job might want to consider broadening their career horizons.



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### 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?

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), Efavir® (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?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

**Allergies: if you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT.** You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist 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.

**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.

#### Drugs 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 (Cafegot® and others, for migraine headache)
  - Halcion® (triazolam)
  - Versed® (midazolam)
- Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.
- Rifampin (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:

- Mycobutin® (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)
  - Efavir (lamivudine, 3TC)
  - Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
  - Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

**If you are taking both Videx (ddl) 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):

- 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?

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® A-D (loperamide) 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.**

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 Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets		
Kg	Lb					
7	to < 8.5	15.5	to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5	to <10.5	18.5	to <23	5	1 1/4	-
10.5	to <12	23	to <26.5	6	1 1/2	-
12	to <14	26.5	to <31	7	1 3/4	-
14	to <16	31	to <35	8	2	-
16	to <18	35	to <39.5	9	2 1/4	-
18	to <23	39.5	to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
	≥23		≥50.5	15	3 3/4	3

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?

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 gay Agenda

**9** **Journey of Hope, Students for Camp Heartland (Madison):** This powerful event in salute to World AIDS Day brings the voices of youth together to speak about their personal experiences surrounding HIV/AIDS. UW Madison Memorial Union Theatre, 7:30pm, free admission.

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

**10** **Cards and Games with Friends, SAGE (Milwaukee):** Men and women welcome to play cards, board games, Sheepshead lessons available. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., small meeting room. 6:30pm, (414) 271-0378.

**LGBT Awareness & Pride Rally & Celebration, UW Fox Valley (Menasha):** Rally and celebration with speakers, performers, organizations. Party with concerned students and local LGBT supportive area residents. UW Fox Valley Field House. 6:30pm-1am; Rally Hotline 888-579-5018.

**11** **17th Annual Holiday Potluck, Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison):** Annual holiday dinner complete with all the trimmings, beverages, share the holiday season with your Frontiers friends. Larry, for location, call 6:30pm, (608) 241-2500.

**12** **Community Health Fair, The Committee to Elect Dawn Miller (Milwaukee):** Meet the candidate for the 13th District and get checked out: Kidney, blood pressure checks, diabetes testings, nutrition analysis, health center information, bone marrow registry and much more. Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2207 N. 2nd St.; 2-5pm, free, (414) 454-9774.

**Gay Men's Discussion Group, The Counseling Center (Milwaukee):** Holiday Gathering, bring a dessert and a friend as we gather to celebrate the holidays. We'll provide the cider. Held 2nd Sunday every month. 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue, 6-8pm, \$3 suggested donation, (414) 271-2565.

**13** **MGLO Social, Marsh. Gay Lesbian Organ. (Marshfield):** Bring a dish to pass, or a snack, and relax and get to know people from the area. 130 S. Central Ave., #3. Website: mglo@webtv.net

**16** **HIV Self-Help/Support, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (Prairie du Sac):** Gay sensitive HIV testing, support counseling for PWAs co-sponsored by AIDS Support Network, 1-3pm, every third Thursday. Refreshments served, transportation assistance available. Call for location and more information: (608) 643-7583.

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

**17** **Free Film Screening, SAGE (Milwaukee):** Screening of the film ~The Object of My Affection~, the story of the relationship between a straight woman and a Gay man, exploring the fine line between sex and friendship. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., small meeting room. 6:30pm, (414) 271-0378.

**18** **BWMT Meeting, Black and White Men Together (Milwaukee):** An interracial men's social organization offers friendship, comradeship 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.

**Final '99 Social Volleyball, GAMMA (Milwaukee):** Last chance for social volleyball at Englemann Gym, 2033 W. Hartford Ave., from 1-3pm. \$2

GAMMA members, \$3 non-members. FMI call John at (414) 540-1202.

**Madison Gay Video Club, MGVC (Madison):** Screenings of *No Ordinary Love* and *Millenium Man*. Call evenings for the location: 8pm; (608) 244-8675.

**19** **Annual Holiday Dinner, SAGE (Milwaukee):** A full, complete holiday meal (and the Packers don't play!) with all the trimmings. Free, pass the hat donations, door prizes. BY RESERVATION ONLY, CALL (414) 271-0378 after 4pm any day before Dec. 14 to reserve. This SAGE event is open to the entire community, you needn't be a SAGE member to attend.

## weekly Events

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**AA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 8pm: AA Group 494 (12/12). Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Couple/Swing/Line/2 Step Lessons and Dance, Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls (Madison):** Learn various dance moves, then participate in open dancing, smoke free environment, cash bar, all welcome. Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. 7pm-12am; \$3 suggested donation. (608) 255-9131

**Nothing To Hide, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4, 9pm

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**AA/SCA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** AA/Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA), 7pm. Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Gay Men's Writing Group, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** First Thursday and third Monday of the month, for writers, poets, essayists and all other wordsmiths. Write, share and critique each others work. 170 S. 2nd Street; 6pm call (414) 271-2656.

**Non-denominational Religious Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** Every Thursday, 1239 W. Mineral St. 7pm (414) 383-1100

**Women's Clinic, BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee):** Health Diagnosis and Treatment, walk-in. 1st and 3rd Thursdays. 1240 E. Brady St. 6-8:30pm (414) 272-2144

### every fri.

**AA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 5:30pm: AA Sixty Minutes Group (Topic); 7pm: AA Group 794 (Step/Topic). Plus FILM Night, screens at 8:15pm. Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Movie Night, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** Alcohol free club sponsors film screenings every Friday night. Galano Club House, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 8:15pm, \$5 suggested donation (414) 276-6936

**2 Step & Line Dancing, Shoreline at LaCage (Milwaukee):** Lessons 9, Dance 10

**Youth Drop In Activities, Project Q (Milwaukee):** art projects, movies, game nights, tutoring, support and discussion groups. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 5-10:30pm; (414) 223-3220

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**AA Meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** Group 1094, meets at 7:30pm; Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; (414) 276-6936

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**AA Meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 10:30am: Group 394 (Step/Topic); 10:30am: Al-Anon Papillion Group; 6pm: SCA (Sexual Compulsives); 8pm: AA Group 1394 (Big Book). Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Affirmation Meeting, LGBT United Methodists (Madison):** Reconciling congregation services at 10am, alternative service at 5pm; Affirmation meets at 6:30pm 1st and 3rd Sunday in Starr Eaton Parlor, 2nd Floor. 1127 University Ave.; (608) 256-2353

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# from the Right

by Jim McFarland

## The Race for the Nomination

As the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries approach, it is time to discuss the top three GOP Presidential candidates.

First, there is Steve Forbes. In four years, he's gone from a pro-choice, not particularly religious candidate, to a pro-life, anti-Gay candidate, who holds hands with Christian Coalition folks and leads them in prayer. Fortunately, he is so lame on television and in person that he could never win.

That leaves us with Senator John McCain and Governor George W. Bush. As McCain has narrowed Bush's lead to nothing in the New Hampshire primary, so-called "Lesbian/Gay issues" have come into play like never before. McCain made history when he became the first Republican Presidential candidate to meet with a Lesbian/Gay Republican group, the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR). During the meeting, McCain reiterated his personal opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Bush, on the other hand, has done nothing but muddy the waters. In April, Bush said that he would not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in making his appointments. In October the *Dallas Morning News* quoted a fundamentalist Christian, who claimed that Bush told a religious prayer breakfast that he would not appoint anyone who he knew to be openly Gay, but would not fire someone he later learned was Gay. Bush has not commented on the reports.

Then during an appearance on Meet the Press, Bush said that he probably would not meet with LCR because it would create a "political nightmare". Many politicians theorize that Bush is responding to the new challenge from McCain, who appeals more to moderates and liberals, by trying to appeal more to the conservative voters. Bush may be targeting South Carolina where fundamentalist Christians dominate the primary.

Gay Republicans, who are close to Bush, are convinced that this is a strategy pushed by his advisers. Bush has told them that he will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation even if someone is openly Gay.

Lesbian and Gay Bush supporters should continue to urge him to meet with LCR and not give up on him just yet. I think Bush should just have the guts to speak from his heart and let the chips fall where they may! However, it seems likely that Bush will not meet with LCR or clarify his views until his nomination is secure.

Many Gay Republicans are embracing McCain. The LCR hasn't endorsed McCain and there is still a chance for Bush if he meets with the group, but LCR has begun a nationwide fundraising effort for McCain.

I endorsed Bush last summer and I'm not giving up on him. We have only heard third-hand reports on his alleged comments about appointing openly Lesbian or Gay people. I suspect the fundamentalist Christian heard

what he wanted to hear, not what Bush said.

Bush's views on other issues put him ahead of McCain. He has made saving Social Security the right way - by allowing workers to invest part of their payroll taxes - a high priority. Bush says that he will expend political capital to accomplish it.

Bush opposes touching the Social Security surplus and he advocates using the remaining surplus for across the board tax cuts and reductions in the national debt.

McCain has not used his Senate seat to take a lead role on reducing taxes and reforming Social Security. Instead, he focused on the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, which would hamstring both the GOP and the Lesbian/Gay movement. Furthermore, the McCain-Feingold bill would do nothing about the built-in advantage enjoyed by organized labor. Unions can use membership dues for political purposes without permission from their members, while corporations have to ask specifically for PAC donations from their employees.

McCain champions tax increases to fund anti-smoking commercials that will do nothing to reduce teenage smoking. He waffled on abortion, one day saying he no longer supported banning it, and the next day saying that he did.

While the differences between Bush and McCain might seem very real and significant to LCR members, Lesbian/Gay Democrats have quite a different view. They note that Bush and McCain, at least for now, oppose the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and similar proposals including same sex marriage and that they support Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

It all boils down to this: there are Lesbian/Gay Democrats and Lesbian/Gay Republicans who think that Gay issues should be the deciding factor. There are also Lesbian/Gay Democrats who would never vote for a Republican no matter how good s/he is on those issues.

I have more in common with those Lesbian/Gay Democrats than with Lesbian/Gay Republicans who focus only on Lesbian/Gay issues. In a country where the government generally allows Lesbians and Gays to accept their orientation and live their lives accordingly but confiscates more than 40% of their income, there are more important things to be concerned about than Lesbian/Gay issues.

*From the Right is a column of personal opinion and does not necessarily reflect the views of the WI Light.*

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# Letters

## On the March

To march for LGBT rights is our responsibility for ourselves and for the LGBT Community.

The March on Washington will take place on April 30, 2000. You can say you will not march for many reasons - so be it. You can say you will march for many reasons - so be it.

We can separate into our own little LGBT groups and say we won't help our own community when it needs all those little groups to come together to support equal rights, in the broader scope of this society.

We can sit back and wonder why the MMOW got off on the wrong foot or we can say, as long as we are alive we can help get back on the right foot and move forward.

The March will help our community prove that LGBT people are strong, stand together, and work for all of the LGBT communities all across the United States. But, if we let life go by and say the March won't do any good, well, dah!! It won't. It won't with an attitude like that, and we all know the LGBT community can have attitude!

If we put all that attitude into a positive movement, imagine what it would do for the LGBT community. Just think of how we can touch the right people who need to listen to what we have to say. Just think of how we as a community can be proud to say... "we helped!" "We helped make a difference."

I'm marching April 30, 2000 because it's something I need to do, to help our LGBT Community.

It's important to let all people know, that the LGBT Community is strong, willing to fight for equal rights not special rights, to help those that can't come out of the closet, so when they do, the community will be there for them; to help the people of color, the young, the old, and what ever your definition is for people. I will support the freedom of all people, not special people but all human beings.

This is why I'm marching April 30, 2000, for the LGBT people and our community. I hope you will join me.

**Exor L. Cote**

Wisconsin Representative on the MMOW Leadership Council.

## Open Letter to Wisconsin Light

It is with great surprise and dismay that I learned today that the editorial content of the *Wisconsin Light* is directly tied to advertising - this a direct statement made by your ad representative. I guess I am merely naïve to think those newspaper journalists, at least professional? Newspaper journalists sought higher levels of objectivity and ethical standards.

