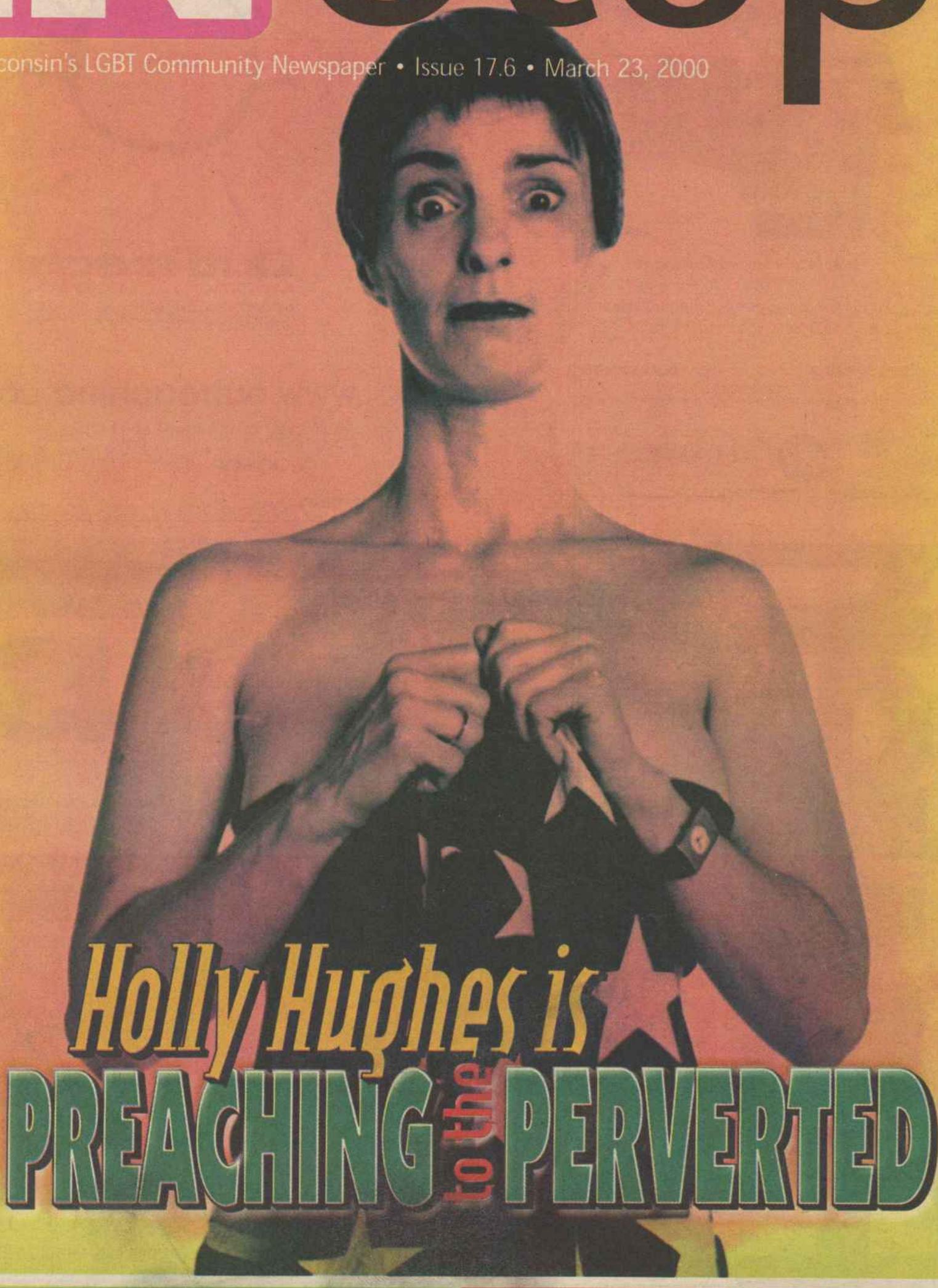


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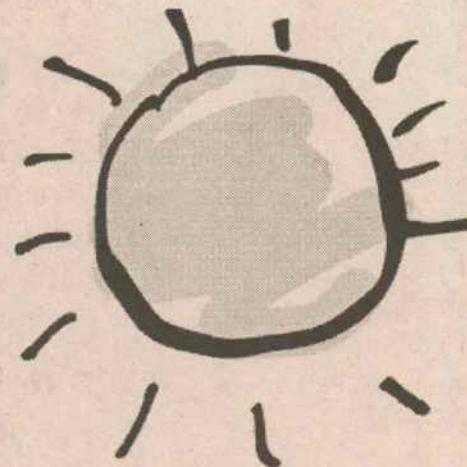
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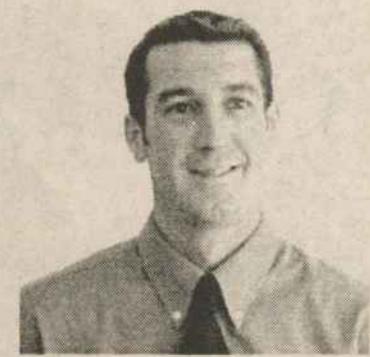
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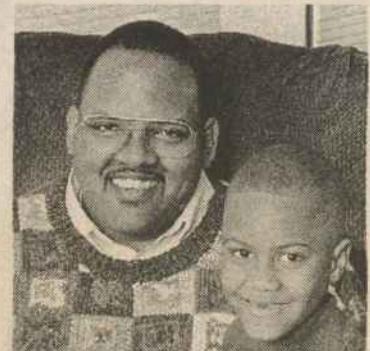


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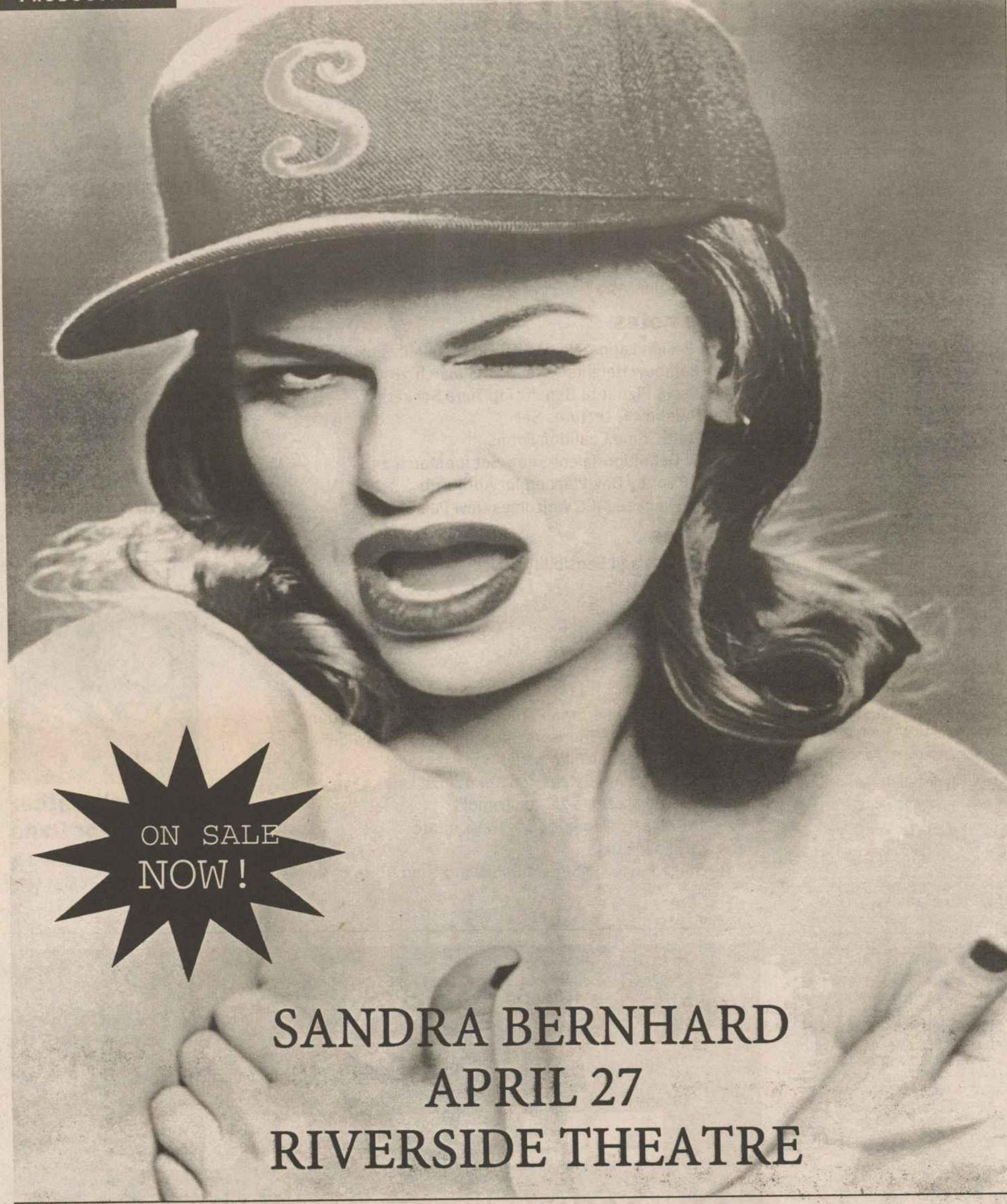
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# 'Civil Unions' Bill Approved by Vermont House

by Keith Clark

**Montpelier, Vt.** — Despite intense opposition, the Vermont House of Representatives managed to pass by a 79-68 vote a measure that would create "civil unions" to make the most sweeping same-sex couples benefits program in the United States.

In December, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that gays and lesbians were entitled to the same benefits available to married heterosexual couples in the state, but left to the legislature how to go about assuring those benefits. The state's high

## Benefits of Vt. Civil Union Bill

These are some of the key benefits that would be conferred on gay and lesbian couples under the civil union bill that passed the Vermont House.

**Property:** Partners would be entitled to joint title, transfer from one to the other on death, and property transfer tax benefits.

**Lawsuits:** Someone in a civil union would be able to sue for the wrongful death of a partner, the emotional distress caused by a partner's death or injury, and the loss of consortium caused by death or injury.

**Probate:** Probate law and procedures related to spouses would flow to civil union partners.

**Adoption:** Civil union partners would be entitled to all the protections and benefits available when adopting a child. Same-sex couples already are allowed under state law to adopt, but the laws would reflect that those couples would be treated as spouses.

**Insurance:** State employees in civil unions would be treated as spouses for insurance or continuing care contracts.

**Abuse:** Parties to a civil union would qualify for various abuse programs as spouses.

**Discrimination:** Laws prohibiting discrimination based on marital status would apply to civil union couples.

**Compensation:** Provisions in victims' compensation and workers' compensation related to spouses also would apply to civil union partners.

**Health Care:** Medical decisions that a spouse may make also can be made by those in a civil union. Hospital visitation and notification would be treated similarly.

**Testimony:** As with spouses, partners in a civil union could not be compelled to testify against one another.

**Definitions:** State laws that confer benefits or rights to people based on their marital or family status — such as family landowner rights to hunt and fish or definitions of family farmers — would be broadened to recognize civil unions.

court said the lawmakers could simply legalize same-sex marriage, set up some sort of separate statewide partners program, or some other way to extend the benefits and responsibilities.

Reaction to the court's ruling, which was unanimous concerning the rights of same-sex couples in the state, was swift — and sometimes extreme.

While Gov. Howard Dean and many moderate politicians in the state quickly endorsed a statewide partners measure — now known in the state measure as civil unions — as the best way to avoid having to legalize same-sex marriages, some conservatives called for a state convention to modify the state constitution and get around the supreme court ruling. Others called for the impeachment of all the court's justices. And just a day before House members approved the measure, opponents had said they had enough votes to prevent passage of the bill.

Most opponents have said the civil unions bill in fact legalizes same-sex marriage "in all but name." But in fact the measure now includes an explicit statement that marriage in Vermont is defined only as a legal union between a man and a woman.

But while opponents in the legislature were offering a series of amendments that would have all but crippled the civil unions measure, Reps. Dean Corren and David

Deen, proposed an amendment that would have taken the measure in the other direction and simply allowed same-sex couples to marry in the state. That proposed amendment was soundly defeated, but even so some Vermont rights advocates said they

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were heartened that although 125 House members voted against the marriage amendment, 22 members voted in favor of it.

Rep. William Lippert, the state's only openly gay lawmaker, said of the House passage of the measure, "It will not end prejudice; it will not end hate; it will grant rights. They argue whether they are civil rights or other rights, but I'll tell you this, they are rights I don't have right now."

The issue of same-sex couples has been the main political topic in the state since the Supreme Court ruling. Every member of the House took to the floor to voice their views during more than eight hours of increasingly emotional debate on the bill before the vote passing it with a packed gallery.

The measure still faces another vote in

the House, and opponents have said they will still try to block its passage then, but supporters say the bill will now probably win final House approval and move on to the state Senate, where prospects for passage are considered good.

Gov. Dean has already indicated that if the legislature approves the bill he will sign it into law. If the bill does become law, it is unclear what action — if any — opponents

might then take.

Members of the House who opposed the bill and wanted a state constitutional amendment adding a restrictive definition of marriage to a man and a woman may find they're unable to because all constitutional amendments have to originate in the state Senate, which many think would be unlikely to approve such a proposal now.

Overriding all the debate and political maneuvering is the fact that when the state Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case, it retained jurisdiction over it. That means the court can, without further appeals, step in to review the legislature's actions to determine if the legislative solution accomplishes what the justices said it must.

## 'Dr. Laura' Protests at Paramount

by Keith Clark

**Los Angeles** — Hundreds of gay and lesbian activists rallied outside the Paramount Studios lot on March 21, to protest a new TV talk show hosted by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. Across the street, a small group of perhaps two dozen gathered to support Schlessinger.

Gay and lesbian advocates have been increasingly upset with what "Dr. Laura" has said about homosexuality on her popular syndicated radio call-in show, including references to gays as "sexual deviants" and saying that she refuses to give any money to AIDS research. She also has called homosexuality a "biological error."



Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Protesters want Paramount to cancel plans for Schlessinger's syndicated TV talk show, which is slated to premiere this fall.

"If this minority can be humiliated and scapegoated and subjected to stereotypes and false statements about them, can any minority feel safe?" said Los Angeles civil rights attorney Gloria Allred.

On the other side of the issue, regular listeners of Schlessinger's daily talk show say trying to get Paramount to cancel the show is censorship.

"I don't stand with everything Dr. Laura has to say, but she does have her free speech," listener Sandra Rodrigues told reporters. "I stand to protect the children from the propaganda of homosexuality."

Last week, Schlessinger offered an apology to the gay community, saying that her statements have been misconstrued.

"I never intend to hurt anyone or contribute in any way to an atmosphere of hate or intolerance," the statement said. "Regrettably, some of the words I've used hurt some people, and I am sorry for that. Words that I have used in a clinical context have been perceived as a judgment."



About 500 protesters picketed Paramount Studios in Hollywood March 21 demanding that a planned TV show featuring radio star Dr. Laura Schlessinger be cancelled.

But syndicated columnist Don Feder later reported that Schlessinger had told him her statement wasn't an apology at all, but merely a "clarification" of her position, which Feder said hadn't changed at all.

Either way, many of the protesters said the apology was not enough.

"Do I accept that from her? No, because I heard her call me a biological error," Josh Marquette said.

Paramount has tried to keep a low profile during the controversy, and says it stands behind Schlessinger's show, which has already been sold to 160 markets. Industry experts say all the controversy will likely give the show an early ratings boost.

One of the people who talked to the gay and lesbian protesters, however, was one of Paramount's premiere luminaries, David Lee of the hit comedy "Frasier."

Lee said he had decided to join the protest against his Paramount bosses because his attempts to convince executives at the studio had failed to even listen to his concerns.

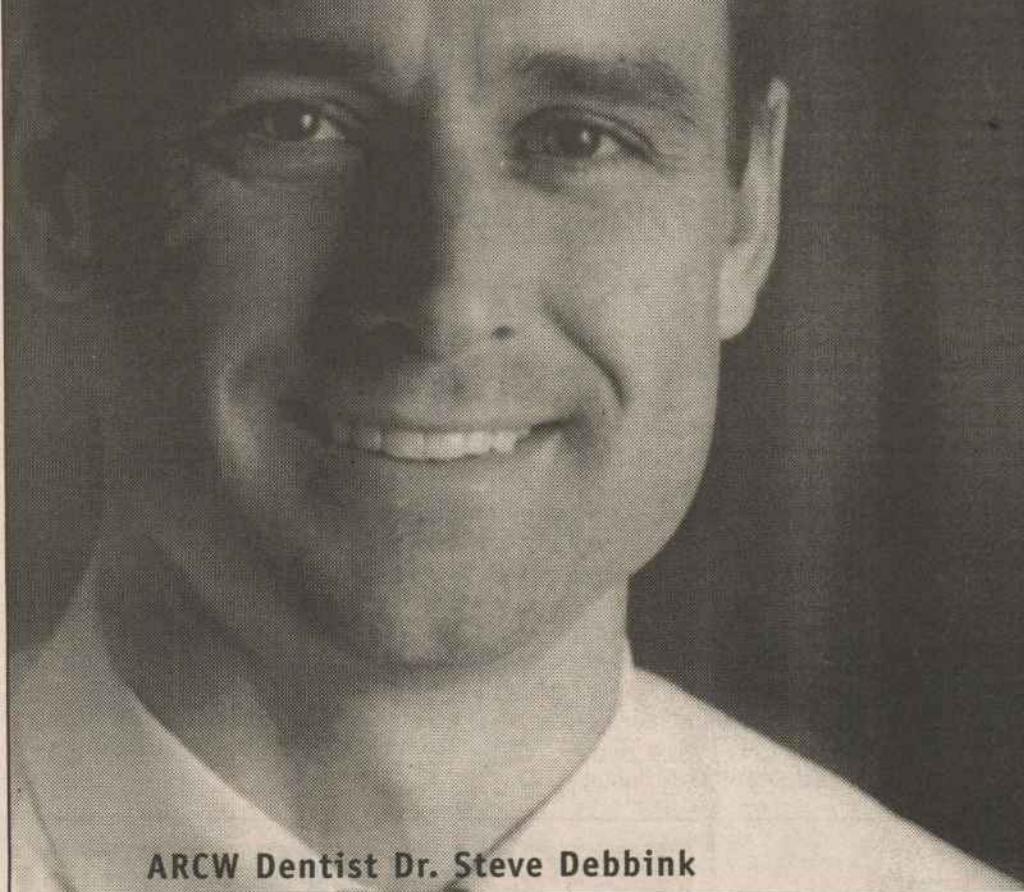
"I'm here because something I've worked for during the past 15 years has betrayed me," Lee told the demonstrators. "Paramount is behaving irresponsibly by giving a platform to a woman who is hurting the gay community, literally."

