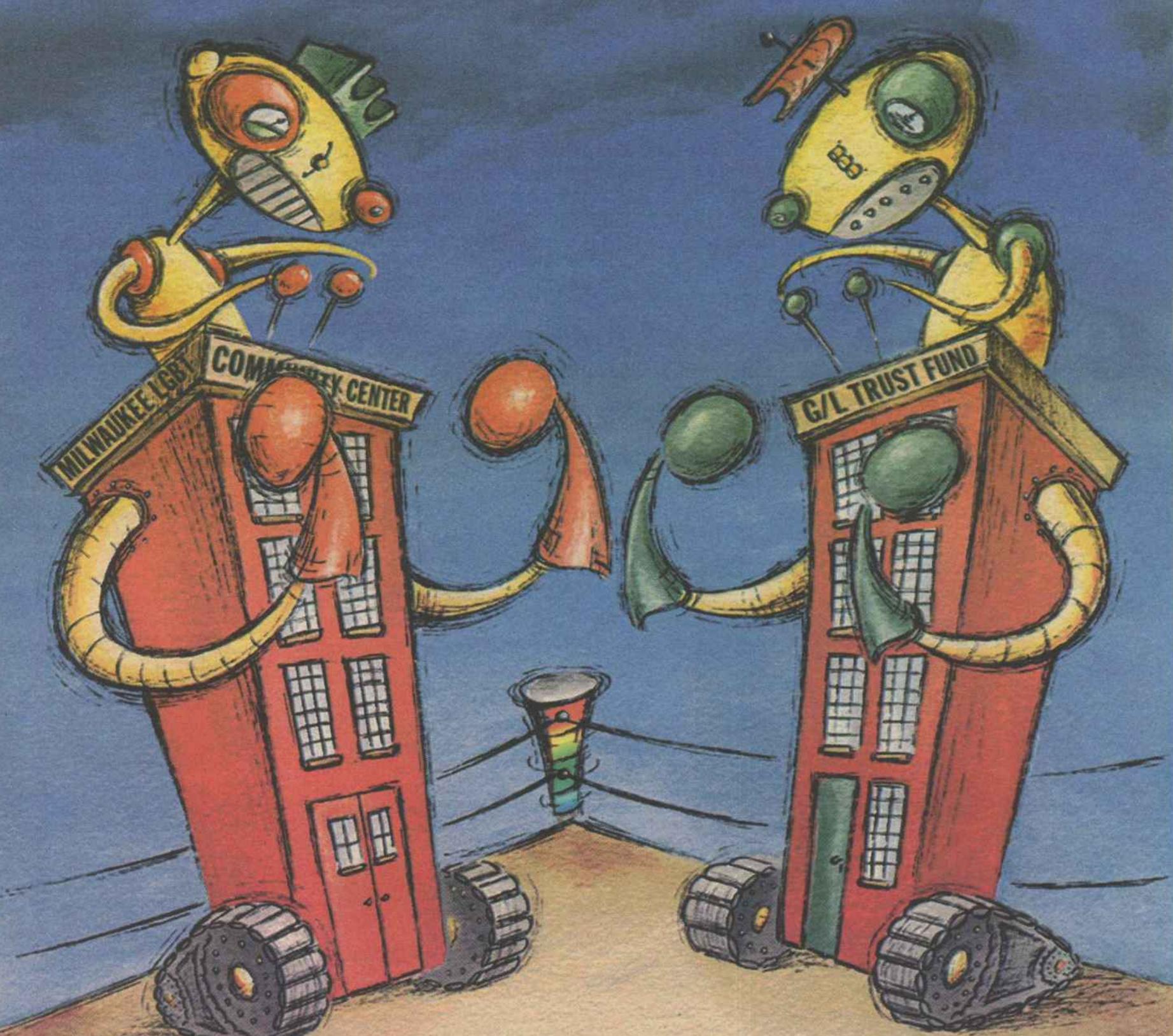


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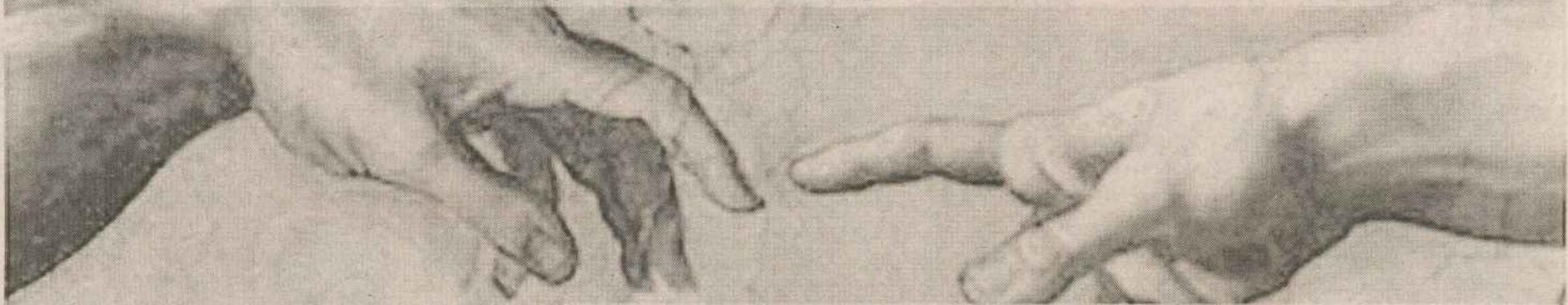
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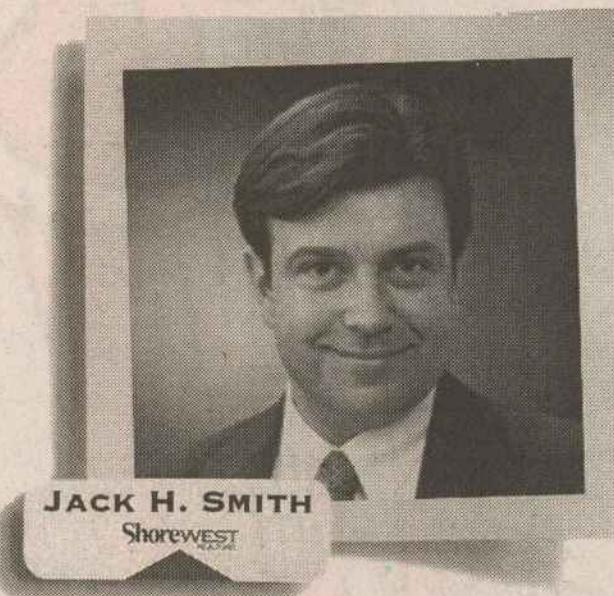
