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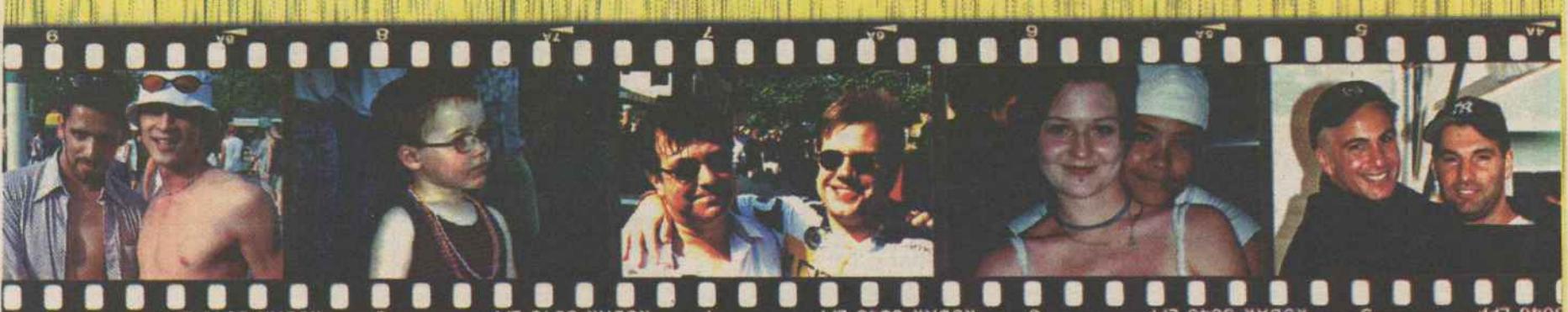
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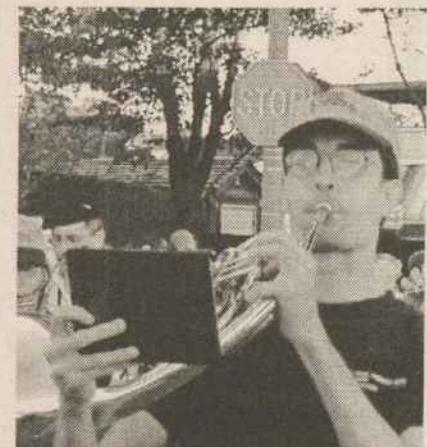
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RECORD CROWDS ENJOY SUN, FUN, MUSIC, PRAYER, GOOSE BUMPS!

By Jamakaya

PrideFest 2000 organizers had a lot to smile about on Monday, June 12.

Attendance at this year's festival was up considerably, to 15,964 (see sidebar on attendance). The experimental Friday night parade saw many more observers along the route and brought many more people through the turnstiles into Henry Maier Festival Park. While some lamented the absence of the Possum Queen Contest, several thousand people thrilled to the entertainers in the Wisconsin Title Showcase that night.

Gloriously sunny, warm weather drew almost 9,000 to the park on Saturday alone. People partied, ate, danced, held reunions with friends they hadn't seen since last year's Pride celebrations, and "oooohh"-ed and "aaaahh"-ed at spectacular fireworks over the lake. Headliners Michelle Balan and CeCe Peniston were great crowd-pleasers; Balan with her irreverent and sometimes raunchy sense of humor; Peniston with her commanding voice and stage presence. (And will anyone, boy or girl, ever forget those gorgeous legs? — Whew!)

If not for an unexpected, bone-chilling cold front that swept through Milwaukee early Sunday afternoon, "I'm sure we would have reached 18,000 in attendance," said a beaming Susan Cook, PrideFest Marketing Director.

Despite the cold, Sunday night's featured star Lisa Lisa was a trouper, strutting her stuff on stage, doing her damnedest to raise the temperature level. Security had a real challenge trying to clear the dance tent by 10 p.m. though. "The crowd was really jammin' and they just did not want to leave," said Festival Co-Director Chris Klein who, on the day after, sounded more amused than frustrated.

"Hey, it was the only place to stay warm," said one dance tent denizen, referring to the 25 degree drop in temperature that brought goosebumps to even the hardiest of festivalgoers.

Comedian Michelle Balan had one of the best lines of the night. "I'm from New York," she said, "where we experience four seasons in the course of a year. Here in Milwaukee, you have 'em all in one day!"

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OLD-TIME & NEW-TIME RELIGION

This year's festival was astonishingly trouble-free. There was only one arrest of a man who got into an altercation with one of the anti-gay fundamentalists outside the park gates. Festivalgoers and PrideFest officials agreed that the small group of "Christian" protesters who show up each year were more aggressive than usual.



The Skyglider was a popular way to get a bird's eye view of PrideFest 2000.

Photo by Chris Hammerbeck.

Chris Klein thanked attendees for keeping their cool and generally avoiding confrontations. Other than that one incident at the gate, over the course of the weekend only a handful of individuals were escorted off the grounds for drunken behavior.

"We are very proud that PrideFest is one of the safest, most orderly festivals in Milwaukee," Klein said.

The fundamentalists should have taken a non-judgmental stroll around the PrideFest grounds. They would have seen many manifestations of faith among the

LGBT crowd. Rev. Andrew Warner, the openly gay associate minister at Plymouth Church in Milwaukee, facilitated an interfaith service at noon on Sunday. Rev. Warner based his comments about the holiness of same sex unions on the stories of David and Jonathan and Ruth and Naomi in the Bible. An interfaith fellowship gathering followed the service.

Later that afternoon, Rev. Lew Broyles and Rev. Elaine Thomas of the Metropolitan Community Church joined 40 couples together at the annual commitment ceremony. Broyles told *IN Step* he senses that "couples are taking the service more seriously and more formally than in the past. There's an increase in requests for individual services. Couples bring witnesses, they dress up,

they pose for pictures with the cake. It's very touching."

Dignity, the Catholic group, and Chapel of Hope, an evangelical ministry, also conducted programs during PrideFest.

YOUTH ASSERT THEIR PRESENCE

One of the liveliest areas on the PrideFest grounds was the Youth Tent, where dating games, karaoke, a talent show and open mic provided many moments of laughter and surprise. It was clear even from brief visits to the youth tent that young gays and lesbians were connecting with each other, drawing each other out and sharing community — some of them for the first time.

Youth were also the most vocal contingent in the Pride Parade. Since the demise

of Queer Nation and ACT UP, there has been a dearth of militancy in the parade. This year, gay youth had their own slogans and weren't shy about yelling them out. Their exuberance was refreshing. Maybe their example will give their elders a clue.

Top prizes for the parade went to the Milwaukee Pride Band (Best Marching Unit), Americans Without Borders (Best Decorated Car) and Brandy's II (Best Float). Brandy's II also won as Best Bar entry, Rainbow Over Wisconsin won for Best use of Theme.

Skeptics had predicted disaster for the Friday night Pride Parade. (In the past the parade was held on Sundays at noon time.) Although the number of marching units declined, the number of people watching along the parade route was way up, and the parade helped to boost Friday night attendance on the PrideFest grounds. Chris Klein told *IN Step* that many things would be taken into consideration before deciding when the parade will be held next year.

Drag performances are a tradition at most Pride celebrations. This year, the Lily White Revue graced (and camped!) its way around the Miller Stage late Saturday night. Even though it was scheduled opposite the main stage entertainment, "Miss PrideFest USA" packed 'em in at the Rainbow Café earlier that evening. During the "Miss PrideFest" show and while CeCe Peniston was singing, Madison's comedy troupe Flaming Dykasaurus had a substantial crowd laughing themselves silly on the Stonewall stage.

"You know," said Klein, "that's the true test of a good festival: if you can book great talent on three, four or five stages at once and have excellent turnout for each of them. It's wonderful to tool around the grounds and see everyone having such a good time."

Klein gave credit for the festival's success to the committee heads who coordinated different aspects of the festival: food, beverages, security, marketplace, operations, entertainment, parade, youth area, family events, marketing, merchandising, etc.

"We want to express a special 'Thank You' to our volunteers, some of whom pulled two or three shifts to make sure the festival ran smoothly," she said. PrideFest volunteers, in addition to free entry and a free meal on the grounds, attend a big party later in the year.

Women to Settle Custody Dispute

TRENTON, N.J. — Just two days before a New Jersey state appeals court was to begin hearings, two women settled their child custody dispute that started when their relationship broke up.

Identified only as REM and SLV in court papers, the women have agreed to accept a state court ruling and share equal, joint custody of their 4-year-old son, according to an announcement by the two women's attorneys.

Keven Meehan, an attorney representing SLV in the custody dispute, said, "They both decided it would be in the best interests of the child to put their differences aside."

Rights advocates said the settlement of the dispute continues a growing body of recent court decisions recognizing "psychological parents" who have no biological ties to a child but are increasingly being acknowledged as having a vital interest in a child's welfare.

Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said these recent court rulings will make lesbian and gay couples who end their relationships face what straight couples have always had to confront by letting children maintain their relationships with both parents.

Man Charged in Threats at Gay Gym

SALT LAKE CITY — Police in Salt Lake City say they have arrested Randy Gardner, 23, on charges of aggravated assault and making terrorist threats after he threatened "to shoot all queers" at the 14th Street Gym.

Authorities said the man had been brandishing what turned out to be a pellet gun at a customer at the predominately gay gym, firing it apparently at least once. Police said Gardner, who lives next door to the gym, also threatened to blow the building up.

Police said Gardner appeared to have been drinking at the time. It is unclear if he may also be charged with a hate-related crime.

County Says Safer-Sex Billboards 'Too Suggestive'

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Alameda County (Calif.) board of supervisors had decided a proposed billboard campaign showing two bare-chested black men is "too suggestive" for public viewing.

The supervisors instead voted to go ahead with the safer-sex campaign effort by putting the suggestive ads on matchbooks and condom packages distributed at area gay bars.

The campaign was developed because African-Americans now account for more than half of all new AIDS cases diagnosed in the county. It is intended to encourage men of color to get tested for HIV and to practice safer sex.

What Americans Think About Same-Sex Marriage, Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A poll of some 1,012 people taken May 17-21 for the Association Press by the Pennsylvania-based ICR polling firm indicates that about half of the country's citizens think same-sex couples should not be allowed to legally marry — but should be extended some of the legal rights married couples enjoy.

The poll reported that 51 percent disapproved of letting same-sex couples marry, with 34 percent favoring legal marriage for gay and lesbian couples.

When pollsters asked about benefits for same-sex couples who had formed domestic partnerships — with no reference to marriage — 41 percent said such relationships should be permitted, even though half the respondents remained opposed.

Even so, the poll reported that most Americans think gays and lesbians should be eligible for health insurance, Social Security benefits, and inheritance rights from their partners.

The results of the poll indicated women were more supportive of same-sex marriage (40 percent) than men (20 percent) and Democrats more likely to accept gay and lesbian marriage (40 percent) than Republicans (20 percent).

Younger Americans were also more accepting of same-sex marriages, with 54 percent of those aged 18 to 34 agreeing, while just 14 percent of Americans over 65 approved.

The poll also found that responses correlated strongly with whether the respondents believe homosexuality is innate or a learned behavior. Some 59 percent of those who believe orientation is innate agreed gays and lesbians should be permitted to marry; but 69 percent of those who say orientation is learned said they should not be allowed to.

The poll has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

ACLU Joins Another Kentucky Battle

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The ACLU's Kentucky chapter has announced it will enter the court battle aimed at overturning a gay rights ordinance in Henderson, Ky.

The ACLU is already involved in helping defend legal challenges to similar measures in Louisville and Jefferson County.

Anti-gay conservatives in the state have sued to block the measures charging that they infringe on the religious freedoms of individuals who believe homosexuality is a sin.

The Henderson lawsuit specifically was filed in behalf of a couple who say forcing them to rent property to homosexuals would violate their religious beliefs.

'Rapists for Lesbians' Letter Not Improper

By Keith Clark

Colombo, Sri Lanka — In a ruling that activists say turns hate crimes on its head, the Press Council of Sri Lanka has declared that a letter published in a newspaper last August urging that convicted rapists should be unleashed on lesbians was "in the interests of the community" and did not promote "improper values" in the island nation at the tip of the Indian subcontinent.

The letter urged Sri Lanka officials to let convicted rapists have sex with lesbians in the country to introduce to the women the "reality of natural sexual pleasure."

The Press Council, a semi-official body that oversees newspapers in the country in some ways similar to the Federal Communications Commission's regulation of the radio and television industry in the U.S., called lesbianism as "act of sadism" that is illegal under Sri Lanka's laws and went on to fine the man who complained about the letter \$28 for bringing the complaint.

Sherman de Rose, the gay rights activist who filed the complaint, charged in his grievance against the Island newspaper for publishing the letter that it stirred

hatred and violence against lesbians.

But the Press Council turned de Rose's complaint upside down and declared that "salacious publication of any opinion against such activities does not amount to a promotion of sadism or salacity."

The ruling went on to countercharge that it wasn't the "Island" newspaper but de Rose himself who was guilty of "promoting improper values" and leveled the \$28 fine against him.

De Rose said the Press Council's position shows how rigidly anti-gay official attitudes in the country are against homosexuals. He said he would appeal the decision.

The original letter was written after news reports that gay rights activists were helping organize an international lesbian rights conference in Sri Lanka.

Rome Backs Down From World Pride 2000 Support

Rome — Rome's mayor, Francesco Rutelli, abruptly rescinded the city's sponsorship of a planned July gay pride event after Vatican officials appealed to the city not to allow World Pride 2000 to go ahead during a Jubilee Year celebration being observed by the Catholic Church this year.

At the end of May, Rutelli announced that Rome's city council was withdrawing

both its endorsement and its financial sponsorship — some \$170,000 — of World Pride 2000. Faced with a barrage of hostile political and press reaction, Rutelli later met with a delegation of organizers of World Pride 2000 and said the festival would still go ahead, although without the official endorsement of Rome's government, and with only some of the city funding restored.

Reportedly, the July 1-9 World Pride 2000 celebration will be moved from the Piazza Venezia, a popular and easily accessible national monument, to a less conspicuous location. Rome officials also said a planned march would be restricted out of concerns over "public order."

Even government officials were critical of Rutelli's move. Franco Grillini, of the Italian equal opportunity ministry, slammed the government's withdrawal of major funding and sponsorship of the event, saying Italy was either a "free and democratic nation or a Vatican serfdom."

In a related development, another Italian government official, Agriculture Minister Alfonso Scanio, declared he is bisexual in an interview with the news magazine Panorama.

Scanio said he didn't understand why World Pride 2000 was causing such trouble for Vatican officials. "It's a normal demonstration against discrimination and in Italy, both the right to demonstrate and the right to choose one's own sexual orientation exist," he said. "I don't know where the offense to religion is. It seems to me that the church is confusing gay pride with a kind of sex show."

In the meantime, organizers sent out an appeal for funds to help put on the festival that is expected to draw some 200,000 people from throughout Europe to join with Italian gays and lesbians.

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Mertens Gets One Year Sentence for Gay Bashing

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — On June 2, Circuit Court Judge John E. McCormick sentenced Jason Anthony Mertens to one year in the House of Correction for his attack on two gay men outside the La Cage night club in December, 1998.

Mertens, 26, had entered pleas of no contest to the charges of felony battery and misdemeanor assault for the unprovoked attack on Cory Liebmann and Robert Wendorf. The men were among a group of patrons outside LaCage at closing time.

"I WOULD HAVE FELT BETTER IF JUDGE MCCORMICK HAD MADE THE TERMS CONSECUTIVE RATHER THAN CONCURRENT."

Witnesses indicated that Mertens approached the group in a threatening manner using anti-gay slurs. He shoved several people, knocked Wendorf to the ground and slugged Liebmann when he came to the aid of his friend. Liebmann and Wendorf attended the sentencing hearing and offered their victim impact statements to the judge in advance of sentencing.

In his statement, Liebmann described the incident, the injuries he sustained and the many hours he has spent since the night of the assault seeking justice in the case. He mentioned Mertens' previous arrests for endangering public safety and for assaulting his wife. He asked the judge to give Mertens the fullest possible sentence — two years and nine months — so that it might serve as a deterrent to further misconduct.

Assistant District Attorney Douglas Simpson reminded the judge that while there were just two victims in court to address the crime, there were others on the scene who were affected, some of whom were pushed around. It was Asst. District Attorney Simpson who declined to file hate crime charges against Mertens despite the fact that Liebmann, Wendorf and other witnesses

heard him threaten, "I'm going to kill you, faggot."

Judge McCormick acknowledged the controversy over the failure to file hate crime charges but agreed with Simpson that any hate crime aspect was marginal to the case. He then sentenced Mertens to one year on the felony count and nine months on the misdemeanor count but ordered that the terms be served concurrently. Mertens will also have Huber privileges — the ability to leave the House of Correction for work and child care duties.

"I would have felt better if Judge McCormick had made the terms consecutive rather than concurrent," Liebmann told IN Step about the sentence.

Mertens was also ordered to pay Liebmann \$65 for the repair of eye glasses that he broke during the assault. He was ordered to pay \$150 restitution to Wendorf who missed work because of his injuries. Wendorf suffered a punctured eardrum.

The case angered many in the gay community because of the D.A.'s failure to invoke the hate crime penalty enhancement law. That law requires tougher penalties on conviction if it is determined that the crime was motivated either wholly or partially by bias based on the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

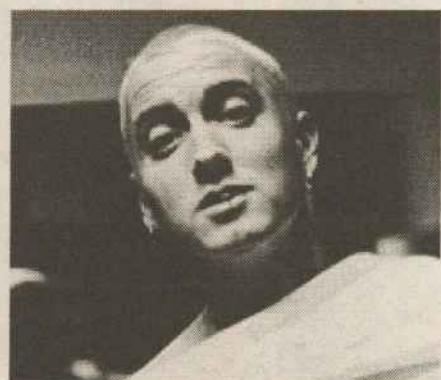
Wisconsin's 11-year-old hate crime statute was ruled constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court and has become a model for similar laws throughout the country. Despite this fact, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office under E. Michael McCann has never invoked the statute in any case.

The case also spurred anger in the gay community after the City Attorney's Office (which handled the initial police citation against Mertens) apparently misplaced Liebmann's complaint and the case file in the process of sending it to the D.A.'s office for criminal prosecution. Legal action against Mertens was only resumed after Liebmann took his story to a local television station which publicized the snafus.

GLAAD Blasts Rapper Album

LOS ANGELES — GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) says Detroit-born rapper Eminem's latest album, "The Marshall Mathers LP" could "lead to discrimination, physical abuse and even death" because of its anti-gay lyrics.

Pointing to several passages from the latest release, the organization is encouraging consumers to protest the album with Eminem's



Eminem

label, Interscope Records, for producing and promoting "such defamatory material that encourages violence and hatred."

In a news release, GLAAD said the record's anti-gay rhetoric was "especially negligent when considering the market for this music has been shown to be adolescent males, the very group that statistically commits the most hate crimes."

While neither Interscope Records nor Eminem were available to comment on the GLAAD news release, in the past the rapper has said his lyrics shouldn't be taken literally and has insisted that he isn't homophobic.

SBA Begins Partnership with Lesbian-Gay Centers

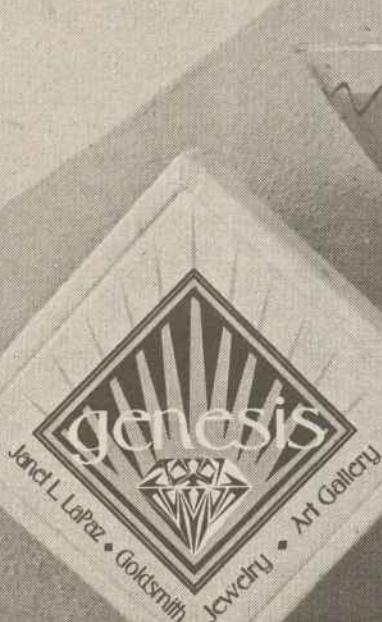
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Small Business Administration has formed a partnership with the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Community Centers in an effort by the federal government to encourage lesbian and gay small businesses to tap into the agency's services.

SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez signed the agreement in Los Angeles in a move that is aimed at encouraging small gay- and lesbian-owned businesses to take part in the agency's capital-access, contract procurement and technical assistance programs.

Some 104 gay and lesbian community centers around the country will be eligible to participate in the two-year SBA agreement.

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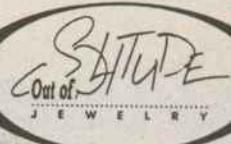
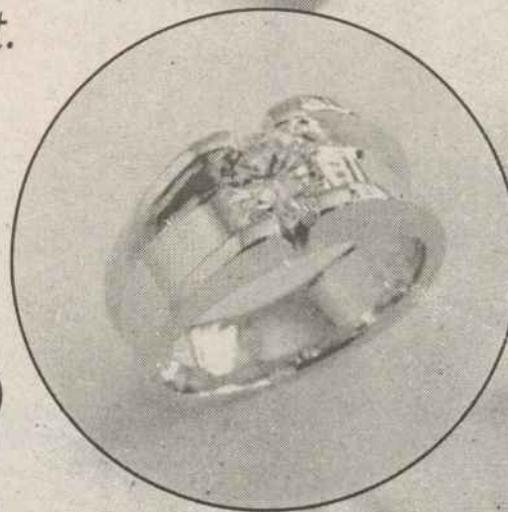
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Buchanan Likes Dr. Laura as Possible Running Mate

by Keith Clark

Washington — In what activists say is a match made ... well ... somewhere, presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan reportedly thinks he has the Reform Party nomination more or less sewn up and is considering notorious homophobic talk show host Laura Schlessinger as a prospective running mate.

Newsweek and USA Today both reported that Schlessinger, who has called homosexuality a "biological error," was on



Pat Buchanan

a Buchanan list of six possible vice presidential running mates, along with Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), Teamster president James Hoffa, GOP presidential wannabe Alan Keyes, Iran-Contra scandal



Laura Schlessinger

figure Oliver North, and John Silber, ex-president of Boston University.

Buchanan reportedly has 293 Reform Party delegates, just one short of the 50 percent majority needed to assure his nomination.

John Aravosis of StopDrLaura.com said of the news, "Pat Buchanan and Laura Schlessinger is a match made in ... well, it's a match. Buchanan and Schlessinger are two people who make deeply intolerant statements, yet when challenged on their language, resort to discredited science one day, or claim to speak for God the next."

Several news sources have reported recently that Buchanan had been working to tone down his hard-edged image with a kinder, gentler public persona, including the possibility of picking a woman or person of color as a vice presidential running mate.

While few rights activists were surprised that Buchanan might want Schlessinger as a possible running mate, some wondered that she would let herself be on Buchanan's short list because it would mean, among other things, that she would have to give up hosting an already highly controversial television show slated to start this fall under FCC regulations.

Iowa GOP Takes Aim at Gay Rights

By Keith Clark

Des Moines, Iowa — Republicans in Iowa were poised to lower their guns in an all-out anti-gay attack in America's Heartland as the state GOP convention gathered over the June 9-11 weekend.

Iowa state Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iverson (R-Dows), told delegates that he and a group of other Republican legislators were planning to sue Gov. Tom Vilsack, a Democrat, in an effort to overturn an executive order barring employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and perceived gender in state agencies.

Vilsack signed the order in September 1999 and the Republican-controlled legislature promptly introduced bills to overturn it. Eventually both houses of the legislature approved measures to void the executive order, along distinctly partisan lines but saying it was a "nonpartisan issue."

To no one's surprise, Vilsack vetoed the bill, saying he was "profoundly disappointed that the legislature has chosen to invest valuable state resources to draft, debate and pass this bill."

That might have been the end of the whole question since the Republicans have only a small majority in both legislative chambers. But with all 100 state representatives campaigning for reelection, the state GOP leaders decided a high-profile lawsuit during the election campaign was in order.

Iverson himself is considering a run in 2002 for the governor's office, and Vilsack is on a short list of possible vice presidential running-mates being considered by Al

Gore's presidential campaign.

Iverson, however, charged that Vilsack had "undercut the constitution" with the executive order because it essentially "legislates laws by executive order" and exceeded his authority.

But Vilsack insists that governors have the right to set employment policies and practices for state agencies under control of the executive branch. He also says that Iowa, faced with serious labor shortages, has to aggressively take steps to be more welcoming and diverse. Vilsack has held a series of "open houses" in New York, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Chicago in an effort to woo former Iowans back to their home state, for example.

The state Republican convention also approved a platform that reads more like it had been written for far-right candidate Pat Buchanan than anyone else.

Calling for prayer and Bibles in public schools, an end to income tax and the minimum wage, withdrawal from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion, making English the official language of the country, and even government withdrawal from the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit, GOP delegates had little reservation about also adding a plank opposing same-sex marriages and hate-crimes laws covering sexual orientation.

Loehe Jockeys For Position



Analysis
by Mike Leon

Rex Loehe's bid for a Madison aldermanic seat is a model for the frenetic pace at which LGBT identity politics function in a progressive political environment.

The election to succeed retiring Ald. Barb Vedder (second district) will be held in April of 2001, and two campaigns have drawn the attention of numerous segments of the progressive activist community here.

Rex Loehe, an openly gay political strategist, and Brenda Konkel, executive director of the Madison Tenant Resource Center (TRC), have emerged as the two leading candidates.

Both campaigns are banging on the doors of progressive groups as they jockey for a strong political position in what is perhaps the second most liberal city district in the state. The early inside buzz is one of the two candidates will drop out of the race to support the other.

Konkel is a well regarded progressive who will likely receive the endorsement of Progressive Dane, a strong political player in Madison.

But Konkel is drawing fire for a possible conflict of interest as her organiza-

tion, TRC, receives city funding.

"I don't see how Brenda will effectively be able to do both jobs. The long-standing city hall policy regarding this sort of conflict is to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest. Judy Olson (an open lesbian alder and past Council President) was in a similar situation, and she changed jobs," said a long-time Common Council insider. "Brenda's ability to advocate for housing issues will be severely hampered, and that's her passion."

Other housing advocates contacted indicated a concern that non-profit personnel advocating for tenants may be disqualified from serving in local government as real estate interests continue to pour unprecedented amounts of money into local races.

Konkel has hired an attorney, Lester Pines, to address the situation and said she will seek an advisory opinion on the possible conflict from the City Attorney's office in a few weeks.

"Obviously, I would not vote on TRC funding. And as for my position as executive director, the TRC Board will make decisions about the health of the organization, not the health of my candidacy. I think this is doable," said Konkel.

Both candidates are gathering early promises of support in a process insiders regard as the most important time of this race, except for election night.

Regarding Konkel's alleged conflict, Rex Loehe told *IN Step*: "I think Brenda would make a wonderful advocate in just about any political office. An appearance of, or a direct conflict of interest are issues in her campaign that she would have to deal with; and she will deal with them fairly and effectively."

memorial



"Four Big Girls," with Deb Parks on the left.

Deborah M. Parks

Actor, writer, funny lady and political provocateur Deb Parks, who participated in and made an indelible mark on Milwaukee's women's community in the 1970's and '80s, died June 4 at the Milwaukee Hospice. She was 48 years old. The cause of death was colon cancer.

Anyone who met Deb Parks or had the pleasure of working with her has memorable stories of her positive energy, her sparkling wit, her political passion and her love of performing. Deb was a full-time fighter for justice: for African Americans, for women, for queers of all stripes, for fat people. She used her creative talents as both writer and performer to advance those causes, usually employing humor and sly wit rather than heavy-

handed political posturing.

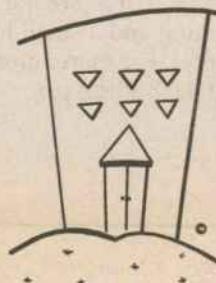
In 1983, Deb left Milwaukee for Minneapolis, where she fulfilled her dream of being part of a women's theatre troupe when she joined the nationally recognized, leftist women's company, At the Foot of the Mountain. After moving to Seattle in 1990, she pursued more writing and theatre work, doing presentations for troubled teens and women in prison. She also created original material for her group Four Big Girls and took the shows on the road. Deb last performed in Milwaukee in 1994 with Four Big Girls (a trio actually!) in a triptych of plays she wrote dealing with homophobia, mother-daughter relationships and food and body image. Like Deb herself, the plays were as funny as they were heartfelt.

—Jamakaya

Looking for a fun date?

Here are THREE you should know about.

1. The Rainbow U lecture, June 22 at 7pm, is all about "Straight financial advice for those who aren't." Presenter: Carol Busche, AmEx Financial Advisor.
2. The National Youth Advocacy Regional Conference (the conference for LGBT youth activists) takes place on July 21, 22 and 23.
3. Save the Date: August 26. It's our 2nd annual Family Reunion – an urban garden party to celebrate our extended families.



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AIDS Network Open House June 22

Madison — In commemoration of its 15th anniversary and its recent re-location to new offices, the AIDS Network is hosting an Open House on Thursday, June 22 from 5-7 p.m. The AIDS Network's main office is located in Gateway Mall at 600 Williamson St. in Madison.

"While we wish that this epidemic were now history and that there was no need for us to continue our important work, the observance of our 15th anniversary is a time for remembering all those affected by AIDS and HIV in south central Wisconsin," said AIDS Network Executive Director Bob Power. "It's also the time to honor the hundreds of dedicated volunteers and staff people who have helped us to build a strong, client-centered and inclusive organization. Without their help, we wouldn't be here."

The Open House will feature displays marking developments in the fight against AIDS and HIV both locally and nationally over the past 15 years. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served and a brief ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, contact John Quinlan at (608) 252-6540, ext. 33.

SAGE/Milwaukee Plans Movies, Discussions

Milwaukee — SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) Milwaukee is continuing its full slate of events this Pride month with a video night, reports by members about national events they've attended, and a discussion on transsexuality.

On Friday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m., two videos will be screened, A&E's "Biography: Rock Hudson," about the closeted movie star, and "Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100," about the life of a long-lived black lesbian.

On Friday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m., SAGE members will report on their participation in the Millennium March on Washington and the recent SAGE conference in New York.

On Friday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m., SAGE will spend the first of two evenings exploring transsexuality. The A&E video "The Transgender Revolution" will be shown, followed by discussion facilitated by a male to female transsexual.

SAGE gatherings are held every Friday evening at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. There is street parking and a small lot across from the Center. For more information, call (414) 271-0378 after 4 p.m.

Northalsted Merchants Prepare for Chicago Pride

Chicago — Merchants along Chicago's Halsted Street corridor are preparing for the thousands of visitors expected to fill the street when the city's Gay Pride Parade is held Sunday, June 25. The parade steps off at 2 p.m. from the corner of Halsted and Belmont and wends its way to Lincoln Park, where a rally and entertainment will be featured.

"Some stores will be offering discounts and special deals during the parade," said Gloria Shoff, Director of the Northalsted Area Merchants Association (NAMA). A complete list of merchants is available through NAMA's new Walking Map.

The Walking Map lists area businesses by category, as well as by store name. It features 21 restaurants, 15 taverns, nearly 50 retail stores and dozens of service businesses. The Walking Map is a one-stop resource for Pride Parade visitors looking to find an ATM, a place to have dinner, or a post-parade beer.

Maps will be available at businesses along Halsted Street or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to NAMA, 3710 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60613. For more information on NAMA, call (773) 883-0500.

ing one?" What does it mean to be faithful? What about jealousy?

The topic for the July 1 and 18 meetings will be "What Resources Do Bisexuals Want?" The group will discuss the ideas, dreams and needs of Milwaukee's bisexual community.

"Differences and Similarities in Male and Female Bisexual Experiences" will be discussed at the August 5 and 15 meetings.

International "Celebrate Bisexuality Day" will be observed on September 23, so the focus of Bi Definition's September 2 and 19 meetings will be "Bisexual Pride."

For more information on these meetings or Bi Definition, e-mail: bidef@hotmail.com.

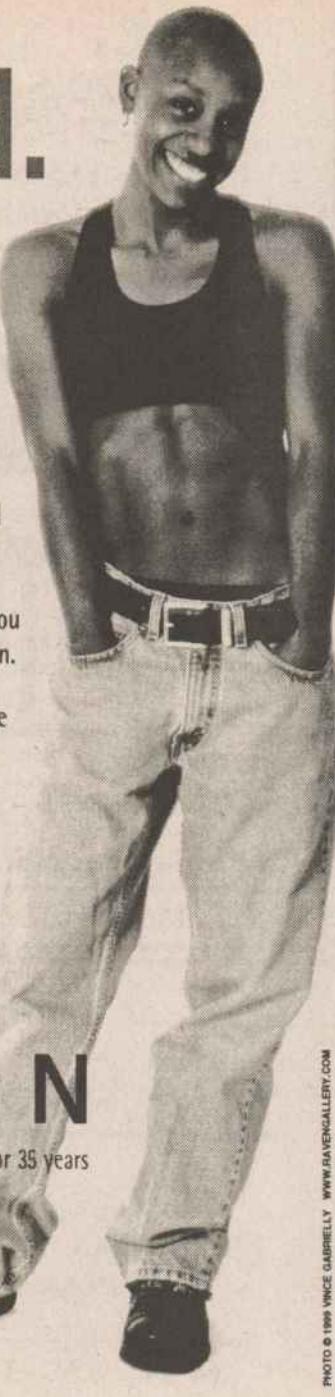
ARCW Urges Action on National HIV Testing Day

Milwaukee — On June 27, ARCW offices across Wisconsin will participate in the sixth annual National HIV Testing Day campaign to promote voluntary participation in HIV counseling and testing services.

"ARCW urges individuals at risk for HIV to get tested," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "For those who unfortunately learn they have HIV, getting linked to medical care early can help them live healthier with HIV."

ARCW recommends an HIV test for men who have sex with men, individuals who have been treated for an STD and

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Early AIDS Walk Volunteers Needed

Milwaukee — Volunteers are needed to help plaster the streets with AIDS Walk Wisconsin promotional materials on Saturday, June 17.

"Widespread distribution and high visibility of the vibrant AIDS Walk posters and point of purchase displays play a huge role in recruiting walkers throughout the summer in Wisconsin," said Renee Kirnberger, ARCW associate director of development-special events.

"New this year, volunteers helping with the poster blast will be entered into a special raffle and have the chance to win great prizes such as a Miller Brewing Company neon sign," Kirnberger added. "We need about 50 volunteers with transportation for a few hours on June 17 to help kick off the Walk in Milwaukee."

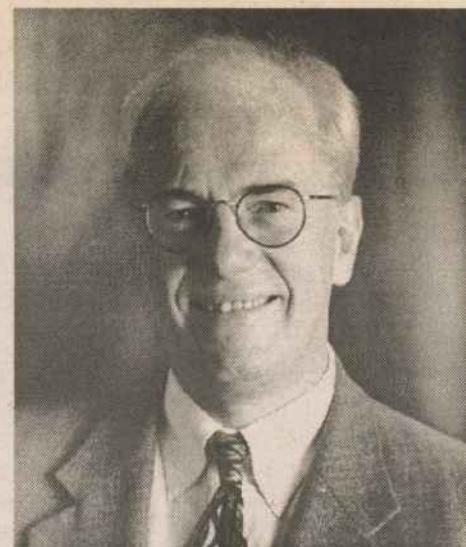
AIDS Walk poster blasts are scheduled for other Wisconsin communities in the coming weeks. To volunteer with the poster blast, call Becky Sapinski at (414) 225-1577 or e-mail her at becky.sapinski@arcw.org.

"Other early ways to help the AIDS Walk include volunteering to recruit walkers at festivals and concerts, and saving the Walk money by registering now online at www.arcw.org, or by calling (800) 348-WALK," Kirnberger concluded.

Bi Definition Sets Discussion Topics

Milwaukee — Bi Definition, Milwaukee's Bisexual social, support and activist organization, meets on the first Saturday and the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. The group has announced discussion topics planned for its summer meetings.

The subject for the Tuesday, June 20 meeting will be a continuation of the discussion of "Polyamory: Myths and Reality." How is "loving many" different from "lov-



Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director

those who have engaged in HIV risk behaviors such as having unprotected sex with multiple sex partners and sharing needles.

"Early detection is key," Nelson said. "Advances in HIV care and treatment bring great hope and results that are improving the health for many people and prolonging their lives. And for those who receive a negative test result, the counseling is an excellent opportunity to learn how to continue protecting yourself from HIV."

Free and anonymous or confidential HIV testing is available at ARCW offices and through mobile testing across the state. For more information about HIV and AIDS, call (800) 359-9272 or the Wisconsin AIDSline at (800) 334-AIDS.

ARCW has embarked on a mission to meet the Centers for Disease Control's new goal of reducing the number of new HIV infections in half by 2004.

"Providing aggressive prevention throughout Wisconsin communities and making HIV counseling and testing easily accessible are vital components to controlling this epidemic," Nelson said.