Neither Schlessinger nor Paramount officials were available to comment on the protest.

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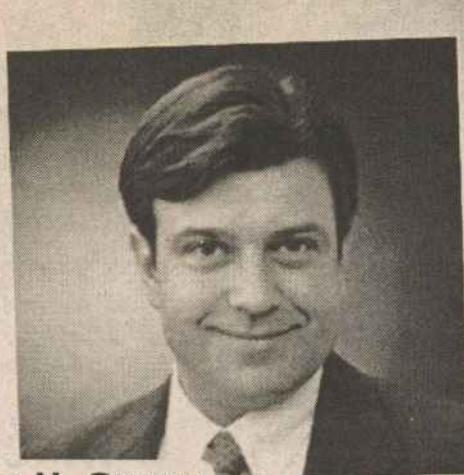
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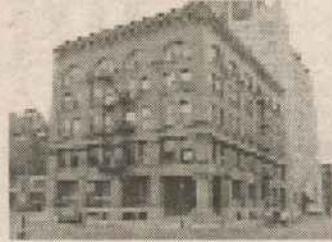
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# Assembly Committee Defers Vote on "Definition of Marriage" Bill

## HUNDREDS ATTEND MADISON HEARING; PROPONENTS CALL OPPONENTS "SODOMITES"

**Madison** — The North Hearing Room of the State Capitol in Madison was filled to capacity on the morning of March 16, and interested parties were forced to stand outside the chamber and listen to testimony via loudspeaker during a hearing on a bill to define marriage as being between "one man and one woman." Assembly Bill 781, authored by State Rep. Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) would define marriage in Wisconsin and would define what marriages from other jurisdictions that Wisconsin would recognize.

The hearing by the Assembly Committee on Family Law had somewhat spotty attendance by committee members due to concurrent hearings by other committees, and time for individual testimony was progressively reduced down to three minutes. After 3 1/2 hours of testimony, the committee closed the hearing without voting on the proposal.

Current statute defines marriage as being between "husband and wife," which led committee members to question Rep. Gundrum about the bill's necessity, to which he replied, "husband and wife don't relate to gender." Another committee member asked the author about how many states currently recognized same-sex marriages. Rep. Gundrum quickly replied "thirty" and then paused and said "I mean, none." There are currently approximately thirty states that explicitly do not recognize same-sex marriages. When asked about perceptions that the bill was mean-spirited, he replied, "think what you want."

Rep. Gundrum also cited the prohibitions on bigamy and incest in current law, but then later stated that this bill was required to prevent polygamy.

Public testimony opened with Debra Johnson, a transsexual woman who married her wife 31 years ago, and who spoke against the bill. She questioned how her marriage could be damaging other people's marriages, especially in comparison to such things as the television program featuring people willing to marry an unknown millionaire, and she urged the committee

to live up to its name in passing laws that protect all families.

Patrick Flaherty of the Domestic Partnership Task Force spoke against the bill and how it would damage the progress made by business in treating employees fairly. Kurt Dyer of Project Q, a drop-in program for LGBT youth in Milwaukee, spoke of the message this bill sends to youth in telling youth that they'll "never be in a committed relationship." The Rev. Charles Wolfe and the Rev. Mark Klinger, both of Madison, also spoke against the bill.

Individuals from Kenosha, Milwaukee, Madison, Platteville, Sauk City, some of whom were LGBT, some heterosexual; some single, some married; some representing organizations, others just representing themselves. All came out to testify or register against this bill.

The testimony in favor of the bill was somewhat kinder toward gays and lesbians than that heard in Wausau in 1997 regarding Assembly Bill 104, a similar proposal, during whose hearing the execution of gays and lesbians was called for. However, gays and lesbians and their relationships, were still referred to as "sodomites," "unnatural," "perversion" and "weird" by those members of the public supporting the bill on March 16.

Dan Ross of Action Wisconsin urged those legislators who felt their minds were made up in support of this bill to listen to the individuals present and understand how this type of legislation affects them, especially in the presence of belittling and demonizing rhetoric. Four of the nine committee members are also cosponsors of this legislation.

A representative of the Wisconsin Catholic Council testified for information only, and advocated that the discussion of same-sex marriage should be separate from that of whether gays and lesbians are good people.

Assembly Bill 781 has eight fewer legislative sponsors than 1997 Assembly Bill 104. Seventy people spoke in favor of or registered in support of AB781; 145 people spoke against or registered in opposition to the bill.

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## Student Arrested in Gay-Straight Club Fracas

**ORANGE, Calif.** — Police arrested an unnamed 17-year-old student from El Modena High School on charges she bit Stan Pasqual, principal of Canyon Hills High School during a meeting of the Orange Unified School District's board about a Gay Straight Alliance club at El Modena.

The student, an officer in the Gay Straight Alliance, was charged with suspicion of assault and battery, but was released in the custody of her parents, police reported.

Authorities said Pasqual was bitten by a masked student during a fracas that involved some 30 supporters of the club as they tried to keep an opponent of the gay-straight group from addressing the school board.

The school board had initially refused to allow the club to meet, but in February a court ordered the school to allow the club to hold meetings while a lawsuit by students in favor of the club works its way through what is expected to be a lengthy court battle.

The "Orange County Register" reported that protesters from Utah had remained in the area following the court ruling, passing out fliers, showing up at school board meetings, and even picketing at meetings of the club while shouting anti-gay slogans, increasing tensions between supporters and opponents of the club.

Anthony Colin, a founder of the gay-straight club, said he was upset by actions on both sides and by the arrest of the club's officer. "This may have been exhilarating at first," Colin said of the attention the club has generated. "But now people just need to go home so we can all cool off."

## Feds Add 2nd Lesbian/Gay Historic Landmark

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The federal government has added a second gay rights site to its list of National Historical Landmarks — the blocks of Greenwich Village where gays and lesbians fought against police bar raids in 1969 in what's been known ever since as the Stonewall Riots.

Last year the Interior Department designated the Stonewall Inn, the bar where a police raid sparked several nights of rioting, a historical landmark. Now the department has also designated several blocks around the bar as another historic landmark.

In its announcement of the new historic site, the Interior Department news release said, "This area is associated with events that represent the struggle for Gay civil rights in America ... Stonewall is regarded by many as marking the birth of the modern Gay and Lesbian liberation movement."

# Federal Arson and Hate Charges Filed Against Accused Killers

by Keith Clark

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — A federal grand jury has indicted two brothers on charges of setting fire to four Sacramento, Calif., buildings as part of a hate crimes spree that finally ended in the killing of two gay men in Redding, Calif.

Benjamin M. Williams, 31, and James Tyler Williams, 29, already face possible death sentences if convicted of the murders of Gary Matson, 50, and his longtime partner Winfield Mowder, 40. The popular and well-liked gay couple were found slain July 1, the day before one of the fires the two Williams brothers have been charged with was set.

A grand jury handed down 13 federal indictments against the Williams brothers after a months-long investigation. The indictments charge that the two men conspired "to destroy and close synagogues, reproductive health facilities and other targeted buildings, and to thereby provoke further incidents of violence and to intimidate, terrorize and harm Jews, providers of reproductive health services and other groups of persons whom the defendants regarded as inferior or undesirable."

The two brothers were charged with setting fires in attacks on three Sacramento-area synagogues and a medical building that houses a clinic where abortions are performed in late June through early July.

In addition to the actual arson, the brothers are also being charged with violating federal hate crime statutes in connection with the blazes.

In announcing the indictments, federal officials said the investigation remains open, which means additional charges could be brought against the Williams brothers or additional suspects could also be indicted, said Patty Pontello of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento.

The brothers are currently being held in the Shasta County

Jail in Northern California but are expected to be transported to Sacramento sometime later in March for a preliminary hearing in federal court on the arson charges and then back again to Shasta County.

McGregor Scott, the Shasta County District Attorney, said in a statement that he plans to use evidence in the arson cases in arguing for the death penalty for the two brothers if he wins convictions in the murder case. Neither Scott nor federal officials have indicated which trial will be held first.

Matson and Mowder were shot repeatedly, apparently in their sleep. Their car, wallets and credit cards were stolen.

Shasta County sheriff's detectives said they tracked the Williams brothers through Matson's credit card, used to purchase ammunition loading equipment, and arrested the brothers when they were picking up one of their charged orders.

Searches of a house the brothers shared and a storage locker as well as the Palo Cedro home where the two sometimes stayed with their parents revealed caches of assault weapons and ammunition, boxes of white supremacist and other hate literature and a list of area Jewish leaders, including those affiliated with the burned synagogues, according to court documents.

In a jailhouse interview six days after his arrest, Tyler Williams told a newspaper reporter he had never met Matson and Mowder. "They keep talking about evidence, but I don't know where it is," he said.

Since then, Tyler Williams has declined to speak with reporters.

But his more talkative older brother, a former landscaper, has given several interviews in which he has cheerfully taken credit for the killings, at least one of the arson cases, and for having "mixed the Jewish cocktails" used to torch all three synagogues.

A scornful anti-Semite who says he believes that homosexuals deserve to die because they are "breaking God's laws," Benjamin Williams alternately shaves his head and lets his hair grow out. At a recent court appearance in Shasta County, he sported an Adolph Hitler-style mustache.

"I'm just happy that this finally happened," Roger Matson, Gary Matson's younger brother, said after the announcement of the indictments. "We're happy that it's proceeding."

Both federal and California investigators have linked the Williams brothers with the World Church of the Creator and Christian Identity, both supremacist movements that have been connected with other violent crimes recently.

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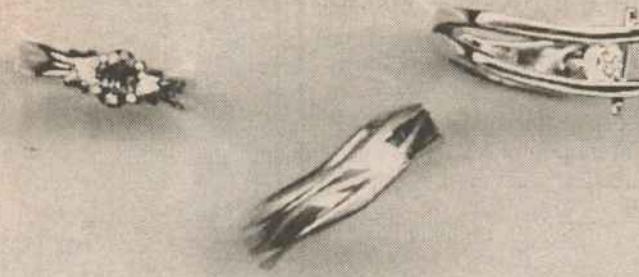
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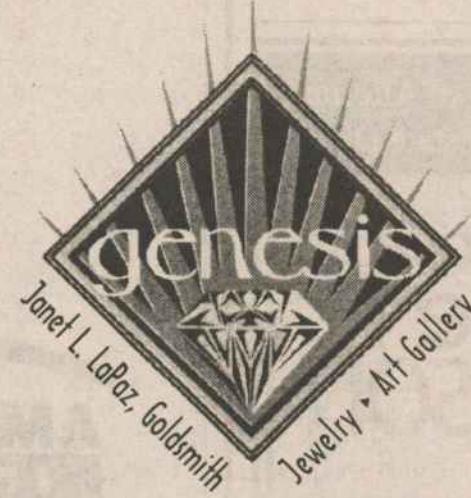
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# HRL-PAC Endorses City, County and Supreme Court Candidates



**Milwaukee** — The Human Rights League Political Action Committee (HRL-PAC) has announced its endorsements for the April 4 general election. The group has endorsed candidates in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, and State Supreme Court races. Polls will be open on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"This election will have a big impact on what our community can accomplish in the next several years. We must not miss this opportunity to elect candidates who will work to make Milwaukee a safe and inviting place for its LGBT citizens," said Paul Williams, HRL-PAC board member.

HRL-PAC's endorsements are based on replies to surveys sent to all candidates, voting records of incumbent candidates, personal interviews with candidates, and many hours of additional research. Endorsements are given to candidates who demonstrate support for key issues, including equal benefits for LGBT workers, increased services for LGBT youth and seniors, and additional support for AIDS prevention and care. Financial contributions may also be given to pro-LGBT candidates in tightly contested races and to candidates who have been particularly supportive of Milwaukee's LGBT community.

"Statewide and locally we have seen strong attacks on the LGBT community, like the recently proposed bill to outlaw same-sex marriage. We can respond to these attacks by using our votes to make sure LGBT-friendly candidates win election," said Patrick Flaherty, HRL-PAC board member.

Several races stand out as being particularly important for LGBT voters. Penny Podell and Paul Henningsen, both incumbents and champions of LGBT rights, face serious challengers in their respective races. Podell represents the county's 3rd ward and Henningsen represents the city's 4th aldermanic district. HRL-PAC has also endorsed James Bohl in the city's 5th aldermanic district and E. Fay Anderson, who is running against Willie Hines in the city's 17th district. Hines has twice voted against domestic partnership legislation at the city level.

Voters can obtain information regarding voter registration, absentee ballots, and polling places by calling the City of Milwaukee at (414) 286-VOTE (8683) or visiting the city's web site at [www.ci.mil.wi.us](http://www.ci.mil.wi.us). The information is available under "Election Commission" in the "City Departments" section of the site. Voters in municipalities other than Milwaukee should contact their village or city clerk's office.

## ARCW Finds Housing for 14 Former St. Camillus Residents

**Milwaukee** — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin successfully provided housing counseling placement and rent assistance for all 14 individuals left without a home after St. Camillus announced it would close both its AIDS Ministry and Raphael House, its housing facility for people with HIV.

"ARCW worked especially hard to help these individuals find new homes," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "Our mission is to help people manage this disease as best as possible. In this case, it meant that we intervened immediately upon finding out that St. Camillus was closing, worked with the St. Camillus staff to develop an individual action plan for each resident, and then thankfully, were able to rescue them from homelessness."

Individuals moved into permanently subsidized housing, Shelter Plus Care facilities and assisted living facilities throughout the Milwaukee area.

"The ARCW housing staff did an excellent job in helping me find a place to live with such short notice," said Michael Brown, who had

## HRL-PAC April Election Endorsements

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### Milwaukee City

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#### District #1

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#### District #2

Tiffany McKinney

#### District #3

Penny Podell (Inc.) \$

#### District #4

Sheila Aldrich (Inc.)

#### District #5

Lee Holloway (Inc.)

#### District #6

Jim McGuigan (Inc.)

#### District #7

Michael Mayo, Sr.

#### District #8-#9

No Endorsement

#### District #10

Elizabeth Coggs-Jones (Inc.)

#### District #11

No Endorsement

#### District #12

T. Anthony Zielinski (Inc.)

#### District #13

Willie Johnson, Jr.

#### District #14

No endorsement

#### District #15

David Jasenski

#### District #16

Lynne De Bruin (Inc.)

#### District #17-#24

No Endorsement

## Poll: Attitudes Toward Gays and Lesbians Changing

**NEW YORK** — According to a recent "Newsweek" poll, fewer and fewer Americans view homosexuality as a "sin" and a strong majority say gays and lesbians should not face discrimination in employment or housing.

The poll found that 46% of those surveyed said they still think homosexuality is a sin, a significant downward shift from the 54% who held that view in a similar 1998 poll. The publication reported that a nearly equal number (45%) said they don't think being gay or lesbian is a sin.

The poll also found that 71% said gays and lesbians should be allowed to hold major political office, and 60%-63% say gays and lesbians should be allowed to teach in the nation's schools.

But majorities still opposed legalizing same-sex marriages (57%) or letting gays and lesbians adopt children (50%). The poll also reported that a strongly growing majority of the public (69%) now think gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve in the country's armed forces. That represents an 11-point increase over the 58% who felt the same in a 1994 poll by the news magazine.

In a rare step, the magazine also conducted separate polls of gays and lesbians about their attitudes. The poll found that most gays and lesbians (56%) think tolerance in the country has increased during the past few years, although a substantial majority (60%) say discrimination remains a major problem in America.

The poll even sounded gay and lesbian respondents on what they see as important goals for their civil rights movement and found job opportunities and workplace discrimination was the leading issue (92%), equal housing rights (84%), and health and other spousal benefits for partners (80%).

Some 15% of all gays and lesbians (and 18% of all gay men) polled said they've been the victim of a beating or other physical attack prompted by hatred of gays.

The polling was part of the magazine's March 20 cover story that hit the news stands on March 13.

## 'Boys Don't Cry' Lawsuit Settled

**LOS ANGELES** — Lana Tisdel, who was depicted in the film "Boys Don't Cry," has settled her lawsuit with the filmmakers Fox Searchlight for an undisclosed amount.

Tisdel was the girlfriend of Teena Brandon, who lived as a male briefly in rural Nebraska. Brandon and two friends were killed in 1993 by two men who discovered Brandon was a biological female.

Tisdel had charged the film was an invasion of her privacy and used her name and likeness without authorization.

## Florida Town Gets Gay-Majority Council

**WILTON MANORS, FL.** — Voters swept John Fiore into the Wilton Manors, Fla., mayor's office making the small Fort Lauderdale suburban town of some 12,000 people the second in the nation to be governed by an openly gay majority on its five-member city council.

Fiore handily defeated Sandy Steen, a former mayor, with more than 56 percent of the popular vote. As mayor, Fiore will also have a seat on the city council along with two other openly gay council members, Gary Resnick and Craig Sherritt, who ran unopposed in the election.

"I'm glad it's over," Fiore said after learning the election results. "I'm very drained."

West Hollywood, Calif., became the country's first city with an openly gay majority council, and remained the only such city until now.

## More Millennium March Troubles

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — With less than two months before it's slated to take place, there were new signs all may not be well with the April 30 Millennium March on Washington.

Malcolm Lazin, co-director of the planned march, abruptly resigned without explanation from either Lazin or the march's organizing board of directors.