Case in point, your "Holiday Gift Guide", (Dec. 1 - 7 issue). I note that The only four businesses are mentioned (in bold) in the piece were the section's only advertisers while other local Gay and Gay-Friendly Businesses, Afterwords included, were not? An extraordinary coincidence? Perhaps. So I questioned Ms. Gregory and she seemed genuinely amazed that I would think that such a practice was anything other than business as usual. Perhaps such a practice has become business as usual at the "new" *Wisconsin Light*.

I guess I'm just hopeless naïve.

I have read with great interest Greg Quindel's recent "Letters from the Publisher", many boasting of his paper's superior "professional standards". Such a piece is little more than "shilling" for advertisers, a practice that is not only unprofessional but unethical as well.

Afterwords and many other Gay and Gay-Friendly businesses have supported and have advertised with the *Wisconsin Light* throughout this year and for many years in the past. This is hardly the thanks we deserve.

So, how much of an advertising commitment will it take to get Ms. Gregory to "walk the streets" over here to the East side this Saturday and mention Afterwords next week's issue?

Just wondering?

Sincerely,

**Carl M. Szatmary**

Afterwords

*Publisher Note: The Wisconsin Light Holiday Gift Guide is a paid advertising supplement. Its purpose is to provide LGBT and LGBT friendly businesses with a vehicle to promote holiday gift ideas and to provide our readers with ideas on how they can make their holiday experiences more enjoyable.*

*As with virtually all newspapers, paid advertising supplements are not governed by the same rules used for the news and feature sections. We are under no obligation to promote for-profit businesses that are not advertisers.*

*Also, we will usually avoid free promotional activities for for-profit businesses that are in direct competition with advertisers. To do otherwise would be a gross disservice to those advertisers that support our full-time effort as Wisconsin's only weekly newspaper for the LGBT community.*

## Welcome to the New Editor

It is with deepest pleasure that Jerry and I, as the former Publisher and Editor of *Wisconsin Light* greet the news that Nadine Walther has been chosen as the paper's new editor. Jerry interviewed her for several hours and I met her at ARCW's Holly Jolly.

We had good, extensive conversations. We are very pleased with her professionalism and the mellow, yet firm, way she has about her. We are both very pleased, too, with the changes she has in mind for the paper, and indeed Wisconsin LGBT publishing. To use a phrase from my younger days, "she is good people." She will do great work for our community.

*Wisconsin Light* is strong and growing. We know that. Now, with the addition of Nadine Walther, the *Light's* prospects grow even brighter.

Congratulations!

**Jerry Johnson & Terry Boughner**

Milwaukee

## Salvation Army Redeemed

For almost 10 years, ever since I learned that the Salvation Army discriminates against gay people, I have ignored the ding-a-lings who stand around in front of stores collecting money for them. In fact, I played some part in getting one of their bell-ringers removed from a gay neighborhood.

On the rare occasions when a Salvation Army ding-a-ling, who is less mentally challenged than the average one urges me to drop something into his pot, I give him the reason why I won't.

But as of today, I have changed my policy on donating to the Salvation Army. This morning, when entering a food store, I passed by the ding-a-ling as usual. On coming back out, however, I noticed a rack of free newspapers, such as <Shepherd Express Metro> near the exit. A little light bulb clicked on in my head. I picked up <Wisconsin Light> and <In Step,> two Gay papers.

I folded them up and on leaving wished the Salvation Army lady a Merry Christmas and asked her to accept a gift to read when she got home. She took the papers and thanked me without missing a ding or a ling on her little bell.

From now on, if there is a convenient place to pick up Gay newspapers, they will be my donation to the Salvation Army. I hope they turn out to be the gift of light for the dark hearts in "God's Army."

**Al Geiersbach**

Milwaukee

*Editor's Note: I hope you got extra copies for you to read as well.*

## A Ron Geiman Fan

I am very pleased to see Ron Geiman's *So...* again!!!! Thank you for sharing your life with us. I admire your courage. As you know, I was always very interested to read your health updates. You are doing a great service to the Gay Community and yes you also enlighten us "straight" folks.

Please keep up the fabulous work, Ron.

Love XOXO

**Brigitte J. Vojcsik**

PFLAG Milwaukee, WI

## Dear Wisconsin Light Staff

Can you believe it's over? Can you believe an event like "World AIDS Day Eve: A Celebration of Remembrance and Hope" actually happened and exceeded our wildest dreams? Well believe it! And believe that none of this could have happened without you.

When an event like this has been completed it is very difficult to express in words all the sentiments and emotions one experiences. Are we happy it's over? Sure we are. A lot of hours and hard work went into making it a success and it's nice to be able to finally relax. But the reality is... we can't relax. It is now more important than ever that we ride this wave all the way to the shores of freedom: freedom from stigmas, freedom from discrimination, freedom from ignorance, freedom from suffering and freedom from HIV/AIDS.

The nearly 1000 people who were present on World AIDS Day Eve (performers, volunteers, and audience) is proof that we are making a significant impact. So, can we relax? No way! Full speed ahead.

Another emotion that cannot be ignored is sadness. It's natural to experience this emotion for those who have lost their battle with AIDS and for those who are still fighting. We want to turn all of these emotions into our focus of strength. We are the warriors and we must continue to fight the best way we know how until we are victorious.

We've discovered a wonderfully effective and positive way to carry out our fight. We entertain and educate. We make people aware of our enemy, and with allies like you we'll continue to inform the public about HIV/AIDS issues.

We all certainly pray that there will someday be less and less need for events like a "Celebration of Remembrance and Hope" or organizations like Entertainers Against AIDS. With unity and continued perseverance we will conquer the demon among us called AIDS. But until we live in a world free from AIDS we'll always be planning our next attack. And, just like this year, we'll count on your support to make it happen.

Entertainers Against AIDS thank you for all you've done and what we know you will continue to do.

With much gratitude,

**Entertainers Against AIDS**



# '99 Holiday Gift Guide



## Creating the Perfect Tree!

by Ron Geiman

For many people, selecting and decorating the Christmas tree marks the true beginning of the holiday season. Choosing the right tree and providing it with proper care can add to the festive atmosphere you create in your home.

This year, my holiday season started off with a rush right after Thanksgiving. My roommate, Kim's family (Mother, Father, Sister, Brother-in law and 3 and 5 year old nephews) from Iowa were to arrive for their visit on December 3.

We knew the weekend was going to include exchanging gifts with them because we wouldn't be making the trip to Iowa this year. We were going to purchasing a live tree after they left, otherwise it would get to dried out by the time the holidays actually arrived.

Those plans changed when I saw what I considered the perfect artificial tree, on sale, the day after Thanksgiving. I bought it on impulse, surprising Kim, who was actually delighted that we could now have a tree up in time for his family's visit.

He's been buying beautiful collectible ornaments through catalogue and personal shopping for months, greatly diversifying our supply of heirloom-type ornaments.

The tree I purchased was one that would be perfect to display the many larger sizes he had purchased, with the right amount of spacing between branches and thousands of tips to hang them from.

I knew I had a thousand clear lights to use, which was always enough to do a 7 foot natural tree, with its limitations on wrapping branches and reaching in to wrap the trunk. However, with this new 7 and a half foot artificial, I bought an extra 300 lights to compensate.

The thousand lights I had bought the previous year replaced an entire box full of thousands of assorted clear lights I had accumulated over previous purchases.

**Holiday Life Lesson #1:** not all clear lights are the same color of clear, if that makes sense. Some are grayer, some are brighter, etc. I've learned to save at least one flap of the original box so when I purchase additional sets in later years, they are the same brand and wattage. Nobody wants a splotchy looking tree.

Little did I know what I was getting myself into. I started to put on the lights the evening of November 29, and delighted in the fact that I could now wrap every branch of the tree as I inserted it into the trunk, as well as wrap the trunk itself. By the second night of work on the 30th, I had used up the now 1,300 lights. I bought 400 more on the 1st of December, and strung them... still not enough! I had to run out later that night to buy 500 more to get the tree done in time so Kim could start hanging the ornaments on the 2nd, the day before his family's noon arrival on the 3rd.

I must admit, this saga of 2,200 lights did result in a striking tree.

When it comes to lights, I have a thousand of the following colors in stock, from previous decorating attempts: amber, teal blue, purple, magenta and pale pink. Those colored lights went with various ornament and decoration colors, usually resulting in an entire tree done all in one basic color theme.

I also have hundreds of ornaments that go with those themes, which most likely, have now been permanently retired since we've managed to collect so many unique ones.

Sure, over the last 25 years I've collected a number of other unique, heirloom ornaments, but unlike many lucky individuals, never had dozens handed down to me through deceased family members. Certainly I love Christopher Radko and other collectible and commemorative ornaments. I've purchased or received a few each year, but I certainly couldn't afford to "do" a tree with single ornaments costing \$30 and up all at once...

it's been a gradual process.

**Holiday Life Lesson #2:** If you are young and just starting out, stick to less expensive glass and even, dare I say, classic plastic ornaments for the bulk of your tree decor. Buy one or two classic, collectibles each year, or ask for them as gifts. How often are you asked what you want for Christmas, and you don't have an inkling? Ornaments are the answer.

Take some time to decide how to dec-

orate your tree. You can't always have one that looks just like the ones you see displayed in department or specialty stores, unless you've got money to spare and *still have money left to buy presents for those on your shopping list.* Leading to...

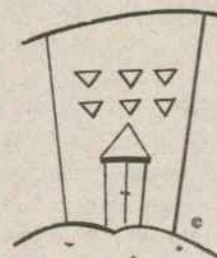
**Holiday Life Lesson #3:** Don't go into debt just to make your friends and relatives all gaga over your tree. Don't charge the decorations, pay cash or use your debit card.

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# Let the Light Give You Peace

by **Miriam benShalom**

**H**annukah, the Festival of Lights, would never have become a moment pivotal in the history of the Jews if Jerusalem had not become involved in "high altitude" politics. In 174-173 B.C.E [Before the Common Era], Emperor Antiochus IV Epiphanes led a Seleucid [Syrian] army against Egypt. Because Rome had just annihilated another Seleucid army at Magnesia, Antiochus had no choice but to withdraw, as he did not have the troops necessary for a protracted war against Egypt.

A rumor made the rounds in Jerusalem that the Emperor had died in Egypt, and uprisings and fighting broke out. Antiochus was not in a mood to deal with local disturbances; he realized that to maintain his power base, he would have to violently and mercilessly put an end to the Jews' unrest. When Antiochus arrived in Jerusalem, he suppressed the uprisings without quarter—which, of course, served only to increase dissent.

Antiochus imported foreign troops, who felt that they should be allowed to worship their own gods as they saw fit and did not want to be subject to the religious restrictions of the Jews. The Jews did not want to force Jewish law and tradition on these foreign troops; rather, they wished only to preserve their culture and have Torah be the law for the Jewish people.

However, as with most hostile occupying forces, the mercenaries wanted no separation of church and state. They set up statues of their gods in the Temple, the most sacred place of the Jews, held their own ceremonies within Temple precincts, and generally defiled the Temple by quartering horses there and holding bacchanalias.

When a local family of Jewish priests, the sons of Mattathias, struck down some of the statues and took to the hills, the Seleucids took absolute and gruesome steps to limit Jewish law, culture, religion, and the Torah as the center of law and learning. Most Jewish rituals, including Sabbath observance and circumcision were outlawed on pain of death.

However, against incredible odds, the immensely outnumbered Jewish rebels fought on. In December 164 B.C.E. they retook the Temple and celebrated the Festival of Dedication: Hanukkah. The fighting continued for a decade, but the Maccabean Revolt headed by the Hasmoneans, as Mattathias' sons and their descendants were called, played a critical part in Jewish history. Without this revolt, the restoration of the Temple, and the restoration of Torah as the "constitution" of Jerusalem, there might be no Jews today.

Those are the facts of Hannukah. Tradition, however, adds a miracle. It is said that upon entering the Temple, as Jewish warriors began the purification process, they could only find enough kosher oil to keep its great menorah lit for one day, but they needed enough for eight. The miracle: the oil lasted for eight days, allowing the Temple to be purified and rededicated. Thus: not by might or force, but by the Spirit of God, was Jerusalem and the Jewish nation saved.

Hannukah today has assumed greater importance because of the Christmas holiday. Many Jews celebrate it and give it greater emphasis to counter the merchandising spectacle the midwinter holiday season has become. While Hannukah has no Gay connotations, as a Jew and a Lesbian, I find that Hanukkah means more to me each year that I celebrate it.