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JUNE 30	The Allman Brothers Band / Susan Tedeschi	7:30pm
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JULY 2	Red Hot Chili Peppers / Foo Fighters / Blonde Redhead	7:00pm
JULY 3	Blink-182 / Bad Religion / Fenix TX	7:30pm
JULY 4	D'Angelo / Eric Benét	7:30pm
JULY 5	Don Henley	7:30pm
JULY 6	Brian McKnight with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	7:30pm
JULY 7	No Doubt / Lit / Black Eyed Peas	7:30pm
JULY 8	Britney Spears	7:30pm
JULY 9	BoDeans / Big Head Todd & The Monsters	7:30pm

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JUNE 29	Lesley Gore	6:00pm
	Indigo Girls	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Maceo Parker	7:00pm
	Morris Day & The Time	10:00pm
JULY 1	Al Green	10:00pm
JULY 2	"Weird" Al Yankovic	10:00pm
JULY 3	Daryl Stuermer Norman Brown	5:00pm 8:00pm
	Spyro Gyra	10:00pm
JULY 4	Isaac Hayes	10:00pm
JULY 5	REO Speedwagon	10:00pm
JULY 6	Barry's Truckers	10:00pm
JULY 7	Peter Frampton	10:00pm
JULY 8	Third Eye Blind	10:00pm
JULY 9	The Booze Brothers Show Band Love Monkeys	5:00pm 10:00pm

HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROADHOUSE

JUNE 29	Blues Traveler	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Citizen King	9:30pm
JULY 1	Tito Puente Band with Pete Escovedo & Eddie Palmieri	9:30pm
JULY 2	Taj Mahal and The Phantom Blues Buddy Guy	7:30pm 9:30pm
JULY 3	George Thorogood & The Destroyers	9:30pm
JULY 4	The Boogie Men	9:30pm
JULY 5	Styx	9:30pm
JULY 6	Cheap Trick	9:30pm
JULY 7	Dwight Yoakam	9:30pm
JULY 8	Montell Jordan	9:30pm
JULY 9	Kansas	9:30pm

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JUNE 29	C.J. Chenier & His Red Hot Louisiana Band	9:30pm
JUNE 30	Cowboy Mouth	9:30pm
JULY 1	Ben Harper	10:00pm
JULY 2	The Promise Ring All Goldfinger	4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm
JULY 3	John Hiatt and the Goners	9:30pm
JULY 4	Sister Hazel	9:30pm
JULY 5	Paula Cole	9:30pm
JULY 6	Medeski Martin & Wood	9:30pm
JULY 7	Shannon Curfman Willy Porter	7:30pm 9:30pm
JULY 8	Vertical Horizon	10:00pm
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JUNE 30	Pushmonkey	10:00pm
JULY 1	Sebastian Bach formerly of Skid Row	10:00pm
JULY 2	Filter	10:00pm
JULY 3	Sevendust	10:00pm
JULY 4	3 Doors Down	10:00pm
JULY 5	Nixons	10:00pm
JULY 6	Stroke 9	10:00pm
JULY 7	Veruca Salt	10:00pm
JULY 8	The Gufs	10:00pm
JULY 9	Jesse James Dupree from Jackyl	10:00pm

MILLER OASIS

June 29	Love Monkeys	9:15 PM
June 30	Todd Rundgren	10:00 PM
July 1	Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band	9:30 PM
July 2	Edgar Winter	6:45 PM & 10:15 PM
July 3	Brian Setzer Orchestra	10:00 PM
July 4	Matthew Sweet	10:15 PM
July 5	Marcia Ball	10:00 PM
July 6	Wailing Souls	6:45 PM & 10:00 PM
July 7	Violent Femmes	10:00 PM
July 8	Michael McDonald	10:00 PM
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JUNE 29	Steel Pulse	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Roger McGuinn	10:00pm
JULY 1	Paul Cebar & The Milwaukeeans Ozomatli	7:30pm 10:00pm
JULY 2	BR5-49 Indigenous	5:00pm 10:00pm
JULY 3	Bryan Lee Bernard Allison Band	5:00pm 7:30pm
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JULY 5	Lonnie Brooks	10:00pm
JULY 6	Otis Taylor Band Bo Diddley	7:30pm 10:00pm
JULY 7	Dark Star Orchestra	7:30pm
JULY 8	Radiators	10:00pm
JULY 9	Funky Meters	10:00pm

PEPSI COMEDY PAVILION

JUNE 29	Kathleen Madigan	6:15pm & 9:00pm
JUNE 30	Harland Williams	6:15pm & 9:00pm
JULY 1	Bobby Collins	6:15pm & 9:00pm
JULY 2	Apollo Night at Summerfest	6:15pm
JULY 3	Hughy Donaldson / Chris Barnes	6:15pm
JULY 4	Carlos Mencia	6:15pm
JULY 5	Jimmy Walker	6:15pm
JULY 6	Jim Breuer	6:15pm
JULY 7	Will Durst / Deb & Mike	6:15pm
JULY 8	Lewis Black	6:15pm
JULY 9	Joey Kola	6:15pm & 9:00pm

PIGGY WIGGLY BIG GIG STAGE

JUNE 29	Red Elvises	8:30pm
JUNE 30	Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz	8:30pm
JULY 1	Ronnie Gayle & The Sunshine Crew	8:30pm
JULY 2	American English	8:30pm
JULY 3	Orlando "Maraca" Valley y Otra Vision	8:30pm
JULY 4	Kojo	8:30pm
JULY 5	Pandigenous II	8:30pm
JULY 6	Those Darn Accordions	8:30pm
JULY 7	Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz	8:30pm
JULY 8	TC Carr & The Catch	8:30pm
JULY 9	Those Darn Accordions	8:30pm

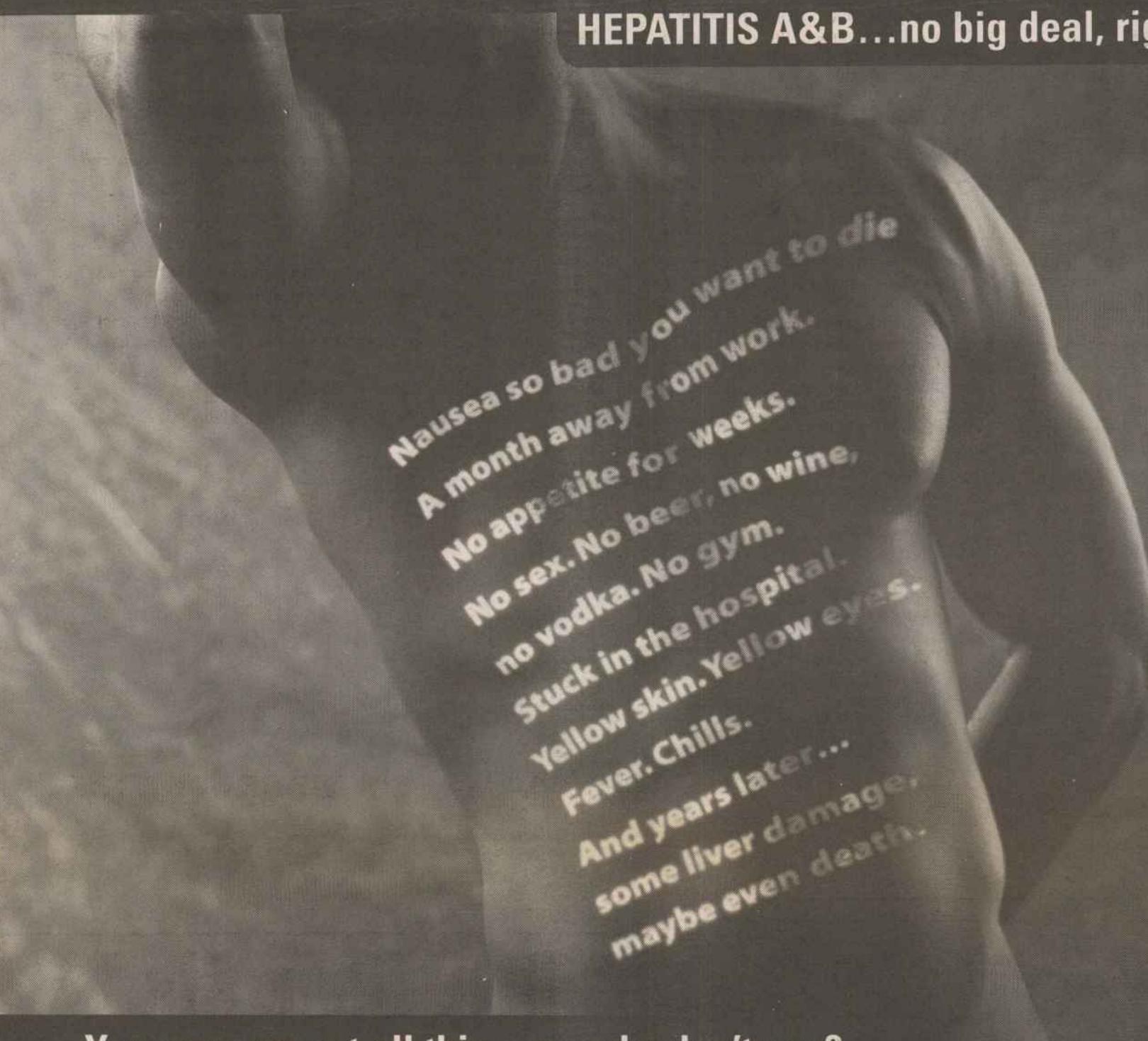
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Action Wisconsin Holds Annual Meeting; Presidential Honors Announced

Milwaukee — Action Wisconsin will expand its Election 2000 questionnaire to quiz all Wisconsin Assembly and State Senatorial candidates on LGBT issues this fall. The expansion of the candidate polling was announced during the statewide LGBT civil rights group's quarterly board meeting here June 11.

Previous questionnaires had been limited to Wisconsin's federal candidates, according to AW president Dan Ross. The board discussed strategies for obtaining quality responses from the candidates and agreed to permit project workers to network with political and gay-supportive organizations to both advise of and encourage promotion for completion of the survey.

The board also decided to hold the group's annual meeting at noon in the State Capitol building in Madison, July 16. The meeting precedes the annual Madison Pride Weekend march rally at the Capitol, which makes attendance at both events convenient for the state's activists, Ross noted.

Ross and Past President Mike Fitzpatrick were appointed to head the Nominating Committee that will offer recommendations for regional and at-large board positions at the Annual Meeting.

Ross also announced that he had been selected at Madison Outreach's "Man of the Year" and would be feted during the Madison Pride Weekend.

The board also approved Fitzpatrick's selection as AW's official representative to the national conference of the Federation of Statewide GLBT Political Organizations being held in New Orleans in mid-July.

Financial Strategies For Lesbians and Gay Men

Milwaukee — On June 22, from 7pm until 8:30 p.m., the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Rainbow U Lecture Series presents "Straight Financial Advice for Those Who Aren't".

Carol Busche, senior financial advisor and Ruth Irvin, attorney-at-law will lead this information-packed workshop on financial strategies for the LGBT community. Carol and Ruth will address the social and political realities that challenge financial security, explore what can be done to take control of your financial future and provide an overview of savings and investment strategies.

Whether you're single, in a committed relationship or caring for children, this workshop will help you to take an honest look at your financial planning needs.

The Rainbow U Lecture Series takes place at the LGBT Community Center on the 4th Thursday of every month. Each month a different topic is covered. In July, Patrick Flaherty presents a "how-to" guide to LGBT activism. For more information, contact Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

Legal Issues Seminar Scores



Christopher Krimmer

Green Bay — An overflow crowd jammed the Angels of Hope MCC church hall June 12 to hear ARCW Legal Program director Christopher Krimmer outline the myriad steps same-sex couples need to protect their property and basic personal rights in case of serious personal emergencies. The enthusiastic response to the "Safeguarding Our Lives Together" seminar and workshop resulted in the program lasting nearly double its announced 90-minute length.

"Tonight's program is an example of the amazing things our community can do when we decide to work together," Action Wisconsin (AW) regional director Mike Fitzpatrick said in introducing Krimmer. AW sponsored and underwrote the majority of costs for the event, the church offered

its meeting space, ARCW staff volunteered the legal expertise and the Dinette - the northeast Wisconsin gay men's dining group - provided gourmet refreshments.

Krimmer took questions throughout his 75-minute talk as he outlined the four key documents every individual should have in place in cases of emergency, and the numerous additional documents same-sex couples need to replicate most of the benefits offered by a "\$75 marriage license."

Following Krimmer's presentation, seminar participants received up to 45 pages of documents on legal issues for same-sex couples. About a third of the attendees took advantage of the workshop which reviewed and facilitated the completion of state standardized forms for the Wisconsin Power of Attorney for Health Care, the Wisconsin Power of Attorney for Financial Matters, and the Declaration Physicians, also known as the "living will."

In addition to the anticipated regional mix of participants, people also traveled from as far as Madison and Milwaukee to attend. "It was well worth the trip!" one out-of-town participant quipped. "I got started on my advanced directives and was promised the recipe to that fabulous rhubarb torte!"

Action Wisconsin president Dan Ross and other current and former board members also attended the seminar. According to Ross, the group is considering repeating the seminar around the state in the near future. "I think it only takes less than an hour of hearing what you need to protect yourself as a gay couple to transform most people into active supporters of domestic partnership legislation," Ross said.

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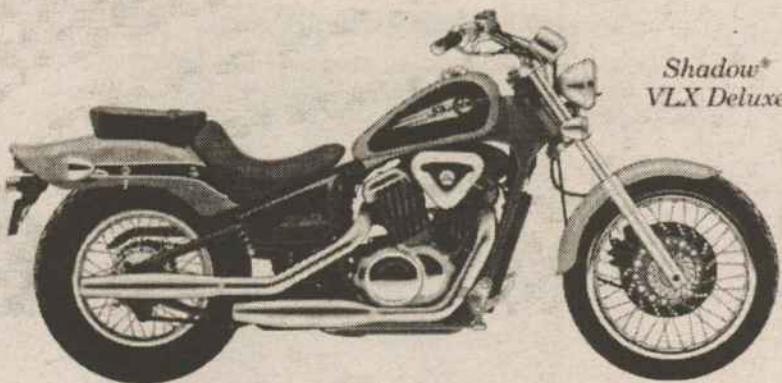
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Brazil Embraces Gay Couples

Brasilia — The government of Brazil issued a decree June 8 granting same-sex couples spousal rights in the areas of pensions, social-security benefits and income taxation.

"This decision is historic and unprecedented [in] all of Latin America," said Toni Reis, director of the gay group Dignidade.

The move came as a gay "civil partnership" bill remains stalled in Congress. The bill's sponsor, Congresswoman Marta Suplicy, said the decree "increases the chances that my bill can be approved after the [October] elections."

Brazil is both more and less gay-friendly than other nations in the region. On the one hand, 77 municipalities ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and 54 percent of the population supports the idea of a gay partnership law. But the nation also has the highest recorded rate of anti-gay murders in Latin America.

No Equality In Aussie Military

Sydney — Partners of gays in the Australian Defence Forces have only one spousal right, a spokeswoman for the Minister for Defence confirmed in late May. The partner will be notified if the gay soldier is killed.

Activists have been pushing for equal recognition of same-sex couples in the Defence Forces in areas such as pensions, relocation expenses and on-base housing.

"The military will say, 'We want you to

travel from one end of the country to the other,'" said Rodney Croome of the Australian Council of Lesbian and Gay Rights. "Gay and lesbian personnel will have to go to extraordinary lengths to move their partners and sometimes it causes great stress and even breakdown of relationships."

Australia's ban on gays in the military was lifted in 1992.

Namibian Gays Open Office

Windhoek — The gay and lesbian community of Namibia has opened an office in Windhoek, the Pan African News Agency reported June 1.

The National Society for Human Rights will attempt to persuade anti-gays to be more "tolerant," a spokeswoman said.

"We have to start in schools," said the group's Rianne Selle.

Activist Sam Nakata added: "Top government officials who are lashing out against the gay and lesbian community should not forget their promise to uphold the constitution because human rights do not divide gays and lesbians from other people who are regarded as straight. As long as you do it in privacy, why should someone worry?"

In May 1999, Deputy Home Affairs Minister Jeremiah Nambinga said: "Homosexuality is evil. Homosexuality is anti-social and should not only be condemned but should also be legislated against. Homosexuals are patients of psychological and biological deviations."

In November 1998, Home Affairs Minister Jerry Ekandjo told parliament: "Gay rights can never qualify as human

rights. ... They should be classified as human wrongs which must rank as sin against society and God. I earnestly call upon homosexuals in Namibia to repent their wrongs."

President Sam Nujoma has said, "Homosexuals must be condemned and rejected in our society."

Italian Agriculture Minister Comes Out

Rome — Italy's agriculture minister, Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio, said June 3 that he is bisexual.

Asked by the newsmagazine Panorama if he is gay, Pecoraro Scanio said: "I'm against both a choice of homosexuality alone or a rigid, old-style heterosexuality. As far as I'm concerned, I choose total sexual freedom."

Pecoraro Scanio, 41, is a Green Party member from the southern city of Salerno.

Council Says Attack On Lesbians Was OK

Columbo — Sri Lanka's Press Council ruled June 2 that a letter published in a daily newspaper that called for convicted rapists to be unleashed on lesbians did not breach media ethics.

Gay activists Sherman de Rose of the organization Companions on a Journey had filed a complaint against the paper for publishing the letter. The council rejected the case and ordered de Rose to pay 2,100 rupees (\$28) in costs.

The council said: "Lesbianism itself is an act of sadism and salacious publication of any opinion against such activities does

not amount to a promotion of sadism or salacity. Therefore the complainant is the one who is eager to promote salacity and sadism and not The Island newspaper."

De Rose called the ruling "a clear indication of the strength of discrimination against gays and lesbians in this country."

Hong Kong Gays Sue

Hong Kong — The gay group Horizons is suing the Inland Revenue Department, the tax agency, over its refusal to grant the group tax-exempt-charity status.

The department said it doubted Horizons' activities meet such requirements as promoting the mental and moral improvement of the community, training the mind, raising the artistic taste of the city, and improving the sum of communicable knowledge.

Horizons runs a phone line which gets more than 1,000 calls a year, publishes a newsletter, and promotes gay equality through various public functions.

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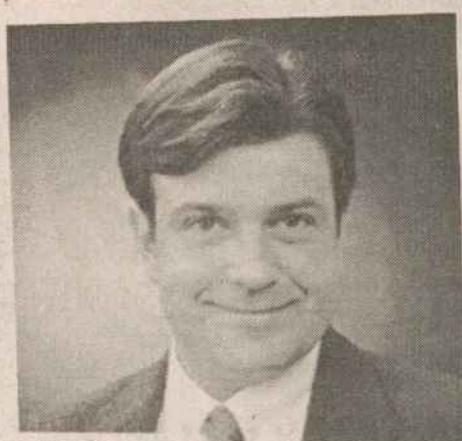
Brasilia — Marcelo Clua, a policeman in Brasilia, Brazil, was fired June 9 for posing nude in the gay magazine Homen.

Clua, 28, hopes to file a discrimination suit with help from human-rights groups.

"Why can't I pose naked and be a police officer?" he asked reporters. "The truth is they think I'm gay because I posed in a gay magazine. That's why they fired me."

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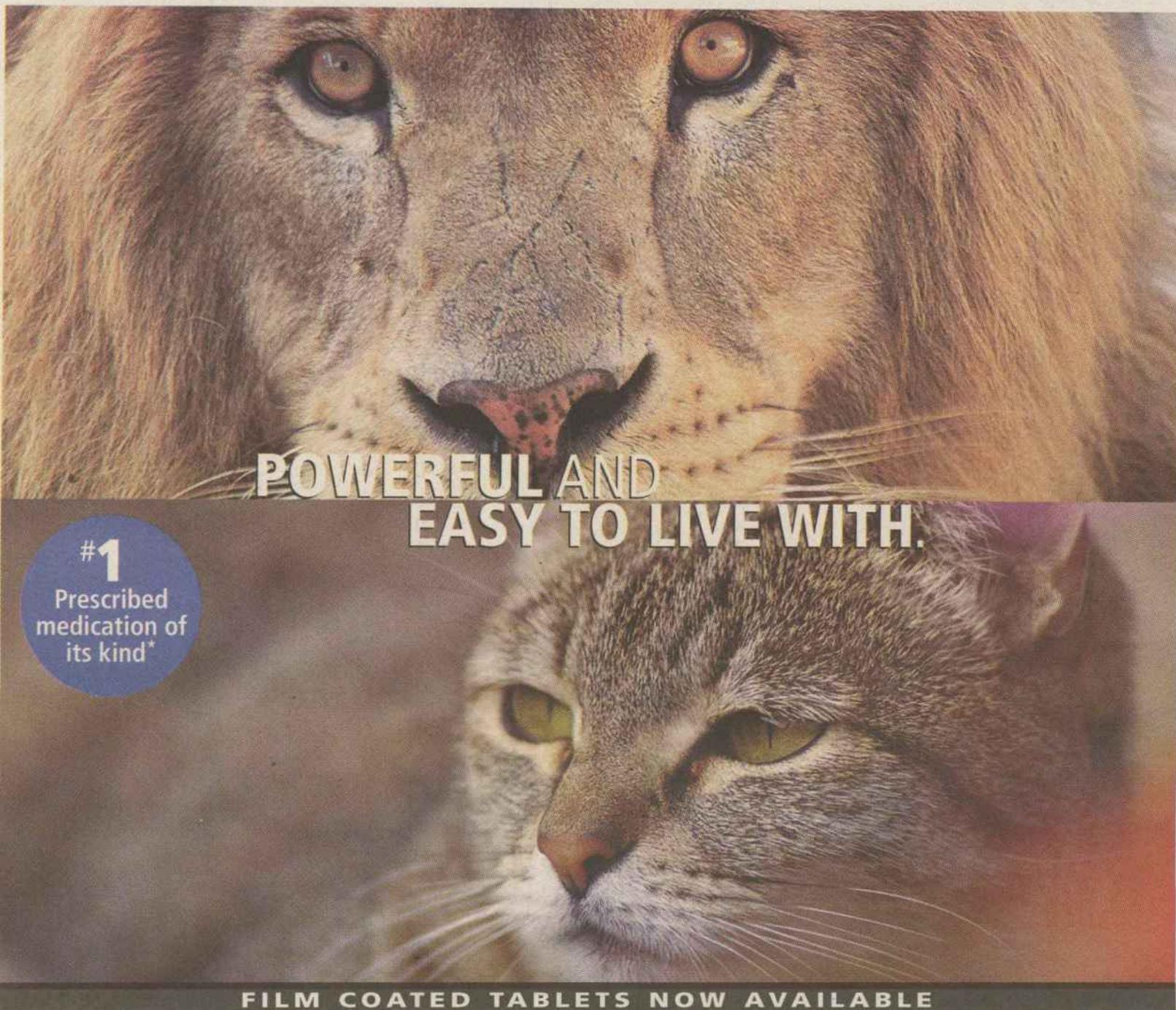


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Things you should know about VIRACEPT VIRACEPT is generally well tolerated. People treated with VIRACEPT may experience some side effects; the most common is diarrhea. Diarrhea of moderate or severe intensity occurred in about one out of five people in clinical trials.