The Chicago Free Press also reports that 11 Illinois gay and lesbian organizations are boycotting the event because of what they see as a number of problems with the march. The most significant group to announce its boycott is Equality Illinois, the state's leading gay rights political group. The paper quoted Rick Garcia, head of Equality Illinois as saying there had been no local organizing for the march, which he called "ill thought out" and "ridiculous."

Another gay paper, the Gay People's Chronicle in Cleveland, at the same time reported that it could also find little indication groups in Ohio were organizing efforts to attend.

"No one has stepped up to get groups together to go," the paper quoted Dan Hlad of the Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Center as saying.

The paper said that unlike previous national efforts in the past, there appeared to be little effort in any of the state's largest cities to get people to Washington for the march.

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# Gay Man Makes Historic Run For Green Bay Alderman

*Exclusive Interview by Mike Fitzpatrick of the IN Step Staff*

**Green Bay** — Most drivers traveling west on Main Street on this city's east side pay scant attention to the oversized photo and red, white and blue lettering on the bill board. After all, the spring election season is in full swing. Drivers whose cars sport rainbow stripes and stickers often slow to do a double take, however. The face in the photo is one of Green Bay's most visible gay men — Rod Schroeder.

Schroeder, 32, has been an entrepreneur on the move since he moved to the city two years ago. He owns seven properties in the downtown district he seeks to represent. He owns Brandys II, one of the oldest gay bars in town. He co-owns the Basement, an alternative dance club, and Pop Culture, the recently launched coffeehouse and multimedia store.

In addition to business, Schroeder harbors a second passion: civil service. He served two terms as an elected member of the board of trustees in his home village of Denmark in southern Brown County. He has served on the Brown County Board of Health for the past five years. Memberships in the area business association, where he has served as both president and vice president, Lions Club, and the Optimists complete Schroeder's civic resume.

Schroeder's home borders the six-square block area known by LGBT community wags as "Homo Heights," because of the high-density of gay home owners and renters. IN Step sat down with Schroeder there last Saturday, amidst the boxes of brochures, flyers, lists, legal pads, overflowing ashtrays and other typical campaign floatsam that currently decorate his living room.

**IN Step: To the best of my knowledge, you are the first openly gay person to run for the city council in the history of Green Bay. Has anyone made anything of that?**

RS: No. I heard my opponent is saying it door to door. I can't control what he says door to door but I don't believe it will get into the main(stream) media. Letters to the editor right before the election — that's my only concern, maybe. Normally you don't see personal attacks at this level of city politics. Above that — like mayor — then the personal stuff comes out.

**IN Step: You are running against whom? He is the incumbent?**

RS: Gary Kriescher. He's just ending his first term — two years.

**IN Step: Are there things you think your opponent has done in his first term which you think were not in the benefit of his district?**

RS: Well number one: his support of the noise variance request for the downtown area [Editor's note: In 1999 business owners in the downtown entertainment district requested a noise variance which allowed outdoor bands to play late at night just blocks from residential areas and two high rise elderly housing complexes.] He

did not follow the wishes of the thousands of residents bordering the entertainment district. While it's important to support businesses, this is where a lot of very old people live. Number two: The Brown County Arena issue. The city-wide referendum on the issue won, but when it came to the vote, he voted no.

**IN Step: Do you have any endorsements from any of the political "might" in the community?**

RS: Public endorsements, no. Privately, I have everyone's support. I had a nice talk with Nancy Nusbaum last night. She's a major supporter of mine. She's the one who appointed me to the Brown County Board of Health.

**IN Step: Do you see support in the gay community?**

RS: Yes I do. I just went for breakfast with one supporter. I've been getting calls all week from people who say I'd know them if I saw them — their full names don't ring a bell. They're asking me if I could put a lawn sign in their yard. The support seems to be increasing.

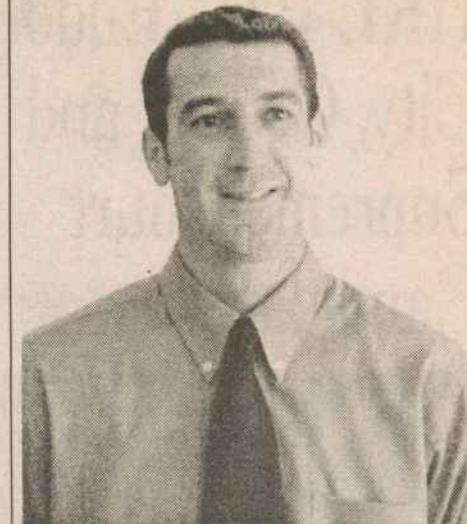
**IN Step: In general, what do you think of the level of political awareness of the gay community in Green Bay? We appear to have the meaningful support of city and county leaders, even if they're not wildly open about it in the kind of the left-right politics of a Madison or a Milwaukee.**

RS: Yes. There is a difference. In Madison you read it and you see it. There's always been a gay candidate for many years now for either Madison or Dane County. And that history has produced greater steps forward, like Tammy Baldwin in Congress. In Milwaukee, it's a little less. As far as the community in Green Bay, I don't think they're really political, but they do vote. They've never had a candidate they knew personally before. And I'm really out there so now [the community] is more energized too. Other than that, District 5 is mostly elderly — those are people who do vote regularly. That's where I'm concentrating my efforts as well. If you voted in the last three or four elections, I'm knocking on your door!

**IN Step: One of the biggest issues in Brown County, one which will have statewide impact is Lambeau Field. What are your feelings on the current deal that's being offered by the Packers?**

RS: I'm supportive of renovating Lambeau Field. I think the Packers are very vital to Green Bay. There's such a long tradition. We'd like to help them out. A half-a-percent sales tax? I don't agree with that. [The Packers] have an estimated worth of 500-800 million dollars. I don't see why — like any other business — they can't go to a bank, or for the amount of money they want, a number of banks. I think the city or the county, or even the state, should back it up if anything should go wrong. But a sales tax, I don't think so. The problem is once you get a tax, is it really going to go away?

**IN Step: Are you planning any**



Rod Schroeder

**debates with your opponent on the issues?**

RS: We've both been invited to appear on the Bill LaMaye radio talk show. I've accepted that this week. My opponent has not as of yet. I will be on the Bill La Maye Show with or without him.

**IN Step: Bill LaMaye historically has been exceptionally conservative, both fiscally and socially. He has made some borderline anti-gay comments over the past few years. I wouldn't put him in the same category as Milwaukee's Mark Belling or Dr. Laura, but he has obviously bought the social conservative line on gay issues. Do you expect that there might be an ambush?**

RS: I don't know. [pauses then laughs] Am I concerned? Yes, I am! But I'm not one to run. The bigger the challenge, the harder I'll fight. If they wish to corner me, good luck to them because I will not back down.

**IN Step: One of the issues that probably scares some people is the so-called "gay agenda."**

RS: I think you have to look at the area we're in. Green Bay is very conservative, always has been. They're not against the gay community — they're not out persecuting the gay community. I think everyone's just sorta happy to co-exist. If someone was to bring [domestic partnership] forward, would I voice my opinion in favor of it? Yes, I would. But on the other hand, you don't want to rock the boat in this area. You pick the fights you can win. You're building coalitions, that's what politics is. That's where I think my strong point is. Sit me in a room with people who are adamantly against each other. We may not solve the problems in that one meeting, but at least we'll get a little closer. I don't believe in personal attacks or raising your voice in a meeting. There's no reason for that. America should be and in fact is a compromise. We all have to live together.

**IN Step: Anything you want to say to the gay community about your candidacy?**

RS: I think the gay community should be proud that my candidacy means we're taking a step forward. But they should vote for me not because I'm gay but because I believe I am the best candidate when you compare us. I'm certainly going to be very careful on matters which cost money. I pay taxes on seven properties in this district. My opponent pays none. He lives with his father.

# Anti-Gay Group Calls for Boycott of Budweiser

**Atlanta** — The anti-gay Richmond, Va.-based Family Policy Network (FPN) took its call for a boycott of beer producer Anheuser-Busch to NASCAR's March 12 auto races in Atlanta where bemused spectators could see — or at least try to see — an airplane hired by FPN tow a giant banner denouncing Anheuser-Busch for what the group says is an "endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle."

FPN has singled out Anheuser-Busch because, not only does the beer-maker advertised in several gay and lesbian publications around the country, it also donates funds to charitable gay and lesbian events, including especially the Folsom Street Fair in San Francisco, touted as the largest leather event in the world.

"Our opposition to Anheuser-Busch goes far beyond the fact that they sponsor homosexual newspaper ads affirming homosexuality," said FPN spokesman Joe Glover. FPN said the beer-maker's sponsorship of the fair amounted to an endorsement of sadomasochism and "degrading and dangerous behavior" and that if people

who drink Budweiser "knew what that company does with the profits they get from the beers they drink, they wouldn't drink their beer."

The Folsom Street Fair raised some \$215,000 in 1999 for several charities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## Details of Late Stars' Gay Lives Emerge

by Keith Clark

**Los Angeles** — It's gotten very little attention in the American press, but British news sources have been having a field day reporting on recent documentation about homosexual affairs in the backgrounds of some Hollywood's stellar figures.

None of it would probably be news for most American gays and lesbians who have paid any attention to Hollywood rumors, but the reports are being gobbled up by even such "stuffy" sources as The Times of London.

Among the better known celebs are Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and Burt Lancaster.

Poet and playwright Mercedes de Acosta, who died in 1968, set off the reports



Burt Lancaster

about Garbo and Dietrich. In her will she donated a series of 55 personal letters from actress Garbo to Philadelphia's Rosenbach Museum on the condition that the letter not be made available until both Garbo and Dietrich had been dead for at least 10 years. With Garbo's death in 1990, the letters are now being made public by the museum — much to the displeasure of Garbo's niece and heir, Gray Reisfield of Stockholm.

De Acosta's earlier memoirs detailed bathing nude with Garbo, setting off rumors the two women had had an affair. She also said she had had an affair with star Marlene Dietrich and said she could "get any woman from any man."

Her views weren't considered idle boasting by contemporaries. Alice B. Toklas, the longtime companion of Gertrude Stein and a close friend of de Acosta's once said, "You can't dismiss Mercedes lightly. She has had two of the most important women in the United States — Garbo and Dietrich."

Reports about Burt Lancaster's gay trysts surfaced in FBI files from the 1950s

and 1960s that recently became part of the archives of the University of Southern California via Kate Bufford, author of the biography "Burt Lancaster: An American Life" that was published earlier in March.

The surveillance of Lancaster was prompted by FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, who himself has been widely reported to have been homosexual.

The investigation of Lancaster's sex life went on for at least a decade and included a sensational report that Lancaster had gone to a gay orgy in Hollywood with a male friend.

The FBI report indicated the orgy had been raided by military police because the orgy was also attended by an unidentified U.S. Navy admiral, and some 250 U.S. Marines from two nearby military bases.

"Also among the many prominent individuals revealed as participants in these orgies were the actors Rock Hudson and Burt Lancaster," the FBI report on the raid reported.

Rumors about the thrice-married Lancaster, of course, had been circulating for years, but the FBI files biographer Bufford obtained are the first independent documentation about the actor's homosexuality or bisexuality.

Bufford said of Lancaster, "I know what the FBI believed, but I do not claim to know all the truth. But his rages, his promiscuity and mood swings show some kind of conflict or confusion about sexual identity at least."

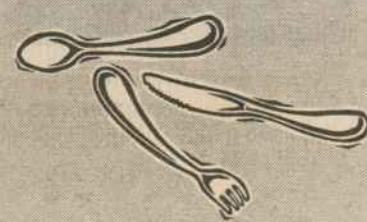
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# Milwaukee LGBT Center, Project Q Launch Adult Ally Program

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center announced plans to expand the Center's volunteer program to include Project Q Adult Allies. The role of Adult Allies will be to support the leadership and skills building of LGBTQ (questioning) youth involved in Project Q, the Center's youth-led youth development program.

Adult Allies will have an opportunity to attend a training that will encompass the emotional, practical and ethical responsibilities of working with youth. Once trained, Allies will mentor as well as ensure the safety of Project Q youth.

"Project Q has really experienced a lot of growth in the last six months," said Project Q Program Manager Kurt Dyer. "We have been very successful in establishing a drop-in space that is safe and fun for youth. Our Youth Advisory Board has created a strong list of goals for the next year. Adult Allies will play an important role in supporting us — as a group and as individuals — in reaching our goals."

Since beginning drop-in activities in September 1999, Project Q has involved over 150 LGBT youth, as well as their youth

allies, in social activities, discussion groups and in skills building. Entirely youth-led, Project Q focuses on eliminating the social



Kurt Dyer, Project Q

isolation of youth, conducting community outreach and education in schools, and supporting youth in leading full and healthy lives.

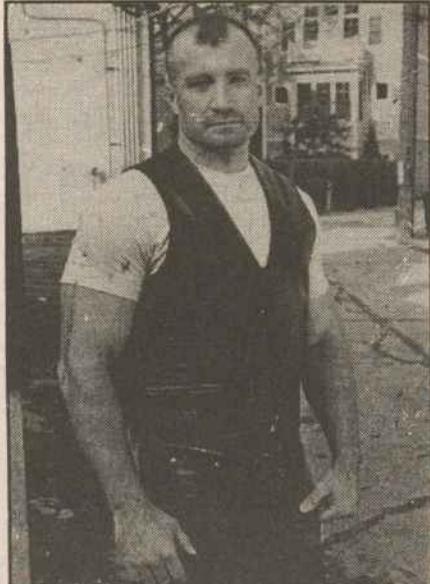
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"The youth involved in Project Q are exceptionally motivated — particularly around issues of social justice," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Center Executive Director. "The integration of an Adult Ally program will only further the growth and effectiveness of Project Q."

The first Adult Ally training will be offered on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the training or learning more about the Adult Ally program should contact Neil Albrecht at (414) 271-2656.

## Rainbow Heights Assn. Meets March 28

**Milwaukee** — The Rainbow Heights Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Divine Word Lutheran Church, 2180 N. 55th Street.

The purpose of this gathering is to meet new friends, exchange gossip and political concerns, plan parties and discuss various projects. Upcoming projects include our May 6th garage sale through which we raise funds, PrideFest involvement, and worthwhile uses for some of our accumulated funds.

For the March 28 meeting, the person bringing the most new people will win a toaster oven, or reasonable facsimile. The Rainbow Heights Association requires no dues of its members, who are a mix of congenial lesbian and gay persons, most living in or near the Washington Heights neighborhood. All LGBT and LGBT-friendly persons are welcome. For more information, call (414) 778-1269.

## Pasta Pigout to Benefit Top Tiara Seekers

**Green Bay** — Dinner and a show anyone? Brandy's II will serve up both this Friday, March 24 with an Italian meal and benefit show. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper will run from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$4 per person.

An all star benefit show will follow at 10:30 p.m. Heading the cast will be Kylie West, Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA 2000, 1st Runner-Up Justine D'Zire and veteran titleholder Kelli Jo Klein.

A special added attraction will be the return to the stage of classic female impersonator and comedian Gloria Holloway. Veteran show patrons fondly remember Gloria's impersonations of film greats Bette Davis, Carol Channing, Tallulah Bankhead and others during the '70s and '80s.

Proceeds from the evening's events will benefit Kylie's and Justine's travel and competition expenses for the national Miss Gay USofA pageant to be held in May.

## Rainbow U Lectures Set

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has announced upcoming Rainbow U Lecture Series topics. The Rainbow U Lecture Series is a program offered to encourage community awareness and discussion around topics that reflect the interests of the LGBT community. Upcoming lectures include:

## 'Pasion Latina' New LGBT Group in Milwaukee

**Milwaukee** — Pasion Latina, a newly formed group serving the Hispanic/Latino LGBT community, has established an office at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

The group, focused on creating social opportunities for members of the LGBT Hispanic/Latino community, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the New Concept Development Center to support the group's HIV/AIDS risk reduction programs.

"I have dreamed for a long time about starting this project," said Giovanny Vargas, President of Pasion Latina. "Now that we have an office, our own phone, and volunteers our organization can only become stronger."

In February, Pasion Latina hosted an event at Woody's. The event was well attended and was the first in a series of monthly events that the group will produce.

"There is a terrible stigma in the Hispanic/Latino community if you are

gay," said Vargas. "It makes it much harder for a man or woman to "come out" and be comfortable with their sexual identity. These events will provide a safe place for people and also address important health issues for our community including HIV and AIDS."

Pasion Latina is the tenth LGBT organization to share space at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

"The establishment of organizations serving LGBT groups of color is, unfortunately, long overdue," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Center Executive Director. "This makes a group like Pasion Latina even more essential to the development of our community. I know that the Community Center, along with other LGBT organizations, will support this important project."

Anyone interested in additional information on Pasion Latina can contact Giovanny at (414) 289-9904.

"The Other Lube Job" – Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. The presentation will include (but not be limited to) auto maintenance, purchasing an auto, what to look for and look out for when buying an auto or taking your auto in for repairs, common myths on auto repairs and the like. The lecture will be presented by Leo Quartullo of Baychar Auto Service Inc, and include maintenance giveaways!

"Gardening in the City" Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. This presentation will feature a look at a variety of container gardens and small urban gardens. The talk will also consider basic elements of design to consider for gardening layouts. Please feel free to come with specific gardening questions. Michael Davis, owner of The Garden Room, will present the lecture.

## Hate Crime Coalition Forms

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center recently hosted a forum to discuss the County District Attorney's (D.A.) office failure to prosecute hate crimes against LGBT's in Milwaukee.

In attendance were members of SAGE (Senior Action in Gay Environment); LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee); the Bay View, Washington Heights and Sherman Park Rainbow Associations; PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians And Gays); the Cream City Foundation; the Legal Aid Society; the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and NARAL. James Witkowiak, alderperson for the twelfth district, was also in attendance.

"There are several violence-related issues that need to be addressed in our community," said group organizer and LGBT Center boardmember Stephanie Hume. "The first is the D.A. Office's resistance to prosecute the physical assault of Corey Liebmann as a hate crime."

Liebmann, along with several other people, was attacked while walking outside of La Cage in Dec. 1998. According to Liebmann, his assailant frequently referred to him as a "fag" during the assault. To date, Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann has refused to enhance the penalty for the attack by using Wisconsin's hate crime protection laws.