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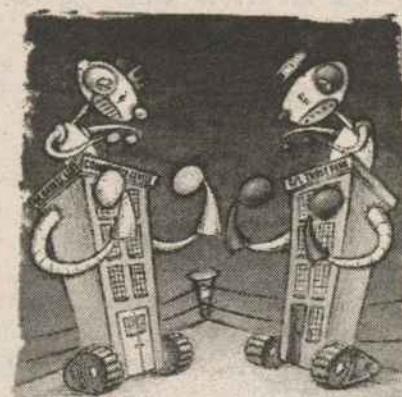
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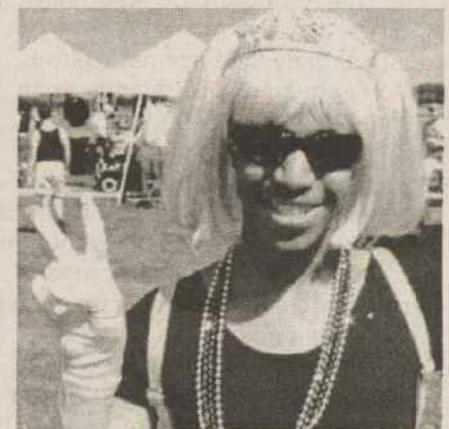
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Hate Crime Charges Filed in Barron Murder Case