Some common medications and some HIV-related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. Protease inhibitors, including VIRACEPT, may interact with cholesterol-lowering drugs. Talk to your doctor about any prescription or non-prescription drugs you are

taking. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, changes in the distribution or accumulation of body fat, and increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com. (Refer to the important information on the next page.)

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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 the number of 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.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

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:

- Hismanal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine® (for irregular heartbeat, also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others)
- Ergot derivatives (Cafegot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

- Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

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

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zorcor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

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.

Sustiva™ (efavirenz)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

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. 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 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two 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. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack.

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 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

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

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

Pediatric Dose to be Administered Three Times Daily				
Body Weight		Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
Kg	Lb			
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥ 23	≥ 50.5	15	3 3/4	3

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

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

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

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

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

Do not mix the powder with any acidic foods 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 stored 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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Jean Paul Ranieri

Jean Paul Ranieri, a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion who settled on Milwaukee's south side and ministered to the hungry and the homeless, passed away on May 27. His death was related to heart disease. He was 54 years old.

Jean Paul was born into a wealthy family and was raised in and around New York City. During his teens, he became addicted to drugs and alcohol and became involved in prostitution. In 1969, he participated in the Stonewall Rebellion, the riots that took place after police raided a Greenwich Village gay bar. Stonewall was a pivotal event in the emergence of the gay liberation movement.

In an interview with *IN Step* at the time of the Stonewall 25 anniversary celebration, Jean Paul said it was important to remember the reality rather than the myth of Stonewall.

"Stonewall really started as a bar brawl that got out of hand, and many participants were drunk or drugged out," Jean Paul said. He believed the Mafia-run bar had shorted the police of protection money, leading to the crackdown. It was the fifth gay club to be busted in as many weeks, so the patrons were ready to fight back.

As police arrested the more flamboyant drag queens, those who had been told to leave formed an angry mob outside, taunting police and throwing coins and bottles. Windows were smashed, and at one point the cops found themselves under siege inside the bar. Reinforcements arrived and cleared the streets that night but the violence resumed the next day.

Jean Paul said that as word spread that the "faggots" had stood up to the cops, there was a spontaneous outpouring of people into Christopher Street and Sheridan Square, across from the Stonewall Inn. Gays were joined by butch dykes, hippies, leftist radicals, even some Black Panthers. By nightfall, almost 1,000 people had gathered and soon the police arrived in full riot gear.

"All hell broke loose," Jean Paul recalled. "The cops were busting heads left and right. The most visible — the drag queens and the leathermen — got the worst of it." Jean Paul was beaten by cops both

nights and was arrested for disorderly conduct after taking a swing at one of them.

Jean Paul believed strongly that Stonewall was eventually "whitewashed" by gay leaders. "They're afraid to admit that the shot heard around gay America was fired by lowlives — drag queens, hustlers, minorities, street people — because we had nothing to lose. The Madison Avenue types had too much to lose by coming out of the closet."

He seemed to enjoy the recognition he received in the 1990s for having been a Stonewall veteran. Jean Paul was invited to speak at Gay Pride celebrations in Milwaukee and throughout the country.

In 1973, Jean Paul moved to Milwaukee with the man who became his lifelong partner, Jeff Hicks. Jean Paul desperately wanted to change his life and he believed a

move away from New York would help. It took several years for him to recover from his multiple addictions, but he did so and then turned his life to helping others. He and Hicks bought a house on 16th and National which they called "The Sanctuary" where they helped people in need of shelter, food and clothing. In 1980, Jean Paul joined an offshoot of the Franciscan order and became known as Brother Jean Paul. His chosen ministry was among the street people and dispossessed of Milwaukee.

Jean Paul was impatient to see more done for the homeless and often railed against local politicians and churches for what he perceived as their indifference. His militancy led to his separation from the Franciscans. He later joined the Ecumenical Order of Charity.

Along the way, Jean Paul obtained a degree in art and architecture. He worked on restoring some properties while in New York and contributed to rehab projects in his neighborhood on Milwaukee's south side. He loved to paint in oils, and some of his works will be featured at Bear Brew Coffee in July.

An open house celebrating Jean Paul's life was held at The Sanctuary on Sunday, June 4.

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A Holy Union: How Sweet It Is!

By Rev. Andrew Warner

(Following is the sermon Rev. Warner delivered at the Interfaith Service at PrideFest on June 11. It is based on Psalm 133 and Ruth 1: 16-17.)

It is an amazing word we hear from scripture today: how sweet it is when brothers dwell together in unity. I think David was singing to Jonathan when he wrote these words: how sweet it is when men live in unity. And maybe Ruth sang these words to Naomi: how sweet it is. This is a basic awareness of people who come out. We know how sweet it is when we dwell with our lovers.

Much of our energy as a community this past year was focused on sharing this news with the wider world. We organized for the Domestic Partnership Registry here in Milwaukee, we are helping Marc Pocan receive passage of a statewide domestic partnership law, and we rejoiced at the news of such a law in Vermont. In our religious organizations, we celebrated as the national body of Reformed Jews and the local synod of Lutherans approved holy unions for same-sex couples.

Now there is considerable question in our own community about the rite of marriage. After all, it is one thing to say how sweet our relationships are but another to invite the state and religion into our households. Indeed, given the high rates of divorce and the stories of violence, I sometimes wonder if heterosexual marriage is just a dilapidated neighborhood. Is it just another run-down section of town which we are slowly gentrifying?

Perhaps this is why the radical right is so persistent in claiming that we are altering the meaning of marriage when we hold holy union services. Perhaps we really are changing the meaning of weddings. And perhaps it is for the better. When I listen to the debates around same-sex marriage, I hear the radical right describing marriage as something that exists between a man and a woman for the purposes of procreation. Marriage is defined and legitimized in their mind by the children the couple produces. In a sense, they are saying that marriage is such an unpleasant thing they only do it for the kids. What else can it mean to put so much importance on procreation? Indeed, the radical right is embracing a very materialistic and capitalist understanding of marriage. For them the purpose of marriage is to produce children. That is, marriage is an assembly line for kids, a factory for off-spring. And the politicians want to do what they always do: give a factory a tax-break. How else can we interpret the on-going tax-breaks suggested for the procreative assembly lines?

It is right and moral and faithful for us to oppose the notion of marriage as a factory producing children. I would suggest that it is not only gays and lesbians who are seeking to change this commercial notion of marriage, but also many straight people of deep faith. We are changing marriage for the better when we oppose the radical right's assembly-line understanding of relationships. I find it fascinating that gay and lesbian holy unions in this country



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are mainly a religious practice. Soon Vermont will begin to recognize our unions, but much of the recognition of same-sex marriages takes place within religious communities. I think this is not just some strange sociological fact, but a testimony to how we are changing marriage for the better. We celebrate same-sex weddings in religious communities because we know there is something deeply sacred about our commitments to one another.

In the midst of our political and ecclesiastical struggles for recognition, we need to maintain our clarity about the holiness of our unions. We need to remind ourselves and our heterosexual allies what is spiritual about committed, covenantal relationships.

Recently I was looking over a same-sex marriage service. After the exchange of vows, the minister says to the couple and to the congregation, this is where God is met. I read that and knew it was true. God is met where Ruth says to Naomi, where you go I will go, where you lodge I will lodge. God is met where David sings to Jonathan, how sweet and pleasant it is when we lie together. God is met where two people sanctify their commitment to one another. This is a vision of marriage which places companionship over commercialism, which values passion instead of production.

The radical right claims our understanding of marriage is not based in the Bible or in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The radical right grounds its image of the productive marriage in the creation story of the Bible, where God tells the first humans, "Be fruitful and multiply." As a minister in the Congregational Christian tradition, I am part of a long line of people who have defined marriage according to a different story in the Bible. For hundreds of years, congregational Christians have turned to another section of the creation story, where God says, "It is not good that man should be alone, I will make him a

helper for his partner." This Biblical text related marriage to the value of companionship instead of the fruits of copulation. I know each of the religious traditions gathered here have other stories they could tell of how marriage is really about companionship instead of procreation, for marriage is a holy union, not just another factory.

I need to go further with this understanding of the sacredness of marriage. It is not just that marriage is companionship, a helping partnership between two people. What makes marriage unique is that it is a companionship in which the mystery of God is encountered. I take very literally the notion that God is met in our unions.

I find in my relationship with my partner that I am coming to know the wonderful reality that he is and the wonderful reality that God is. I think this kind of encounter with our lovers and our God is common to marriage. In a marriage we come to see ourselves as desired, as occasions for joy, which opens us up to the way God desires and enjoys us. I think the holy unions of same-sex couples are so threatening to the status quo of our culture because they challenge the meaning of sex and desire and pleasure. For we are holding up a vision of sexuality which says the pleasure is holy and sacred, that it has meaning without reproduction, that its joy is a moment when we know God lives in us.

But the holiness of marriage is greater than the pleasure of the sex. I think that physical intimacy becomes a place where we meet God in the danger and intensity of domestic life. There are not many folks who talk about married life as risky. But really, making a lifelong commitment to another person is a risky, even an absurd and foolish notion. In our frenetic culture the stability of a committed relationship seems like a strange and odd thing. But only when we pledge to remain together can we take on the challenge of being radically available, utterly vulnerable to the

other person.

When Ruth says to Naomi, "I will go where you go," she is making a promise not to run as Naomi reveals herself. It is in the commitment of marriage, in the covenant to remain together, that we have the possibility of taking off more than our clothes. With the promise of faithfulness, we can encounter one another beyond fantasy and pretension.

With the stability of marriage, we can take the risk of knowing the other person in the fullness of their needs and wants and fears. And it is with the honesty and awe of knowing each other that we come together not as passive tools of each other's pleasure but as mutual partners encountering the divine. And that is when we discover that the pleasure of sex is greater because of the holiness of marriage.

So this is my understanding of the sacredness of our unions: in our covenantal relationships we are able to discover the reality of ourselves, our lovers, and our God. The holiness of such unions is based on the companionship and sweetness of the relationship. We do not need to produce anything to be blessed by God. We do not need to become little factories, like the radical right supposes. For marriage is meant to be the place where we meet God. So I confess, I want to change the radical right's limitation of marriage to procreation. I want to change it for the better. For I know how sweet and pleasant it is when we dwell in unity. For I know how sweet it is when we meet God in the arms of our lovers.

Alleluia and Amen.



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editorial

My Wish List

By William Attewell

Every year, a favorite activity at PrideFest is the community game of "should." You know: This group should do this, and that organization should do that. Far be it from me to tell anyone what they should do or should not do, but I do have a wish list. Last year, I batted nearly .500 on my wish list, let's see how I do this year.

First off, I hope that PrideFest builds an altar to thank the weather gods for the great weather on Friday and Saturday. Secondly, I wish [hint, hint, David Todd] that Channel 6 will decide to become the official weather forecaster of PrideFest. They do it for other festivals, why not PrideFest?

Speaking of Mr. Todd, best of luck to him, Mark Behar and the rest of the gang who are working on a new queer cable television show for Milwaukee. The project is — as they say in the business — currently in development, look for a late summer premiere.

Here's an idea: Instead of diluting the importance of the PrideFest awards by spreading it out between eight or nine recipients. How about one award, one person and then honor that individual by making them Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade?

Speaking of the parade, I wish that all those doomsayers who thought the Friday night parade would land with a big thud would admit that they were wrong ... myself included. The crowds were noticeably larger, but there were no parade entries from Milwaukee bars ... hmmmm.

My favorite t-shirt this year read: "Ovadal Get a Life!" I wish Ralph would take that advice seriously. This year's contingent of militant Christian right-wingers was more aggressive than ever. Their unchristian tactics outside the PrideFest gates and on the parade route are the clear symptoms of a group that knows it is losing their (un)holy war against our community. Be patient gang, it is only a matter of time. Someone suggested using pepper spray on the intractable Ovadalites ... May I recom-

mend big face-full of fairy dust instead?

I wish Summerfest security would buy PrideFest bigwig Christine Klein her very own Club (anti-theft device) which — next year — might prevent tipsy PrideFest joyriders from hijacking her motorized courtesy cart and taking it for a spin around the grounds.

Here's hoping that PrideFest will take some of the thousands and thousands of hard-earned gay dollars spent on quenching our community's thirst on that sizzling Saturday afternoon and reinvest more of the beer money back into the LGBT community.

I also wish that the money and energy PrideFest spent this year to send an ambassador to the Millennium March on Washington to hand out flyers there, will be spent next year on building bridges to LGBT business owners and organizations here in Wisconsin. Remember, the definition of a good diplomat usually includes the words thoughtfulness, subtlety and tact.

I wish that lesbian activist, Julie Kleppin's drive to establish a "no dues" Rainbow Neighborhood group for Milwaukee's east side will be a smashing success. Bay View, Riverwest and Washington Heights all have strong, successful organizations ... it's long past time the east side had one as well. The first meeting will be held on Sept. 12. Mark your calendars.

PrideFest had its turn, now I hope that Wisconsin's LGBT community will turn out in droves to support the other Pride festivals to be held this summer across the state. Let's shoot for record attendance numbers at Chippewa Valley Pride (July 1), Rainbow Over Wisconsin Picnic (July 8), Madison Pride and Picnic (July 14-16), Central Wisconsin Pride (July 29) and Twin Ports Pride (Sept. 1-3).

Finally, I wish members of our community would laugh a lot more (with people, not at them) and whine and bicker as little as possible.

So that's my wish list. I'd like to hear yours. We want to know what you thought of PrideFest and your thoughts on our community. Send your opinions to editor@instepnews.com.

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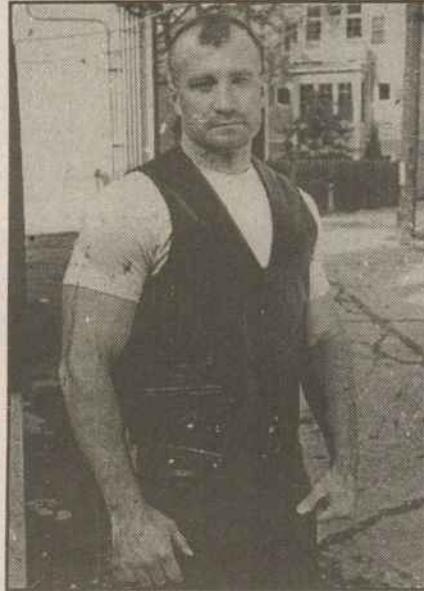
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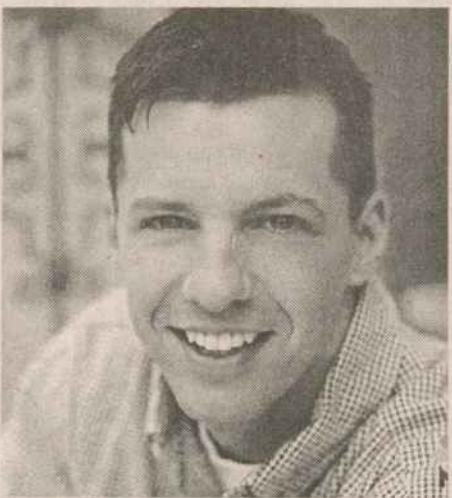
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Huh?

"Right now I play a gay character on TV, and I want you to believe that he's gay. And when all this wonderfulness of 'Will & Grace' ends, which I hope it never does, and I move on to other roles, hopefully you'll believe that I'm those characters as well. With the society that we live in today, I don't want to put anything into anybody's mind."

—Sean Hayes, *Jack on Will & Grace*, when asked by *TV Guide* if he's gay.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

"They never asked me until *Serial Mom* and then every reviewer asked me if I was gay. I think it became a political question

with AIDS. I always said yes. They never used to ask, and I assumed they knew. They saw the movies. What are they -- blind? Do they think a straight man could have made those movies? I don't think so!"

—John Waters to *Palm Springs' Gay & Lesbian Times*.

"I'm always tempted to get married. I was engaged twice. And I get along with women so well. And they're so much more reliable than men. They're warmer and cozier and more faithful. Men are impossible. They're so moody. Women are accommodating and loving."

—Author Edmund White to *Genre magazine*, July issue.

OK...

"Have you been searching for a place that will accept you as Christian and Leather, or S/M, or Kinky? The Leather Ministry is a group where the whole person can feel nurtured. We do not have to separate those two parts of our lives any longer. The Leather Ministry is for those people seeking to blend their Spirituality and their Sexuality."

—From the San Diego leather e-mail list PT-List.



She's a Lesbian!

"I'm a lesbian ... although I haven't been very open about that and throughout most of my life I've gone out with blokes because I haven't necessarily been terribly comfortable about being a lesbian. But I actually am a lesbian."

—Singer Sinead O'Connor in an interview with *Curve magazine* in the issue that comes out June 27.

Cat Fight!

"Those two [Boy George and George Michael] have always been at each other's throats with this love/hate relationship they have that is really quite funny. In the end, they are just a few bitter, old queens. If they

weren't pop stars, they'd be bantering at the local bar — George O'Dowd would be the one with the bigger mouth and be the biggest bitch of the two. Really, it's so dull."

—Singer Jimmy Somerville to *Vancouver's Xtra West*.

U Go Girl!

"Wearing girl's clothing and playing with dolls will not make the boy gay. We now know that homosexuality is a matter of genetics. In other words, they are born that way. Most experts believe that children should have a say in what they wear. When the boy is older, he may be uncomfortable wearing 'frilly' clothing and rebel. Meanwhile, MYOB."

—Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers in response to a reader who was upset that one of the boys in her daughter's preschool "has beautiful curly hair and wears it long. He also wears ruffled and frilly dresses and stockings with designs on them. He plays with dolls and other 'girl' toys."

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“Color of Dust” at Broom Street Theater

Madison — “The Color of Dust,” a new play about love and pathos in the wild west, is being presented by the Broom Street Theater through July 9 in its space at 1119 Williamson St. in Madison. This original theater piece was written and directed by Callen Harty.

“The Color of Dust,” which is Harty’s ninth original play for Broom Street Theater, tells the story of a famous rodeo clown who teaches a drifter more than just how to be a clown. The drifter goes to the clown’s ranch and meets an interesting cast of characters. “The Color of Dust” is a unique slice of life about real people searching for love and hungering for communication. The play was inspired by rodeo exhibitions Harty recently attended.

The cast includes Broom Street veteran Bob Moccero as Happy the famous rodeo clown, Laurie Harty as Happy’s wife Odale, and Rob Matsushita as Happy’s best friend, the radio announcer Mike. Making their Broom Street stage debuts are Sol Kelley-Jones as Happy’s deaf daughter Faith, Steve Van Haren as Happy’s son Byron, Adam Wrathke as Max the drifter, and Zoey Martinson as the Ghost Lady of the Plains.

All performances of “The Color of Dust” are at 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 9. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

Appraisal Fest at Waukesha Expo

Waukesha — Have you always wondered what that old chair handed down for generations in your family is worth? Or the pretty vase you inherited from Grandma? You’ll have the chance to find out at Appraisal Fest on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha.

More than 20 professional appraisers will be on hand to appraise antique items

such as furniture, jewelry, porcelain, toys, glassware, silver, textiles, books, paintings and prints. Seminars will provide information on collecting, protecting and evaluating and selling antiques. There will also be programs on creative ways to use and refinish old items that may have sentimental, though not monetary, value.