"Additionally, we need to continue our

work with the Milwaukee Police Department and the D.A.'s office to increase understanding in identifying hate crimes," said Hume. "Very important information — including that the attack happened outside of a gay bar and that the attacker repeatedly called Corey a fag was not included in the reports. These facts should have made the case easily identified as a hate crime."

Wisconsin is one of only 21 states nationwide with hate crime laws that provide penalty enhancements if the persons perceived sexual orientation motivated an assault. Hate crime legislation was introduced to protect people from violent crimes that are driven in response to their sexual orientation.

"Our state legislators and the people of this state are to be applauded for the their decision to include sexual orientation into the state's hate crime laws," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Center Executive Director. "There has never been a prosecuted hate crime in the city of Milwaukee. Yet, we all know that they happen. This coalition will continue to advocate with the District Attorney's office for a recognition of the Liebmann case as a hate crime, and for the enforcement of hate crime legislation."

## Bi Definition Talent Show Set for March 25

**Milwaukee** — Bi Definition, Milwaukee's Bisexual Social, Support and Activist Organization, is hosting a talent show and fund-raiser on March 25 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street. The event begins at 7 p.m.

The talent show will feature an eclectic mix of entertainers from within Milwaukee's LGBT community. Talent show attendees will enjoy the sights and sounds of home-grown singers, dancers, musicians, poetry, drag and much more! The cost of the show is based on a sliding scale of \$5-\$15. For further information, contact Nikki at (414) 774-5055.

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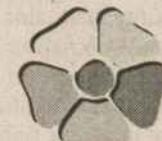


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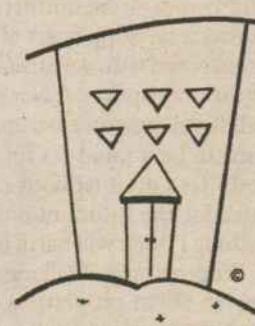
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## Madison Community Center Begins \$27,000 Renovation

**MADISON** — OutReach, Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community center, has begun a \$27,000 renovation project. The project's first phase, to be completed in late March, replaces flooring throughout the center, expands shelving in the lending library, remodels the storage room and adds conference facilities.

Future renovations include the addition of new workstations, creating a new reception area and improving meeting spaces.

"These exciting improvements will really help our community center become more welcoming and functional. The volunteers that made this project happen have really done a fantastic job," said Debra Weill, OutReach's Executive Director. "So many groups and organizations are using our community center ... this will really benefit everyone."

Several generous donors made the first phase of the project possible. Fund-raising for the remainder of the project will continue through year end.

Donations toward the completion of the renovation project are welcome. Please send contributions to OutReach, P.O. Box 168, Madison, WI 53701.

The OutReach Community Center has served Madison's LGBT community since 1973, providing counseling, advocacy, education, information and referral services. It also offers a lending library, free publications and meeting space.

For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582 or e-mail at [outreach@outreachinc.com](mailto:outreach@outreachinc.com).

## MILMAIDS Bowling Tourney in Madison

**MADISON** — MILMAIDS Millennium — Milwaukee and Madison Against AIDS — is hosting its annual benefit bowling tournament on Saturday, April 15, at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes in Madison.

Initiated in 1985 in response to the AIDS crisis, the annual bowling tournament, which is organized by a board of volunteer directors and subsidized entirely by donations, alternates each year between Milwaukee and Madison. All proceeds go to the host city's AIDS service organization. This year's beneficiary will be Madison's AIDS Network. The proceeds will be used exclusively for direct client services.

"Our mission statement sums up what MILMAIDS is all about and how we are doing our part for this worthy cause," a MILMAIDS spokesperson said. "Too often we lose sight of the real reason that we support benefits like MILMAIDS Millennium. We are all here to help those persons living with AIDS who are truly in need, and no other consideration can be more important than that."

Entries for the MILMAIDS benefit close April 5. For further information, contact Joe at (608) 271-8889.

## Gay, Single Father Aims For Dane County Board

*Interview by Mike Leon  
of the IN Step staff*

**MADISON** — Rob Fyrst is a single, working, African-American, gay father raising his adopted seven-year-old son. His unconventional family is led by an unconventional man. Fyrst is a Christian, liberal political junkie and activist who rarely has a negative thing to say about anybody. Soft-spoken and earnest, Fyrst is self-effacing, but behind his demeanor, friends and colleagues know him as a passionate man with deeply held principles.

Fyrst worked for several years in the Democratic Party in Colorado. Since moving to Madison a few years ago he has immersed himself in community work. Now, as one of two open LGBT candidates for the Dane County Board, Fyrst's commitment and passion has resulted in his campaign being endorsed by the likes of Tammy Baldwin, Russ Feingold, Fred Risser, and Mark Pocan. His general election opponent is another progressive with unassailable credentials in social justice work.

Fyrst balances work, completing a degree at UW-Madison, and raising his son, with his campaign. Don't look for his style and work ethic to change much. And going into April's election next week, Fyrst is the odds-on favorite to capture his first elected office.

### **IN Step: As an openly gay man, what perspectives and nature of representation can you bring to the Dane County Board?**

Not only am I openly gay, I also am openly Christian and I am black. And I am a single father. I believe that I can provide insight into all of these communities of interest without appearing to be only concerned about being black or gay or Christian or liberal or whatever.

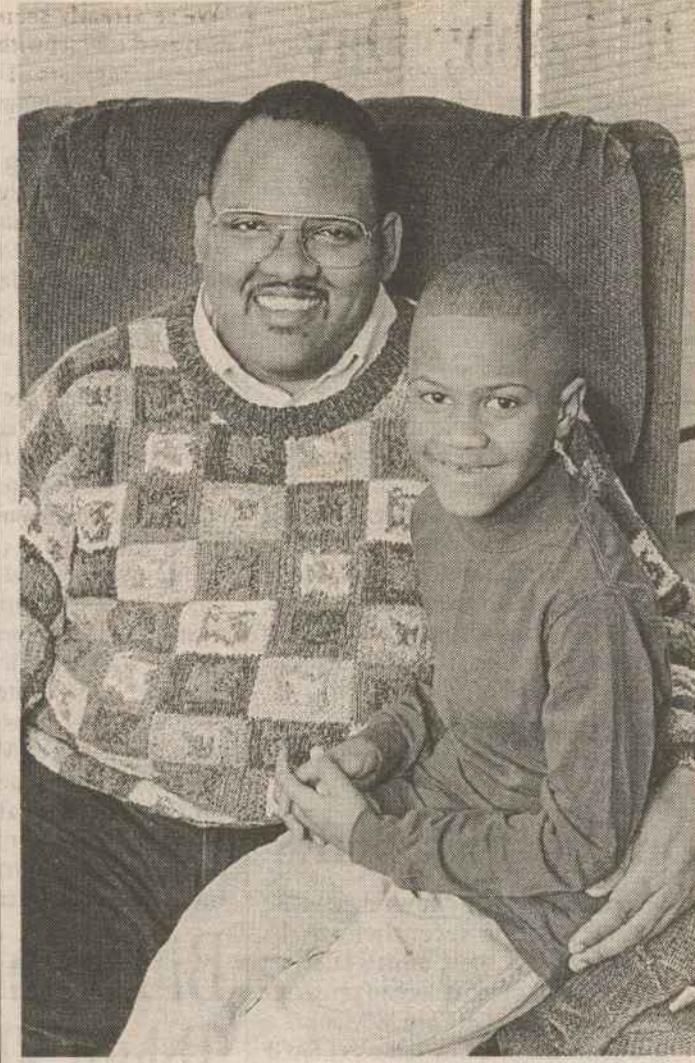
The one thing I have always been concerned about more than anything is giving our children a future that is better than the past we had. I am interested in providing opportunities for youth. That is one reason I feel very privileged to serve on the Dane County Youth Commission. I want to find ways to give them hope instead of only giving them lectures and assuming that they will always do things wrong. On the Dane County Board I will have the opportunity to work for funding of positive youth initiatives like GLSEN, By Youth For Youth, Briarpatch, etc.

### **IN Step: What are your specific goals?**

Land use. I want to see land use plans developed for all communities in Dane County. I believe those plans should do just that, plan for the future. We need to look at the effects of developing. What happens to traffic flow? What happens to school make-up? Is the development a walkable neighborhood or are stores quite a ways away? Land use is not simply about where we put a house, but how we make a home.

Transportation. I am on the record as concerned about commuter rail and opposed to a North Beltline. Commuter rail is a great concept, but can we afford it? And I don't just mean the \$250 million it will take to construct it and get it up and running. I am concerned about the effect to the communities it goes through. My opponent has been pushing this as something that will relieve traffic concerns in our southwest Madison district. However, commuter rail doesn't even come near the southwest corridors. We need real commitment to traffic congestion relief. I have proposed looking at a county-wide bus system. It is not a glamorous as commuter rail, but it is an alternative we can afford. The North Beltline is a band-aid solution and we haven't even determined what is causing the traffic concerns. We know that traffic coming from northern Dane County is large. However, why is it that way? Supporters of "build it and build it now" seem to be so concerned with constructing it that they haven't discussed why it is the only option. A North Beltline will have an impact on farm land, development, environment (air, water, land, wildlife). There seems to be a mind set for both projects that "oh, that's sounds good," let's do it without considering alternatives that could be better for the future of our children. I will always fight against anything I think will harm our children's future.

Property taxes. Walking door to door, voters in the 20th express concern about property taxes going up. They are not concerned about the programs they receive. But they are concerned about making sure that the County is getting the most bang for their buck. I believe that as a Dane County Board Supervisor, it is my job to communicate to the voters how the County looks to improve



Dane County Board candidate, Rob Fyrst and his son, Tyler

services, reduce costs and build opportunities for the future.

### **IN Step: How long have you been politically active?**

I have been politically active since the late '80s. Before moving to Wisconsin three years ago from Colorado, I worked for former Colorado Governor Roy Romer as the State's Office Recycling Coordinator. I also worked for seven years on the campaigns of former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder. I served for three years as a democratic committeeman in Denver County.

### **IN Step: Your opponent, Forrest Aguirre, is quite progressive, and you have run a positive campaign apparently recognizing this.**

What's up with this positive thing? I think it is more important to focus on what I'm about rather than focusing on the shortcomings of another candidate. While I may at times feel the need to set the record straight after it has been distorted. I am primarily concerned with articulating my own vision and plan for Dane County's future.

### **IN Step: Personally, do you experience any special challenges raising a son as a gay man? Is Madison helpful for your family?**

The biggest challenge raising a son as an openly gay man is getting a date. It's hard enough to get a man to commit to a relationship with another man, but when a child is part of the picture it's extra difficult. I adopted my son four years ago; he will be 8 in a few months. I went through the process totally open about my sexuality. Tyler knows I am gay and sees it as simply another fact of life. He tries to find guys he thinks I would think are "cute enough to marry him." It's fascinating to be raising a young heterosexual little boy who is growing up and will knock me down to get to the television if Britney Spears starts singing.

### **IN Step: What are your goals for the future?**

Short term. To win this election. Long term. Work on projects that better transportation alternatives, environmental protection, human services and the future for my son and all our children. Do I have higher political ambition? I've never made that a secret. However, right now, my commitment is to making sure Dane County maintains its reputation as a great place to live and raise a family, no matter what your definition of family may be. And at some point in time, to find a man who has integrity and doesn't have problems sharing my life with the male who is most important in my life right now, my son.

# DP Lobby Day Planned for April 13th

**GOAL WILL BE TO  
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**Madison** — Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights is planning its second statewide LGBT lobby day at the Capitol in Madison. Given the introduction of legislation creating a statewide domestic partnership registry this past December, the lobby day's focus will be on legislation recognizing domestic partners. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 13.

In March of 1999, Action Wisconsin coordinated "Sweeten 'Em Up," a Lobby Day that resulted in contacts with the majority of legislators in both chambers of the Legislature, as part of a national campaign called "Equality Begins at Home." "Our experience with that event showed us the strength of having individuals meet with legislators to introduce themselves and describe their concerns," said Dan Ross, President of Action Wisconsin.

"We've already seen success from this increased contact with constituents, in the reduced numbers of cosponsors of anti-same-sex marriage legislation in Wisconsin."

The two bills recognizing domestic partners are Assembly Bill 608, which creates a statewide registry and Assembly Bill 609, which includes domestic partners in the state employees' family health insurance coverage. Both bills were introduced in December, but neither have had committee hearings.

Lobby Day activities will be in the morning, and will include a lobby training and issues briefing, followed by visits to Senate and Assembly offices. It will conclude just before noon, with a check-in and survey about the response received from Capitol offices. For participants who sign up in advance, appointments will be made with legislators' offices.

At last year's lobby day, those unable to come to Madison for the day participated, by lending use of their name and address on a general statement in support of LGBT rights, presented to their legislators by those in attendance. This option will be available again this year.

"It should be possible for someone from Ashland, Prairie du Chien, or Sturgeon Bay to participate in this event and make their voice heard," explained Ross.

Interested individuals and couples should contact Action Wisconsin to sign up or for more information, by writing to Action Wisconsin, PO Box 342, Madison, WI 53701-0342; by calling (608) 283-3251; or by e-mailing ActionWI@execpc.com.



Rev. Lew Broyles and Rev. Elaine Thomas of Milwaukee MCC Church

## New Reverend Joins MCC

**Milwaukee** — In what Rev. Lew Broyles describes as "the greatest thing to happen to our ministry here in seven years," Rev. Elaine Thomas has joined the staff of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) as associate pastor.

"She has a real gift for preaching, teaching, and I cannot express the great feeling we both get at the thought of doing ministry together," Senior Pastor Broyles commented. "This will give us some real balance, something that a guy can only try so hard to achieve. Most people don't know that 52% of our clergy are women. Elaine's great and everybody ought to come and hear her!"

Raised in the Catholic faith, Rev. Thomas attended seminary in Minneapolis and completed her training at the MCC in Los Angeles under the direction of Rev. Nancy Wilson. She successfully led the MCC in Toledo, Ohio and expressed delight at relocating to the church in Milwaukee.

"It's a 'just across the border' thing for my partner C.J. and I," Rev. Thomas said, referring to her current residence in Zion, Illinois. "I grew up 'just across the border' in the Upper Peninsula near Iron Mountain, so now I'll come 'just across the border' to Milwaukee."

"What Elaine's arrival really signals is our continued growth and God's answer to prayer," Rev. Broyles added.

Milwaukee's MCC is located at 1239 W. Mineral St., two blocks south of National Ave. Services are Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. and a Thursday evening "Prayer and Praise" service at 7 p.m. Milwaukee's MCC is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a worldwide Christian denomination, comprised mostly but not exclusively, of members of the LGBT community. For more information on Milwaukee's MCC, call (414) 383-1100.

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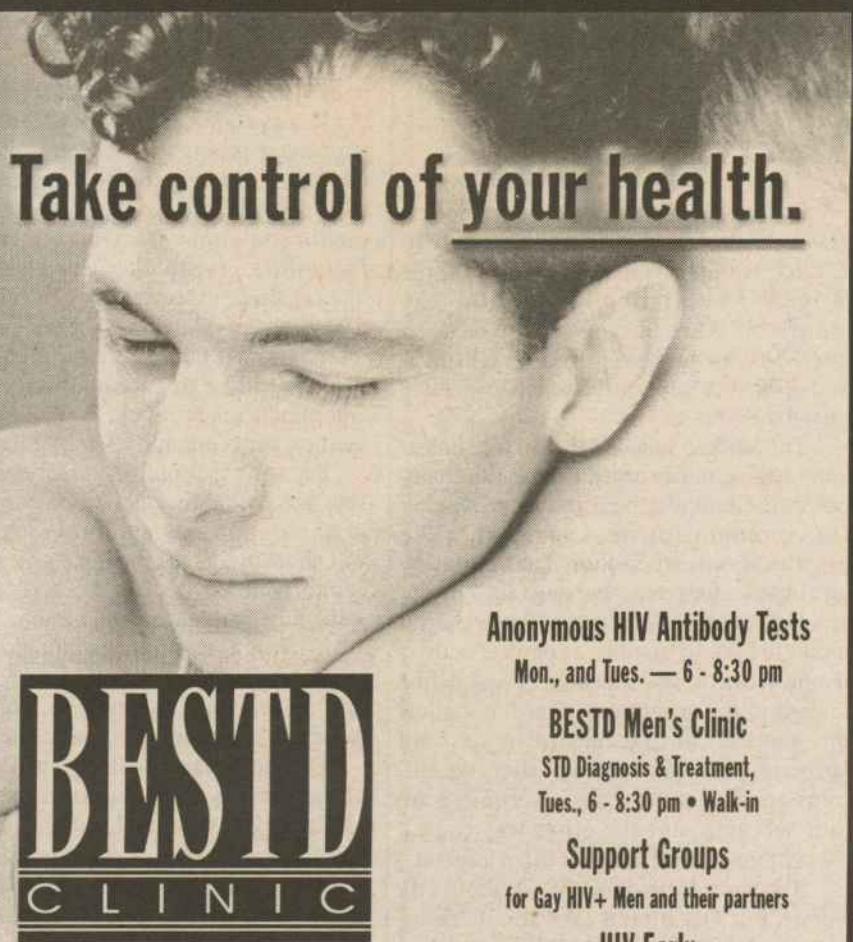


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# Census and Sensibility

by Paul Varnell

By now most people have received the census forms the government wants them to fill out. I am of two minds about the census. Government interrogatives (viz., "snooping") should be viewed with deep suspicion. Governments are not your friend; government is about social control. The less they know about any of us citizens, the harder it is to interfere in our lives. How often do we need to be reminded that knowledge is power?

But since gays are in large measure an invisible minority, it would promote gay visibility and legitimacy to have more accurate data about gays, lesbians and our relationships. The census is one cheap and convenient way to gather some of that information.

You see the conflict.

So what we have to do is shape our census answer to provide the information we want, but not more.

Even if you want to, though, it is not easy to tell the U.S. Census Bureau you are gay.