Why? Because we are entering dangerous times, now. The Theocratic Right would have their brand of Christianity foisted upon us all, from prayers at football games to inaccurate trans-

lations of the Ten Commandments on the walls of schools and public buildings. It seems that in some places, there is "open season" on Gay people - witness the murder of Matthew Shepherd.

It seems that in our public schools, where racist language is rightly abhorred, xenophobic slurs using sexual orientation are ignored and really never dealt with, except in the most enlightened arenas. Sometimes, even teachers use such slurs—especially coaches—and they are not subject to disciplinary measures.

Gay teachers are experiencing harassment and even loss of employment as stealth Fundamentalists get elected to school boards. We see murder in our Armed Forces and attempted cover-ups of the crime.

Yet, like the lights of Hanukkah which pushed back the darkness of unjust rule, we have those in our community who stand up and fight back; we have organizations which use the light of truth to fight the Theocratic Right's big lies about LGBT people.

As ever, if we would only realize it as a Community, light is the way to knowledge, the way to freedom.

Hanukkah reminds me that freedom is not something to be taken for granted; it is something I must work for daily. If a small band of outnumbered Jewish warriors could stand against impossible odds to save their culture and people, what should I be doing to ensure that there are no more murders of LGBT people? No more suicides of young Gay students? No more encroachments upon my liberties and dignity as a human being?

If I see the darkness, must I not fight and be the light to push it back?

What a message for our community today! Hanukkah reminds me that hiding is not an option, that there are things worth fighting for, that silence breeds contempt and disdain as well as

physical death.

Hanukkah reminds me of the importance of liberty. In the glow of eight Hanukkah candles, I am reminded that even a few may take a just stand - and not with force, not with might, but with the Spirit—and overcome adversity. Hanukkah can show us all that the quest for justice and the ability to live our lives in dignity and safety is a quest that is not at all out of reach that requires only commitment, faith, and unflinching courage.

I stand in the flickering clean light of my Menorah, remembering the dark fires of World War II, the burning of HIV in the veins of so many friends, the ashes of so many spread in gardens and sacred places. . . Hanukkah reminds me that I may not allow these places to become defiled by the ruthlessness of some who would rob me of my humanity and perhaps my life.

I do not have to use force or might, but I can surely bring light to push back these hate-haunted ones who would force me back into a darkness I will never accept.

And so, this Hannukah, I bless the candles for you—and you—and you. Let their good light bring you peace, happiness, all good things in this festival time. Let their good light push back the darkness so that we will see one another as we truly are: brothers and sisters all. . . Family.



# Festival of Freedom

By **A. H. Shapiro**

As a Jew by upbringing and a lesbian, Chanukah has a special meaning for me. Chanukah is a festival of freedom. It is a commemoration of the rededication of the Temple which has been defiled by the Syrian overlords as one means to force the Jews to adopt the Syrian beliefs and practices.

The Temple was the seat of religion and its desecration was a terrible oppression to the practice of Judaism. When a small band of Jews, named Maccabees, overthrew the Syrians and regained the Temple, they cleaned and restored it and found enough oil to rekindle the eternal flame.

A small band of people managed to resist a whole army in order to regain freedom to practice their faith! That was the story with which I grew up. Perhaps I, too, in some way, have been a Maccabee. For it seems, all my life, I have been moving in a direction contrary to the majority, and I have had to fight for my right to be different. Even the celebration of the Maccabee's success was bound up in observing a holiday completely different from the majority of those around my Jewish community.

While many of my friends and millions of others were preparing for Christmas, we were celebrating Chanukah, the festival of lights and the rededication of the Temple. Instead of trimming Christmas Trees and shopping for presents, we were spinning dreidels, eating latkes (potato pancakes deep fried in oil to symbolize the oil that allowed the eternal light to burn), and singing songs about the Maccabees.

Early on I learned distinctly how I was a Jew among Christians and, later, a lesbian among a majority who did not altogether understand the experience of being different nor wish to recognize their part in trying to make us like them or merely invisible. The freedom to be Jews that prevailed for the Maccabees and was symbolized in the tradition of Chanukah helped teach me the courage of faith and the freedom that belongs to those who continue to be who they are in the face of injustice and oppression.

Although today I am not an observant Jew, much of the learning I gained from early study of Judaism and Torah has stayed with me. Chanukah may seem like a holiday only for children with its dreidel games and presents each night (an addition that was the result of its proximity to Christmas). But in fact, like many Jewish holidays, the event is meant to mark a historical moment that binds Jews to their spirituality and their determination throughout history to practice their religion despite adversity.

The tradition that celebrates that historical moment is one means to help chil-

dren become members of the community while recognizing that as children they will learn through games and fun. Children are taught that Chanukah tells the story of the miracle of the oil. After the Temple had been destroyed, the Maccabees found enough oil to light the eternal light for one day. But instead of lasting one day, the oil kept burning for eight days until a fresh supply of oil could be secured. Hence, the festival of lights.

Whether the miracle actually happened, the lesson is one of perseverance and survival and the light symbolizes the value of the endeavor to remain who one is.

I do not recall all the spiritual dimensions of the Holiday today. Since I have grown up my life has taken a course away from much of my traditional past. Perhaps what has remained most constant is that in my search for spirituality I have continued to find it in the relationships I maintain especially in the face of a world that is so often cold to those relationships.

Not unlike many LGBTs, I have found myself in a relationship with someone of a different faith. Consequently, in addition to all the struggles that accompany being a lesbian or gay in a straight world, as a family we have had to work hard to

integrate into our home each other's traditions. And because we have a child, we share with him the multiple traditions we bring into the family. The effort has been well worth its difficulties.

The sanctity of the eternal light and the brightness it brings into our home is something I have come to see in each member of our family, including our cats and dog. I have brought Judaism and Chanukah into our family through the symbol of the miracle of the oil and my own celebration of how the eternal light glows in each of us.

My ability to pursue what is important to me, and to remain steadfast in a world which often tells me that I am wrong to be who I am, has been prodded by the tradi-

tion and celebration of Chanukah. That Festival of Freedom where a small group of people managed to survive through perseverance and commitment to their faith despite the limits placed upon them by those in power. I hope my child will learn the same from the festival of lights!

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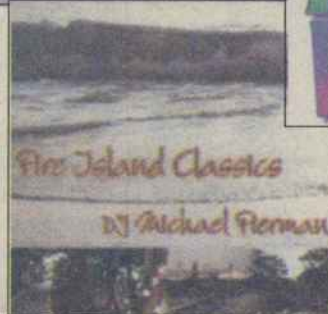
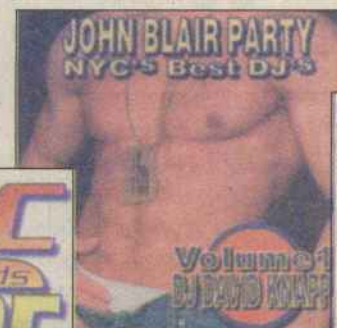
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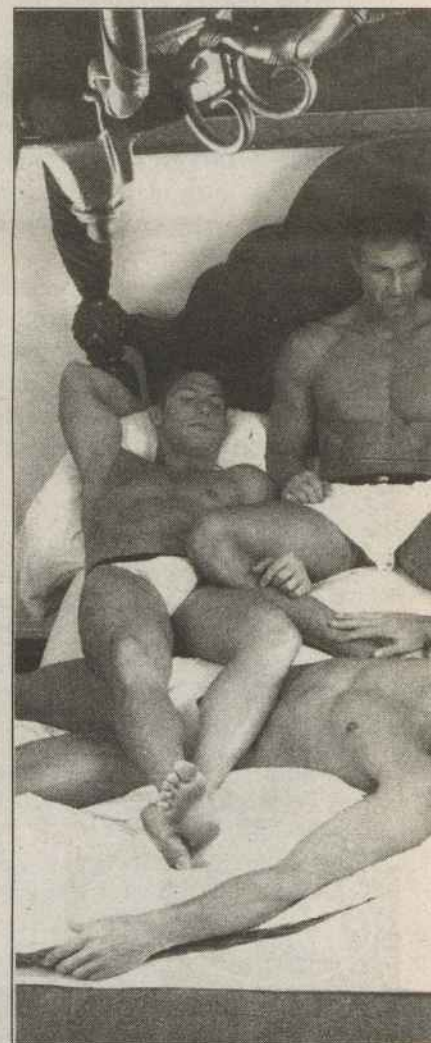
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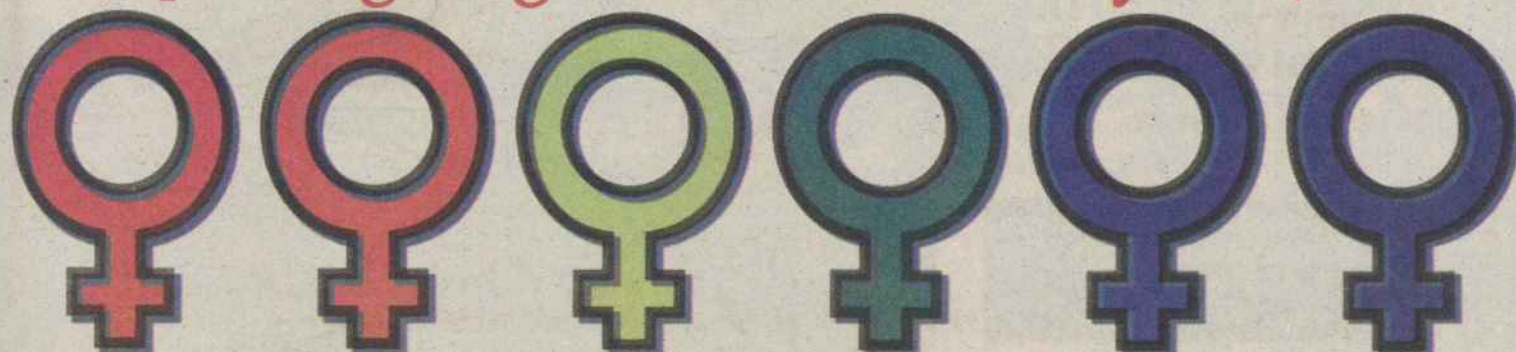


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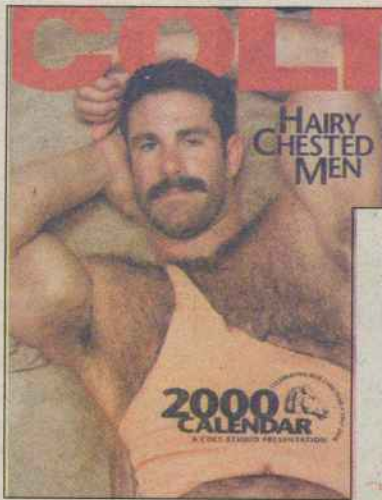




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# Theatre Review

## Holiday Punch

### Preview by John Jahn

It is that time of year again, when Milwaukee's preeminent Gay showman, Dale Gutzman, pulls out all the stops and brings us his own irreverent, peculiar version of holiday spirit. But this year, Gutzman has another question to ask: "Is your hard drive ready?"

This month will see the 21st edition of the Christmas-flavored madhouse show, *Holiday Punch*. The 1999 version is appropriately subtitled, *Y2K Non-Compliant*, focusing not only on the Christmas holiday, but on the very special new year to come. Gutzman asks all members of the LGBT community to "...don your Gay apparel, because this *Holiday Punch* is out of the closet!"

*Y2K Non-Compliant Holiday Punch* will feature sketches including a contestant on the television show *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?* that places his helpline phone call and is "outed" on the air; a humorous look at drug-taking politicians on the campaign trail; the health food craze performed as a *Hair* revival; a medley or two of your favorite holiday tunes

and much more mayhem.

Gutzman describes his show as "The fastest, funniest Christmas show in town. Also the Gayest." He'll be joined on stage by some of his "regulars" like David Flores, Trung Tieu, Lawrence Lukasavage, Mary Henricksen and Monica Degnan Hobler. At the piano will be the talented Clint Peterson. Special guest performers include the *WI Light*'s own Ruthie and Nicole Locy, reporter for Fox 6 News.