By Mike Fitzpatrick

BARRON — Hate crime charges have been filed against one of the three individuals arrested for the October, 1999 murder of Michael J. Hatch here. Hatch was brutally bludgeoned to death in a rural field on the Barron/Dunn county line after being transported to the site by Raymond C. Walton, Corey L. Kralewski and Mary C. Reed. Each of the defendants' cases has been handled separately.

Last week Barron County district attorney James Babler added the modifying charge to both the first-degree homicide and attempted robbery counts already filed against Walton. Walton appeared for arraignment on the modified charges on July 26, as IN Step was going to press.

Kralewski, will be tried for first degree intentional homicide on August 7, following a change of trial venue to neighboring Polk County because of pre-trial publicity. No hate crime modifier has been added to Kralewski's charge to date.

Reed is serving a two-year prison term following her guilty plea last February to a felony charge of attempting to conceal a felony. Reed had remained in the truck while Hatch was being beaten and assisted Walton and Kralewski in washing blood from the tire irons used in the murder.

IN Step first broke the story about the possibility that Hatch might have been gay last November. Further investigation verified that Hatch has a history of same sex behavior and that information was forwarded to LGBT civil rights organizations in Wisconsin and Minnesota who then shared it with local authorities.

Episcopalians Rebuffs Same-Sex Unions, Lectures Boy Scouts

DENVER — The Episcopal Church in America has narrowly rejected a proposal to officially allow blessing of same-sex unions during its convention, although it gave a rather indirect acknowledgement of gay and lesbian couples.

The church delegates rejected a resolution that would have formally called for developing liturgy and rites for blessing same-sex unions, but then approved one that recognized there are couples "living in other lifelong committed relationships" other than marriage that should be held to the same standards of love and fidelity expected of married spouses.

It was, some critics said, typical of how the Episcopal Church ducks controversial issues by avoiding definitive stands.

Earlier, the church's House of Deputies had approved a resolution encouraging the Boy Scouts to "allow membership to youth and adult leaders irrespective of their sexual orientation."

The resolution asks local congregations where Boy Scout troops meet to "open a dialogue with the unit leaders" about anti-gay discrimination.

Pride March Casts Political and Cultural Light Over Madison

By Mike Leon

MADISON — Some 1,000 people from all over Wisconsin and neighboring states rallied with the call of politically charged speeches at the state Capitol before parading to Madison's Brittingham Park in the annual Pride march here.

The march capped a weekend of events of Madison's LGBT Pride Weekend including the Outreach Awards Dinner, 10% Dance and Magic Picnic.

Many of Dane County's major elected officials made impassioned remarks to the crowd at the Capitol, including Wisconsin's two openly gay elected officials, State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison) and U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison).

The LGBT community showed up in all its colors, and demonstrated in a peaceful, spirited fashion.

Returning from the highly successful AIDS ride, Pocan delivered his remarks with his typical mix of fighting words and acerbic wit.

"Today I want to briefly talk about the future of civil rights in Wisconsin and nationally. This past year was a very good year for the LGBT community. Yes, we had to endure the likes of Wisconsin's Christian's United's Rev. Ralph "Coco for Cocopuffs" Ovadal locally, and radio talk show and bigot Dr. Laura Schlesinger nationally," quipped Pocan. "By the way, Dr. Laura, morality is a two-way street. It's hard to be against gays and lesbians on moral grounds, yet have your own nude pictures posted across the internet even more than pictures of Brad Pitt's butt."