If you and your lover live together, Person 2 (you can flip a coin) can indicate in Question 2 of the short form (D-1) that he or she is the "unmarried partner" of Person 1. The Census Bureau recorded 145,000 same-sex couples in 1990, a vast undercount, of course.

Person 2 can also say he or she is the "Husband/wife" of Person 1. If the two people are the same sex, the census says it will count them as "unmarried partners." You could also write in "married partner," "lover," "spouse," or the term of your choice in the "Other relative" category, but there is no guarantee those will be counted.

What about gays who do not live with their partner or who have no current partner? Polygamous heterosexual men have a way to indicate all their wives, but single gays have no formal way to indicate they are gay.

So we have to use more creative ways.

Some people who have the long form (D-2) say they plan to answer Question 10 ("What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?") by writing in "gay" or "gay American." After all, ethnicity can be interpreted to mean your primary identification. If that is "gay American" then feel free to tell them so.

The late gay scholar Warren Johansson once half-seriously urged gays to call themselves "Sodomite-Americans," arguing that our common spiritual ancestry is the (mythical) city of Sodom. That might be too obscure for census bureaucrats.

However you decide to answer, the point to keep in mind is, as pioneer activist Frank Kameny said recently, "I will define myself to my government; I will not allow my government to define me to me. I am answering the questions, not they. We citizens are the masters; the government are our servants, not the other way round. Never forget it and never let them forget it."

The short form does not ask about ethnicity. But Question 8 asks about "race." Along with "Black" and "White" it offers other options such as Chinese, Vietnamese,



Samoan and Korean. But Cambodian (adjacent to Vietnam), Taiwanese and Korean (once again) are listed as ethnicities on the long form, so "race" seems to mean little more than origin or identity.

If so, then gays can justifiably write in "gay" under the heading "Some other race."

That answer might also appeal to liberals who believe the whole idea of "race" is a divisive and reactionary fiction as well as conservatives who dislike treating races differently. Anyone who simply disapproves of the "race" question can write in "human." I have a liberal friend who has done so regularly in past censuses.

As another possibility, you can just write "gay" or "lesbian" in magic marker in big letters across your form and see what happens. Nothing will; it won't get counted. But if many people did that, word would probably leak out to the news media somehow. Remember: "We Are Everywhere," even at the Census Bureau.

Are there disadvantages to collecting data about gays? Perhaps. Many, probably most gays, may not want to say they are gay, so there will be an enormous undercount. Our opponents could use that to argue our political and economic insignificance.

But voter exit polls and marketing surveys are probably adequate as correctives to a census undercount. And each census will show more and more gays as gays are comfortable being open. We have to start some time. It might as well be now.

There are significant advantages to collecting data on gays. It will be fascinating and useful to get information about our numbers, our relationships and our lives.

Economists and political scientists have already made some tentative estimates about gay residential, education, and employment patterns using the scant 1990 data on "same sex partners." With more respondents we will have more reliable data.

Then too, the growth in the number of people saying they are gay would be a

rough index of the growth of gays' confidence of social acceptance.

Should we follow the lead of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and urge that a question about sexual orientation be added to the census next time?

Probably not. Census answers are required by law, but some people may fear exposure if they answer honestly. Such people would probably lie and might be

wise to do so: the census releases information on a block by block basis.

Could the Census Bureau make the question voluntary? They could but there is no precedent for that and the bureau would probably resist.

But then I plan to resist answering most of the other questions. It is none of their business.

## Assault on "Sodomite Beach" Planned

Spring is here and the sap is running — and not just from the maple trees. *IN Step* found this on the Wisconsin Christians United Web site:

Wisconsin Christians United has begun a mail campaign which will reach 6,600 rural and town households surrounding the Mazomanie nude beach area. The project will take about two weeks to complete. The mailing includes a four-page letter from WCU director Ralph Ovadal detailing the danger that the Mazo beach poses to residents of the area and the duplicity on the part of state officials who seem determined to keep the beach open. The mailing also includes two petitions for recipients to sign and return to WCU. The petitions will be presented to Governor Tommy Thompson and DNR head George Meyer at an upcoming WCU press conference.

Perhaps the most compelling aspect of the mailing is a taped interview which Ralph Ovadal conducted on a well-known Christian radio network with child advocate and author Dr. Judith Reisman. In the interview, Reisman, who has testified before legislatures and parliaments around the world, excoriates State Representative Mark Pocan for defending the Mazo nude beach and goes on to testify that nude beaches are a magnet for child molesters and child pornographers.

"This mailing is sure to further crystallize opposition to the tax-funded nudity and lewdness at Mazo beach among the people who, with the exception of the children actually on the beach, are most put at risk by that grievous situation. The governor's office has also been notified that WCU is in the process of putting together a nuisance lawsuit on behalf of several residents in the area of the Mazo beach who have suffered economic losses as well as a loss of the enjoyment of their property. The state officials who are keeping Mazo beach nude and lewd should not question WCU's commitment to putting an end to that madness. By the same token, more and more citizens are wondering how long those same officials will cling to their fig leaf excuses at the expense of Wisconsin's children, reputation, and moral climate," says the almighty Pastor Ralph Ovadal of Wisconsin Christians United.

Let's see if I've got this right: The petition contains a four page letter, cassette tape, and petition forms all full of Rantin' Ralph's riotous rhetoric. Add some magazine stamps and a promise for the Prize Patrol to show up at your door Easter morning and we've got a winner!

—Mike Fitzpatrick



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By State Rep. Mark Pocan

## PEOPLE'S PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR APRIL 13th

On Thursday April 13, a people's public hearing will be held on the Domestic Partnership legislation that was introduced late last year. Assembly Bill 608 (AB 608) creates a domestic partnership registry which would grant couples the same rights and responsibilities as marriage. Assembly Bill 609 (AB 609) would mandate coverage for domestic partners under health insurance coverage plans offered by the state group insurance board.

I had requested a hearing on each of these bills from the respective committee chairs but they have ignored the request. In an effort to allow members of the LGBT community to let their voices be heard we are holding a people's public hearing on the bills on April 13 at the State Capitol. In the morning, Action Wisconsin will be holding a lobby day followed by a press conference and a public hearing from 1 to 5 p.m.

I strongly encourage each and every one of you to join us in this effort and have your voices be heard. Call your legislator and ask to meet with him or her on the 13th and then come to the hearing and share your personal story with committee members and the press.

If you are unable to make it in person please feel free to submit written testimony to my office and also send a copy to your legislators. If you are unsure of who your State Assemblyperson and Senator is you can call the Legislative Hotline at (800) 362-9472.

### GEORGE W. ON GAYS

Will Wisconsin's Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) support George W. Bush for President? If yes, then we must ask why? During the South Carolina primary George W. refused to even meet with LCRs. He wrongly believed that they had endorsed McCain. When George W. was told that that wasn't true he replied "it doesn't matter." Later George W. implied he wouldn't appoint openly gay people to spots in his administration. He said, "an openly known homosexual is somebody who probably wouldn't share my philosophy."

### ANTI-SAME SEX MARRIAGES BILL

In February, Representative Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) and Senator Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) introduced

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companion legislation which defines marriage as between one man and one woman. Of course, this is already the law in Wisconsin and one can only conclude that the bill was introduced at the expense of gays and lesbians for their own personal political gain. These bills are very similar to Assembly Bill 104 which was introduced in 1997. Assembly Republican leadership, including Speaker Scott Jensen, are sponsors of the new anti-gay bill.

I believe that the best strategy is for members of the LGBT community to focus on the positive bills in the legislature and create an environment in which the sponsors of this hate-filled legislation must defend their homophobia and explain why it is that a group of citizens should be treated as second-class citizens.

### REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 4TH

Tuesday April 4 is Election Day in Wisconsin. There are several fine candidates running who are supportive of the LGBT community. In Madison, there is a chance to elect two openly gay candidates to the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The board of supervisors is the only level of government in Dane County that does not have an openly elected member of the LGBT community. I encourage you to vote for Chuck Erickson and Rob Fyrst if you live in their supervisory districts.

For School Board in Madison, Bill Keys is deserving of our support. Bill was instrumental in obtaining domestic partnership benefits for employees of the Madison Metropolitan School District and will be a great ally on the School Board.

Regardless of your political beliefs, I encourage each of you to participate in the election and let your voice be heard.

I also encourage you to get involved in the presidential campaigns. You can contact the Bush campaign (512) 637-2000 or the Gore campaign at (615) 340-2000.



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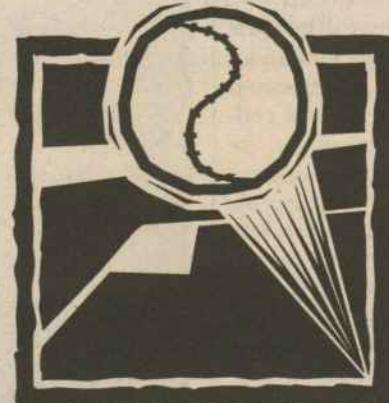
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## cover story

# Holly Hughes is "Preaching to the Perverted"

by Jamakaya

Lesbian performance artist Holly Hughes was on a roll. When asked if any good resulted from her eight year legal battle against the National Endowment for the Arts and government "indecency" rules, Hughes declared, "I've made millions and millions of dollars from this! I have a huge retrospective that's simultaneously playing at the Whitney Museum, the Museum of Modern Art and at every major museum across the country. You don't see me so much in the electronic media anymore, but I own all of them. In fact, I've bought several small countries! After I finish this phone call I'll be having lunch with Madonna and Rupert — again. But there is the jealousy..."

"You mean others want to be vilified like you?" I asked, getting into the spirit of things.

"Of course! They see how it's propelled me into international stardom! I'm one of those one-word artists now. When people say 'Holly,' they don't think Holly Hunter or Holly Near, they think Holly Hughes! It's all been good."

Hughes' humor, sarcasm and social commentary will be on full display when she performs her latest show, "Preaching to the Perverted," at Milwaukee's Woodland Pattern Book Center April 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. She will also teach a master class earlier that day on autobiography and the performing arts. Call (414) 263-5001 for details.

"Preaching" focuses on the court case initiated by Hughes and three other performance artists (Karen Finley, Tim Miller and John Fleck) after they were denied NEA grants because their work was considered indecent. The \$6,000 grants were withheld in 1990 at a time when Congress and the NEA were debating the allegedly obscene work of other artists like Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano. Two lower courts ruled in favor of Hughes and her fellow performers before the Supreme Court had the final say — against the artists — in 1998.

Her appearance is part of a national tour of "Preaching to the Perverted" but Hughes told *IN Step* she looks forward to visiting Milwaukee. "I'm excited to come. I've really had good experiences in the past in Milwaukee. It was one of the first places I performed in outside of New York [in 1988 in "Dress Suits for Hire"], so I'm very glad to be coming back."

Hughes, 45, was born in Saginaw, Michigan and attended college in Kalamazoo. In 1979, she moved to New York to pursue her interest in visual arts.

"I was a feminist trying to come out, and there were, like, three lesbians in Kalamazoo and they were all involved with each other!" she laughed. "I often say I came to New York to be a feminist artist, but I really came hoping to get laid!"

Did it work?

"Yeah, it did!" she said enthusiastically.

She studied with Miriam Shapiro at the short-lived Feminist Art Institute. "It was a collective, of course, but none of the women in the collective were speaking to each other!"

Hughes was influenced by the work of emerging performance artists like

Spaulding Gray and Laurie Anderson who were appearing in art galleries in the East Village at that time. "I saw the work of the Split Britches Theatre Company, which was three women [including legendary lesbian actor, writer and impresario Peggy Shaw], and I thought their work was wonderful. Then, I got involved with the lesbian theatre company The WOW Cafe, and that's what drew me into performing in the early 1980's."

There was a downside to all the creative energy flowing at the time, however, and it sensitized Hughes to the censorship battles that lay ahead.

"I actually found it a very unappealing time in feminism, and I think a lot of the women at WOW did as well," she said of the early 1980's. "It was the height of the feminist sex wars, and most of us were very alienated from the Andrea Dworkin-Catherine MacKinnon [anti-sex, anti-porn] perspective. So we kind of dropped out of mainstream feminism. I certainly felt that I did. I felt it did not speak to me. It was like the mind police were operating. The mind police would invade your bedroom. You weren't supposed to have sex in this way or in that way. Maybe you weren't supposed to have sex at all because it was a

political thing being a lesbian. I think everyone strongly considered themselves feminist but didn't feel a part of that. That was really the dominant feminist ideology at the time, although it was breaking up under attack from the art world."

If she wouldn't buckle under to the feminist thought police, she certainly wasn't going to take NEA censorship lying down.

Her new show, "Preaching to the Perverted," focuses on the actual hearing of the NEA Four case before the Supreme Court. "But I use it as a jumping-off point to talk about different things," Hughes said.

"I had a really complicated reaction to it. On the one hand, I'm very grateful to the bevy of lawyers who put a lot of time and energy into this case over the years, pro bono. At the same time, there were moments, especially at the beginning of the case, when some of the lawyers first representing us asked me to please not talk about homophobia or I was going to lose the case for everyone. I was very disturbed. You sometimes feel like your concerns are getting lost."

"The Supreme Court is such a horrifying place to argue a case. Each side gets a half hour to argue its case. There's just one attorney for each side, and there's nine of them — justices who are way above you — and they heckle the lawyers! I don't even know why they bother to prepare an argument. I think if they went in there and performed a Gertrude Stein piece, they'd get the same questions and the result would be the same."

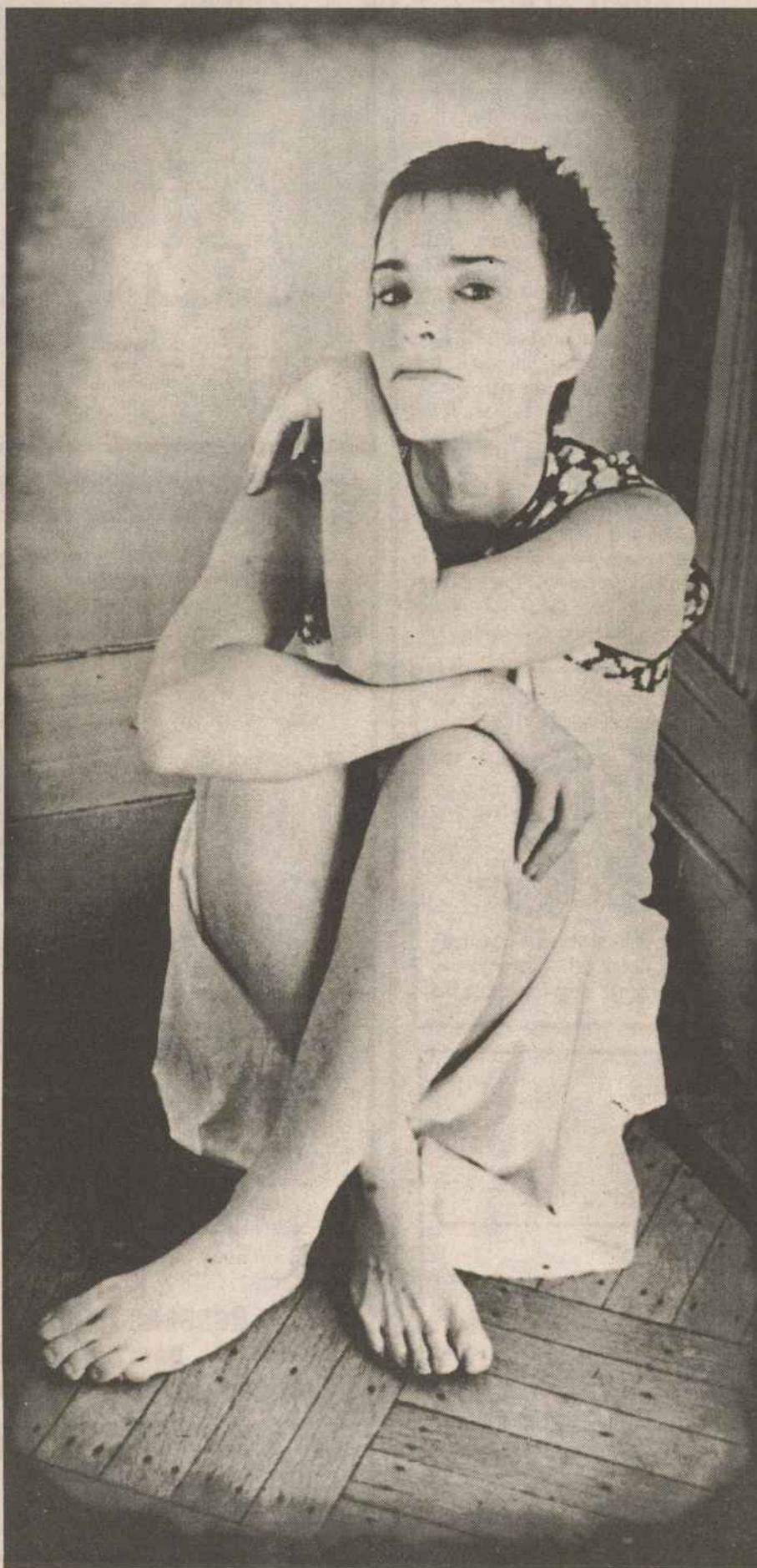
"If they had talked about it in a legal way I might have been less appalled, but with the exception of two justices, I don't think they'd even read either one of the briefs. They must have been resting up for their karaoke show that night! The questions they asked were on the level of questions my father's Kiwanis Club in Saginaw would ask. It wasn't that it was legalistic, it was that it was badly informed, idiotic and somewhere to the right of Archie Bunker."

In June 1998, the Supreme Court ruled that the "decency test" for awarding federal arts grants did not infringe on First Amendment rights to free speech and expression because it was merely an "advisory" guideline, not a compulsory one. Whether advisory or not, the practical effect was to prevent any artist with controversial ideas from receiving funding from the NEA. Since then, the NEA's program of direct grants to individuals has been eliminated. The Supreme Court vote was 8-1, with the sole dissent cast by David Souter, a Bush appointee.