*Holiday Punch* will play December 17, 18 and 19. Tickets are \$15, group rates and Christmas Party packages available. Performances will be held at historic Centennial Hall in the downtown Milwaukee Public Library. For tickets and additional information, call (414) 327-3552/873-1962.



## Gingerbread People

### Ingredients

4 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons each ground ginger and ground cloves  
1 tsp. each baking soda, ground nutmeg, and salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter (not margarine), at room temperature  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs (separated)  
1 cup molasses  
1 tablespoon cold water

### Optional decorations:

Currants for eyes  
Strips of candied cherries for smiles  
Red hot cinnamon candies for buttons  
For the icing:  
2 1/2 cups sifted confectioners sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 to 4 tablespoons cold water  
assorted food colors

### Introduction:

Here's a taste of Victorian Christmases past, when families hung cookies on their holiday tree. To make holes for hanging, pierce the top of each cookie with a skewer as soon as it comes out of the oven.

Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Preparation time: 1 hour.

Chilling time: 1 hour.

Cooking time: 8 minutes.

Cooling time: 10 minutes.

### Step 1:

Onto a piece of wax paper, sift 3 1/2 cups of the flour, the cinnamon, baking powder, ginger, cloves, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on High, cream the butter and sugar until light yellow and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, then the molasses. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the flour mixture. Cover and refrigerate the dough for at least 1 hour or overnight.

### Step 2:

Preheat the oven to 350°. Butter three baking sheets. On a pastry cloth or board, sprinkle 1/4 cup of the remaining flour and roll out half of the dough, 1/4 inch thick. With cookie cutters, cut out gingerbread people. With a spatula, transfer them back to the baking sheets. Decorate with currants, cherries, and cinnamon candies if you wish.

### Step 3:

In a cup, whisk the egg whites with the water. Bake the cookies for 5 minutes, then brush lightly with egg whites. Bake 2 to 3 minutes more. Let cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes. With a spatula, transfer to racks to cool. Repeat with the remaining dough and flour.

### Step 4:

To make the icing: In a small bowl, stir the sugar with the vanilla, then add enough water to make a stiff icing. Divide into small cups and color as you wish. When the cookies are cold, pipe out designs, such as smiling faces, zigzags, bow ties, and aprons. If using different colors of icing, let one color dry before piping the next. Store cookies in an airtight container for up to two weeks. Do not freeze, as the icing could crack.

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**A:** He only appears to be old. He's an undercover kid.

**Q:** How can a sleigh possibly fly through the air?

**A:** If you were being pulled by eight flying reindeer, wouldn't you fly too?

**Q:** Why do we wish people a "Merry Christmas" instead of a "Happy Christmas"?

**A:** The two are about the same, but with "Merry Christmas" an extra twinkle is seen in the eyes.

**Q:** Why is a Christmas tree that has been chopped down called a "live Christmas tree"?

**A:** It's dead but doesn't know it, and yet it's having the time of its life.

**Q:** Why do we wrap our Christmas gifts with paper?

**A:** Because we like to see surprise and joy (real or kindly faked) in the recipients.

**Q:** How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?

**A:** Nowadays only four angels can dance there. Formerly there was no limit, but OSHA passed the Angel Safety Law recently, which also requires that the pin must be inspected twice each year for structural defects.

**Q:** How many gifts can Santa Claus's bag hold?

**A:** One less than infinity. Why one less? Because there's a limit to everything.

**Q:** How could a star that is high in the sky lead the Wise Men to a tiny manger on the ground?

**A:** Wisely, toward the end of their journey they asked directions from someone on the road. Had they not been so wise, they might have missed the manger by several hundred miles. (That person on the road has never been identified.)

**Q:** Is there really a Mrs. Santa Claus?

**A:** The best way to know for sure is to ask Santa Claus next time you see him.

**Q:** Why do we hear so many bells at Christmas time?

**A:** Because so many people ring them.

**Q:** Why do so many people ring bells at Christmas time?

**A:** For the poor, for the joy, and because a bell can say what words can't say.

**Q:** What can't words say?

**A:** The moment you wake up on Christmas morning, listen carefully. You may hear then what words can't say.



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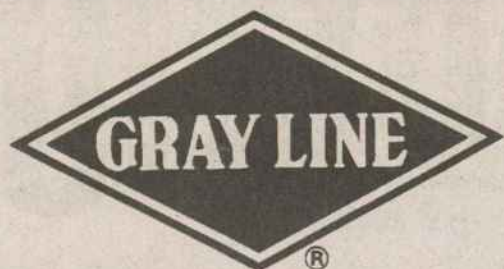
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# Spotlight



## George Cukor – The Great Gay Director Part 2

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by Steve Stavron

**N**ever having endured many "rags to riches" hardships on the road to success, Cukor's unrelenting enthusiasm and cheery working attitude produced an energizing effect on performers which stimulated them to previously unrealized subtleties of characterization. It would be too limiting to say that his flair for the dramatic was an outgrowth of a "Gay sensibility".

Cukor loved beautiful things - period! His home in California boasted art works and a collection of antiques rivaled in elegance only by his own central living room that sported suede covered walls, brass fixtures, and a copper fireplace, all accenting a unique private residence that might have been designed for a tasteful aristocratic film set.

He transposed that same lavish sense of beauty into the minuscule, detailed directorial touch which inspired great performances. George Cukor's greatest passion was his view of acting as a "beautiful creation" possibly compensating for his own physical liabilities. His modus operandi was a fascination with the most minor details. In greatly talented actors, the results were unique for the dedicated uni-

formity that he wrought out of those with the greatest gifts. His manic insistency seemed to sedate performers into a curious sense of relaxed confidence in their abilities that allowed them to savor their own artistic instincts to the fullest.

He flattered actors but only the best. He was a tiger for technique, and could be stubbornly vituperative when crossed. Other directors such as William Wyler and Capra were as meticulous in their attention to acting detail, but the "Cukor touch" was very unique in that he seemed obsessed ONLY with acting, leaving other details including cinematography to the technicians. Considering that Cukor rarely looked into the camera lens, the remarkably beautiful photographic results in his finest films indicate that his inspiration, while flattering to actors, was contagious in the excellence it inspired in his technical crew.

His special touch was not limited to female performers, although "the woman director" label persisted. It was Cukor who confirmed James Stewart's persona out of the "Aw shucks" mode and into his subsequent framework as a romantic leading man, earning Stewart an Academy Award for *Philadelphia Story* (1940). The same



James Stewart

film shifted Cary Grant's rubber stamped qualities as a sophisticated comedian into his more comfortable and durable persona as the screen's most suave image of the self-assured male.

It was the same George Cukor who helped Ronald Coleman transform HIS suave image - sometimes elegant in the extreme - into its darkest side as a psychopathic actor who murders a waitress in *A Double Life* (1947) earning Coleman his only Academy Award.

An Oscar also went to Rex Harrison, who, with Cukor allowing him the greatest lassitude (such as a hidden microphone - Harrison hated lip-synching), was able to breathe the same spontaneity into his Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady* (1964) that he had achieved onstage.

The taciturn Spencer Tracy was at his most charming in the Cukor-directed comedies *Adam's Rib* and *Pat and Mike*, setting the tone for the rest of the series with Hepburn.

While generous and gregarious as a social host, Cukor never sought long term sexual relationships. His Gay -friends, such as Bob Wheaton, with whom he frequently traveled, may have shared the young men on their co-procuring expeditions, but unlike Wheaton, Cukor was too fastidious to have sex in public or in a moving car. However, he often showed the same consideration towards his sexual "performers" as he did to major star performers, even granting the most discrete and handsome of his hirelings a split-second appearance in his films.

Fate dealt George Cukor an ironic blow and provided him with one of the happiest experiences of his life. At some point in the late 1950's, the aging director was introduced to a handsome, muscular young man named George Towers at one of his Sunday gatherings. Towers was not known in this social circle but had been invited by two of Cukor's "regulars." Cukor was



Spencer Tracy

immediately and irrevocably smitten by the young man. They became inseparable.

Towers seemingly developed a warm, genuine affection for the director 30 years his senior. It is doubtful that Towers was Gay, or even that Cukor "serviced" the young man initially. And while Cukor sponsored both of Tower's later marriages, their mutual affection was genuine enough to cause jealousy among the inner circle. Towers was no upscale trick. Their relationship bespoke a father-son intimacy that lasted intermittently until Cukor's death in 1983. Cukor financed Towers through college, and later sent him through law school at the University of Southern California, eventually helping him get a position at a prominent Los Angeles law firm.

No one seemed surprised that George Towers was named the executor of Cukor's will and one of the major beneficiaries, but there was some eyebrow raising regarding a special trust fund set up for Towers's son by his first marriage.

Discretion followed Cukor even after death. Towers, Hepburn, and other close friends refused to discuss his private life except in reference to his achievements. In retrospect, it would under-value and limit those achievements to label George Cukor as a "Gay icon." Never much absorbed with Gay sub-texts in cinema, his best films have that universal appeal.

As do many achievements to world culture, the silver screen amalgam of drama, laughter, and sorrow illuminates our imaginations with a basic humanism that cuts across social and cultural barriers. When great, such art redefines our capacities to think and feel. And, as do many such contributors, Cukor did not determine the boundaries of his work in terms of his sexual orientation.

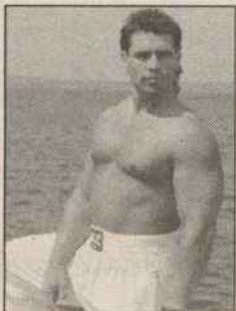
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## Cinema Review

### Being John Malkovich

Review by John Jahn

In a time when each new movie seems derivative, and cookie-cutter plots and stock characters abound, it's refreshing to find something truly unique, unexpected, unpredictable and quirky. Such is the case with Director **Spike Jonze's** and Writer **Charlie Kaufman's** *Being John Malkovich*.

This is the first feature film directed by Jonze, whose previous work has been TV commercials and MTV music videos. Despite this weak résumé, his strong sense of style and self-assurance means this film hardly feels like a freshman effort. Unlike many first-time directors, he doesn't rely on quick cuts and visual gimmicks; he has sound, mature cinematic instincts.

*Being John Malkovich* is impossible to predict, possesses a funny screenplay that revels in smart comedy instead of cheap shots, and contains plenty of material suitable for serious pondering. Unfortunately for critics like me, trying to describe its plot in detail would either consume a full page (and thus ruin the film for the viewer who wants to be surprised) or sound completely silly, and nonsensical. I'll give it my best shot!

**John Cusack** portrays Craig, an expert puppeteer who has difficulty finding a receptive audience for his offbeat profession. When his wife, Lotte (**Cameron Diaz**), suggests that he get a job just for bill-paying purposes he does, as a filing clerk. The job is located in the four-foot space between the 7th and 8th floors of an old New York office building. Craig's boss is a perverted, 105 year-old geezer named Dr. Lester (**Orson Bean**). Coworkers include Floris (**Mary Kay Place**), a hearing-impaired secretary, and Maxine (**Catherine Keener**), a sexy brunette eagerly pursued by Craig, to little avail.

In this bizarre setting Craig discovers a



Spike Jonze

portal into actor John Malkovich's brain. It's the ultimate voyeuristic dream, but it only lasts for 15 minutes at a time. Still, Craig becomes obsessed with the power he's discovered to become someone famous and successful. It doesn't take long for him to consider sharing the experience... and marketing it.

Unlike many superficial comedies, *Being John Malkovich* has laughs and depth, raising important questions about the nature of identity, manipulation, and how some people are only really free when their true self is hidden behind a mask or beneath a



John Cusack

costume. Beyond that, the issues of ethics, commercialism and addiction are addressed with humor and intelligence.

John Cusack inhabits the skin of his character so effectively that we form a bond with him even though Craig does some pretty nasty things. Then there's John Malkovich, who plays an exaggerated, fictionalized version of himself. Portraying one's self is more difficult than it might seem, especially since Malkovich must reinvent himself as a man being possessed by others. His performance is flawless and scene-stealing. It's refreshing to see an actor participate in the process of parodying his personality and image.