"But positively, we gained much," added Pocan. "More and more states have moved towards recognizing domestic partners or providing health and other benefits to their employees. Vermont became the first state in the nation to effectively allow gay marriage through a civil union bill. In Wisconsin for the first time, pro gay civil rights legislation creating domestic partnerships was introduced by myself, Rep. Frank Boyle and Sen. Fred Risser. And, the city of Madison and Dane County each decided to join the Madison Municipal School District in providing domestic partnership health benefits to their employees. It was a good year."

The remarks of U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin marked another high point of the event.

"Just a couple of months ago, I joined more than half a million gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered Americans, our friends and families as we marched in our nation's capital for equal rights. It was the third time I had marched in that city...that historic place...and, when asked, I explained that I marched so that I

NGLTF Assessing Milwaukee for "Creating Change" Conference

By Jamakaya

MILWAUKEE — Sue Hyde, Field Organizer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), visited Milwaukee July 11-12 to assess whether the city might serve as the site for the national "Creating Change" conference in 2001. Hyde is committed to choosing a site in the Midwest.

The 13th annual "Creating Change" conference takes place this November in Atlanta. The conference draws several thousand participants each year for organizing and skills-building seminars around the issues of anti-gay violence, HIV/AIDS, domestic partnerships, youth advocacy, queer studies, media images, military bias and more. Its primary focus is on leadership development at the grass roots level.

"The prospect of hosting this conference is very exciting for the city of Milwaukee," Neil Albrecht, executive director of the LGBT Community Center, told IN Step. "Historically, 'Creating Change' conferences have served as catalysts for community development in the host cities. If it happens, it will be a great day for our community."

About 20 representatives of local organizations were hastily called to a meeting with Hyde at the LGBT Center on Wednesday evening, July 12. Groups represented included the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), Senior Action in a Gay



Rep. Tammy Baldwin Marches in the Madison Pride Parade.

...so that we...could replace our fear with courage, our isolation with belonging, our anger with hope," intoned Baldwin to loud cheers. Today, I march in our own city, in this historic place, for the same reasons...to replace fear with courage, isolation with belonging, anger with hope. And I also march to celebrate."

Baldwin also spoke of the granting of domestic partnership benefits by the Big Three automakers to their employees, and the many other successes the 1999-2000 year saw across the country.

Rex Loehe, an openly gay candidate for Madison's 2nd Common Council District offered his thoughts on the weekend: "At some point in the future in every region of the country, open LGBT people running for political office will be considered as typical as anyone else running. Times are changing, and we all will keep doing the hard work to make this a reality."

Environment (SAGE), Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, PrideFest, Pasión Latina, Cream City Foundation, Black and White Men Together, House of Infinity and others.

Hyde asked everyone to introduce themselves and say a little about their organizations. She then described the "Creating Change" conference and the substantial organizing work involved in pulling it off successfully. If Milwaukee is chosen, the conference would take place in November, 2001. It would be based at the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown but parts of the Midwest Express Center might also be utilized. Hyde said that each host city is expected to form a "host committee" to assist with the myriad of details. She got an enthusiastic response from those present.

"I am very excited about the prospect of having a national conference here," said Fai DeMark, co-chair of LAMM.

"The benefits to Milwaukee hosting this type of conference are significant. It increases the national visibility of our LGBT community and makes the conference much more accessible for community members. Conferences of this type are a wonderful way to not only meet with others from around the country and build skills, but are a great way to galvanize the community along some common goals and strategies."

"Not to mention the social possibilities!" DeMark added.

Hyde met with officials of the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Hyatt Hotel and the Midwest Express Center. She is assessing the accommodations, conference facilities, and the costs involved. Milwaukee is apparently vying with two other potential host cities for the 2001 conference. Hyde told the LGBT Center's Albrecht that she expected to make her final decision in a few weeks.

"Whether we get it or not this time around," Albrecht said of the NGLTF conference, "It really speaks to a growing national awareness of LGBT things here in Milwaukee. We should be proud."