"David Souter has been one of the most progressive people on the Supreme Court," Hughes noted. "It's very surprising, because he's widely rumored to be a closet case. And generally, closet cases are very homophobic."

She's appalled that it was the Clinton administration that appealed the NEA Four case to the Supreme Court.

"You know, two lower courts agreed with our contention that the decency language was unconstitutional, and Clinton could have just left it there. Why did he appeal it to the Supreme Court? It's just another one of the betrayals the Clinton administration has done to the very people that elected and supported them. The list is long, from the Defense of Marriage Act to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to what they did to Lani Guinier and Joycelyn Elders to



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welfare reform to on and on and on. Typical Clinton betrayal."

When asked what the whole experience has taught her, Hughes responded like the trouper she is and teased, "Whatever I've learned is in the show. You'll have to come see it!"

"You know my work is controversial," she asserts. "It's consciously controversial. It's about raising questions and issues."

"I just did a run of this show in Baltimore and it went very well. The second weekend we got a lot of people who weren't the usual suspects from the theatre and [queer] community and we got a few

walkouts. They went up to the theatre manager and said, 'This woman is sick!' And he'd say, 'Look, you're the one who came to a show called 'Preaching to the Perverted.' You read about it in the Baltimore Sun. What's the problem here? You're not getting your \$15 back. Goodbye!"

With that, the infamous Holly Hughes laughed herself silly.

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—Robert H. Knight, senior director of cultural studies at the Family Research Council, writing in the Washington Times.

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—Neil Giuliano, the gay Republican mayor of Tempe, Ariz., when asked by Heatstroke newspaper, "What kind of man is Neil Giuliano attracted to?"



### Chubby Chasers Unite!

"The chubby chasers want you because you're fat. The bear hunters have more on their minds than that. They want you because you're fat and hairy. And, they surmise, cuddly and lovable and masculine and something like a great big fireside sofa. These are not bad things to want in a lover, and whether because as more of us come out there's more diversity in the community or because there is some sort of subtle revolt against gymbot clone-ism, the bear culture has begun venturing out of the woods."

—Advocate columnist Bruce Vilanch.

### Coming Out of His Shell

"I'm queer. I'm gay. I'm homosexual. I'm a poof, I'm a poofter, I'm a ponce. I'm a bumbo, batty-boy, backside-artist bugger. I'm bent. I am that arse bandit, I lift those shirts. I'm a faggot-assed, fudge-packin', shit-stabbin' uphill gardener. I dine at the downstairs restaurant, I dance at the other end of the ballroom. I'm Moses and the parting of the red cheeks. I fuck and I'm fucked. I suck and I'm sucked. I rim them and wank them, and every single man's had the fuckin' time of his life. And I am not a pervert."

—The Stuart character on the groundbreaking British Channel 4 series "Queer As Folk" coming out to his parents in the second-to-last episode, aired Feb. 15.

### Dr. Laura Riff

"In her eagerness to tell us what's what, Dr. Laura has announced that God makes mistakes. What else could a 'biological error' be? It means that God made everyone, but was distracted by an ice cream truck when He was working on Andy Dick and Gertrude Stein and failed to do a Martha Stewart-quality job. In queers, Dr. Laura has seen His work and she has judged it to be poor."

—Liz Langley in the *Miami Herald*.

### AIDS, Bisexuality & John Travolta

"I have no hang-ups about straight, gay, bi, or anything else. When I was young and wild, just like a lot of other straight boys, I would just about fuck anything. Had it not been for AIDS, bisexuality would be far more accepted today than it is. But the virus threw everybody in the closet. Everybody kept their own behavior in check because they didn't want to be branded. That's why a lot of closet cases like John Travolta would only go out with straight men, because he was so fearful of catching AIDS."

—Porn legend Paul Barresi to L.A.'s *Fab* magazine.



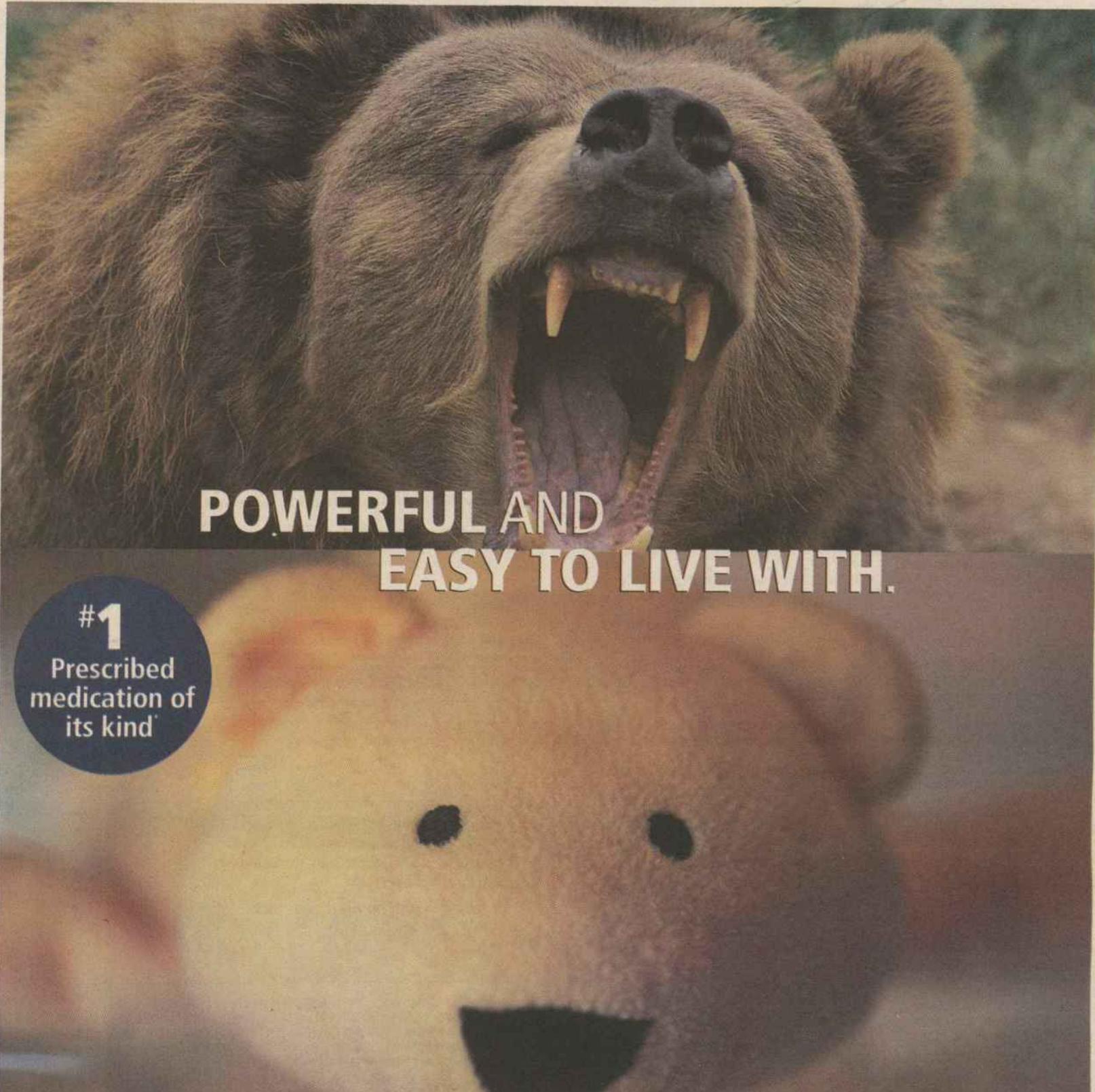
### Judy Worship

"My mother knew she had a very large gay following. But if you ever went to any of my mother's concerts, it wasn't just a totally gay audience. It was families and children and moms and dads and wives and husbands and all that. I just believe that the gay audience has kept her legacy alive and they're adamant about keeping it so out in the public, which I'm very in favor of. I'm very grateful to the gay audience for doing that. But, I think that my mom knew that she had a gay following and it wasn't an issue and she was very grateful."

—Lorna Luft, Judy Garland's daughter, to Chicago's *Outlines*.

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### 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), Epivir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

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

#### DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

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

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

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

#### WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

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 (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)
- Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.
- 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)
- Epivir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddI)

**If you are taking both Videx (ddI) 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
≥23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4
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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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*l-r, Dustin Strong, Noah Brody, Colin Trevorrow and Jacob Mullis in "Gross Indecency." Photo by Brent Nicastro.*

## New Harvest Sponsors Showing of "Oscar Wilde" at Madison Rep

**Madison** — The New Harvest Foundation will sponsor a performance of the Madison Repertory Theatre's production of "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" on Sunday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Isthmus Playhouse. The show will be preceded at 11 a.m. by an elegant Victorian Brunch in the Starlight Room of the Madison Civic Center.

"Gross Indecency" is a gripping courtroom drama and an intimate look at the downfall of celebrated playwright and wit Oscar Wilde. In three short months, Wilde went from being the toast of London to humiliation and ruin after being convicted of acts of "gross indecency" under British law. Trial records, newspaper accounts, letters and Wilde's own words weave together to explore the value of art, the corrosiveness of bigotry and the legislation of morality.

Tickets for the April 2 benefit performance are \$100, \$75, and \$55 (\$55 tickets do not include brunch). Proceeds benefit New Harvest's Endowment Fund. New Harvest raises and distributes funds to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered causes in Dane County.

Tickets can be obtained through the Madison Civic Center ticket office. Call (608) 266-9055. The New Harvest Foundation can be contacted at (608) 256-4204.

## Latin American Film Series Set

**Milwaukee** — The UWM Center for Latin America, in collaboration with the Chicago Latino Film Festival, is presenting the 22nd annual Latin American Film Series from March 31 to April 7. All screenings will take place in the Union Theatre, located on the second floor of the Student Union at 2200 N. Kenwood Blvd.

The series is programmed to highlight the diversity of the Americas and give audiences a chance to learn about the art, culture and society of several Latin American coun-

tries. The films showcase works by well-established directors as well as by first-time directors working within limited budgets. They include feature films and documentaries.

Films to be screened are: "Baja California" and "El Limite del Tiempo" ("Under California" and "The Limit of Time," March 31); "Eva Peron: The True Story" (April 1); "El Triangulo del Lago" ("The Lake Triangle," April 2); "Cielo Ciego" ("Blind Sky," April 3); "La Otra Conquista" ("The Other Conquest," April 4); "Doña Barbara" (April 5); "La Vida es Silbar" ("Life is To Whistle," April 6); and "La Ciudad" ("The City," April 7).

All of the screenings listed above begin at 7 p.m. and are free of charge, but please arrive early because some films are likely to be sold out fairly quickly. For more information on the Latin American Film Series, call (414) 229-4070.

## Poetry Month Celebrated at Room of One's Own

**Madison** — In April, A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore will celebrate National Poetry Month with a series of readings featuring local women poets.

On Friday, April 7, Peggy Hong, Andrea Musher, Kathy Whitcomb and Rhonda Lee will read their works beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, April 14, Pam Gemin, Paula Sergi, Alison Townsend and Susie Godwin will be the featured poets. The reading begins at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, April 28, also beginning at 6:30 p.m., members of the Dyke Poets group which meets monthly at A Room, will present their poetry.

All of these poetry readings are free and open to the public. A Room of One's Own is located at 307 W. Johnson Street. Call (608) 257-7888 for more information.



*Jesús Alemany of iCubanismo!*

## Alverno Presents "¡Cubanismo!"

**Milwaukee** — The infectious dance music of the hot Latin group ¡Cubanismo! will be presented at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre on Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. The Pitman Theatre is at 3431 S. 39th Street (S. 39th and Morgan Avenue).

In just two years, star trumpeter and bandleader Jesús Alemany has exploded onto the Latin music scene with this 15-piece Cuban orchestra. The musicians are loyal to traditional rhythms, but devoid of nostalgia, forging a modern Cuban music which never loses sight of the great Cuban dance rhythms that have influenced the world since the 1930s. ¡Cubanismo! plays rhumba, son, cha cha, danzon, pa'ca and more.

Tickets for ¡Cubanismo! are \$22 and \$20. With discounts for seniors and students. For more information, call the box office at (414) 382-6044.

## FOOTHOLD Performs "Youth is Wasted on the Young"

**Milwaukee** — FOOTHOLD Dance/Performance is presenting "Youth is Wasted on the Young," a tapestry of dance, video, music, theatre and storytelling, on Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. in Knapp Hall of Lincoln Center of the Arts at 820 E. Knapp Street.

In this concert, FOOTHOLD Dance/Performance and an intergenerational cast will illuminate perspectives on dance, aging and the dawning of a new century. Using a collaborative process to develop a dynamic and compelling dance concert, FOOTHOLD artistic members will welcome on stage the following guests and performers: Gloria Gustafson, Associate Professor Emeritus, UWM Dance/Theatre Faculty; Cate Deicher, Dance and Movement Studies, Alverno College; Valdemar Sanchez-Lombardo, formerly of the Milwaukee Ballet and New York's Feld Ballet; and Dena Aronson, videographer.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students. For more information, call (414) 265-1346.



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by Ed Grover

## SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS: MUSICAL THEATER & GAY CULTURE BY JOHN M. CLUM

The author escorts us on an entertaining tour through the world of divas, chorus queens and brassy overtures from the 1940s through the present and tells us why gay men love Broadway musicals. Clum doesn't miss a step as he tells us he is the ultimate "Show Queen" and where that term came from in the gay lexicon of things. His easy to read repartee is told from his point of view as a Professor of English and a Professor of the Practice of Drama at Duke University. He relates experiences from his earliest memories attending the theater to the present, and he doesn't mince words about who's gay and who isn't.

Clum says this book is intended as an antidote to heterosexist works like Mark Steyn's *Broadway Babies Say Goodnight: Musicals Then and Now*. That book argues the case "for the good old days when gay men knew their place in the theater (essential but invisible)" and the theater was basically targeted to please straight white men who had been out for a few martinis and dinner and were tired after a strenuous day.

There is an introduction called "Overture." It explains that musical theater and gay culture not only include gay spectatorship, but gayness, closeted and uncloseted. Clum says, "Musicals were always gay. They always attracted a gay audience, and, at their best, even in times of a policed closet, they were created by gay men." He adds, "In addition to the stars, there were two crucial figures in the creation of a musical comedy: the composer (obviously) and the lyricist." We learn a lot about Lorenz Hart, Cole Porter and Noel Coward. Clum says that musical comedy was pretty much killed by stage comedy . . . When you can get crypto-gay "Frasier" every week [on TV], who needs gag-rich musical comedy?

From there we go on to "Opening Chorus: Line Dancers and Show Queens," "Patter Songs: Gay Lyrics, Gay Icons," "Love Duets: Heterosexuality and Us," "Show Stoppers: On Divas, Drag and Immortality." He ends up with "Different Tunes: Fairy Tales, Gay Musicals." The index has a nice touch in that it is arranged alphabetically by Index of Shows; Composers, Lyricists, Writers; and Performers, Directors and Choreographers. Also included is a Selective Discography (With Some Videos Thrown In) and a sizable section of notes for all of you who can't live without that kind of thing.

Along with getting a look at the music of some of our greatest composers and lyricists, we come to realize that we each have special memories attached to special musicals. I remember seeing "Gypsy" with Ethel Merman only because I had been at the Boatel at Fire Island Pines one night when they played the cast album and the whole bar and outside patio went bananas; it was magical, I'll never forget it. The experience of being surrounded by all those gay men singing along was almost better than seeing the stage show—almost—but not quite. There were lots of other musicals I saw while I was in New York (West Side

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Story and Cabaret, for instance), but clearly "Gypsy" stood out for me.

I'd recommend this book for a gay book discussion group any day. It's great fun to read and greater fun remembering all those events and everything that went with them—whether you saw them on stage or the screen or just had the cast album. I'm sure you will all be able to connect to some special story. The book is available at the Milwaukee Public Library (782.14 C649), or at your favorite bookstore. (St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 0-312-21058-2, Hardcover, \$26.95 US, \$38.99 Canada)

## BEAUTIFUL MORNIN': THE BROADWAY MUSICAL IN THE 1940S

BY ETHAN MORDDEN

Author Ethan Mordden explains why the 1940s were important to the development of the American musical and gives a hint at what's ahead. In this latest book in his tour of the decades of American musical theater, Mordden takes us through the spirited decade revolutionized by the great Rogers and Hammerstein.

"With authority and vitality and occasionally outrageous humor, Mordden ranges through the decades classics — Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," Rogers and Hart's "Pal Joey," Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun," and much more. . . This decade is witness to the highest quality Broadway shows ever produced."

A blurb on the book jackets says, "The 1920s created the musical and the 1930s gave it politics. In the 1940s it found its souls." The author has previously covered the Broadway musical in two books titled "Make Believe: The Broadway musical in the 1920s," and in "Coming up Roses: The Broadway Musical in the 1950s." Mordden is also well known for his hysterically funny gay "Buddies" cycle, which includes "Some Men Are Lookers" published by St. Martin's Press. (Oxford University Press, ISBN: 0-19-512851-6, \$30 USA, Hardcover).

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**ACTIVITIES:****Friday, March 24**

Ten Percent Society Dance (Madison): 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union on Langdon St., \$3. Country line dancing, DJ and cash bar. FMI: (608) 255-9449.

**Saturday, March 25**

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): At UWM's Engelmann Gym, 2033 W. Hartford Ave. From 1-3 p.m. \$2 GAMMA members, \$3 others. FMI: (414) 540-1202.

Suzanne Westenhoefer (Madison): Lesbian comic with special guests Zrazy, 8 p.m. at the Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Ave. \$19.50 at door. FMI: (608) 241-8633.

Bi Definition Talent Show (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St. \$15-\$5 sliding scale. FMI: (414) 774-5055.

**Sunday, March 26**

SAGE Annual Meeting (Milwaukee): 12 Noon in the Astor Street Restaurant, 920 E. Juneau. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. FMI: (414) 271-0278.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and sing every Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church on Capitol Square from 7-9 p.m. Enter W. Washington side of court yard. FMI: (608) 232-0528.