*Being John Malkovich* is one of those films that has so many different elements sewn into it that almost every viewer will get something out of the experience of seeing it. I found it successful on many levels. It's an unpredictable, smart, innovative comedy with messages worth contemplating.



John Malkovich

3 1/2 Stars

## Spotlight Events

**8 wed.** **Messiah, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee):** Lee Erickson, conductor; MSO Chorus. Elmbrook Church, 7:30pm. (414) 291-7605.

**9 thu.** **Messiah, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee):** Lee Erickson, conductor; MSO Chorus. Continues again tomorrow night, Basilica of St. Josephat, 8pm, (414) 291-7605.

**Sho Nuff Gospel Music, Andre Ellis and Co. (Milwaukee):** Continues through Dec. 19, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center Theater, 1531 W. Vliet St.

**10 fri.** **Amahl and the Night Visitor, Benefit (Milwaukee):** Members of the Florentine Opera will present Gian Carlo Menotti's classic Christmas Operetta, sponsored by Firststar Bank. All proceeds collected jointly benefit Hunger Taskforce and St. Casimir Human Concerns Outreach. Staged by David Boyd with music direction by Tony Bellomy. Continues through Dec. 12, St. Casimir Parish, 924 E. Clarke St., 7:30, 2:30 Sunday; \$5, (414) 271-2135.

**Author Reading, A Room Of One's Own (Madison):** Louisa Lovelidge-Gallas will read from her new collection of poetry, ~Revelations on Longing Street~, 307 W. Johnson St., 7:30pm, free, (608) 257-7888.

**Christmas by the Dozen, Suburban Singers (West Milwaukee):** One night only, W. Milw. Middle School Auditorium, 5104 W. Greenfield Ave.; 7:30pm; \$5.

**Gallery Opening, Grava Gallery (Milwaukee):** A showing of recent works by Milwaukee artists Jill Engel and Michael DiMilo. Engel will display sculptural, functional and decorative ceramic art pieces, while DiMilo presents humorous colored drawings and prints including his *Wizard of Oz* series. Opening tonight from 6-9pm with an artists reception. Continues through Jan. 15; 1209 E. Brady St., Free admission, (414) 277-8228.

**Old Friends Gather, Rep's Stackner Cabaret (Milwaukee):** The season continues with this salute to the spectacular career of Paul Simon, produced in collaboration with American Folklore Theater in Fish Creek, the show was devised by James Kaplan and Jeffrey Herbst. The show encompasses nearly every era of his career, and it a tribute to his artistry. Tonight is the low cost preview. Continues through Jan. 9; Stackner Cabaret, Milwaukee Center, 2nd floor, 108 E. Wells, time varies, Tickets range from \$15-25, call (414) 224-9490.

**Phil's Farewell, Madison Art Center (Madison):** Going away party to send Phil off to NYC where he will attend the Fashion Institute. Third Floor galleries are transformed into a runway for Phil's Phads, the streetwise fashion designs he creates. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. 211 State St., 3rd Floor, cocktails 8:30/show 9; \$25, (608) 257-0158.

**The Battle Creek Boychoir, UW Whitewater (Whitewater):** One night only, Irvin L. Young Auditorium, 930 W. Main St. 7:30pm.

**The Nutcracker, Milwaukee Ballet (Milwaukee):** Continues through Dec. 29; Marcus Center, Uihlein Hall.

**11 sat.** **Laud to the Nativity, Waukesha Choral Union (Delafield):** Holiday concert, One night only, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1600 Genesee St. 7:30pm;

**Messiah, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee):** Lee Erickson, conductor. Cathedral of St. John, 8pm, (414) 291-7605.

**More Holiday Gifts, Milw. Chamber Orchestra (Milwaukee):** Again tomorrow night at 7:30pm; Schwan Concert Hall, WI Lutheran College, 8815 W. Wisconsin Ave. 2pm today.

**Renewal and Inspiration for Women, Jecobie Roberts, Room of One's Own (Madison):** Discover the flame of passion living within you, celebrate the spirit of the feminine. Music, laughter and insight from her 20 years of traveling experiences. 307 W. Johnson, 8pm, (608) 257-7888.

**Wisconsin Singers, Schauer Arts & Activities Center (Hartford):** A Night to Remember perfor-

mance. Hartford Union High School, 8pm, \$6 / \$5 students & seniors, (262) 670-0936.

**12 sun.** **Fall Into Winter Concert, WI Cream City Chorus (Milwaukee):** A season of reasons for song. Tickets are available at the M&M Club, AfterWords Books and chorus members and the chorus office. Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire; 3pm, Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 door, (414) 276-8787.

**Holiday Concert, Perfect Harmony (Madison):** A variety of music including some favorites as well as some unfamiliar holiday music. In memory of Music Director Clay Jones. Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington; 7:30pm, (608) 849-3861.

**Messiah, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee):** Lee Erickson, conductor. Elmbrook Church, 3pm, (414) 291-7605.

**Music of the 30's, WI Conservatory of Music (Milwaukee):** Musical currents of the 20th Century, '99-00 Faculty Artist Series highlights the works from 1931-1940 featuring Montoya, Musicals and more. Charles Allis Art Museum, Great Hall, 1801 N. Prospect Ave.; 3pm, \$10, \$7 seniors, students, (414) 276-5760.

**The Lady Sings Gershwin, Civic Center (Madison):** Chicago vocalist Spider Saloff brings her critically acclaimed *Spider Saloff Sings Gershwin* to the intimate environs of the Center's Starlight Theatre. One show only, Civic Center, 211 State St., 4pm, \$17.50 tickets available, call: (608) 266-9055.

**13 mon.** **Carolyn' Carolyne Christmas, Skylight Opera Theatre (Milwaukee):** Back by popular demand, Carolyne Warren returns with her popular Christmas show in her only Milwaukee appearance this season. Warren will include the crowd-pleasing beatnik ode to Christmas in her show, along with her special rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and some new material. One night only, Cabot Theatre, Broadway Center, 158 N. Broadway; 8pm, \$20, (414) 291-7800.

**16 thu.** **The Dutton Family Holiday Show, UW Whitewater (Whitewater):** One night only, Irvin L. Young Auditorium, 930 W. Main St. 7:30pm;

**17 fri.** **Holiday Punch, Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee):** Milwaukee's longest running holiday revue, and it's Y2K non-compliant.

This 21st edition will focus both on Christmas and the very special new year. Dear Ruthie makes an appearance on Santa's knew, sketches, medleys and special appearances.

**Mass Appeal, Boulevard Studio Theatre (Milwaukee):** This comedy by Bill C. Davis, Directed by Paula Suozzi, explores the relationship between an older, cynical priest and a younger trusting priest with poignant humor. Continues through Jan. 9 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 744-5757

**Poets Tim Grair and Phred Dintenfass, Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee):** the Urban Voices series is held the third Friday of every month. Local Gay poet Grair, co-host of Y-Not 2's poetry slam and editor of the Bluff Magazine website; is joined by Dintenfass for a reading. Local writers also are invited to read their work during an open mic. 720 E. Locust St., 7pm, \$3, \$2 for open mic readers, (414) 263-5001.

**19 sun.** **Memories of Christmas in Song, Ameritech Chorus (Milwaukee):** Under the direction of Dr. James Norden, present their Christmas concert. First Lutheran Church, 7400 W. Lapham St., West Allis; 2pm, \$5, Tickets at the door.

## Rendezvous

**Group Exhibit, Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milwaukee):** Main gallery presentation of a selection of paintings, prints, sculptures by artists who have exhibited in the gallery during the past year. Plus the addition of modern glass movement artist, Dale Chihuly. Continues through the end of the year. 420 E. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 272-1007.

**A Christmas Carol, Milw. Rep (Milwaukee):** Continues through Dec. 26, Pabst Theater.

**An American Impressionist in France, Lakeshore Gallery (Milwaukee):** Original oil paintings by Thomas Trausch, Leon Belsky and Bette Sellars. Continues through Dec. 31. 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. Continues through December 19, Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St.; times vary, \$7 at the door, (608) 244-8338.

**Curt Frankenstein, Art Elements Gallery (Mequon):** Paintings and Etchings. Continues through Dec. 31. 10050 N. Pt. Washington Rd. (262) 241-7040

**Duke's Place, Miller Cabaret Series (Milwaukee):** A tribute to Edward Duke Ellington celebrating his music following performances of *Fiddler*. Continues through Dec. 18, Skylight Bar, 2nd Floor, 158 N. Broadway, 10:30pm, Free.

**Fiddler on the Roof, Cabot Theatre (Milwaukee):** Music by Jerry Bock, an American musical classic. Continues through Dec. 19; Broadway Theatre Complex, 158 N. Broadway, \$12-49, student/sr discounts, (414) 291-7800.

**Forever Plaid, Marcus Center Vogel Hall (Milwaukee):** A heavenly musical hit parade. Continues through Feb. 13; Vogel Hall, 123 E. State St. \$28.50-36.50 (414) 273-7206

**Gallery Exhibit, Lakeshore (Shorewood):** The work of Russian abstractionist Mihail Cmeniakin. Continues through Dec. 30. 4401 N. Oakland Avenue, (414) 964-2540.

**Gallery Show, adambomb gallery (Milwaukee):**

Artist Stacie J. Meyer presents *Images From Idaho*. Continues through Dec. 18, 524 S. 2nd St., (414) 276-BOMB.

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

**Greetings, Sunset Playhouse (Elm Grove):** Continues through Dec. 19, 31st. 800 Elm Grove Rd.

**Holiday Hell, In Tandem Productions (Milwaukee):** Continues through Dec. 19; Broadway Theater Center, Studio Theater, 150 N. Broadway.

**Holiday Memories, Theatre X (Milwaukee):** Double bill of one-act plays. Continues through Dec. 19; Broadway Theater Center, Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway.

**Photos by Richard Waswo, Lakeshore Gallery (Shorewood):** The photographic work of local artist Richard Waswo. On exhibit through Dec. 30. 4401 N. Oakland Ave., (414) 964-2540.

**Retablo Art Exhibit, Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee):** Retablos are a traditional Mexican art form with brightly colored paintings on various shapes and forms made of tin. Continues through Jan. 8, 911 W. National Ave., (414) 672-2787.

**Room Service, Next Act Theatre (Milwaukee):** A hilarious Marx Brothers romp with Norman Moses as Groucho, Ray Jivoff as Harpo and Michael Herold as Chico. Continues through the 19th. Marcus Center Stiemke Theater, \$18-26, (414) 224-9490.

**The Little Drummer Boy, First Stage Milwaukee (Milwaukee):** Continues through Dec. 24; Todd Wehr Theatre, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

**The Santaland Diaries, Bialystock & Bloom Co. (Milwaukee):** By David Sedaris, adopted by Joe Mantello. B&B is taking no prisoners this holiday season, presenting Sedaris' hilarious take on holiday employment. Continues through Dec. 20, Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National Ave., tickets \$12; (414) 221-7055.

**The Three Musketeers, Madison Rep & University Theatre (Madison):** Jim DeVita's new adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' classic. Continues through Dec. 19; UW Mitchell Theatre, Tickets at Vilas Hall Box Office, 821 Univ. Ave.; \$20-25, (608) 262-1500.

work. 170 S. 2nd Street; 6pm call (414) 271-2656.

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**AA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 5:30pm: AA Group 40-94 (Over 40 Group-Topic); 7pm: SCA Meeting Blue Group (Sex Compulsives); 8pm: NA Meeting (Narcotics Anon.) Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Gay By God's Will, Milwaukee MCC (Milwaukee):** Warner Cable television show, MATA channel 47. 8pm

**Lesbian Al Anon Group, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** 12 step recovery program for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Only membership requirement is that a problem with a relatives or friends alcoholism. 170 S. 2nd Street; 7:30pm, call (414) 271-2656.

**Living With AIDS/HIV, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4 6pm

**Men's Clinic, BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee):** STD Diagnosis and Treatment, walk-in. 1240 E. Brady St. 6-8:30pm (414) 272-2144

**Nothing To Hide, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4 4pm

**PFLAG Outreach, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Milwaukee):** Chapter representative available for support, education and advocacy. Feel free to drop in, parents, too! Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 6-9pm;

**Positive Support Group, ARCW LaCrosse (LaCrosse):** 6-8pm, 1707 Main St., Suite 420, (608)785-9866. 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month.