“We know that people are interested in antiques and collectibles,” said event co-chair Donna Dollase. “It’s evident by the popularity of online auctions like eBay and TV programs such as ‘Antiques Roadshow’ on PBS. We want to help people understand the value of their items and help them be better, more informed, collectors. And we want people to have fun!”

Appraisal Fest is sponsored by the Milwaukee Art Museum, and proceeds will benefit Museum outreach programs in Waukesha. Admission is \$5, which includes the verbal appraisal of one item and entrance to seminars scheduled throughout the day. For more information, call (262) 827-0444.

Off the Wall Presents Lloyd Webber’s “Joseph”

Milwaukee — Off the Wall Productions is offering Andrew Lloyd Webber’s stirring musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” for eight performances this month. The shows take place at the Circlestage Theater, 127 E. Wells Street in Milwaukee.

The show, which started as a small children’s musical, grew into an elaborate special effects-laden Broadway hit. Director Dale Gutzman plans to take the show back to its charming origins with a stylized presentation in the 100-seat Circlestage Theatre. The musical director is Sue Stanley.

The production boasts an adult cast of 20 and a children’s choir of 11. Joseph will be played by David Barth. Gutzman regulars Robert Herschi, Mary Henricksen, and Lawrence Lukasavage have prominent roles. Each of the musical numbers will be staged in the genre the song tries to emu-

late. There is a 50s nightclub number, a country-western stomp, and a tribute to Busby Berkeley. For those who know and love “Joseph,” this production will bring a fresh perspective to the show. For those who have never seen it, it will delight the entire family.

Joseph will play Fridays and Saturdays, June 16, 17 and 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. It will also be performed on Sundays, June 18 and 25 at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children. To reserve tickets, call (414) 327-3552.

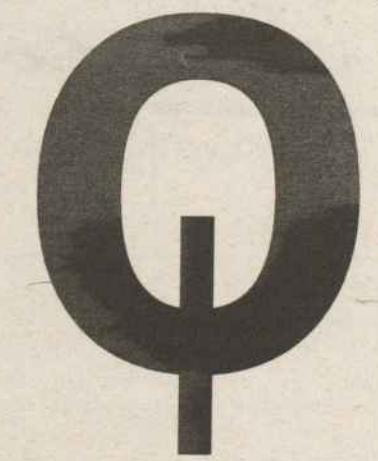
“Ragtime” to Make July Stop in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — The national touring company of the Tony Award-winning Broadway show “Ragtime” will be in Milwaukee at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts from July 4-9. The visit includes five evening performances and two matinees (on Saturday and Sunday).

Based on E.L. Doctorow’s best-selling novel, “Ragtime” is a panoramic portrait of American life at the turn of the 20th century. Its story focuses on three families: one upper class, Anglo-Saxon Protestant; one socialist immigrant Jewish; and one Harlem black. As they embark on voyages of self-discovery, their lives become dramatically intertwined with one another as well as with real historical characters like Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, and Booker T. Washington.

The book for “Ragtime” is by Tony Award-winning gay playwright Terrence McNally. The score is by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The production is directed by Frank Galati and choreographed by Graciela Daniele.

Tickets for “Ragtime” can be obtained through TicketMaster or through the Marcus Center box office at (414) 273-7206.



Madison’s Art Fair on the Square, July 8-9

Madison — Madison’s signature cultural event for 42 years, Art Fair on the Square brings a burst of color to capitol Square on July 8 and 9. The Capitol dome serves as the scenic backdrop for art, music, and outdoor dining. In addition to displays by 484 artists from across the country, two stages of live music and a host of free activities for kids round out the weekend’s offerings.

Rated among the top fine art fairs in the country, Art Fair on the Square is also the Madison Art Center’s most important fundraiser of the year, with all proceeds supporting the museum’s exhibitions and education programs.

Art fair on the Square offers a kaleidoscopic array of original art — including ceramics, graphics, sculpture, photography, painting, jewelry, wood, leather, fiber, glasswork, and mixed media — and free entertainment. For children and families, the Fair offers printmaking, sand art and storytelling.

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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, June 16

Women's Softball (Milw.): Every Friday night, 6:30 p.m. at Wick Field, Diamond #4, 4929 W. Vliet St.

Lakefront Festival of Arts (Milw.): The annual art festival opens and runs all weekend just north of the Milwaukee Art Center along Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3854.

Saturday, June 17

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): Meet at Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. at 9 a.m. for 3K to 10K run or walk. FMI: (608) 663-6463.

SSBL Men's Softball (Milw.): 12 Noon to 5 p.m. at Suan Field on S. Kinnickinnic Ave. and California St.

"Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes!" (Milw.): Annual summer concert of the Cream City Chorus, 8 p.m. at the Stockner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. \$10 at the door. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Sunday, June 18

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): 5-person team format, 3 p.m. at Bowl-o-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Spring Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Tuesday, June 20

"Polyamory: Myths & Reality" (Milw.): Discussion sponsored by Bi Definition, 7 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: bidef@hotmail.com.

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

Wednesday, June 21

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison): Lessons line dancing, two-stepping, then open dancing, 7 p.m. at Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 245-0672.

Thursday, June 22

AIDS Network Open House (Madison): 5-7 p.m. to mark the Network's 15th anniversary, in the Gateway Mall, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 252-6540.

Rainbow U Lecture (Milw.): "Straight Talk About Financial Planning for Those Who Aren't," with financial planners Carol Busche and Ruth Irving, 7-8:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Friday, June 23

Pistol Pete & Popgun Paul (Madison): New Orleans duo bring their original, openly queer folk rock to Cafe Assisi, 254 W. Gilman at 8:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 255-1816.

Saturday, June 24

Strawberry Festival and Arts & Crafts Fair (Cedartburg): Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, June 25 from Noon to 5 p.m. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Twin Cities Pride Weekend (Minneapolis): Free LGBT festival in Loring Park Saturday and Sunday, June 25th. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, travels along Hennepin Ave. in downtown Minneapolis. FMI: (952) 996-9250.

Sunday, June 25

Chicago's Gay Pride Parade and Rally (Chicago): Parade steps off at 2 p.m. from Halsted and Belmont Sts., wends its way to Lincoln Park for rally and entertainment. FMI: (414) 773-348-8243.

June 30-July 2

Chippewa Valley Pride (Eau Claire): Call Wolfe's Den at (715) 832-9237 or Scooter's at (715) 835-9959 for information.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$1.50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

Club 219 (Milw.): \$1 tappers, \$2 rail drinks, \$2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 p.m. - no cover - and 11:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Napolese 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.



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South Water St. Docks (Milw.): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match your hardware to win drinks, prizes.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 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 all night.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

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

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 p.m. to close.

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 (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. \$6 Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

Boot Camp (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special.

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

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

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

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. DJ and videos at nite, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served!

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 (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$3 Margaritas from open to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Toppers \$7.50, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off all drinks if dressed in L/L/U. Bartenders discretion.

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

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

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milw.): Opens at 5 p.m. 70s and 80s DJ spin, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50, and \$1 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One.

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

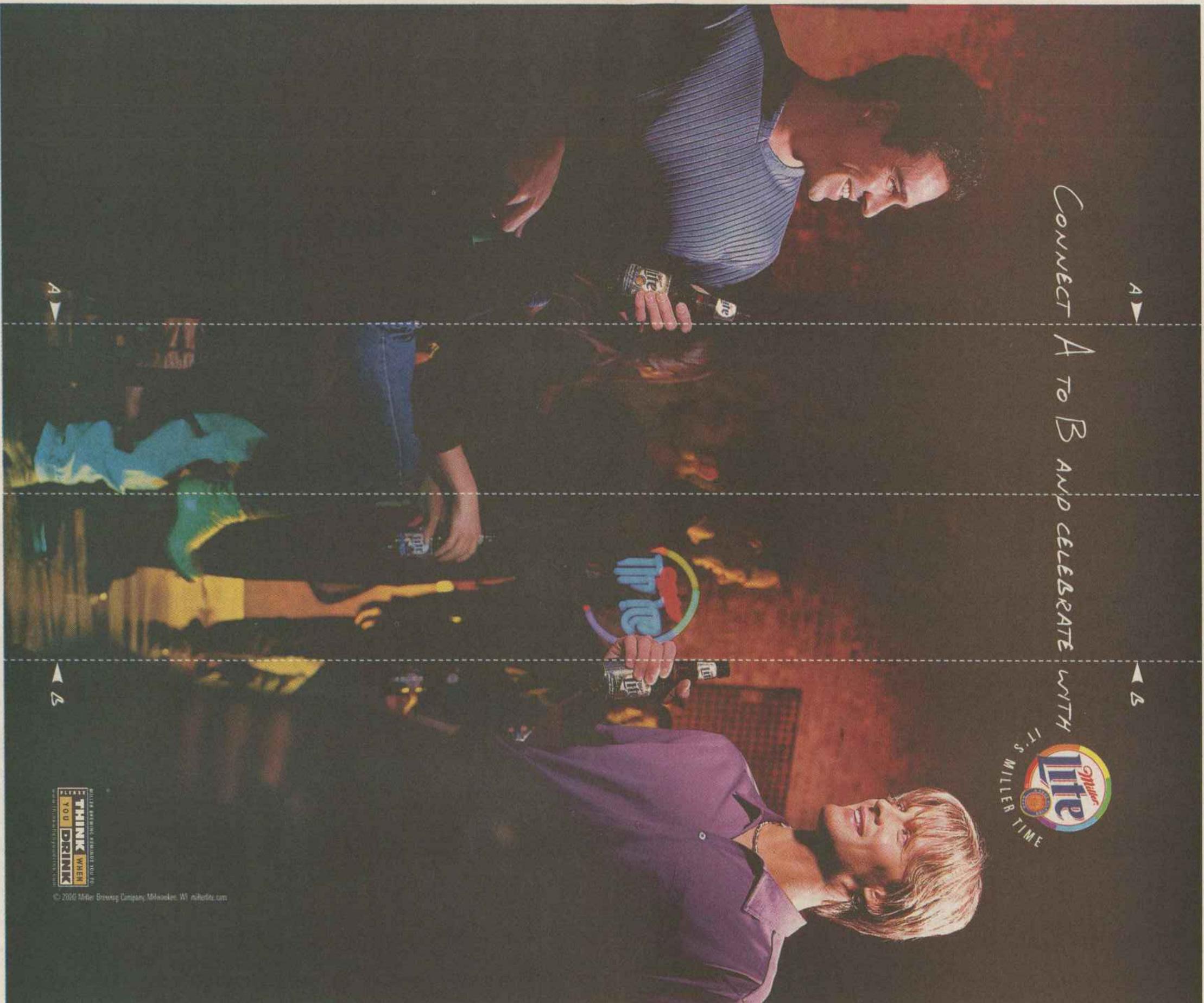
BAR EVENTS:

Friday, June 16

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

Friday and Sat., June 16 and 17

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Dan Dance or Martha Artis on Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations suggested. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.



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Sunday, June 18

Switch (Milw.): Comedy Nite! Featuring local gay interactive comedy troupe Up All Nite! \$2, 8:30 p.m., 124 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 220-4340.

Tuesday, June 20

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! 219 S. Second St. (414) 271-3732.

Wednesday, 21

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Midtowne Spa, 315 S. Water St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Club 219 (Milw.): Teasers from Chicago! 219 S. Second St. (414) 271-3732.

Friday, June 23

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

Sunday, June 25

Switch (Milw.): Comedy Nite! Featuring local gay interactive comedy troupe Up All Nite! \$2, 8:30 p.m., 124 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 220-4340.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:**Friday, June 16**

Reading (Madison): Readings from "Jane Stories II: An Anthology by Midwestern Women," 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Sunday, June 18

John Shelby Spong Talk (Brookfield): The progressive-thinking and gay-supportive former bishop and author of "Here I Stand" talks at 3 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Tuesday, June 20

Janet Fitch Reading (Brookfield): Author of Oprah's Book Club selection "White Oleander" reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

"Wisconsin Lighthouses" (Mequon): Slide presentation by Ken and Barb Wardius, 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Wednesday, June 21

Bob Greene Reading (Milw.): Chicago Tribune columnist and author of "Duty," about his father's service in WWII and about Paul Tibbets, the pilot of the plane that dropped the atomic bomb, speaks at 7 p.m. at the War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Thursday, June 22

Peggy Orenstein Talk (Shorewood): Author of "Flux" and "School Girls" speaks at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Friday, June 23

Bill Bryson Reading (Shorewood): Author of "In a Sunburned Country" appears at 8 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Thursday, June 29

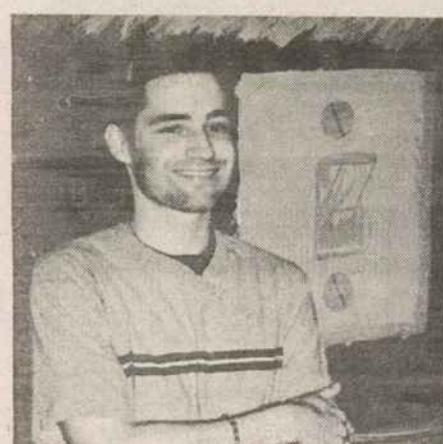
Kristin Gilpatrick Talk (Mequon): Author of "The Hero Next Door," about Wisconsin veterans of WWII who did courageous things during the war, 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Friday, June 30

Poetry Reading (Madison): Andrea Potos, Judith Strasser, Peggy Hong and Gay Davidson-Zieske read from "Essential Love: Poems About Mothers and Fathers, Daughters and Sons," 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. 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.)



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THURSDAYS:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 26.

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 Meeting (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.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served, transportation assistance is available. FMI: (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group picks a different topic each month. FMI call Pat, (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - "Maybe Baby" Support Group (Milw.): This group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The group is for people considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI: Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milw.): Every 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. The series encourages awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): This weekly group provides an outlet for gay/bi students at UWM. Social outings and great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex-Out-Loud, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

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

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursdays at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

FRIDAYS:

Frontiers Dining Out (Madison): Madison-area Gay/Bi men meet at the Shamrock Bar around 6 p.m. Decide where to go to eat. FMI: (608) 274-5821.

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men, to chat and graze at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 3 p.m., 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): The group meets Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 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.

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212-57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshall): Every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone



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is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. An opportunity for men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-F and F-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI: (608) 255-4927.

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chat (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings, 1208 E. Brady St. Back room. 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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milw., 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.

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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): 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 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 S. Jefferson St. FMI: (920) 437-4325.

True Colors LGBT Youth Activity Nights (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): 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.

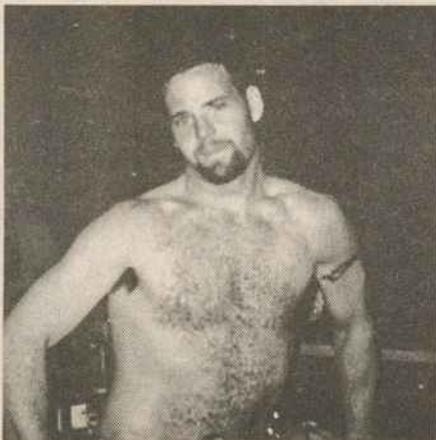
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Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

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 - Milw. - Open Office (Milw.): A representative of Milw.'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 (Milw.): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



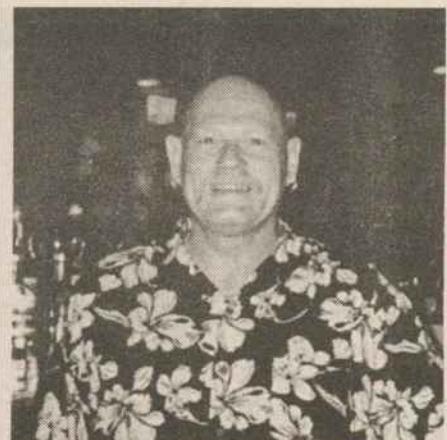
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Duck, Duck ... Goose! Photo by David in Madison



Hawaiian Shirt Club President. Photo by David in Madison

the next day at 8 a.m.

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, June 19

"Singing Myself a Lullaby" (Wisconsin Public TV): Documentary about a dancer with AIDS, who made his life the subject of his final work, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 & Every Tuesday

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): 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., June 21 & 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.

Wednesday, June 21

"HIV/AIDS and African American Men" (Milwaukee Public TV): On "Block Nouveau," 6:30 p.m. on Channel 10. Repeats Sunday, June 25 at 4 p.m. on Channel 36.

"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, June 23

"Evening at Pops with k.d. lang" (Wisconsin Public TV): Spend an hour with the lesbian crooner! 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

"Coming Out in Rural America" (Milwaukee Public TV): Documentary about rural gays and lesbians, 11:30 p.m. on Channel 36.

Monday, June 26

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "Velocity of Gary," 7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 839-4060.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Ongoing Exhibits:

Adambomb Gallerie (Milw.): Joe Stanke's oil paintings. Opening reception, June 23, 6-10 p.m. Through July 22. 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Art for Living," through Sept. 3. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "Jack Madson: A Retro-Spective Exhibition of Paintings" through June 25, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Charles Lyons Paint Box Gallery (Ephraim, WI): Miniature show: paintings, pots, lithographs, sculptures. 10426 Highway 42 in Door County. FMI: (920) 854-4435.

Circus World Museum (Baraboo, WI): Open daily, 9-6 p.m. through Labor Day, 550 Water St. in Baraboo.

Gallerie 218 (Milw.): 10th Anniversary Juried Exhibition, through June

30, 218 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 270-1043.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Slop the Paint: The Art of John Ernst and Bill O'Neil," through July 8, Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Grava Gallery (Milw.): "Out of Towners," paintings by Roni Golani and sculptures by Ryan Rudie through July 21. 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Melissa Gwyn: Venus Rings," through Aug. 13. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Dancing at the Louvre: Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold" and "Robert Fischer: In Site," through Aug. 20. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Marian Gallery (Milw.): Lisa Englander's paintings and works on paper, through July 2 in Caroline Hall of Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy. FMI: (414) 256-1233.

Milw. Art Museum (Milw.): "Toulouse Lautrec and the Pleasures of Paris" through August 13. "Currents 28: Hiroshi Sugimoto," through July 30. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Snapshot from the Family Album: Milwaukee Labor After World War II," b/w photos of workplaces and CIO union activities opens June 21; "Milwaukee Rivers: The Woodcuts of Wolfgang Klein," through June; and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game: A History of Baseball in Milwaukee," through Sept. 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): "Postpartum: MIAD Graduate Work" in the Frederick Layton Gallery through July 22. 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): 3330 Atwood Ave.

Ozaukee Art Center (Ozaukee): "Imaginings" by George Ronsholdt, through June 25. W62N718 Riveredge Drive.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts from the 15th through the 20th century. 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): Annual Membership Show through July 15. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): "150 Years of Wisconsin Printmaking," through July 23, hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

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"The Color of Dust" (Madison): Another original play by Callen Harty at



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the Broom Street Theater. Fridays-Sundays, 8 p.m. through July 9 at 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (Milw.): An Off the Wall Production, 8 p.m. June 16, 17, 23 and 24, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 18 and 25. At the Circlestage Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. Adults, \$15, children, \$12. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

"Moon Over Buffalo" (Racine): Racine Theatre Guild production, Fri-Sun through June 18, 2519 Northwestern Ave.

"On Golden Pond" (Fort Atkinson): At the Fireside Dinner Theatre through July 23. Business Highway 26 South, Fort Atkinson. FMI: (800) 477-9505.

"Ragtime" (Milw.): National touring company opens July 4 and runs through July 9 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

AND:

June 15-17

All Beethoven Concert (Milw.): Andreas Delfs conducts the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, 11:15 a.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday, in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 291-7605.

June 16-18

Lakefront Festival of Arts (Milw.): The annual art festival runs all weekend just north of the Milwaukee Art Center along Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3854.