Bowling Party for LGBT Youth (Milwaukee): Sponsored by True Colors, Project Q and Marquette's Gay/Straight Alliance, 6-9 p.m., Marquette Sports Annex, 804 N. 16th St. Free bowling, pizza and door prizes. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

**Tuesday, March 28**

Rainbow Heights Assn. (Milwaukee): Meeting for LGBTs and friends in Washington Heights area of Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Divine Word Lutheran Church, 2180 N. 55th St. FMI: (414) 778-1269.

Womansong Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal of women's chorale at the Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

**Wednesday, March 29**

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (Milwaukee): Weekly practice takes place at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI: (414) 276-8787 or (414) 271-2656.

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison): Lessons in couple, line and folk dances. 7 p.m. at Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 255-9131.

Thursday, March 30

Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milwaukee): "Queers and Cars 101," presented by Leo Quartullo of Baychar Auto, 7 p.m. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Friday, March 31

Men's High Tea & Talk (Madison): Not exclusively for seniors. 3 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Cafe, 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

Sunday, April 2

New Harvest Benefit (Madison): Special matinee of "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" at the Madison Rep, 1:30 p.m. Tickets: (608) 266-9055.

**BAR SPECIALS:****Sundays:**

Boom (Milwaukee): Margarita Mania! Corona, \$2. Shots of Cuervo, \$2.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$ .50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer.

Fluid (Milwaukee): \$6 Beer Bust, taps of Gen. Draft or Miller Lite, 5 to 9 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/10 p.m. to close

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): Service Industry Night. \$1 off all cocktails, bottled beer and taps, 5 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50. Tap beer 90¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Beer Bust Trivia Day! Beer Bust, \$5 from 2-6 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boom (Milwaukee): Closed.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Fluid (Milwaukee): \$2.50 Absolut mixers, 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (\$4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Mountain of BBQ Rib Special!

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low

as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! 2-4-1 rail drinks and taps for the girls, 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90. 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Barkeeps Drink Cheap to 2 a.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boom (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. \$1 off all drinks, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fluid (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close, any shot in our cooler, \$2.00.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tacos \$1.75 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5 - 8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match and win, 8 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50. The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes off night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Free bountiful buffet.

**Wednesdays:**

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. tops of Lite, \$2. All rails \$ .50 off, shots of Cuervo, \$1.50.

Boom (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Ultra '80s music. \$2 buy in \$1 rail Miller and Bud.

Boot Camp Saloon: (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$ .50 off all Taps and Rails. \$1.75 Coronas, \$1.50 shots of Cuervo and Dr's. Karaoke from 8-11 p.m. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Karaoke Night! Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢. Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Bottles of Corona &

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Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Boyz Night Out! 2-4-1 on all cocktails, bottled beer and taps for the boyz. 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Special Export \$5 pitchers and 90-cent mugs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beerne & soda).

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour, 4-9 p.m. Intro-Bar Dart League.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

#### Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$ .50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$4, Lg., \$5, shots of DR's, \$2.

Boom (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 all night.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Pitchers of Lite \$5. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

Fannies (Milwaukee): \$1 off almost everything including top shelf, Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Cosmopolitan Martinis \$3 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$ 2.50.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close!

Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 top beer 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Pull tabs... try your luck!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-U-Can-Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Double Bubble all day, all night.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

#### Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

Boom (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.



We're grabbing each other's butts! Photo by Jamie.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN SSScash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Top MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hocken-Pschorr Weisse, \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 bloody's screw and greyhound & 90-cent taps... 11am to 6pm.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m.

#### Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$ .50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$4, Lg., \$5, shots of DR's, \$2.

Boom (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, boaty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Top MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hocken-Pschorr Weisse.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Top beer \$8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Softball Doggy Day, open at 2 p.m.

#### BAR EVENTS:

##### Friday, March 24

Shamrock Bar (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour. The group meets at the Bar at 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

##### Saturday, March 25

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Brew City Bears Club Night starting at 10 p.m. 209 E. National Ave.

Boyz in Space (Milwaukee): Featuring progressive house, trance and gay anthems with DJ John Murges. No cover before 10 p.m. Orbit, 2nd and

National Ave.

##### Saturday, April 1

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##### Thursday, April 6

HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at La Coge, 801 S. Second St., from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

##### Friday, April 7

Shamrock Bar (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour. The group meets at the Bar at 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

##### Wednesday, April 12

HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at Boot Camp, 209 E. National Ave., from 10 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

#### BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

##### Sunday, March 26

"Writing and Publishing Dynamic Non-Fiction (Milwaukee): With John Lehman, 1-4 p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. \$30/\$25 members. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

##### Wednesday, March 29

Karen Armstrong (Milwaukee): Author of "The Battle for God," about the rise of fundamentalism, speaks at 7 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

##### Saturday, April 1

Science Fiction Book Club (Madison): 3 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

##### Sunday, April 2

"Writing a Series of Poems" (Milwaukee): With Debra Kay Vest, 1-4 p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. \$30/\$25 members. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

##### Monday, April 3

Kristin Hannah (Mequon): Author of "Angel Falls" reads at 7 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

##### Wednesday, April 5

Dyke Poets Meet (Madison): First Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

##### Thursday, April 6

Gay Men's Writing Group (Milwaukee): Meets 1st Thursday and 3rd Monday of the month at LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. For writers, poets, essayists and others where members write, share, and critique together. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Nathan Englander (Milwaukee): Author of "For the Relief of Unbearable Urges" speaks at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

##### Friday, April 7

Poetry Reading (Madison): Featuring Peggy Hong, Andrea Musher, Kathy Whitcomb and Rhonda Lee. 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 N. Johnson. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

(Please read carefully. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly.)

##### THURSDAYS:

Diversity G/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery

groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

FMI: (414) 225-1573.

#### SATURDAYS:

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): Every Saturday at 6 p.m. at Outreach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6-9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

#### SUNDAYS:

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez and Appleton): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St. in Allouez, and 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St. in Appleton. FMI: (920) 991-0128.

LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee): Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. FMI: (414) 481-8543.

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., every second Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. FMI: Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): Services at 9 and 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 242-8887.

LGBT Community Center - Meditation Circle (Milwaukee): The Circle will begin with centering and grounding exercises followed by guided meditation. 10 a.m. to Noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Conversations With God (Milwaukee): The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Drumming Circle (Milwaukee): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison): Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings honored, and boundaries respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee): This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI: Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI (608) 256-2353.

#### MONDAYS:

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI: Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI: (608) 222-8989.

LGBT Community Center - Membership Drop In Nights (Milwaukee): These are casual nights the first Monday of the month. Board games, pool and Ping-Pong, along with snacks and coffee. Not a member? Stop by and see about the benefits. Free for members, \$2 for non-members. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay): This group will be available to youth every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Counseling Center, 311 Jefferson St. FMI: (920) 437-4325.

True Colors LGBT Youth Activity Nights (Milwaukee): 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., 1st Floor Conference room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 249-5096.

UWM Rainbow Group (Milwaukee): University LGBT group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Student Union Room E307. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

#### TUESDAYS:

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI: (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian 12-Step Al-Anon Group (Milwaukee): Meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a relative or friend. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop In Night (Milwaukee): The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Drop In nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): Meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

PFLAG - Milwaukee - Open Office (Milwaukee): A representative of Milwaukee's PFLAG Chapter will be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milwaukee): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI: ElderLink (414) 289-6874.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 Noon every Tuesday. FMI: (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison): This women's chorale meets at the Beth Israel Center at 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 289-9660.

#### WEDNESDAYS:

Diversity G/L Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI: (815) 964-2639.

Gay/Bi Men's Al Anon Group (Madison): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave., every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

HIV/AIDS Support Group - (Green Bay): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI: (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison): This weekly group, open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Landgon St.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S. Butler at 5 p.m. FMI: (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison): Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI: (608) 265-3344.

#### FILM, TV AND RADIO:

#### Friday, March 24

SAGE Movie Night (Milwaukee): Showing the Oscar-winning documentary "The Times of Harvey Milk" at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, March 25

Cathy Cook Films (Milwaukee): "Beyond Voluntary Control," "The Match That Started My Fire" and "Bust Up," 7 p.m. at 208 N. Water St. \$10, \$6 students. Benefit for Angles. FMI: (414) 963-8948.

Movie Night! (Milwaukee): Featuring "sex, lies and videotape," 7 p.m.

at LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

#### Sunday, March 26 & Every Sunday

Women's Music Radio (Milwaukee): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee women's community.

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

"Hotel Milwaukee" - Live Tapings (Milwaukee): Weekly taping of the radio program "Hotel Milwaukee" at 5 p.m. at Hotel Metro in downtown Milwaukee. It is rebroadcast over WHAD 90.7 at 7 p.m. Fridays and 4 p.m. Saturdays. FMI: (414) 352-3331 or (414) 276-7889.

Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - A weekly show titled "Her Turn," Womyn's news and information by and about women, airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety," Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM. Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001.

#### Monday, March 27

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "The Hanging Garden" from writer-director Thom Fitzgerald, at 7:15 p.m. FMI: (608) 274-5821.

#### Tues., March 28 & Every Tues.

"The Queer Program" (Milwaukee): Live weekly telecast on MATA Public access cable channel 47 (96 in some areas) at 7 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Re-broadcast Saturday at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

#### Wed., March 29 & Every Wed.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU runs LGBT Programming every week from 9-11 p.m. Re-runs from 12:30-2:30 a.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio. Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by "This Way Out," the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30-8 p.m.

#### Friday, March 31

Latin American Film Series (Milwaukee): Through April 7, every night at 7 p.m. at the UWM Union Theatre, 2nd Floor, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. All screenings free. FMI: (414) 229-3070.

Jennifer Montgomery Video (Milwaukee): "Transitional Objects" at 7 p.m. at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. \$2. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

#### Saturday, April 1

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): "Get Real," "Absolute Aqua" and "Absolute And," 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675.

#### MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

##### Ongoing Exhibits:

Adambomb Gallerie (Milwaukee): Mixed media works by Shawn Stephany, 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milwaukee): "Moresheet Eldad: A celebration of African Jewish heritage," through March 31. 2233 N. 4th St. \$5 FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee): Judaica and Jewelry by Annette Hirsh on display through March 26 at 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milwaukee): The works of Jeanne Bril, Michael Merritt Mangan and John Ernst thru April 9. 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Grava Gallery (Milwaukee): "28 Photographs by Leroy Burt" through April 8, 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Fixations: The Obsessional in Contemporary Art," 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "The Purse Project," performance art by Francine Conley, 7:30 p.m. April 7, 8, 14 and 15. \$5 admission. "Work in Progress: The Madison Art Center Collects," features cornerstones of the Center's collection, including Mapplethorpe photos, Nevelson sculptures, Frida Kahlo paintings and more. Through May 14. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milwaukee): Ten prints from "The Miserere Series" by French Expressionist Georges Rouault, through April 30 at 420 E. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 272-1007.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee): "Interventions: New Art in Unconventional Spaces," includes recent work by 12 international artists, including Robert Gober, Cheonae Kim, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle and Ilya Kabakov. Through April 23. "Nothing But Nudes: Selections from the Permanent Collection" through May 14. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee): "Suspended Disbelief," an exhibit of theatrical puppets opens March 24, runs through April 2. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): "Jewelry and Sculpture in Recycled Materials" by Robert W. Ebendorf. Through April 30. 2519 Northwestern Ave.

#### THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

##### Now Playing:

"Collected Stories" (Milwaukee): Two-woman piece by Donald Marquies. Well reviewed. Steimke Theatre of the Milwaukee Rep. Through March 26. FMI: (414) 224-1761.

"Don't Touch That Dial! The Sequel" (Milwaukee): Presented by the Milwaukee Rep in the Stackner Cabaret thru May 14. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" (Madison): Madison Rep's production of Moises Kaufman's award-winning play. Through April 2. Isthmus Playhouse, 211 State St. FMI: (608) 256-0029.

"Hobson's Choice" (Milwaukee): Classic comedy at Quadroci Powerhouse Theatre of Milwaukee Rep, through April 2. FMI: (414) 224-1761.

"My Fair Lady" (Waukesha): The Lerner & Loewe musical classic,

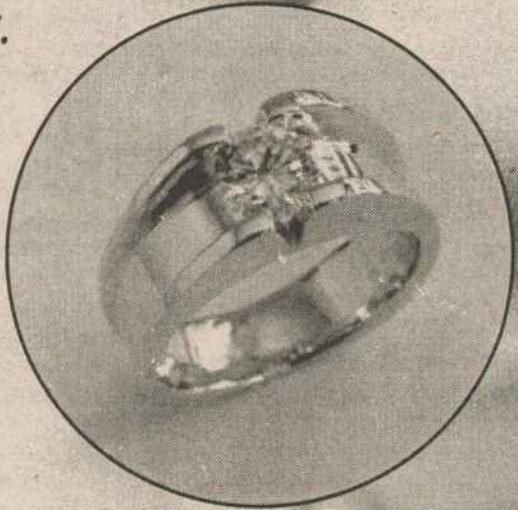
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**MARCH 24, 7 PM**

by Kevin John

**C**urated by Astria Suparak, Film Series Director at Pratt Institute, Sexuality Malfunctioned's entire program runs less than ninety minutes but will nevertheless prove daunting to the Marcus-minded masses. Nothing fits easily in these short films and videos (and one audio-piece) — either the soundtrack sits uncomfortably on top of the image like a Coke can floating in a pond or a variety of devices are used to obscure the image or both. This is doubly disorienting because much of the imagery is pornographic and violent (often simultaneously) and the tweaking offers little moral edification.

Still because Suparak has programmed Sexuality Malfunctioned like a perfectly coherent essay, one need only keep in mind her précis from the program notes to begin to see how these bursts of mismatching energy actually signify: "Dis-ease and discomfort within desire explored through techniques such as hand-painting, manipulated found-footage (and pornography), optical printing and stop-motion animation. Sexual development in the age of the spectacle."

That description definitely brings an ecstatic question mark of a film like Stephanie Barber's (who has taught in UWM's film department) six-minute "Pornfilm" (1998) more into focus. A shaky reading of a news item on Regis Philbin's breakup with his alcoholic wife Kay becomes the new soundtrack to an anonymous porn loop which is further manipulated by a white block that scans vertically back and forth over the image. Then Barber cuts to a brief animated segment of little snowflake-like wheels dancing in white space to (or under, more precisely?) an opera aria. Hmm.

For sure, there's no way to assign a definite take on sex or sexuality here leaving a somewhat frightening void where one would normally find a conscience (or consciousness) — even the "S. Barber" tag at the end possesses a sort of renegade anonymity. But isn't the underlying idea of a take in cinema to denote that there exists a right or even perfect way to film some-

thing? Or, by extension, to fuck someone?

It's difficult to formulate any questions about Paul McCarthy and Mike Kelley's 1987 video "Family Tyranny" (Modeling and Molding) much less derive answers from it. You can't even tell who was responsible for such a nightmarish vision (frequently attributed to the above duo, the director is listed as Nancy Buchanan). It just takes you to this awful, awful place for eight minutes where a father force feeds a surrogate (Styrofoam?) son through a funnel. The son soon materializes as a moaning bundle of hopelessness like an idiot from a Beckett play. He tries to escape through a window in their Astroturfed set, cowers under a table and eventually leaves for school with the father taunting him most of the time. At the end, he's a little boy doll that dad bathes/drowns in a tin cup of watery plaster (?). Apart from Christopher Rags' fistig video "Fucked Up" and accidentally playing a 45 rpm Virgin Prunes 12" on 33 when I was thirteen, this is the most disturbing artistic experience of my life.

Other highlights include Miranda July's audio piece "WSNO" — a painful talk radio parody where the host takes calls only from people with secrets; Laura Parnes' "Performance" (1995) and "Talent Show" (1996) which juxtaposes found footage of an 8th grade talent show in the former and young boys lip-syncing in the latter combined with Truth or Truth early sex litanies; Luther Price's "Sodom" which I haven't seen but I'm told has had many offended walk-outs (I'm there!!); and if you can make the show in Madison the night before (9 p.m., Starlight Cinema), the program replaces the Barber and Price films with two terrific films by Peggy Ahwesh, "Martina's Playhouse" which comes across as an exploration into the last shot of "Milena in Bad Timing — A Sensual Obsession" (three-year old girl forges narratives outside the Master's house) and "The Color of Love" which is dedicated to Doris Wishman (guess I'll have to give "Bad Girls Go To Hell" another look).

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by Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially Yours." To all my dear Dorothies and friends of Dorothy, I hope you all survived our whirlwind weather — garages intact! As of late, TooToo and I are fine, and you should see my new red shoes!

Leaping in this leap year, is certainly agreeing with me — But, why don't "They" have Leap Day in: May, June, July or August?

On the topic of leaping, I had a time of it, not so long ago at **This Is It. Joe** still runs one of Milwaukee's most revered little gems of a bar. Besides, the extraordinary juke box, **Jim** a "magnificent mixologist," does provide reason for a visit.

For fans of the retro cocktail music of yore (my fav) may I suggest taking in Cream City's answer to "The Chairman Of The Board" **Jerry Grillo**. The venerable vocalist has just returned from a tour that included gigs in Palm Springs. Grillo will be performing locally at several hot spots including **Milwaukee Ale House**, March 23; **Zappa's**, March 31; **The Velvet Room** and **Hi Hat Lounge** on April 18.

I was invited to see The Rep's "Hobson's Choice" by Harold Brighouse, playing through Sunday, April 2. The play is a delightful, fast-paced class/sex struggle taking place in antiquated 1880. The lead character is "Maggie" played by **Laura Gordon**. Ms. Gordon put me in mind of a young **Tallulah Bankhead**, quite a compelling performer.

**George Watts** & Son style-maker and fashion maven **Jack Eigel** will be the subject matter of noted Milwaukee photographer **Francis Ford** (The Avedon of the area). Running: March 18 through April 22 at KM Art 226 S. First St. For more information call (414) 226-2272.

A sensational second anniversary to **Fluid**, the luscious lounge celebrated their birthday, on March 22. The best is wished to my dear **Bill, Jim, Peter, Tammy** and all the others who make Fluid the "Shangra La" it is! Party on!