**Queer TV, (Milwaukee):** Warner Cable television show, MATA channel 47. 7pm

**Youth Drop In Activities, Project Q (Milwaukee):** Socializing, tutoring, art projects, movies, game nights, support & discussion groups. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 4:30-9pm. (414) 223-3220

## weekly Events

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**Catholic Church Services, Prince of Peace**

**(Milwaukee):** A church community that not only welcomes diversity but celebrates it. 1138 S. 25th St. 9:30am (414) 645-8786.

**Chorus Practice, Perfect Harmony (Madison):** Practices 7-9pm, at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington. Ed (608) 849-3861.

**Non-denominational Religious Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** 1239 W. Mineral St. 11am (414) 383-1100

**Pineapple, Political individuals negotiating exchange, attitude plus pride leads to Equality (Sheboygan):** Newly formed LGBT support group in the Sheboygan Lakeshore area, meeting the needs of the community. Socialize, discuss and participate. 7pm, Call (920) 451-8722.

**Radio: Infinite Variety, Her Turn, WORT, 89.9 FM (Madison):** Women's music, talk and news. Every Sunday from 11am-2pm.

**Square Dancing, Cream City Squares (Milwaukee):** Lessons and dancing every Sunday 1-4pm, call for location: (414) 445-8080.

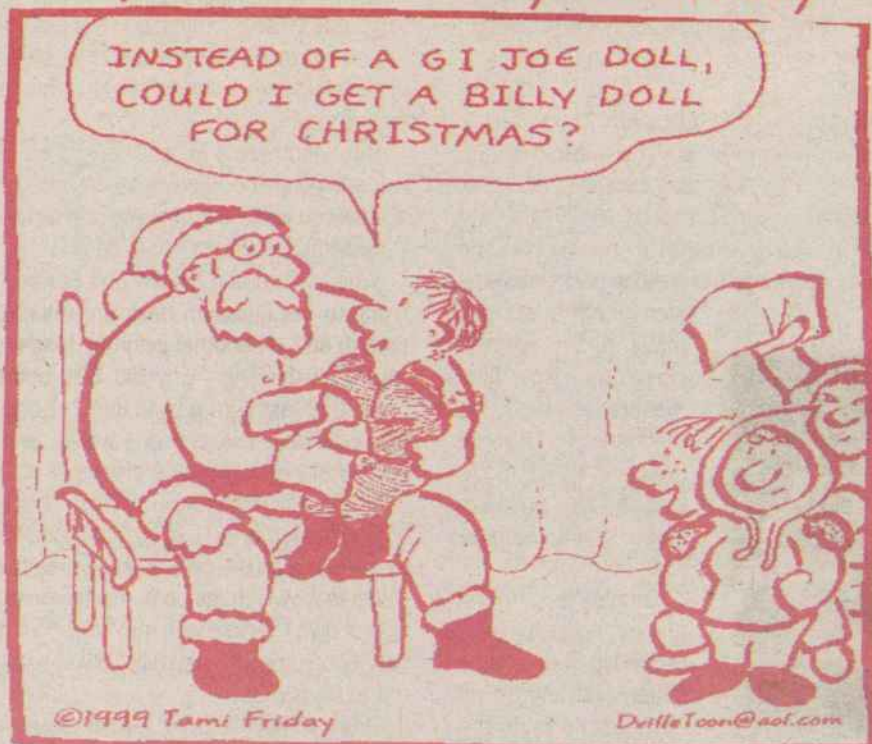
**Worship Services, Metropolitan Community Church (Appleton):** Every Sunday, 7pm; 815 N. Richmond.

**Worship Services, Metropolitan Community Church (Green Bay):** Every Sunday, 3607 Libal St., Alloeuz. 11am.

### every mon.

**Gay Men's Writing Group, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** First Thursday and third Monday of the month, for writers, poets, essayists and all other wordsmiths. Write, share and critique each others

Dykesville by Tami Friday



out in Cyberspace



by Michael Stewart

Charity Checks

The LGBT community is certainly no stranger to fund-raising efforts. More than any other time of year, the holidays bring a bombardment of appeals from charitable organizations hoping that the seasonal good feelings will loosen the proverbial purse strings.

Virtually all of the appeals arriving courtesy of the US Postal Service include slick brochures that detail what a wonderful, fulfilled person you'll be if only you would make a donation. By the time these words appear in print in early December, anyone who's given a gift to a national charity have found their mailboxes stuffed with enough paper solicitations to deforest the Great Northwest.

They quickly come to realize that giving even modestly to every organization that tugs at the heartstrings would require either the riches of Croesus or a charitable appeal of their own, which is considered tacky by the arbiters of Gay etiquette.

The GuideStar website [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) can help those who wish to do something positive for the holidays, without making a daily trip to the soup kitchen necessary for their survival. The site helps potential donors decide which organizations will truly make the best use of whatever gift they can give.

GuideStar is maintained by Philanthropic Research, Inc., a Williamsburg, VA based philanthropic organization founded in 1994. It makes comprehensive online dossiers on over 620,000 IRS-registered 501(c)(3) charitable organizations available to those who pay it a visit.

IRS Form 990's - the federal tax forms most non-profit groups are required to file annually with the federal government in order

to keep their non-profit status are the centerpieces of the dossiers.

As explained on the GuideStar website, "A Form 990 provides a full financial picture of a nonprofit organization as well as specific information on programs and activities, executive salaries and board members." While these are public documents, obtaining a copy from either the IRS or the charity itself can be difficult and extraordinary time-consuming - until now.

Using the Form 990 as its starting point, GuideStar's online reports provide additional information gleaned from other sectors of the non-profit universe and the charities themselves. The information is presented in what is referred to as a "consumer-friendly format."

The information which includes the charity's individual goals and accomplishments, executive profiles, salaries, other financial reports, and the ratio of fundraising expenses to revenue can help a potential donor compare and analyze his or her various giving options.

GuideStar has made sure that even the process of making a donation has been brought into the 21st century. It licensed its database to Helping.Org ([www.helping.org](http://www.helping.org)), a philanthropy portal established to empower donors to give conveniently to any qualified non-profit organization they choose. So when you've found the charitable organizations (we're hoping there are more than one!), that merit a gift, you can donate without bothering to lick a stamp, write a check or seal an envelope.

Giving online works in the same way that purchases do on any e-commerce site. Locating the charities that interest you couldn't be easier than it is with the searchable database. Furthermore unless the organization has opted not to receive online donations, a little "Donate Now" button will appear on the group's listing page.

The entire process is managed by non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, ensuring that the dollars you give will reach their destination without fees being deducted, excepting the standard 1% or 2% charged by the credit card processors themselves.

So, if your mailbox is filling up with appeals for money, point your browser to [www.GuideStar.org](http://www.GuideStar.org) and be an informed donor instead of a poor one.

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# Gotcha!

**L**iza's back and Broadway has her! That's the word from friends of mine who were at the dress rehearsal for her new show, *Minnelli on Minnelli*, at the Palace Theatre on the Great White Way (running through January 2).



Liza Minnelli &amp; Sam Harris

The invited guests for this special performance included **Sam Harris** (with his boyfriend), **Michael Feinstein** (with his boyfriend), **Mario Cantone** (with no boyfriend - sorry, Mario), **Billy Stritch** (were there any straight men there?), **David Campbell** (ah, there's one), **Barry (Dame Edna) Humphries** and his wife, **Chita Rivera** with **Fred Ebb** (who wrote the show), and **Natalie Cole**.

I've spoken to many sources and the reviews have ranged from a qualified rave to a tepid mixed bag. Everyone agrees that Liza did not embarrass herself, didn't forget any words, and didn't fall down. So far, that's better than any show she's done in the '90s!

Minnelli has wisely surrounded herself with five very cute chorus boys - any one of whom could be the future Mr. Minnelli - who sing and dance up a storm (it should be noted that they never try to lift Liza). The sets are attractive, and the lighting is stunning. Liza, for all of her nerves (who wouldn't have been nervous in front of that audience?), seemed happy at this dress rehearsal.

If you're in NYC during the holidays and can get tickets, you will certainly have a memorable evening.

Memorable evenings of theatre are not limited to New York. Los Angeles has two plays that require your attention but for very different reasons - **Ronnie Larsen's** *Shooting Porn* and **Ryan Idol** in *Scent of Rain*. *Shooting Porn* (at the Zephyr Theatre), is based on Larsen's documentary of the same name, and is a behind-the-scenes look at the Gay porn industry.

The play is uproariously funny, primarily because of Larsen's portrayal of **Chi Chi LaRue**. The scene with the chicken is beyond hysterical. You also get to see **Chad Donovan**, **JT Sloan** and **Gino Colbert** - something for everyone.

On the other side of town, Idol stars in *Scent of Rain* (at the Tiffany Theatre), which had its premiere at the Bailwick Repertory in Chicago during its Pride '99 series. That this abominable play ever made it to the stage is a matter of serious concern. Ryan may not

be much of an actor, but he is far superior to this material, as written by **Mark Dunn**.

To distract us, Ryan and the three guys playing brothers on the farm often take off all of their clothes to go down to the swimmin' hole. The older brother (**Brian D. Johnson**) is quite yummy and looks like Ryan, about 10 years and 30 pounds ago. 'Nuff said.

In a funny and somewhat related story, **Jeff Stryker** just concluded an encore run of his play *Hard Time* here in LA. A fan told me that he went to see the play when Stryker did it last year, and he paid by credit card. When the play returned, he got a phone call from someone connected with the play asking him to come see it again. The caller explained that the producers kept all the phone numbers of people who paid by credit card - not unheard of.

What makes this story worthy of this column is that the caller sounded just like Stryker! Coincidence? You decide.

On the other side of the pond, **Elton John** caused quite a few tongues to wag while performing at the 10th anniversary benefit for Stonewall, a London Gay rights organization. Elty decided to pull out the stops and make his appearance campy, so he included a group of six teenage male dancers. Nothing

wrong with that, except that he had them come out dressed as Cub Scouts. Halfway through the number, they stripped down to their underwear (the scouts, not Elton!)

That, I suppose, makes Elton an honorary bear!

Could it be that **Elizabeth Taylor** has a cameo in *"Sleepy Hollow"*? Believe it or not, there is a connection between the two. Remember when Elizabeth was riding the horse in *"National Velvet"*? I know that she remembers, since her life-long back problems stem from that infamous ride. For the close-ups, the filmmakers used a mechanical horse (much like those mechanical bulls in bars) for Elizabeth to ride.

Someone found this "horse" and rewired it, made it a bit faster, and used it as the horse ridden by the headless horseman himself. Poor Liz - screwed out of yet

another role!

Could it be that a certain superstar is getting more and more narcissistic? Let me recount the facts, and you tell me what you think. Say you film your first network special in the summer. You have seen the final edit, have a copy of it on video, and make everyone you meet watch it with you.

On a night off from your tour (oh, say in Salt Lake City, where you're staying at the Hotel Monaco), your entire entourage wants to go out to see a musical (let's call it "Les Miz"). However, you bow out and send your assistant (Jose) along to say that you're not feeling well.

But - and here's where it gets a bit crazy - you're feeling fine. So why didn't you go out? 'Cause you want to stay home and watch your TV special. A bit loca, n'est ce pas?

When I'm mixing French and Spanish and trying to put Elizabeth back on a horse, it's time to end yet another column. I know what you're all thinking - why did Billy bother to make that last item a blind item? Because I promised my source that I would, and you know that I never break a promise.

Next week, I'll tell you a tidbit about that bon-bon's derriere. Got you interested? Then be sure to read the column every week on my web site [www.filth2go.com](http://www.filth2go.com). Got some gossip of your own to share with me? Maybe a question for our special "Ask Billy" column that will run at Christmas?