June 17

Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes! (Milw.): Annual summer concert of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, 8 p.m. at the Stockner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. \$10 at door. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Monday, June 19

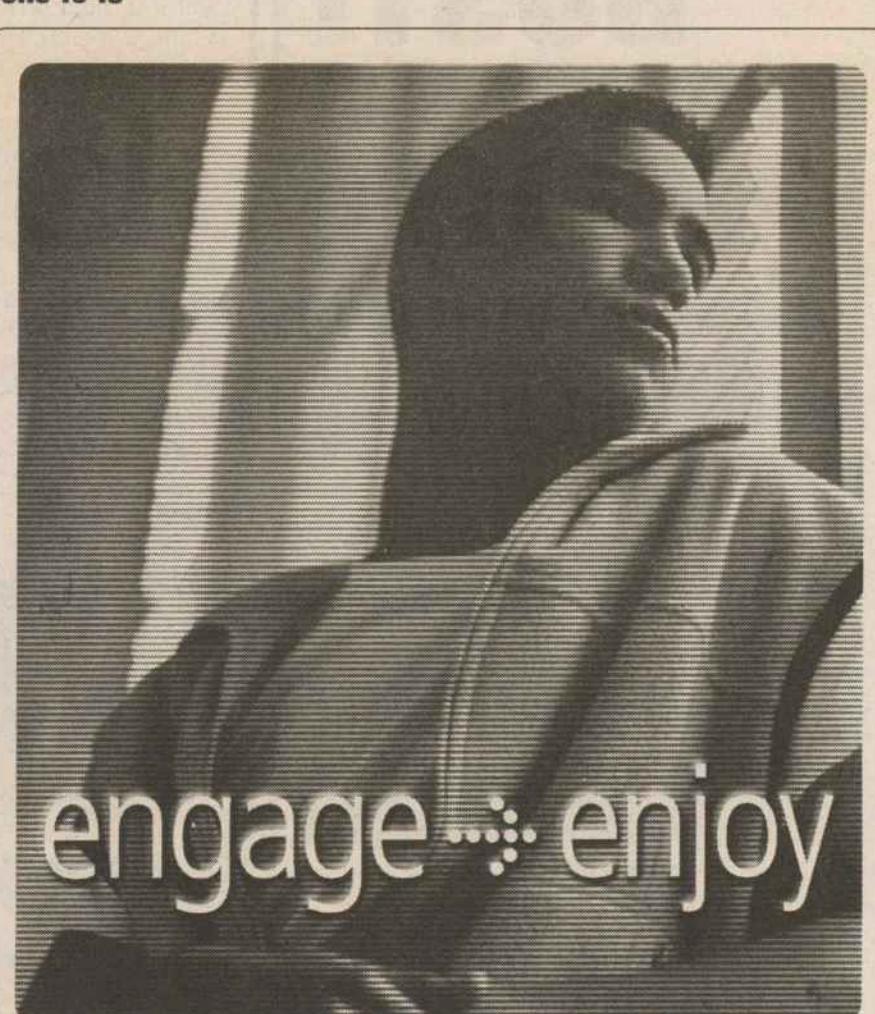
Swing-o-Matics (Milw.): Milwaukee's favorite swing band performs at Rainbow Summer, Noon at the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. Free! FMI: (414) 273-2787.

Friday, June 23

Pistol Pete & Popgun Paul (Madison): New Orleans duo bring their original, openly queer folk rock to Café Assisi, 254 W. Gilman at 8:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 255-1816.

June 23-25

Mahler's "Resurrection" (Milw.): The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performs Mahler's Symphony No. 2, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.



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CeCe Peniston Pride-less, Lisa Lisa Jams

By Kevin John

One of the most riveting live performances I've ever witnessed was a Hole show at The Riverside a year or so ago. By that time, Courtney Love had already made her thrilling transition from grieving goddess to glamour girl. She really was Miss World now and she had no intention of giving up the crown. Not to any of the one hundred or so grunge grrrls she yanked up on stage and forced to sit down behind her. Not to the one lucky fan she allowed to sing a verse before shoving her back down with the rest of the on stage estrogen mafia. Not even to any of the women (and men) who came to learn how to get what they want and never want it again. Rarely do we ever get such a vivid dramatization of how important it is to maintain the boundaries of the artist/performer divide — without it, any fantasy the pop music artist hopes to offer goes unfulfilled.

We wish CeCe Peniston could teach us something similarly life-affirming. We really do. If we didn't, we would've never bothered trudging over to see her perform at PrideFest Saturday night or anywhere else for that matter. But Peniston's tasteful career just doesn't have the lift of Love's shooting star. I hadn't given her much thought myself since her *Searchin'* album from 1993. She was good for a minor gay classic like "Finally" or "Hit By Love" and classier filler than Robin S. and that's about it. Still, it would've been nice if she bucked our expectations a little with some backup dancers/singers or some sassy costume changes or maybe a cardboard palm tree, who knows. Instead, she thought she had enough personality and/or great music to hold us captive with only her voice. Of course, she was wrong — no surprise there. But what I didn't expect was the sour flipside of what made Hole's concert work so well.

Throughout the show, Peniston let some audience members on stage with her which culminated in the unorchestrated chaos of about thirty showoffs gyrating with her as she finally sang "Finally." Things got tense for a moment there when it felt as if the entire audience would storm the footlights and showoff to rows of recently-deserted benches. Peniston assured security that it was all right but "no more please — we can't have



CeCe Peniston beams at PrideFest.

everyone up on stage." The rest of us just scowled at the disgusting display, embarrassed for Peniston more than anything else.

After the song ended, she had to tell the congregation immediately surrounding her to not all talk to her at once. But by then, she long since made clear that she was far from a consummate entertainer. In fact, by relinquishing control of that audience/performer divide, I'd say she outright sabotaged the sad, beautiful dream machinery at the foundation of pop music. When acquaintances, bar sluts and permanent fixtures are mugging for our attention on stage (oblivious to the performer) that ain't a concert, it's just another drag show which you could have seen after Peniston blew her chance for retribution with an encore of, oh CeCe, "Finally."

Lisa Lisa got the edge over Peniston on Sunday night simply because she still held on to her star presence in the face of her dwindling cultural presence. She almost made you think that the "nyah-nyah" melody of "I Wonder If I Take U Home" was composed to assert her performer's privilege. But her solid, pleasant, ultimately forgettable set lacked the theoretical appeal of Peniston's failure. Maybe that's why I was humming "We Got a Love Thing" to myself after Lisa Lisa's set.



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**ORIGINAL STORY BY: A MEMOIR OF
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BY ARTHUR LAURENTS**

By Ed Grover

This deliciously dishy memoir reads like the author is with you, whispering right in your ear. It's full of juicy tales about the denizens of Broadway and Hollywood. Arthur Laurents started his career in New York City writing scripts for the Lux Radio Theater in 1940. We learn about his Jewish upbringing in Flatbush and we hear about his early brushes with anti-Semitism; Laurents wrote his first successful play "Home Of The Brave," on that subject.

In the sex department, Laurents tells how he lost his virginity at age 14 to a kid from down the block. This guy was going from house to house giving blowjobs to anyone who was available, and Laurents was available on a regular

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basis. The guy grew up to be a respected professor in the U.S., and at the Sorbonne in Paris. We are told that he's still on his knees occasionally at age 80-something.

Laurents was drafted into the Army before Pearl Harbor and spent most of his time in Long Island City writing scripts for dozens of training films, one of which was directed by George Cukor, who was then a Private. The Army certainly didn't stop Laurents from having sex with men and getting started on his drinking career.

Laurents spent a considerable amount of time, and a considerable amount of his earnings on analysis. His New York analyst was a fraud named Theodor Reik, who told him he was selfish and that he could "cure" him of being homosexual. We know THAT doesn't work! For this service, Reik collected 10% of all Laurents' earnings. In Hollywood, Laurents met Dr. Judd Marmor who was much more understanding and helped him to come to terms with his sexuality and to get his life on track.

Laurents, at 82, is now proud to be known as an out and gay Jewish man. He tells us about ALL his conquests and all of his lovers — among whom were dancer Harold Lang (Pal Joey), actor Farley Granger, and actor/model and finally landscaper, Tom Hatcher who he says he loves shamelessly and has lived with for over 40 years. Among the women he had meaningful affairs with were ballerina Nora Kaye and legendary jazz vocalist Anita Ellis. Ellis was Rita Hayworth's singing voice in "Gilda." Remember "Put The Blame On Mame, Boys"?

All through his life he suffered from a fear of being outed. That event finally took place quite by accident in the early 90's while he was being interviewed by Frank Rich, the former drama critic of the New York Times, on the stage of the Seattle Repertory. Rich referred to Laurents as a "gay liberal." Laurents, in turn, introduced Rich at a charity luncheon as the man who had outed him as a "liberal."

Throughout the book, everyone he knows is either a

tragic drunk, turns into one, or is addicted to something like sex, drugs or gambling. He tells of many people in the theater who didn't get the alcohol message and died. His lover, Tom finally did and joined AA. Laurents tells of going to an open meeting or two and finally realizing what serenity was when he visited Bangkok. I never saw any outright admission that he had joined anything; he seems to have loved drinking and doping too much and tells us all about it at length.

While in Hollywood, he wrote the movie scripts for Alfred Hitchcock's "Rope" (starring his then lover, Farley Granger), and the script for Anatole Litvak's "The Snake Pit" with a young Olivia de Havilland. He used some of his Army psychiatric hospital notes for that one.

He returned to New York and wrote the script for the smash hit play "The Time of the Cuckoo" with actress Shirley Booth. The play was then made into the movie "Summertime" with Kate Hepburn (who shoplifted the role from Booth), and later, a Broadway musical called "Do I Hear A Waltz?" He doesn't have very nice things to say about Hepburn, but then he roasts, toasts and tells tales about everyone he knows.

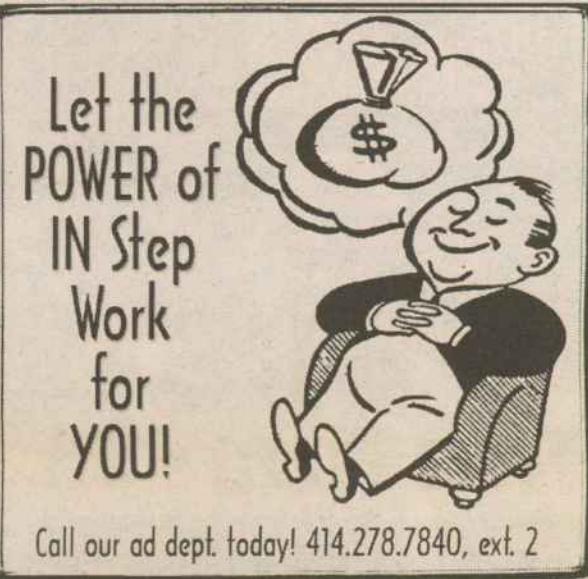
Laurents wrote "I Can Get It For You Wholesale" which jump-started Barbra Streisand's career. He is responsible for writing the books for "West Side Story," "Gypsy" and "La Cage aux Folles." He tells lots of stories about Leonard Bernstein, Jerome Robbins and Steven Sondheim. Generally, he is kind to the three friends, but he exposes Jerome Robbins for what he was — a talented, driven manipulator.

There is a delicious story about how the book for "Gypsy" got written. One evening at his beach house in Quogue, when they were playing a game of "Most Interesting Firsts," he met Liz Smith's very funny new friend, Selma Lynch, who said her first lover had been Gypsy Rose Lee's mother. "There had always been speculation that Gypsy was a lesbian, but her mother? . . . the night was warm . . . and the drinks were fresh. Tell, Selma, tell all." Mama Rose was a woman who got away with murder-literally. And that's how we came to get the monster mother we love to hate in "Gypsy"!

We listen to his rants about the Hollywood 10, the hunt for Communist sympathizers and its effect on him;

he refused to name names during the McCarthy inspired Witch-Hunt. He wrote "The Way We Were," which paired Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand, to tell some of the story from his viewpoint. It was drastically cut and changed, leaving out many of the more scathing portraits. Now he has written a play called "Jolson Sings Again." The title is taken from what the newsboys yelled on the Hollywood streets after actor Larry Parks (Al Jolson on screen) had been the first Friendly Witness to betray his friends publicly. The play will open Off-Broadway this fall.

It seems there are always a few clumps of pictures jammed somewhere in the middle of a book like this. Not so here; 87 photos are scattered throughout and each picture has a relationship to the text of the forgoing of following paragraph. I found that to be immensely pleasing. Laurents has drawn a fascinating picture of his 50 years in show business on both the East and West coasts. I liked the way he told his story even if one of the New York critics found the "time-line" to be erratic and hard to follow. He also called the book "flouncy"! To me it was right on and a great read. (Borzois/Alfred A. Knopf, ISBN: 0-375-40055-9, \$30 USA, \$45 Canada).



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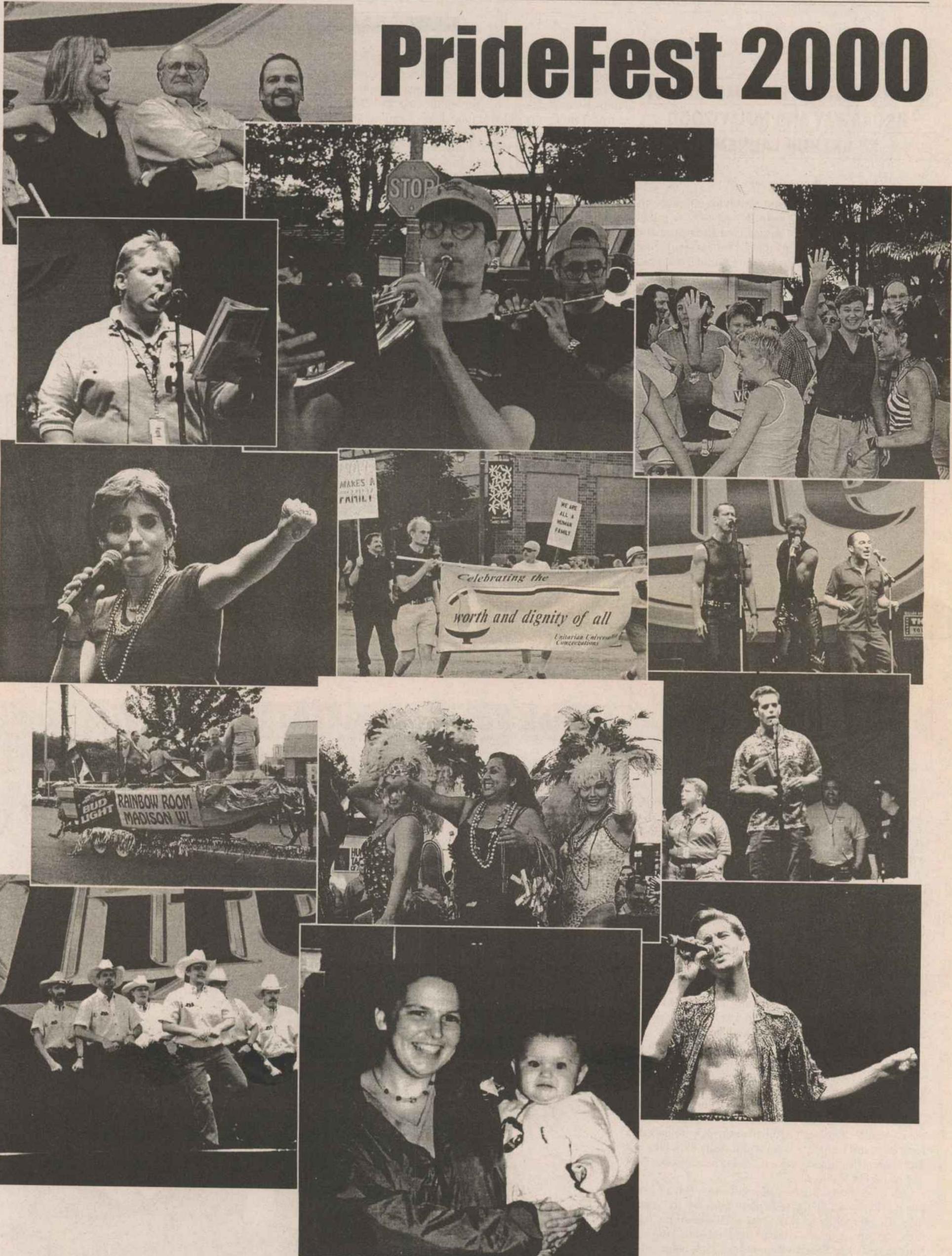
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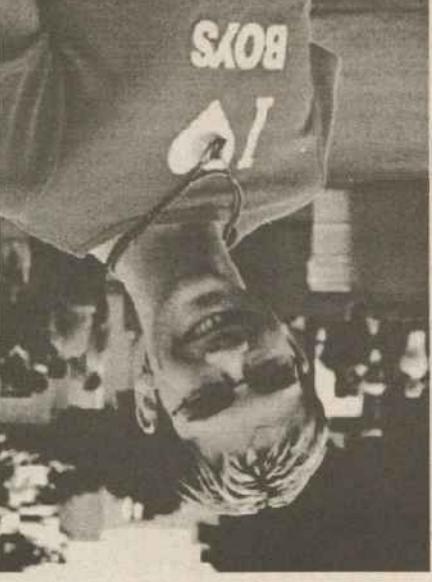
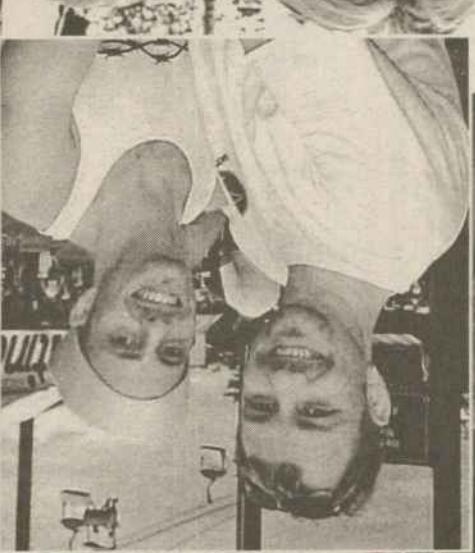
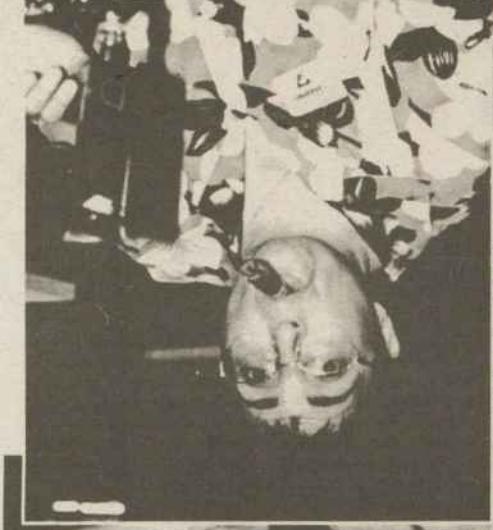
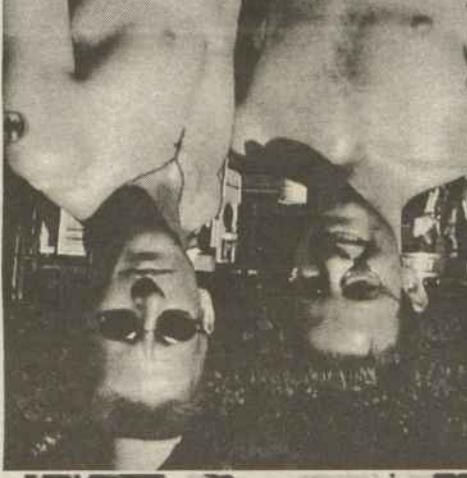
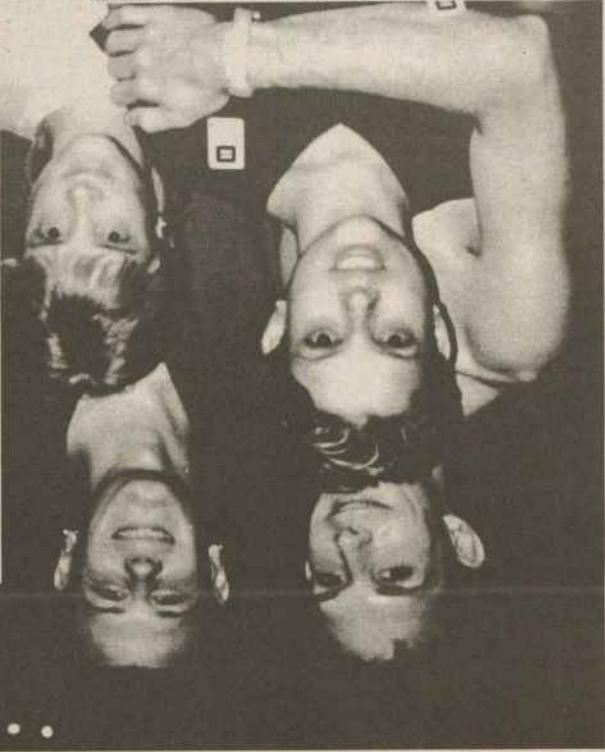
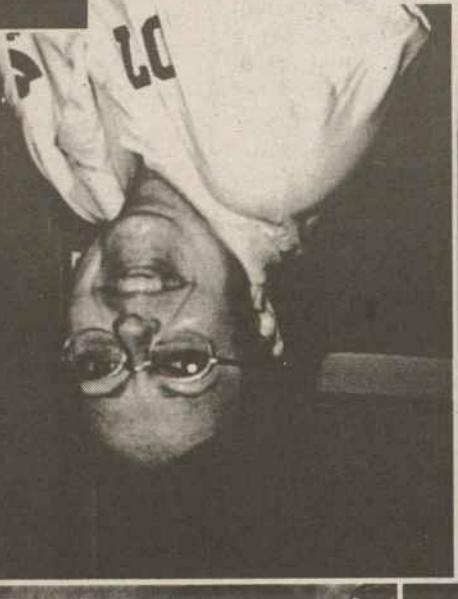
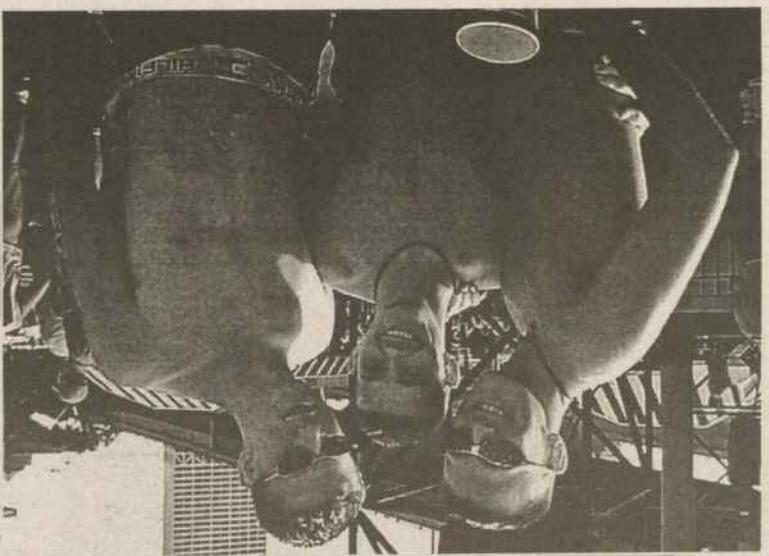