A side note and a huge hug to Fluid's resident artist-decorator-visualist, **David Howser**. It seems their motif Hollywood, Oscars, Sunset Boulevard, Anniversary — includes a salute to Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons, and I was his muse! I certainly have the hats, now if only my head could fit in them...

Happy 5th Anniversary **Taylor's**! What doings they have planned for Wednesday, March 29. Congratulations to **Dan, Jim, Bobby, Meagan, Ken** and of course **Elizabeth**!

I made my debut recently at **Rosebud Cinema Drafthouse** in Wauwatosa. **Jay Hollis**, owner bought the old Tosa Theater and updated it quite a bit! First off the lobby, filled with "Rosebud" memorabilia such as "Citizen Kane" posters featuring **Orson Welles, Ruth Warrick** ... however, no sled! The candy counter is anything but just that. You can watch a great independent film with slices of Edwardo's pizza, Simma's Cheesecake, brats, nachos, beer, wine... Milwaukee Magazine profiled this neighborhood find, and now — finally the burbs have a "Movie Art House."

The evening I was there, a local band **Alpha Dog** jammed for an hour, then the woman, working the ticket counter read Poe's "The Raven." The movie was "Boys Don't Cry." (All for \$5.00)! A most disturbing flick. I strongly recommend it. **Hilary Swank** goes for the gold!

The interior of the theater is great

Sofas, easy chairs, tables, dining tables filling the room in a comfortable formal/informal mode. Mr. Hollis, the owner, encourages everyone to "get comfortable, relax... put your feet up!"

On the furniture? My mother would be appalled! Parking is a cinch, a lighted lot is right across the street! I haven't had a reason to haunt this part of town since the nights of **The Beer Garden**!

WCTC — Waukesha County Technical College 12th Annual Wine Seminar & Tasting will be held on Thursday, April 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center — Pewaukee. Call (262) 691-5254 for more info.

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My deepest congratulations to: Mr. **Neil Willenson** and Camp Heartland, on receiving the Sterling Rose Award, most deservedly. And Milwaukee's red-hot and oh so generous couple: **Nick and JoAnne Anton** of **La Perla** and **Crabby Al's** fame, receiving the Red Rose Award.

"Drag In The Bag" **The Ball Game**, tentative date: Saturday, May 6. **Mona Lot** AKA **Tortilla Flatts**, will be the lady of the day. Rumor has it M&M's very own **ChiChi** may be throwing his girdle in the ring... If you want ink on any of your Possum Queen fund-raisers give me the 4 W's!

Welcome back **Rochelle**! It's wonderful seeing the ravishing Rochelle, talented Skyy Travel agent, moonlighting at The **M&M Club**, once more. The best part is seeing her reunited with her other Musketeers (or is that Mouseketeers) **David BB Rogers** and **DeeDee**. Cha, Cha, Cha... You're in for a dee-licious, dee-lightful dee-ner with these three together, once more!

Grateful to report — **Boo Boo**, The **M&M Club** legend, is boomeranging back to health! Wishing you a continued speedy recovery — Faversham Boo-Boo, Faversham!

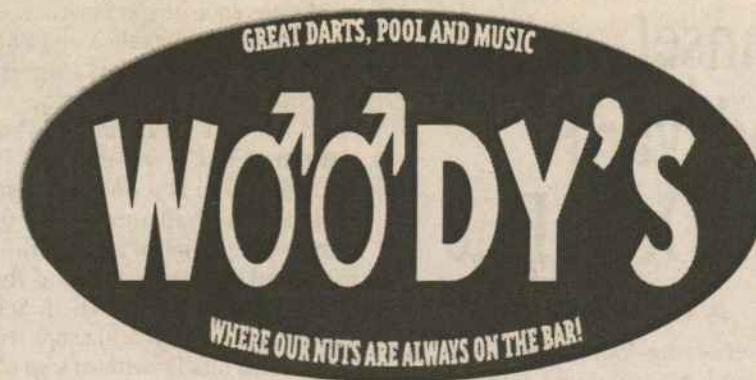
"Johnny We Hardly Knew Ye" - I regret to conclude this column with the passing of **John York**. I, like so many of you, got to know John as a bartender at **This Is It** and later, The **1100 Club**. Last fall, John was on the **Switch** New York Junket ... what fun we all shared. He was eagerly looking forward to Acapulco in February with **Rona & Co.** Now he is on another adventure... Bon Voyage, my dear.

Until next time, Spring has sprung and so have I, and will remain, "Cordially Yours."



"I'm ready for my close-up!" Big Mamma, of Big Mamma's Cafe won Norma Desmond look-a-like contest and a backstage pass to meet Petula Clark star of the recent tour of "Sunset Boulevard" Photo by J. Schroeder.

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## "Sunset Boulevard" Hits Dead End

by Carl M. Szatmary

After seeing "Sunset Boulevard" in London a few weeks following its opening, it was impossible not to come away in a state of awe. On one hand, what magnificent ego, it surely must have taken, to dare to turn such an extraordinary film into a stage musical. On the other hand, how ridiculous for Andrew Lloyd Webber and Co. to have so misunderstood or perhaps simply ignored their source material to come up with such an overblown mish-mash of a show.

Not that the evening was a total loss. The magnificent two-story set, in no uncertain terms, was dazzling. The score possesses a couple of memorable songs — which Webber so kindly reprises endlessly for the memory-impaired. But most of all, Broadway diva Patti LuPone was in the driver's seat, singing wonderfully and provid-

ing the prerequisite star power.

Sadly for Milwaukee audiences, the "Sunset Boulevard" that staggered into town this week was not so lucky.

Much has been made about the "stream-lined" version of "Sunset Boulevard" seen at the Marcus Center. The PR folks have had an absolute field day with how the original mammoth set overshadowed the characters and the story. Roadshow director Susan H. Schulman may profess that by doing so it will somehow refocus this Tinseltown saga of a faded silent film star but the result has been to merely leave even more exposed the show's inherent weaknesses.

Who is not familiar, even fleetingly, with eccentric Norma Desmond, once the greatest star in Hollywood, now a recluse living in the past? She is all but forgotten, the fan mail she still glories in all written by her loyal servant (and first husband) Max.

Into this world comes a desperate, down-on-his-luck screenwriter, Joe Gillis. He stumbles into Norma's lair, becoming first a collaborator on Norma's ridiculous "Salome" script and later her lover.

Well, you all know the rest of the story and it is actually a good thing that you do! Those in attendance unfamiliar with Billy Wilder's classic film are likely to be rather puzzled by the goings-on onstage.

Norma Desmond should be a tragic figure, albeit in a rather ridiculous and grotesque fashion. For Norma, the world remains squarely in the 1920s and she is still a star. But time has rushed on and the world has left Norma behind, leaving only a few, amongst them Max and Cecil B. DeMille to reflect sadly on the sweet, innocent Norma of once-upon-a-time. One of the flaws of Petula Clark's portrayal of Norma, something closer to a coarse vaudevillian with an over-active libido than cinematic Grande dame, is that it is quite impossible to imagine her as ever being this younger, radiant Norma.

Nor does Joe Gillis fare any better in the hands of Lewis Cleale. While Mr. Cleale looks terrific in swim trunks and sings marvelously, he doesn't seem to have a clue as to what he is singing about, particularly in "Sunset Boulevard," the song that opens the second act. Nor does his Joe Gillis manage to generate any heat in his romancing either Norma (admittedly a near impossible task) or with lovely screenwriter wannabe Betty Schaefer (Jacquelyn Piro).

Less forgivable about this production are the lax production values. Scene changes lacked crispness, with scenery and performers often lazily drifting on and off stage. Nor were the ensemble scenes, for the most part, terribly energetic.



Petula Clark as Norma Desmond

That said, "Sunset Boulevard" did have its moments. Petula Clark's Norma does come alive for "As If We Never Said Goodbye" and there is a lovely duet, "To Much In Love to Care" by Cleale and Piro. In the end, there were just too few them.

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# "Turn of the Screw" Needs Tightening

by Carl M. Szatmary

**S**unset Boulevard" was not the only ghost story staged in Milwaukee last week. Opening at the Broadway Theatre Center's Cabot Theatre was the Skylight Opera's production of Benjamin Britten's "The Turn of the Screw."

Based upon a novella by Henry James, "The Turn of the Screw" is set at an English country house sometime in the



I-r, Carol Greif as Miss Jessel and Fontaine Follansbee as the Governess in "The Turn of the Screw."

middle of the eighteenth century. A new young governess has arrived to take charge of two children. An eerie Prologue neatly counters early scenes of relative normalcy as the Governess (Fontaine Follansbee) first meets the matronly housekeeper, Mrs. Grose (Jennifer Clark) and later her charges Flora (Megan Tillmann Frank) and Miles (Nicholas Russo who alternates with Nathan J. Griffith).

Very quickly the Governess begins to sense something amiss. The children's behavior changes. Then she spies a mysterious face through a window. Frightened, she runs out after this malevolent phan-

tom, returning distraught and in tears. Increasingly, the new young Governess comes to believe that ghosts are plaguing her young charges. She is determined to protect the children, Flora and Miles. The face spied through the window was that of "the evil" Peter Quint (Shawn Bartels). Young Miles is his target. The ghostly apparition of Miss Jessel, the children's previous governess, subsequently joins Peter Quint in haunting Flora. Even as the two children sleep, their dreams are not safe from nocturnal haunting.

Less certain is why Peter Quint, the former valet and Miss Jessel, the previous governess would haunt the two likable children. But perhaps these ghostly apparitions are merely within the Governess's own troubled psyche? Kind Mrs. Grose (Jennifer Clark) can't see them, after all.

In this production, there is little doubt to those of us in the audience that young Governess has no doubts that she has seen a ghost. This certainty undermines much of the opera's potential dramatic tension.

Stage designs by Van Santvoord are devilishly clever and visually quite striking in their simplicity, yet they are never truly atmospheric. Spectral projections of the country estate act as transitions, offering the audience an elusive image of reality as well as offering a decidedly obscure foreshadowing of the upcoming scene.

Seemingly conscious of the stage design, director Paula Suozzi chooses to have her cast perform in a highly dramatic, almost ritualistic style which works to distance themselves from the audience. The cast however cannot be faulted in their singing of Britten's difficult score. Fontaine Follansbee is particularly impressive as the Governess as is young Nicholas Russo as Miles.

"The Turn of the Screw" is an intriguing work, rather more fascinating than genuinely enjoyable.

*"The Turn of the Screw"*  
runs through April 2.

## Releases Under the Radar

by Kevin John

**T**he releases below have hit below radar range. Most of them deserve better. The Coup's terrific "Steal This Album" (Dogday) has been around for a while now but far too few of you have heard Boots Riley's amazing stories. He dodges the repo man, clings for his breath in ER, pisses on George Washington's grave, has a crappier car than the Bottle Rockets, quits MacDonald's and knows more about the stock market than you and me. The seven-minute tour de force "Me and Jesus The Pimp in a '79 Granada Last Night" perfectly gets at the monotony behind every tale. Pam The Funkstress makes sure her organic sizzles with grease. Femi Kuti cooks a less tasty dish on Shoki Shoki (MCA). Thankfully, his funk is more père Fela than Pepper Flea. And "Truth Don Die" rivals daddy

on the dancefloor.

On his many mix CDs, Tunnel digger Danny Tenaglia has demonstrated how far away the dancefloor is from the rest of the world. But "Back to Mine" (Ultra) is a special blend of thirteen personal faves. For once, the perverse self-indulgence and E-impaired judgements are good to the last needle drop. The Gentle People's "Emotion Heater" whisks Stylistics strings off to a space age bachelor pad while the need to mix "seamlessly" from CeCe Peniston's "Keep on Walkin'" (huh?) to Roy Ayers weird already "Running Away" to a thinly accompanied Oleta Adams snippet sets the precedent for kinky weaves. It all careens into a 1966 Sergio Mendes seduction. Ok.

New Groove 3 - *Déconstruire Le Groove Esoterique* (REV) is the first acid jazz album anyone should hear. Which means it probably isn't acid jazz at all. These anonymous beat spies play their new grooves for sound rather than whatever memory they have of acid or, praise the lord, jazz. Maybe it's trip-hop.

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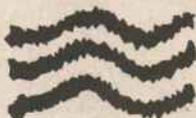
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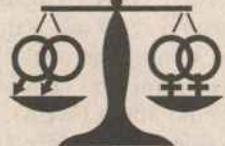
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and a column pours out of my finger tips without much effort and turns out to be good. Writing "Dear Josh" took me less than an hour to write. Usually columns take at least a couple of hours but with that one I knew what I wanted to say. It all came from my heart so it just flowed. I probably spent more time wondering if I should share something so personal with the public than actually writing it. In the end, I'm glad I did.

Moving on to the stuff in the clubs... There have been many events since the last time I've written. Some of it is too old to talk about so let's just catch you up on the recent stuff. Fat Tuesday boasted a party at almost every club. Over at **Woody's**, they had a costume contest. They also had drink specials for whoever took the time to dress up. There were

**Thanks for the Breather!**

by Jamie



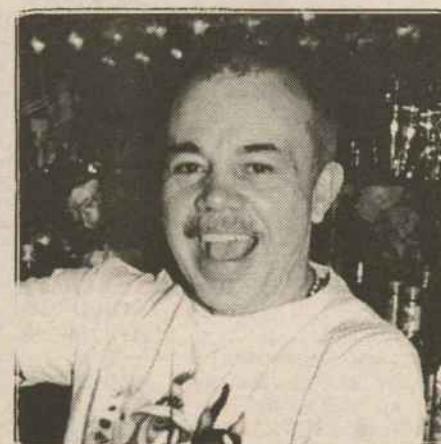
First of all, I would like to thank IN Step for giving me some very desperately needed time off. I have been writing this column every other week for many years now without taking any time off. I have been shooting pictures for even longer. The pace can be maddening at times. For my own sanity, I have decided that every now and then I am going to take a break from it all.

For the last few hours I have been struggling with what to write about. I feel as if the only time my writing satisfies me is when I can use it as an outlet for some of my deeper thoughts, good or bad. Over the years I have been chastised for some of the things I have written, even re-writing a column because the temporary editor at that time felt as if I was going to "piss off too many people." That one was titled, "Boo Hoo Hoo." It was about the Citadel and the first girl fighting her way in and eventually dropping out. I still have very strong feelings about that situation but will keep them to myself.

I also remember writing a column about the cheap people who come to the bars expecting their drinks to be served in less than a minute and then leaving not even enough money for a cup of coffee as a tip. I caught hell from a few bartenders for that column. What struck me funny, is that they all agreed with me but didn't want to actually see it printed. I've written about some very dark moments in my life and believe me, there have been many you haven't read about. As it is right now I'm waiting for the sun to reappear. I see the only thing I really ever wanted slipping away. At this point, I'm not going to take you down that road. Maybe some day I will write about it but not now. I've also written about the highs in my life as well as some nostalgia. To this day (and probably forever) my favorite columns are "Dear Josh" and "Gettin' Older". It's tempting to write another Dear Josh but I better leave that alone right now.

In any case, This column was sort of dropped in my lap many years ago. Reluctantly, I took it on. I've had some very proud moments with IN Step and some not so proud moments. All in all, I'm grateful for the encouraging words the "I loved your last column," the "wow, your Jamie from IN Step," It's all very flattering. I have also endured the down side as well. The other day I was covering an event at a club when this tired old lesbian came up to me and said "You're the guy that writes that crap about your house and boyfriends in the paper." I just looked at her and said, "If you don't like it, it's simple ... don't #\*%\*! read it!" I could have been a little nicer about it but I didn't care. I was feeling salty.

All in all, this ride with IN Step has been lot's of fun, and I hope it will continue to be. I haven't always done my best but sometimes it gets difficult making things interesting every other week. Sometimes, I'm inspired by something



He wants to be a millionaire!  
Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game

funny hats, lots of beads and of course those feathery face masks. **Switch** and **Fluid** also celebrated the beginning of Mardi Gras with drink specials and yes, lot's of beaded necklaces. From the pictured in the **Quest**, it looks as if **Za's** threw a hell of a party as well. I heard the party at **Club 5** and **Ray's** in Madison was also a blast.

St. Patrick's Day was filled with plenty of things to do. Lots of green beer and lime vodka cocktails were flowing all over the state. The 11th annual **Rita Bowl** was held at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes. This event has been raising money for the **Holiday Invitational Tournament** for 11 years. Speaking of annual events, St. Patrick's day marks the Anniversary for the **Ball Game**. For 28 years, the Ball Game has been a fixture in gay Milwaukee. Kudos to **Rick** for giving us a down to earth, friendly place to hang out.

The **Miss Emerald City Pageant** was held at Za's this past weekend. Miss Gay Wisconsin, **Kylie West** gave up her emerald crown to CC Domino for the next 12 months. The new Mr. Emerald City is **Cory**. Congrats to all who participated in a fun filled evening.

That's gonna do it for this issue. Once again, I want to thank my readers for being supportive. Writing about this roller coaster called life, has been very therapeutic for me. At times, very painful, other times a huge high. All in all, I will continue to write as long as you want me to. Sometimes I will give you a very personal peak into my world and sometimes I will keep those thoughts to myself. Thanks again, and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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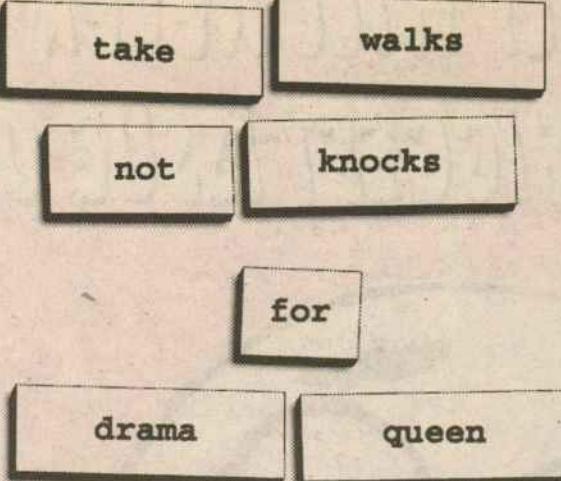
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