Drop a note to my e-mail address at [Billy@filth2go.com](mailto:Billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you before Ryan wins a Tony (that gives me a mighty long time!). Here's an FYI to my fans in South Florida - I will be in Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach December 7 through the 17th. You know what that means. Look for me at Gold Coast on Tuesday night for Gay Skate (Leo, honey, get that spandex out!!). Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



Natalie Cole

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 Campus Women's Center • 4th Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon 53706 ..... 262-8093  
 Delta Lambda Phi • Gay Frat • Memorial Union, 800 Langdon, UW-Madison 53706

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 LGBT Business Alliance • c/o PO Box 1722, 53701 ..... 256-6214  
 LGBT Law Student Assoc. • Box 17, Rm. 208, 500 Lincoln Dr. 975 Bascom Hall 53701  
 Lesbian Parents Network • PO Box 8423, 53708 ..... 255-8582  
 New Harvest Foundation • PO Box 1786, 53701-1786 ..... 256-4204  
 OutReach Inc. • 600 Williamson (Gateway Mall) 53703, www.outreachinc.com ..... 255-4297  
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 UW Ten Percent Society • PO Box 260394, 53726 ..... 262-7365  
 UW-LGB Alumni Council • 650 N. Lake St., 53706 ..... 262-5865  
 UW-LGBT Campus Center • 2nd Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 ..... 265-3344  
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AIDS Network / Southern WI • 600 Williamson St., Madison 53703 ..... (800) 486-6276  
 Madison, Janesville, Beloit Counseling, Testing, Referrals, Help  
 ARCW Office • 222 State St., 53701 ..... 258-9103/800-518-9910  
 Blue Bus STD Clinic • 1552 University Ave, 53705 ..... 262-7330

**RELIGIOUS**

Integrity/Dignity • LGBT Christians • PO Box 730, 53701 ..... 836-8886  
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Prarie Garden B&B • W13172, Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 ..... (800) 380-8427

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 Aurora Lesbian Center • 32 E. First Street, Duluth, MN 55802 ..... (218) 722-4903  
 Northland Gay Men's Center • 8 N. 2nd Ave, E #309, Duluth, MN 55802 ..... (218) 722-8585  
 Out Up North • PO Box 695, Washburn, WI 54891 ..... 682-2890  
 UW-Stout 10% Society • c/o 153 C. Harvey Hall, UW-Stout, Menomonee, 54751  
 UW-Superior 10% Society • UW, Superior, 54880 ..... 394-8091  
 Out Up North • PO Box 695, Washburn, WI 54891 ..... 682-2890

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 LGBT Youth Group • ARCW Office • 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53141 ..... (800)-924-6601  
 UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union • 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater, 53190  
 UW-Parkside GL Organ. • 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha, 53144 ..... 595-2244

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 mglo@webtv.net, Victor ..... (715)-387-2068  
 Rainbow Alliance (RACW) • Box 390 Stevens Point WI 54481 ..... 592-6245 X 5920200  
 Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital HIV Program • 80 First St., Prairie du Sac, 53578 ..... (608)-643-7583  
 UW-SP 10% Society • Box 68, Campus Activities Office, U-C, Stevens Point, 54481 ..... 346-4366

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 ARCW Office • 505 Dewey St. S., Suite 107, Eau Claire, 54702 ..... (715)-836-7710/(800)-750-2437  
 Diversity Resource Center • 1741 State St., #223B, La Crosse, 54601  
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 G/L Alliance/The Alliance • Box 131, Platteville, 53818 ..... (608) 348-5596  
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 Rainbow Club • PO Box 11, Eau Claire, 54702 ..... (800)-750-2437  
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- Alternative Business Assoc • PO Box 511778, 53203 ..... 299-9271
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hppt://members.aol.com/Milw4bwmt ..... 461-4586 box 3
- Castaways MC • PO Box 1697, Milw., WI 53201-1697 • Call Corey ..... 372-9253
- Cream City Squares • Square Dancing • djdilges@execpc.com ..... 445-8080
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- Cream City Foundation • PO Box 204, 53212 ..... 225-0244
- Delta Lambda Phi • Gay Frat • PO Box 413, Union Box 51, UW-Milwaukee, 53201
- Fest City Singers • PO Box 11428, 53211 ..... 263-SING
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- GAMMA • Social/Recreational • PO Box 1900, 53201 ..... 365-3453
- Gay Youth Milwaukee • PO Box 090441, 53209, [www.gym.8m.com](http://www.gym.8m.com) ..... 265-8500
- Gemini Gender Group • TG Support • PO Box 44214, 53214 ..... 297-9328
- G/L Community Trust Fund • PO Box 1686, 53201 ..... 643-1652
- GLBT Employees of Ameritech (GLEAM) • PO Box 254, 53201 ..... 482-4310
- Human Rights League • PO Box 510684, 53203
- Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) • 170 S. 2nd St, 53204 ..... 272-9442
- LOC/Women of Color • PO Box 93594, 53203 ..... Call Alicja 263-1631 or Call Redonna 444-1652
- Metro Milw. Tennis Club • Scott ..... 543-9643
- Milwaukee LGBT Community Center • 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 271-2656  
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- MU GLB Student Group • AMU236, PO Box 1881, 53201-1881 ..... 288-6873
- PFLAG-Milwaukee Chapter • PO Box 210853, 53221 ..... 299-9198
- Pride Band • PO Box 1840, 53201-1840 • [mipband@aol.com](mailto:mipband@aol.com) ..... 933-3743
- PrideFest Inc. • 907 S. 1st St, Suite 105, 53204 ..... 645-3378  
[e-mail:Pridemilw@aol.com](mailto:e-mail:Pridemilw@aol.com) • [www.pridefest.com](http://www.pridefest.com) fax 647-8697
- Project Q • (For LGBT & Questioning Youth) 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 223-3220
- 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 ..... 447-0251
- Riverwest Rainbow Assoc. • 1001 E. Keefe, 53212 ..... 225-1645
- SAGE-Milwaukee • Box 510492, 53203-0091 • Older Gays & Lesbians ..... 271-0378

- Saturday Soft Ball League (SSBL) • PO Box 510615 Milw., WI 53203 ..... 454-9204
- Shoreline • Country Dancing Fri. night, LaCage • PO Box 510283 Milw., WI 53203
- Sherman Park Rainbow Association • PO Box 76115 Milw., WI 53216 ..... 277-3986  
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- Wisconsin Cream City Chorus • 170 S. 2nd St., Milw., WI 53204 ..... 276-8787

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- St. Camillus AIDS Ministry • 10101 W. Wisconsin, Milw., 53226 ..... 259-4664

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- Lutherans Concerned • LGBT Lutherans • PO Box 1676, 53201 ..... 372-9663
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- Kathleen A. Neville, MS, MSW, Psychotherapist • 3970 N Oakland #502, 53211 ..... 332-3331
- Scott Perkins, Shorewest Realtors • <http://shorewest.com> ..... 476-7100
- Carolyn Ruck • Psychotherapy ..... 789-1191
- Jack H. Smith, Shorewest Realtors • <http://jacksmith.com> ..... 962-4413

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- Survival/Revival Resale Shop • Sales benefit ARCW • 246 E. Chicago Street, 53202 ..... 291-2856
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**Sports**



by Bob Melig

**HIT - HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES SOAR AS SIZZLING HIT TOURNAMENT**

With 2,007 total pins, Jack Day of Chicago beat Y2K by months as he took Overall Honors at the Milwaukee Holiday Invitational Tournament over Thanksgiving Weekend. Helping his overall was a 749 series. Keith Anderson, of Chicago had the high, high game of the weekend with a 259 (placing 2nd in individual series and 19th overall).

In 2nd Place Overall was Greg Plashich (2052). Third and fourth place also broke 2K with Paul Rojas (2037) and Karen Killinger (2010) hot on the pace. The next five places were all over 1950, in fact all the way down to 22nd place, no scores were below 1950.

While the Overalls were sizzling for the astounding bowlers the tournament draws from all over the country, us regular and ordinary bowlers aren't forgotten by the organizing Committee. Besides the "A" Division, a highly competitive weekend is enjoyed by "B" and "C" Divisions, each with separate scoring and separate prize money awards.

Overall includes Individual series, team, and doubles competition. Not all bowlers choose to be part of that rigorous schedule and can choose a "cafeteria" choice of competing team, doubles and/or singles events giving them time to enjoy the City and the high jink.

A large contingent of Lesbians, and a nice smattering of straight bowlers participated again this year. More than 300 keglers filled the town. In its 21st outing HIT continues to draw from all over North America. During its history, the Committee can truthfully say it has had bowlers from 5 of the 7 continents. (rumors of a penguin division are rife, pulling in the other two landmasses - Hey, if they can bowl on TV commercials, why not at HIT? AAAAAAnd they're so cute, maybe not cuddly - but cute).

HIT, seriously folks, was the first Gay/Lesbian bowling tournament ever orga-

nized. Last year it held a massive celebration for its 20th. It has such respect from everywhere, that during its 21st, there was little or no diminishment in attendance. HIT organizers evangelized other Cities to form IGBO (the International Gay/Lesbian Bowling Organization). The Organization now has member organizations in every city with a substantial Gay/Lesbian population. Bud Selig are you reading this? Give them a good game and they will come (even to a small market city).

Two Milwaukeeans received special honors at the spirited banquet following the tournament. David Fre and Rick Kowal (owner of the Ballgame) were honored with the Hall Of Fame Trophy awarded each year to those who have done the most to help the tournament succeed and grow.

**YOU CAN TELL IT'S WINTER**

Haven't heard a peep out of Softball for months. No meetings, press releases, no newsletters - and the season is only months away. In addition it's the year of the 20th Anniversary Milwaukee Classic.

**YOU CAN TELL IT'S WINTER**

HIT already has had its fundraising set for the year aiming for next Thanksgiving Day and a bigger than ever tournament. Let's see, that's 11 months away.

**YOU CAN TELL IT'S WINTER - Part 2**

Darts is having a tight race again this season with 9 teams. Bowling booms with sever-

al leagues. GAMMA has a full schedule weekly. The FrontRunners are traveling to warmer climes to compete. The Outdoor groups are doing the winter things that draw members. Baseball's "Hot Stove League" is hotter than ever with the new players being signed, new management and prospects of the new Ballpark.

**HOW ABOUT THE GREAT DANE?**

The Heisman is in his pocket, the Rose Bowl record looming, and the NFL salivating at throwing mega-bucks his way. A great outlook for an athlete who gave us great thrills on the field, the best of good sportsmanship, and a tremendous boost to Wisconsin's Pride.

**AND THEN THERE'S MY PACKERS**

They are poised for a play-off surge. Bret is back, Parker is hot, and Free is roaming once again. Add Brad, McKinsie, and a few others who are stepping up, and you have a team which just might put it altogether at season's end. Road games within the Division put a damper on the prospects. It just depends on how many substitute quarterbacks we will have to face the rest of the way, they do the baddest things to the Pack, don't they?

My prediction (why not go out on a limb?) The Lions fold, the Tampa's cool, Vikings, bold but old - fade, the Packers Golden. Don't bet your house on this, folks.

# out with Dusty

**News...** About a month ago, I told you that Julia, owner of the ever so cutting edge and trendy **Dish**, was denying those nasty rumors that her financing to reopen **Mama Roux** had fallen through. Some of you have been asking me for the latest on this front. Well, I spoke with Julia last Friday and she told me that the plans ARE definitely moving ahead.

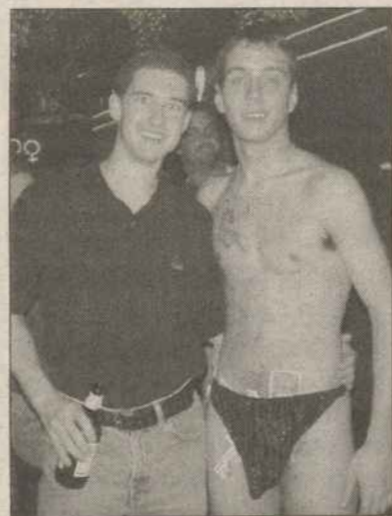


Julie said that she has secured the services of a fabulous designer, who will come up with a total remake of the place. Still no word, on when it will open, Julia said she wants to make sure everything is right before she opens it up for business.

Congrats to Madison's **Club 5** on celebrating five years in business. I wasn't able to make it up to the big bash, but I hear that the place was packed. One of my spies told me it was even more crowded than the Republican Presidential candidates' table at a Christian Coalition prayer breakfast.