Shift in Strategies in Battle with Boy Scouts

By Keith Clark

Washington — The court battle with the Boy Scouts of America may have ended when the U.S. Supreme Court narrowly ruled June 28 that the youth organization does not have to admit homosexuals, but the pressure against the group to change its policy has shifted to high gear.

Eleven members of Congress sent President Clinton a letter in mid-July asking him to step down from his honorary post as national head of the Scouts because the high court ruling institutionalizes its anti-gay discrimination.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) and 10 of her House colleagues said in a letter to Clinton: "In order to disavow this policy of intolerance, as well as to clarify any misperception of implicit presidential approval, we urge you, the leader of our nation, to resign as the honorary head of the BSA (Boy Scouts of America)."

Clinton's role as honorary head of the Boy Scouts is symbolic, but his signature appears on certificates given to boys who qualify as Eagle Scouts, and the president is always invited to speak at the group's quadrennial jamborees. Clinton addressed the Boy Scouts in 1997 at its Bowling Green, Va., jamboree, noting that since William Howard Taft in 1910, "every president has proudly served as your honorary president."

Just days after Rep. Woolsey sent her letter to Clinton, Elizabeth Toledo, head of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, sent a similar letter to the president, also calling on him to resign his honorary post in the Boy Scouts.

"Nothing contributes more to hate violence than for adult role models to teach that intolerance of difference is 'morally straight,'" Toledo said in her letter. "It would be unfortunate if all your

good efforts to end hate violence were vitiating by continued association with institutionalized intolerance."

Although Clinton aides said the president doesn't agree with the Boy Scout policy barring gays, the White House has made no official statement in response to either letter.

Not satisfied with that, Woolsey says she and other members of Congress will also introduce legislation to repeal the 84-year-old charter of the Scouts.

"We're not saying they're bad," Woolsey said in announcing the planned repeal. "We're saying intolerance is bad, and I don't see any reason why the federal government should be supporting it."

A congressional charter is also largely symbolic, given generally to patriotic, charitable or education groups. The Boy Scouts received a charter from Congress in 1916.

But only about 90 organizations have congressional charters and Rep. Woolsey says it "gives the impression that an organization has a congressional seal of approval" that such groups often highlight in raising funds.

And funding quickly became a main pressure point when the United Way of Southeastern New England notified the Rhode Island Boy Scouts that beginning in January the charitable organization would no longer fund groups that discriminate for any reason, including sexual orientation.

"We concluded that it was time for the United Way to act and to be a leader on this," said William Allen of the Southeastern New England United Way in announcing the anti-bias policy.

The United Way notified all the agencies that currently get some \$7.3 million from the community charity, including Rhode Island's Narragansett Council of

Boy Scouts which in the last grant year received \$200,000 of United Way funds, of the new anti-bias policy.

Ironically, the Rhode Island Scouts, along with the Minnesota state chapter, were the only two state scouting chapters that called on the national organization to reconsider its anti-gay policies before the legal case headed for the nation's high court.

But the Rhode Island chapter says it's now in a tough position because its policies have to conform to the national organization's or face the loss of its Boy Scout charter. But the state youth group also doesn't want to have the United Way funding — which is hardly insignificant — cut off either.

Meanwhile, the United Way says starting in January, if the state Boy Scouts haven't signed its anti-bias pledge, the charity group is prepared to divert the \$200,000 to some other youth group doing similar work.

In Michigan, the Triangle Foundation has asked Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer cancel some \$50,000 in city funding to the local Boy Scouts, arguing that the youth group's anti-gay policies violate Detroit's city charter and human rights ordinances.

The Michigan gay rights group is also asking city officials to end other official support of the Scouts, including the use by scouting troops of police and fire department facilities.

Tucson, Ariz., was one of seven U.S. cities that filed amicus briefs in the Supreme Court case, asking the high court to prohibit the Boy Scouts from excluding homosexuals. Now, both the Tucson city council and the local United Way are being asked to follow through and suspend all financial support for the youth group.