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By Michael Johnston

I hope You all had a PRIDE-filled weekend! The weather was as hot as the festival and the attendees (at least on Friday and Saturday)! May the Sun smile on us, as well — next year!

Friday night's Parade was interesting. Throughout the years I've participated, personally, in the Parade. This year I opted to be a spectator. I applaud everyone who did their "thing"...

Observing the Celebration, I was impressed by all the "religious message marchers." The conflict of having people inviting, welcoming, including me (us) to attend their church, service, mass... And then on the other side of the street the protesters — rejecting, judging, damning me (us), all in the same name of God. I wonder if other festivals have to deal with the same negative, hate-mongers desecrating their gates? I told them to get their own festival and parade, and not rain on mine!

I missed "The Possum Queen Finale/Crowning" this year. But, it was fabulous seeing co-creators: **Charlotte Lorraine** and **Lizzie Borduex** get their just desserts, with a Community Service Award. By the by, did you catch the greeting card with Ms. Charlotte on it? The PrideFest Photographer Tent had Milwaukee's own "Mad Maxine" immortalized in glorious technicolor.

Saturday night, I was invited to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Major Donor Fireworks Thank You Reception. The natty Neil Albrecht is the quintessential host. A bountiful buffet from **Catena's Catering**, a fantastic floral creation by **Gregory & Company** of Brookfield, with lots of Miller's fine product to wash down as, once again, Miller lit up the sky with a flawless fireworks presentation.

Sunday, I started the day at a lovely brunch at **Kerry & Michael's** duplex apartment — the one on Prospect Avenue that looks like Alexis'. Then onto a cool time at PrideFest. Thank God for the Dance Tent, the sights there heated up my afternoon.

Then the multi-talented "Men Out Loud" heated up the audience at the Miller Oasis. This is their third consecutive PrideFest. They sang a capella — and besides making a joyful sound they helped make magnificent memories of a weekend full of PRIDE in the new millennium.

Fluid is the place to be for a very special "Martini Madness Party" on Thursday, June 15. Designer drinks like Cosmos, Classics, Blacks and CoCo Chanels (my fave designer) will be featured, cheers!

My yearly Sullivan sojourn is due, so I'll be off to The Little Theater On The Squire to do "Mame" and visit my dear(s) **Guy S. Little, Jr. & Kirk McNamer**. They have the most charming inn, in the country (Think Beverly Hills, east). So unfortunately, I won't be able to appear in the first show of the season at The M&M Club, Friday, June 16, 10ish. But, please do attend and support it, as ChiChi kicks off of his Possum Queen Campaign. "The Gong Show — 2000," the award-winning Charlotte Lorraine will lead an all-star review and, as always, it goes to a great cause!

The next night, my choral chums of The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will be putting on their Summer show, "The Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes" — Saturday, June 17 at 8 p.m. at the Stackner Cabaret. Besides their Summertime songfest, there will be a "sshhh" silent auction! So, bring your checkbooks and support the Arts. Congratulations, CCC for winning two awards in the Pride Parade!

Chicago Gay PRIDE Parade — 2000 takes place on Sunday, June 25. It steps off the corner of Halsted and Belmont at 2 p.m. and heads to Lincoln Park. I've been invited to attend with PFLAG-Milwaukee. I wonder if I should wear a hat?

The Press Room, one of Milwaukee's newest eateries, directly across the street from the Pabst Theater offers one of the best bloody marys I've ever had! The place is done in a newspaper motif, housing all the old Press Club's vast collection of autographs. So stop by and have a "Green Sheet" (salad) and a "Side Bar" (garlic toast) and we can compare columns and autographs.

The rain did not ruin our parade, as we all celebrated the SSBL Tournament Milwaukee Classic, Memorial Day Weekend. **Dan Nelson** did a remarkable job of man against nature. Trust me, the spirits were certainly soaring and enjoyed at Dana's Fieldhouse. The most unique sight and, trust me some, words simply defy, was Milwaukee's own "Mr. John" Francesca in a patriotic number (hat), most apropos for our Holiday weekend! Here's to a dryer one, next year, number 21!

I thoroughly enjoyed the sold-out production of "H.M.S. Pinafore" brought to us by The Skylight Opera Theatre. It's wonderful to see the works of Gilbert & Sullivan still being performed.

I was amazed by the Florentine Opera Company's recent highly successful run of "Madama Butterfly." To date, this Verdi epic is my most favorite opera.

Heads up: If you're looking for a great place, on a great lake, to hold a great event... In real life, I had the pleasure of planning a "Drunch" (Drinks and a Late Luncheon). I selected the legendary M&M Club, and from salad to dessert everything was absolutely, fabulously delicious! Kudos go out to **Bob Schmidt**, going on his 25th year of sterling service to the community. The Bartenders: Milwaukee's own "Queen of Country" — **BoBoo** and **ChiChi**, providing the best beverages in Brewtown. Our Servers: The divine **DeeDee** and darling **David Rogers** provided a regal repast and fast quips. And finally, what would a lovely meal be without flowers? **Ms. Rona** who is ever so handy with her hands, created festive floral pieces.

Following our flawless feast, a mini pub crawl ensued, starting with M&M and then onto Docks. There the welcoming mat was laid by **Jake, Michael** and **Dan**. Onto Switch where **Scott, Bill, Jacob** and Mr. Switch himself, **Craig**, turned on the charm, among other things... Next on the trail of decadence — **Fluid**, where **Bill** and **Jimmy** literally bent over backwards for us! It was here our party of 35 were impressed with the PrideFest decorations, created by who else? The supreme **David Howser**! Finally, finale time at **Club Boom** where **David, Russ** and **Ray** spun records and cocktails all into a whirlwind taste of Milwaukee, totally BOOM-bastic!

My belated, but most joyous, congratulations to Craig and Switch. The first anniversary is the hardest, and with their great team and inventive ways I'm sure we're in for another year of reasons to party at Switch. What a wonderful time with **Robin, Rory, Scotty, Corky(s), Gary (Fire Hose), Jacob**...

I have to welcome — in print, my dear sister-in-print, "Dear Ruthie." Ruthie's column, contributions to the community and dedication to causes is/are as large as her hair-do! Brava, and welcome aboard!

And that about does it, for yet another column — Happy Father's Day!

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By Billy Masters

I'm out of breath! Billy has never rushed home from an event and wanted to write a column as badly as he does tonight. Why? Because I just came from the Los Angeles premiere of Tennessee Williams' last full-length play, "Something Cloudy, Something Clear." Of course, that in and of itself is nothing to lose one's breath over. But I spent much of the evening within touching distance of a shirtless **Joel West**, and let me tell you, his evenly tanned, smooth, naked, rippling torso almost (but not quite) made me forget his lack of hair and acting skills. OK, so that's exaggerating — his hair is simply thinning and receding before our very eyes, and he actually does have some acting talent. But like his hair, that talent is pretty sparse and in need of Propecia! No acting seemed to be necessary for Joel's on-stage kiss with another male actor (God, that makes it sound like I consider Joel an actor, too!).

While scanning the audience, I noticed **Chad Allen** with a gaggle of gay groupies enjoying Joel's "performance." Also in the audience was one quite delicious blond boy who was all by himself. Afterwards, I happened to overhear this boy (fine — I was eavesdropping) talking to a member of the theatre company. The employee asked if the blond brought Joel any flowers, and the youth sheepishly said, "No, but I'm sure he'll forgive me." If my hunch is right, I bet he did — several times that night!

On the way home, I called in to Gotcha Central for messages and heard the familiar voice of **Joan Rivers**. In her typical out-of-breath fashion, Auntie yelled, "I wanted to let you know that Missy's gonna have a foal before you hear the news on Entertainment Tonight!" Yes, the multi-talented mudder, **Melissa Rivers**, will soon become a mother!

Speaking of surprises, you may remember that last year, I reported a blind item pondering the feasibility of **Janet Jackson** secretly having a child during her short marriage to **James DeBarge** and giving the child to sister **Rebbie** to raise as her own. I recall many fan letters saying that this story sounded WAY too far-fetched even for the Jackson Family (these people clearly have never heard of **La Toya** or **Michael Jackson**). Compare that to the news last week that Janet is getting a divorce from her current husband, **Rene Elizondo**. What's odd about that? Well,

according to reports, the couple married some nine years ago, and this is the first time we've heard about it. When the proverbial sh*t hits the fan, just remember who reported the whole story over a year ago!

In our requisite porn item, I am sad to announce that **Tom Chase** (last year named Falcon's first-and-only Lifetime Exclusive) is retiring from the business. Those of you who mourn Tom's departure can still enjoy him. Just go to www.Falconstudios.com and buy his life-sized dildo! We've heard of people retiring from porn before, and they usually return when they need money. However, Tom says that he has other ventures that he'd like to pursue. And you know what they say about us Boston natives — we're quite resourceful (and we also stick together!).

Look for my bon ami **Bruce Vilanch** to stay a bit longer as his off-Broadway one-man show, "Almost Famous", gets extended to July 1st (and probably beyond — who knows!). Many celebs have gone to see Bruce — people like **Nathan Lane** (who hosted the opening night party), **Bette Midler**, **Rosie O'Donnell**, **Sharon Lawrence**, **David Hyde Pierce**, **Bea Arthur**, **Lyspinka**, **Marlo Thomas**, **Tony Roberts**, **Ruth Warrick**, **Sylvia Miles**, **Sandy Duncan**, and virtually every celeb who has passed through New York. If you find yourself in the Big Apple, head to the Westbeth Theatre for a special treat!

That leads to a special item that I like to call "Faywatch BC." In this case, the Fay in question is one of my dearest friends, the legendary "King Kong" beauty, **Fay Wray**, who showed the world that a little excess body hair needn't be a turn-off. I was sorry to hear that last week Fay shattered her hip, but the ever-spry actress has been released from the hospital. The doctors are amazed at her progress and predict a full and speedy recovery — so speedy, in fact, that Fay still plans to attend the San Francisco Silent Film Festival in July, where she is being honored. You go, Fay!

And while we're on the subject, let's do a special "Fayewatch" about **Miss Dunaway** because, you know, I always enjoy dishing our dear Fay! This week's item comes from Cannes, where Mommie Dearest was promoting her latest film, "The Yards" which, if reports are to be believed, is not terrible. The Miramax film also stars **Mark Wahlberg**, **Joaquin Phoenix**, **James Caan**, and **Charlize Theron**, and was a big hit with the French. One afternoon, Faye



Chad Allen



Bruce Vilanch

went to enjoy lunch on a private yacht. When she was boarding, she was asked several mindless questions on video by **Milla Jovovich** (Faye's co-star from her last failed film, "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc"), who is apparently making a documentary — which is what people do after their movies bomb. Being a pro, Faye smiled for the camera and responded to the questions. She did get testy during one of Milla's queries from behind the camera and exclaimed, "Am I talking to you, or this thing?" The smile remained — at least while the camera was rolling. Once off-film, however, Faye grabbed the owner of the yacht and started screaming about being ambushed by Milla, how her privacy was being invaded, and how these things MUST be cleared in advance. I'm told that Faye was looking every one of her 92 years (oops — that's Fay Wray. Never mind!).

Could it be that one of TV's hottest stars has a secret? That's the buzz from insiders on the set of his powerful one-hour drama who have seen the heartthrob show up for work on more than one occasion looking like he had partied a bit too hearty the night before. Each time, he's eschewed the studio limo and been driven in by the guy who, my sources say, was riding him the night before. Although the relative newcomer (to television, anyway) is a real operator, you might know enough about his private life to say, "But, Billy — he's married." So?

Could it be that a certain closeted comedian with not one but two failed sitcoms to his credit is hoping that three is his lucky number? The brass at a certain network that put him on the fall schedule sure hope so, but eye say that they shouldn't expect much. I can't imagine anyone will be stupid

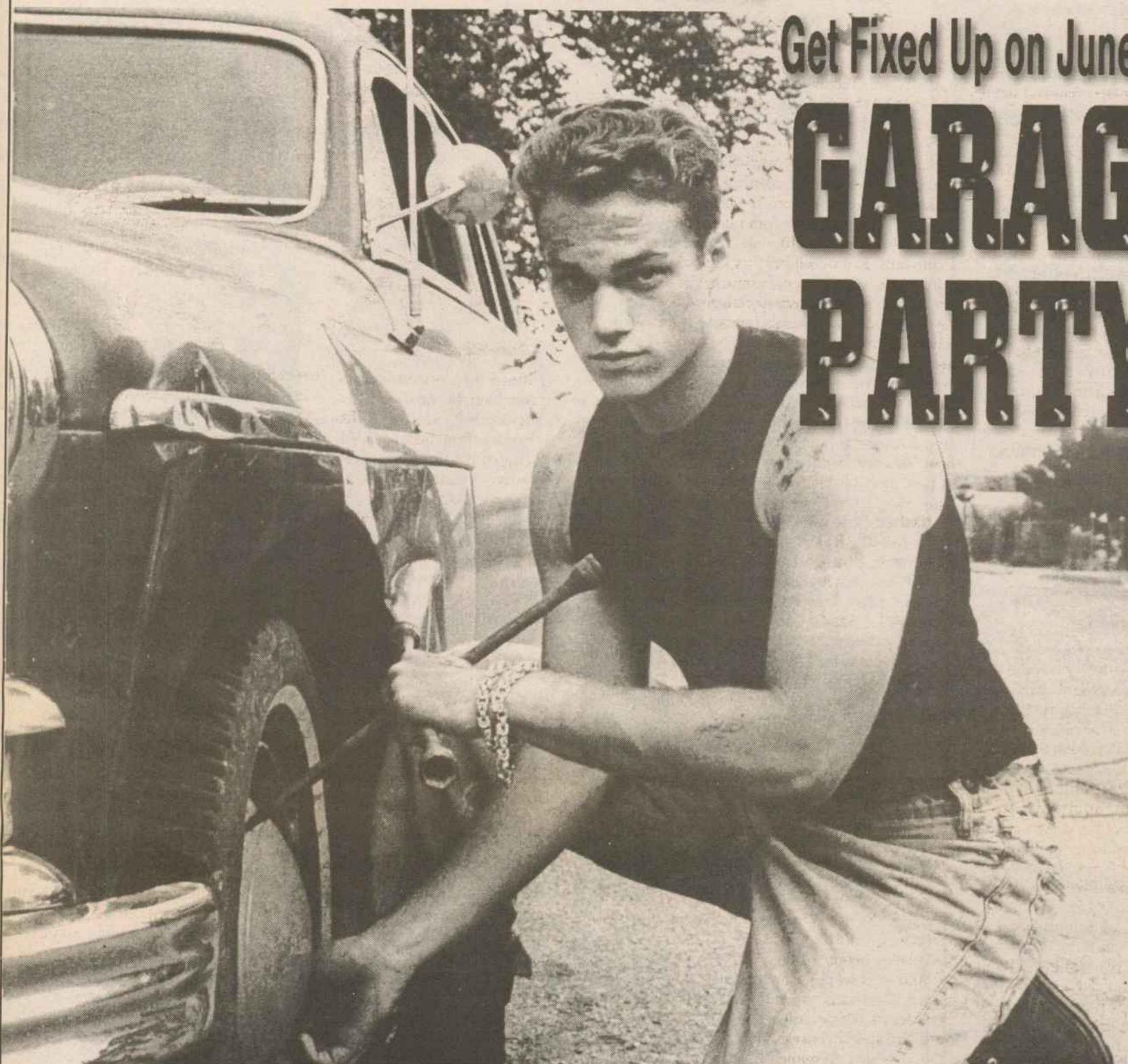
enough to think he's straight. Then again, with his track record (and soft-spoken arrogance), maybe he's convinced himself. You see, the goober actually believes he's a success. When seen recently at a Los Angeles comedy club, he had returned to his habit of sitting in the back of the room and taking notes while other comics performed. When asked why he wasn't on stage, the gentility left his demeanor and he snarled, "I don't need to 'cause I'm already a millionaire!" How common (and I'm from Boston).