Speaking of Club 5, I hope you will be hand for the annual benefit for Madison's homeless this Sunday. Last year we raised nearly \$4,000, this year we want \$5,000. It's going to be a great show and a great time. Don't miss it!

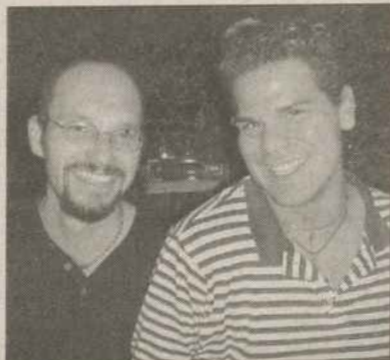
My apologies to **Club 219**. In my last column, I mentioned that the Miss La Cage 2000 pageant would crown the first beauty queen for the new millennium. I forgot that the Miss 219 pageant preceded it. Not to mention Entertainer of the Year, which was held a week after the 219 affair.



**Recaps...** Speaking of 219, we had a sort of staff meeting there last Friday night. The outgoing Editor, or should I say incoming Internet Project Director, the

incoming Editor, Nadine, our production manager TJ and I were all downstairs having a great time with bartender JoeWe had so much fun; it was difficult to for me to pull Nadine and her charming partner Oretha out of the place so we could head to our next stop.

Our next stop was **This Is It**. I wanted to introduce Nadine to Joe, but he wasn't there. Lots of other people were though and as usual everyone was friendly, the jukebox was going and the service was great.



From there, we went over the **Triangle**. Bar Manger James was the perfect host and we ran into Jamie and his partner Josh.



Jamie decided to see if it's true that blondes have more fun. He was sporting a bright bleached ...um I mean totally natural looking head of blonde hair. When I asked him about this Jamie said, "I was bored one Saturday afternoon." Jamie, next time you are bored on a Saturday let Dusty know. I think I can come up with some more interesting and equally colorful ways to pass the time.

Jamie, Josh, James, Nadine, Oretha and I had a fun time partying together. I won't repeat the latest rumor about Jamie and Josh - told to me by Josh. I will say that some people should be ashamed of themselves.

We also stopped at **Dish**, which was packed to the rafters. The crowd was young, hot, and ever so energetic on the dance floors. Yes dance floors. The upstairs was also crowded. If you haven't seen the upstairs, you should. It's decorated like a New York loft and except for the bar in the back, you would think that

you were at a private party. It's a perfect place to party with your friends.

Then it was off to **La Cage** where more sweaty bodies could be seen gyrating around on the dance floor. George and I had a drink together (It's safe to go back there now he's on our side of the bar again) I ran into Craig from Switch, who told me that business is booming at his establishment.



It was then time to send Nadine and Oretha off to **Fannie's**. Nadine and Oretha report they ended the evening there and had a wonderful time.

From what I hear Oretha was rather well known at Fannie's and **Barbie's** before hooking up with our Incoming Editor and had a rather revealing picture taken down. I can't help but wonder what pictures may be hanging in the Philadelphia bars from Nadine's single days. By the way, last weekend at Fannie's, Shoreline had their annual Christmas Party and show, raising over \$300 for their AIDS Quilt panel. Diane, our Ad Sales Director and her other half were in attendance and got a few pics to share with you.

I also stopped in at the **Ball Game** during cocktail hour last week. I had a fun time chatting with the regulars and bar-

tender Rick. Alas the Christmas tree I mentioned in my last column wasn't up yet so I still can't tell you what it looks like. We will try to get a picture of it in our next issue.

Speaking of Christmas I had a fabulous time at the annual Jolly Holly Folly. The food was delicious. Everything I sampled was great. I ate so many different things, that I stopped taking notes after awhile and just enjoyed.

I ran into bunches of people I knew including *Wisconsin Light* staff members, our former publisher and editor, Terry Boughner and Jerry Johnson, Doug Nelson, my softball buddy Jeff, Karen Valentine (in her Michael Johnston persona) Doug from Miller Brewing and others too numerous to mention here. Everyone agreed that it was a fabulous party and a great way to kick off the holidays in earnest.

Our G.M. Ron Geiman reports that the **Boot Camp's** Annual Christmas Party and fundraiser drew an impressive room-filling crowd to the **M&M** banquet room last Sunday. Si started the annual event and feast just for his bartenders as a way to say "thanks", and then started inviting guests, and now it's a crowd. The M&M staff provided a delectable meal, and once is slender frame was full, told us he wouldn't have a total for the fundraiser until after our deadline.

Well that's wrap for this week. I hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile, stay safe and be proud!

*Dusty Sass who wants a detailed report on whether or not blondes really do have more fun, would love to hear from you. To tell Dusty about happenings at your favorite establishment send an e-mail to [dusty@wilight.com](mailto:dusty@wilight.com) or call (414) 226-0075.*

local performers, benefits area Homeless Shelters. Goal is to raise \$5,000. Giveaways throughout the night donated by local businesses. Tables are very limited. Call to reserve. All door and table reservation funds will be donated. Thanks to WI Light for co-sponsorship. 10pm showtime, \$5 cover donation.

**Christmas Party, Boot Camp (Milwaukee):** Inquire with staff.

**13** **Lingerie & Sexy Underwear Show, Switch (Milwaukee):** Show co-sponsored by Razzle Me Dazzle Me Fancy Lingerie,

8:30pm.

**16** **Salsa Night, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Free conga shots, do the limbo, join the conga line, Salsa and chips, \$2 shots of Tequilla.

**17** **Christmas Party, Triangle (Milwaukee):** Ho, ho, ho, come enjoy the festivities from 9pm-on.

**Chippewa Valley Bears, Wolf's Den (Eau Claire):** Monthly 3rd Friday gathering.

**19** **Christmas Party, Switch (Milwaukee):** Santa will visit with a sack of \$uprize\$ from 4pm-close.

## Nights out Events

**9** **Midnight Run, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Rail and Beer \$1.50 midnight to 2am

**10** **Christmas Party, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Party from 5pm-?, Christmas Drag Show for Toys for Tots at 10pm.

**Jack Daniels Promo Party, Triangle (Milwaukee):** Enjoy big bad Jack from 10pm-midnight.

**11** **Anonymous HIV Testing and Counseling, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** BestD Clinic offers testing from 9pm-midnight, Free.

**Oberons Club Night, 1100 Club (Milwaukee):** Every 2nd Saturday of the Month.

**12** **4th Annual Holiday Show and Homeless Benefit, Club 5 (Madison):** Simply Divine and Ms Caroline holiday show with



Si Smits, center, hosted the Boot Camp's Christmas fundraising dinner at the M&M Club.



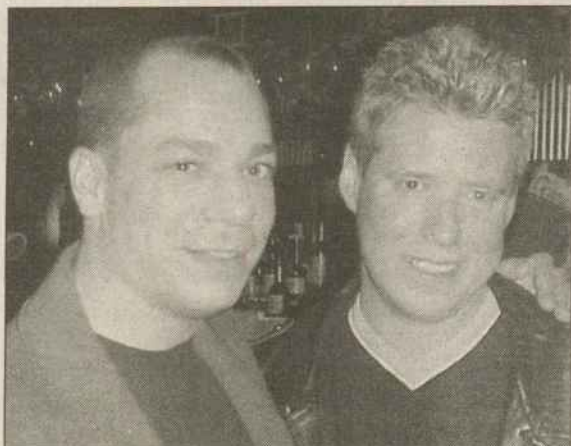
Jeff & Bruce of Shoreline



Terry, Jerry & Annabelle enjoyed themselves at the Boot Camp's Christmas Party.



Shoreline performed during their Holiday Party at Fannies.



Friendly Faces at Triangle.

# LaCage

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# Christmas Party

## December 22nd

\* Buffet

9pm

\* Drink Specials

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# Christmas Show with the LaCage Show Girls

# WI Light BAR GUIDE

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<b>BELOIT (608)</b>			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54302	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54302	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	1351 Cedar, 54302	432-9646
Sass	WM, Sp	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54302	435-5476
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	MW, J, DJ	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Rainbow's End	Wm, J, E	417 Jay St., 54601	782-9802
My Place	Mw, J, K, E, F	3201 South Ave., 54601	788-9073
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W, J	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Rainbow Room	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F, J	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
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Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F, J	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E, J	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E, K, D	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E, J, D	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-2711
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E, K	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed &amp; Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, Sp, J	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L, J	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, Sp, J	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 5-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M, J	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
<b>SHEBOYGAN (920)</b>			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
<b>SUPERIOR (715)</b>			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm, J	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW, L/L	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

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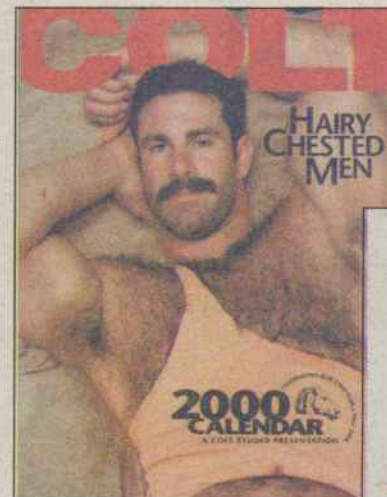
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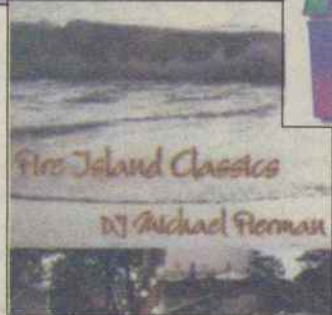
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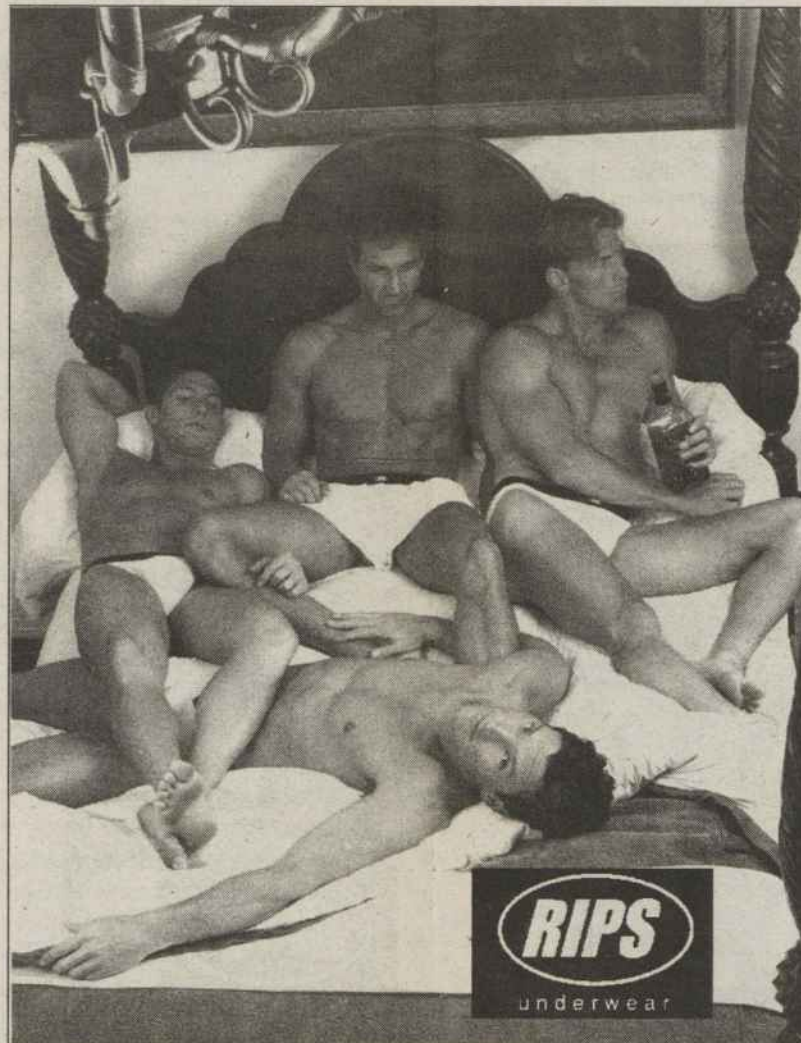
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