Amelia Craig Cramer, co-chair of the Tucson City Council's gay and lesbian advisory commission, says the city "can refuse to provide funding to any Boy Scout-related activities." That direct city funding amounts to just over \$29,000. The Tucson United Way is also being asked to cut its \$25,000 Boy Scout funding as well, activists said.

In addition, Cramer, who also heads the Arizona Human Rights Fund in Phoenix, said that statewide group plans to ask prominent Arizona businesses that contribute heavily to United Way to stop giving to the charitable organization unless the Boy Scouts either change their anti-gay policies or the United Way stops funding the youth groups.

Steve Hall, head of Wingspan, Tucson's gay and lesbian community center, said, "They [the Boy Scouts] want to have it both ways. They want to be a public accommodation by receiving taxpayer support, but they also want to say they're a private organization that can discriminate against certain groups. The net effect is that public money is funding discrimination."

Nearly a dozen United Way organizations around the country have already severed their ties with the Scouts because of BSA's anti-gay policies. In the wake of the Supreme Court decision, however, the funding fight is heating up around the country.

Three Executed in Saudi Arabia

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates —

The official Saudi Press Agency has reported that three men convicted of "the extreme obscenity of homosexuality and imitating women" as well as molesting underage youths were executed.

The Saudi Arabian government administers Islamic law, which requires the death penalty for murder, rape, drug smuggling and homosexuality.

Possible Sexual Link in W.Va. Murder Case

FAIRMONT, W.Va. — Two 17-year-olds faced their first hearing on charges they beat to death Arthur "J.R." Warren, 26, then ran over him several times to make his death appear to be a hit-and-run accident.

Authorities still aren't releasing the names of the youths until the court decides if they should be tried as adults or not, but news sources throughout the area have said the two youths are David Allen Parker and Jared Wilson.

Several news sources also reported they had been told by several sources, including a member of the Warren family, that one — or both — of the suspects was having a sexual relationship with the dead man and that he had planned to reveal their relationship.

The news sources reported they had been told Warren had apparently been killed in an effort to silence him.

Reporters and the public were barred from the preliminary hearing and officials are keeping absolutely silent about anything to do with the case and it was still uncertain if the two will be tried as juveniles or adults, or if hate-crime charges will be added.

The two suspects are white, and Warren was black.

Reform Rabbi Quits Boy Scouts

NEW YORK — Rabbi Paul Menitoff, executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, has resigned as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts program because of its anti-gay policies.

In a letter to the head of the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Rabbi Menitoff wrote, "I am a 58-year-old heterosexual male. I cannot, however, be associated with any organization that engages in discrimination against homosexuals. It is unacceptable and is an affront to the principles upon which our great country stands."

Family Week Held

SAUGATUCK, Mich. — Family Week 2000, a conference for the children and moms and dads of lesbians and gays dealing with family issues, took place in the popular Douglas-Saugatuck resort area in western Michigan July 15 through 21.

The conference was sponsored by the Family Pride Coalition, based in San Diego, Calif., and Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE).

Wisconsin AIDS Ride Draws Record Number of Riders



Participating in this year's Twin Cities to Wisconsin to Chicago AIDS Ride 5 was openly gay State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison; center), who rode the entire 500 miles of the route. Pictured at a rest stop on the UW campus with Pocan are State Rep. Peter Bock (D-Milwaukee) and Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, who rode the Dane County part of the route as a statement of solidarity. This year's ride attracted 235 riders: a new record. Additionally, a higher percentage of registered riders completed the ride, and administrative costs continued to decline. As a result, this year's ride will bring about \$335,000 to the 3 Wisconsin beneficiaries: the AIDS Network, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the National Minority AIDS Council. This was the first time that the ride traveled through downtown Madison, and hundreds came out to greet the riders on a red-ribbon adorned State Street.

Presbyterians OK Ban of Same-Sex Unions

LONG BEACH, Calif. — In a vote that reflects deep divisions about the role of gays and lesbians, the policy committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted 268-251 to continue a prohibition against ministers officiating at same-sex unions.