When I'm not only outing but also denigrating one of my sisters in comedy, yet doing it with my typical aplomb, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. We have some special columns coming up during the summer months. There will be not one but TWO of our popular "Ask Billy" columns, where you can ask me anything (and I do mean anything) and I will respond. And, we have the ever popular "What ever happened to..." column where I try and find some of your favorite stars of yesteryear (in a couple of years, someone may wonder what ever happened to the comic I mentioned in this week's blind item). So, be sure to get your questions in to me via e-mail at Billy@filth2go.com, or check out my web site at www.filth2go.com. Either way, I promise to get back to you before Joel West wins a Tony! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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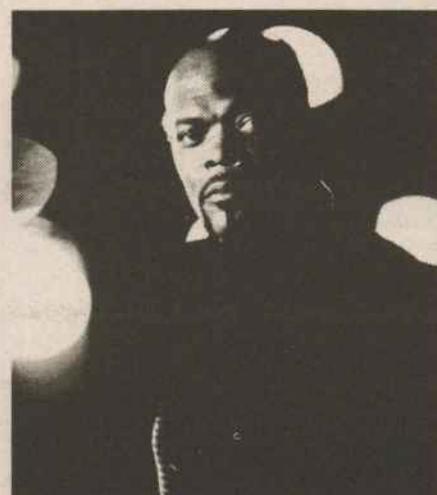
In the 31st Century, a vicious alien species called the Drej destroy Earth, scattering the remnants of mankind around the universe. Among them is Cale (voiced by Matt Damon), a reluctant hero who holds the key to reuniting the human race. In addition to Damon, this animated movie from 20th Century Fox boasts a big-name cast, including Bill Pullman, Drew Barrymore, Nathan Lane, John Leguizamo and Janeane Garofalo. Far more exciting than most live-action sci-fi films of late, visually imaginative sequences include a forest of explosive hydrogen trees and a thrilling spaceship chase through planetary rings made of gargantuan ice crystals. Well-written and designed for young male audiences, the film's only flaw is its obnoxious alternative rock soundtrack.

Grade: A-

Kinsey Scale: 1 (Three of the voice actors have all been associated with major gay roles: Lane "The Birdcage"; Leguizamo "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar"; and Damon "Talented Mr. Ripley", whose character looks like a cute, perky, 20-ish disco boy.)

Shaft

Samuel L. Jackson takes over the role of cop John Shaft from Richard Roundtree (who appears in an obligatory cameo) in director John Singleton's remake of the king of blaxploitation films. Shaft and his partner (Vanessa L. Williams) attempt to protect a waitress (Toni Collette), who witnessed a racially motivated murder by a



cold-blooded yuppie (Christian Bale), from corrupt cops, contract killers, a maniacal drug dealer (Jeffrey Wright), and rich real estate moguls. This is an unnecessarily busy movie with lots of action, far too many characters and subplots, and the 1971 Oscar-winning theme song playing incessantly on the soundtrack. Jackson makes a great tough guy, but his anti-establishment character now seems an outdated stereotype rather than the "bad moth" he used to be.

Grade: C+

Kinsey Scale: 1 (The title song proclaims Shaft as "a private dick who's a sex machine with all the chicks," but he's been castrated here like a harem eunuch. Wright made his name and won a Tony Award as the drag queen nurse Belize in the original Broadway production of "Angels in America.")

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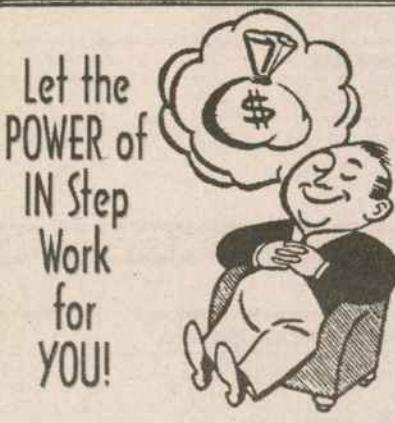
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Just in case you missed the biggest and PrideFest yet, let me give you some details ... Friday night after the parade, we were greeted at the main entrance gate with your usual bible bangers who have nothing better to do than try (and I do mean try without much success) to disrupt our celebration. A few of them got out of hand and I'm happy to report that six of those who feel the need to "show us how to live our lives," were arrested. They were given tickets and released and were told by the Milwaukee Police Department, they were not welcome near the festival grounds. My heart was broken but I quickly got over it.

Over at the Miller stage after the **Shoreline Dancers** performed, the opening ceremonies were held officially kicking off the Pride celebration weekend. **Petra Luna, Singsational**, the awards ceremonies and the **Wisconsin Title Showcase** followed. Other acts at various other stages included the **Cream City Squares**, **Flaming Dykasaurus**, **Michelle Balan**, the **Fest City Singers** and countless other worth while events.

We stayed until 10:30 p.m. taking in as much as our tired little feet could handle. OK, it didn't help hauling around six rolls of film, my dinky little backup camera and of course a beer. I almost forgot. I had a problem with my Minolta and had to use my little backup camera. By the end of the night, I was pretty cranky having to deal with that camera!

Saturday we arrived at the grounds a little after 2 p.m. with my repaired Minolta in hand and was ready for another day of shopping. I ran into many old friends and had a corn dog. I have to admit, I have never had a fresh corn dog in my life so I guess it could be considered a treat! It was OK, it was not an earth shattering experience and there are other things I would rather eat, but I at least I can say I've had one. Josh and I wandered through all of the shopping tents looking for various things including a new ring for me.

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Then a bunch of us headed to the Dance Tent and noticed the volleyball players ... a bunch of hot guys in very little clothing? Who could resist? We watched them for awhile and being the dedicated photo journalist that I am, had to take pictures. Apparently, while I was shooting the pictures, my group of friends were placing bets on how long it would take for me to — how shall I put this — pitch a tent? In the end, they all lost, I was a perfect gentleman.

After drooling over the boys, we checked out the **La Cage Dance Tent** where all the hot little boys hang out. **219's Kimberly Ann** was captain of the music ship while we were there and was doing a great job. The big event for Saturday was **CeCe Peniston** at the Miller Stage. The crowd went crazy and I'm sure CeCe knew she was performing for a very "on" crowd. The fireworks were fabulous. Milwaukee's lakefront was glimmering with pride. Hats off to the people who organized the fireworks, they truly were fantastic.

Saturday also brought in another arrest. This time it was one of our own, **Chris Hammerbeck**. It started with those pushy bible bangers placing pamphlets on all the cars in the parking lots. Well, Chris got wind of this and proceeded to take them all off. He brought them to an older lady who was responsible for them and dropped them at her feet. She raised her sign up and I guess Chris pushed it away and the old gal fell off her chair. The police showed up and arrested him. I think a good way to handle this next year is for a group of us to once again, take the literature off the vehicles and simply throw it in the trash. Nobody will get arrested and people won't have to put up with unwelcome religious stuff. Hey, maybe we should interrupt their Sunday services every week.

Sunday arrived with clouds above and a brisk breeze blowing in off the lake, making the attendance drop considerably. Many of us had already made plans to meet down there and most of our group made it. We were not going to let a little brisk weather keep us from having fun. We checked out the **IN Step Stonewall/Comedy stage**, the **Rainbow** café and of course, **Lisa Lisa** at the Miller stage. Half way through the concert, people were starting to freeze to the bone so we called it a night and headed over to Triangle for a bit of warmth. Over there Josh and I sat up on the roof to watch the fireworks and were amazed at how cool they looked reflecting off the Firststar Bank. It really was remarkable.

All in all it was a great weekend. I am now off the the mall to get the many rolls of film developed and drop this column off. Hope you had as much fun as we did and I look forward to what next year has in store for us. Until next issue, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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 Mens HIV Support Group
 Sturgeon Bay 733-2068

MADISON (608)**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Prairie Garden B&B
 W13172 Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 800/380-8427

MEDICAL

AIDS Network
 HIV/AIDS Service Organization
 600 Williamson St, 53701 252-6540
 FAX 252-6559
 AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
 222 State St, 53701 258-9103
 800/518-9910

Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)
 1552 University Avenue 53705 262-7330
 Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (HIV Counseling/Testing)
 80 1st St., Prairie du Sac, 53578 643-7583

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 2415 Winnebago St., 53704 241-5042
 Club 5 (MW, Food)
 5 Applegate Court, 53713 277-9700
 Fox Hole (W)
 5 Applegate Ct., 53713 277-9700
 3 Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)
 117 W. Main St. 53703 255-5029
 5 Ray's (MW,DJ)
 3052 E Washington, 53704 241-9335
 Greenbush (G/S, M/W, F)
 914 Regent, 53715 257-BUSH
 3 Rainbow Room (MW)
 121 West Main St., 53703 251-1030
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 5 Applegate Court, 53713 277-9700
 The Barracks (Mw, L/L)
 5 Applegate Court, 53713 277-8700

ORGANIZATIONS

Brew City Bears
 P.O. Box 8815, 53708-8815, Milw. (414) 299-0401
 e-mail bcbears@aol.com
 Campus Womens Center
 710 University Ave, #202, 53715 262-8093
 Different Spokes G/L Bicycling Club 241-8184
 18-21 Yr Old Social Group 256-2667
 Frontiers (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)
 600 Williamson St, 53703 255-8582
 Gay/Bi Father's Group
 600 Williamson St, 53703 255-8582
 Gay/Lesbian Information Recording
 (ask for tape #3333) 263-3100
 Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
 PO Box 1722, 5370
 Gay Mens Video Club
 PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675
 GALVAnize (Madison LesBiGay Pride)
 PO Box 1403, 53701 256-4289

GLBT Phone Line (Outreach's Out-line) 255-4297
 Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)

PO Box 6091, 53716
 Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group) 255-7447
 LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
 Dean of Students Office,
 75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 263-5700
 LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) UW Union 265-3344
 LesBiGay Teen Support Group 251-1126
 (Brarpatch & Picada) or 246-7606
 Lesbian, Gay & Bi Law Student Union
 UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
 Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) 251-8716
 Madison Wrestling Club
 PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

MAGIC Picnic Committee
 c/o Outreach 255-8582
 Mens Alanon 255-8582
 New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
 PO Box 1786, 53701
 Nothing to Hide (gay cable) 241-2500
 OutReach, Inc.
 600 Williamson St, 53703 255-8582
 email: outreachinc.com, web: www.outreachinc.com
 Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
 PO Box 1722, 53701
 Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)
 Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 953 Jenifer Street (Lira) 608/238-9150
 Rainbow Friends (Quaker Worship Group)
 250-9789

Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org)
 http://www.mailbag.com/users/dkr/shake.html
 4701 Judy Lane, 53704-1723 241-2500
 10% Society (student organization)
 http://tps.storg.wisc.edu, e-mail:
 execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu
 P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365
 Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
 PO Box 536, 53701
 UW LesBiGay Alumni Council (Russell Betts)
 262-2551
 Womonsong (Women's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity
 Box 730, 53701 836-8886
 Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
 University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353
 James Reel Unitarian Universalist Church
 2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887

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 (Sue Hall, Carroll College) 524-7764
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 (Request gay meetings) 771-9119
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 PO Box 840, 53201
 Bi Definition (Bisexual Community Events)
 PO Box 07541, 53207
 Nikki 774-5055
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 PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
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 P.O. Box 92722, 53202
 Counseling Center (LesBiGay support & discussion groups)
 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
 Cream City Chorus
 P. O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222
 Cream City Foundation (CCF)
 170 S. 2nd St, 53204-1409
 PO Box 204, 53201 265-0880
 Cream City Squares
 (G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080
 DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
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GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 365-3453
Membership Information 264-9180
http://www.execpc.com/~mkegamma
Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53204 372-8008
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555
Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404
Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402
Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild
209 East National, 53204
Gay People's Union
PO Box 208, 53201 645-0585
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill)
276-7626
Gemini Gender Group (TV/TG Support/Social)
PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862
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Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611, 53234-1611
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Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
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LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Awareness Alliance (LGBAA)
Stephanie King, Carroll College 524-6966
LOC/Women of Color
PO Box 93594, 53203 454-9300
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PO Box 199, 53201 299-9443
MGALA (MU Graduates)
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Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (www.mkelgbt.org)
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Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
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Pathfinders (Youth counseling, shelter)
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PrideFest (Pride Committee)
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The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
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Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645
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PO Box 510492, 53203 after 4pm 271-0378
Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)
PO Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
PO Box 76115, 53216 777-3986
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PO Box 510283, 53203-0051 962-9822
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c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565
S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery) 442-1132
WI. Leather Mens Assoc. Inc.
PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

ARCW Spiritual Care
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Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
PO Box 597, 53201 444-7177
Lake Park Lutheran Church
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211 962-9190
Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 1676, 53201 372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
UFMCC PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
5226 W. Burleigh St. 445-2696
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2717 E. Hampshire 964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)
1636 W. National 647-9199
St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229
St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664
St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave. 271-1340
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N. Astor St. 273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave. 273-7617

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 273-1991
(800) 359-9272
Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233 933-3600
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(STD diagnosis and treatment; HIV tests)
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 272-2144
Mark Huffman, M.D. (Holistic Health Services)
2414 N. Farwell Ave., 53211 332-6900
Health Options (Holistic Health Services)
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202 225-9303
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W Vliet, 53208 342-4333
Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908
STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

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196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474
Barbie's Playhouse (Wm)
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209 E. National Ave., 53204 643-6900
4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
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219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732
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235 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-DISH
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10 M&M Club (MW, F)
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29 South Water Street Docks
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20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
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30 Switch (Mw)
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135 E. National 53204 383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D)
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10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
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North Shore Bistro
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer 351-6100
Silver Dollar Cafe
831 South 16th Street, 53204 645-8860

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The Force
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Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331
Gay People's Union 645-0585
Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN
888-GAY-TEEN

Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling) 271-1560
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
(800) 334-AIDS

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Able Amazon (Home Repair) 447-0251
Affiliated Mortgage 453-6700
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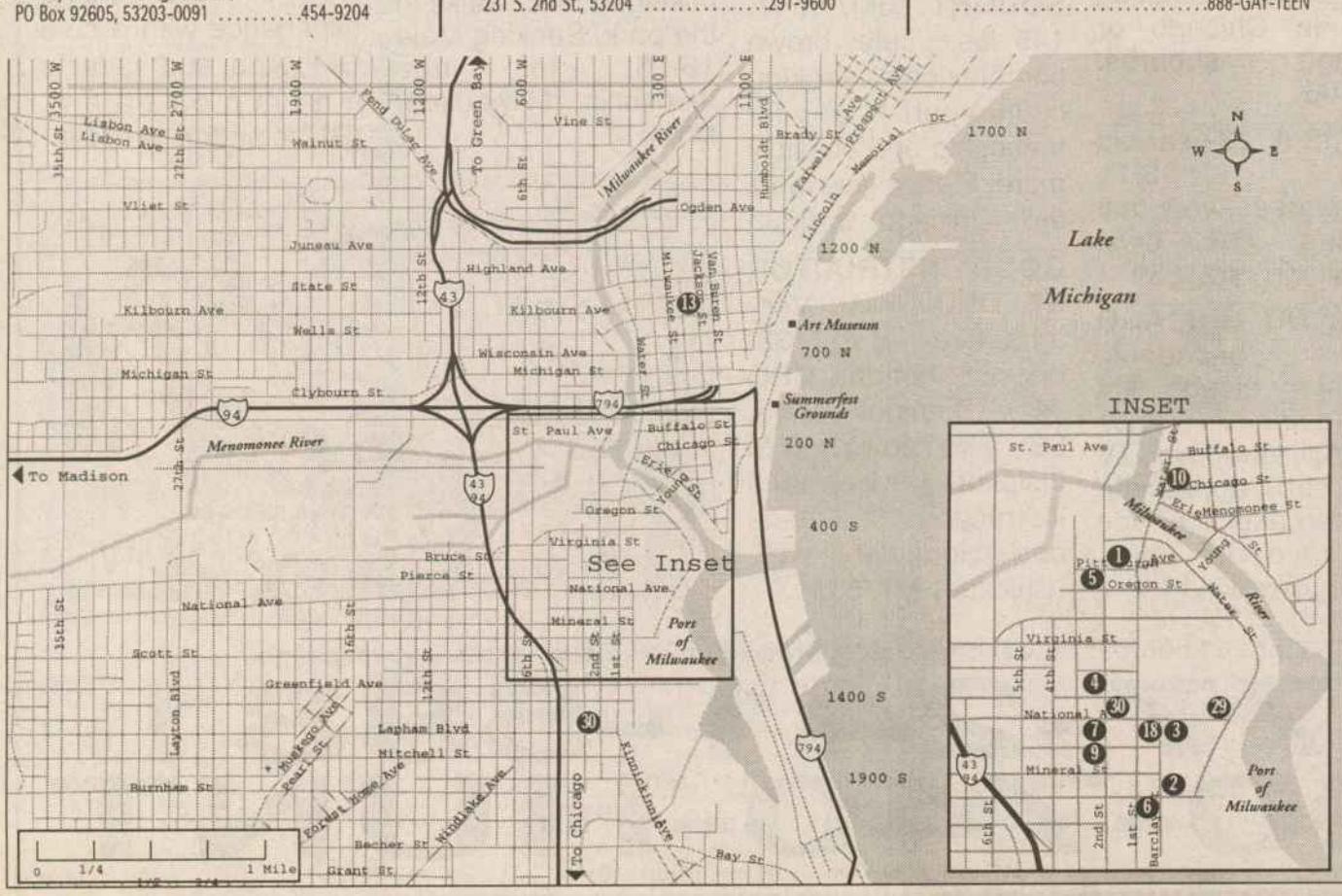
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DRESS ALL THE WAY

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SUNDAYS CAN BE

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ALWAYS HORNY

GWM, 42, always horny, 6" uncut, 165 lbs., enjoys o/s and a/s. Seeking counterpart for late night hookup. If this is interesting, give me a call. (Milwaukee) **11143**

LET'S SHARE GOOD

TIMES GM, 57, Milwaukee area, professional seeking counterpart for friendship and casual dating. Let's try to hook up, good times are ahead. **11718**

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GWM, 5'7", 230 lbs., straight-acting looking for a first time experience with a cute GM. Age and race is unimportant. (Rhineland) **19498**

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P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402 848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
320 Washington, Wausau 54401 842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: (715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, DJ)
701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 341-8862
Prince Edward B&B
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
(ask for Gay meetings) 536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806
Northern WI Lambda Society
P.O. Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
Gays/Lesbians/Bis 359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
P.O. Box 695, Washburn, 54891 682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (414)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081 457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
Sheboygan Antiques
336 Superior Avenue 53081 452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan 458-4889

RACINE/KENOSHA

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 657-6644
(800) 924-6601
Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140 857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94)
Kenosha 53140 857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143 657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) 554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie 634-4421

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Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209
AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)
P.O. Box 8486, Jonesville 53545 756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563 868-6646
Cohen House (B&B)
Mineral Point 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)
W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551 648-8457
The Closet (MW, DJ)
232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991 363-8764

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.orcw.org)
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 836-7710
(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.orcw.org)
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
(877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
P.O. Box 264, Superior 54880
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
P.O. Box 152, Wausau 54402 842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)
33 E. Spruce St., Chippewa Falls 723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (egcove@comcast.net)
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750 448-4302
GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)
105 Gorfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701
JP Creations (WEB Design) 477-8802
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701 838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880 392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011
Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 836-7710
Scooter's (MW)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 835-9959
Trio (Wm)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880 392-5373
Twin Ports Pride
P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803 (218) 728-5825
UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S
Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729 723-8490

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La Crosse, WI 54601 (800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)
P.O. Box 131, Platteville 53818 348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu
Cavalier Lounge (MW, DJ)
114 N. 5th St., La Crosse 54601 782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat 735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)
P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602 791-1963
Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Box 131, Platteville, 53818
LaCrosse L/G Support Group
c/o Campus Ministry Center 784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays 782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601 796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed and Breakfast 783-8181
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Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersswi@aol.com
P.O. Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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Gay & Lesbian Americans
P.O. Box 77533, Wash., DC 20013 (800) 889-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)
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P.O. Box 442, 9735 Douglas Dunes, Douglas, MI 49406 (800) 442-9735
Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401
Club Xpress (MW, DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829 (906) 789-0140
Little Jim's (M,V), 3501 N Holsted, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 871-6116
Lambda Car Club Int'l, P.O. Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626 (312) 465-5307
Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop)
2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 929-0069
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