The amendment to the church's basic rules now has to win approval of its 171 regional presbyteries, or districts.

The issue arose in the 2.5-million-member denomination most recently in May when a church court ruled that pastors can perform holy union ceremonies — as long as they clearly distinguish them from traditional marriages.

Delegates at the convention later resoundingly approved a resolution calling for the church to find better ways to offer "pastoral care for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons."

But many gays and lesbians in the church say it has already spent too much time studying the role of homosexuals while continuing to treat gays and lesbians as "second-class Christians."

Some observers say the denomination is hopelessly divided on the issue and a schism may be the only resolution.

New London Mayor Wants Same-Sex Couples Registry

LONDON — Speaking at London's gay Mardi Gras celebration, the city's new mayor, Ken Livingstone, said he would work to establish a civil ceremony and registry for same-sex couples who want to officially record their relationships.

Livingstone said, "We are going to talk to lesbian and gay people about a civil register of gay couples. It would not have the force of law, but we value all loving relationships as equal. Slowly the world will change and hopefully it's moving in the right direction."

Raleigh Settles Dispute Over Drag Shows

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's The Front Page reports that a prolonged 5-year fight over drag shows at a popular Raleigh gay bar has finally been resolved with city officials and the Legends club agreeing to new rules for what the city considers adult entertainment.

The city had been trying to shut down Legends for five years, insisting that drag shows at the club violated "adult cabaret" zoning restrictions. The managers at Legends, however, had insisted the shows were perfectly legal and had fought back.

The city and Legends finally agreed to settle the dispute with the club adopting a strict set of guidelines for its drag performers which the city ironically has now adopted as part the bias guidelines of the city code.

Youth Gather in Milwaukee for NYAC Conference

By William Attewell

MILWAUKEE — The National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) held its third annual Midwest Region Conference in Milwaukee on July 21-23 drawing over 100 LGBTQ youth from Wisconsin and across the country.

Sponsored by NYAC, Project Q and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, the conference was billed as a "skills building conference" designed for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, advisors, counselors and parents. Youth representing groups from around the Midwest included Galaxy from La Crosse, Briarpatch from Madison, Horizons from Chicago and Project Q from Milwaukee among others.

"This conference is an incredible opportunity for young people to have their issues talked about in a way that is safe and acceptable," Craig Bowman, Executive Director of NYAC told *IN Step*. "I think that many times our community forgets the important role young people have to play in helping us achieve our civil rights goals."

The conference featured a dance, and a series of workshops held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on a wide range of topics ranging from safe sex for women to gender and identity issues to homophobia and HIV prevention.

"The conference is a great opportunity for youth to talk to each other in a safe place and a safe environment and to really begin to understand how they fit into this larger civil rights movement we are all a part of," added Bowman.

"I learned how I could actually be helping my community and be more involved in our community ... making it stronger," Kevin Little a 15 year old attendee from Milwaukee told *IN Step*. "I got good information about GLBT issues and I learned a lot about transgender issues."

Helen Harris, 18 of Milwaukee and co-president of Project Q

told *IN Step* that she didn't know much about NYAC before the conference but would now like to attend their national conference to be held in Washington this fall.

Kurt Dyer, co-president of Project Q stated he appreciated the opportunity to network with other people and organizations and sees the event as "a stepping stone to bring other conferences to Milwaukee."

"We are very excited to be able to hold the conference here in Milwaukee," added Bowman. "This area has a great history of activist politics and we are glad the conference can benefit from that."

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition solely focuses on advocacy, education and information addressing the broad range of issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. NYAC represents the interests of GLBT youth and over 500 organizations nationwide providing support services to GLBT youth.

Idaho Public TV Restriction May Be Headed for Court

BOISE, Idaho — When Idaho Public Television's KAID aired a documentary about homosexuality, the state legislature earlier this year approved a measure restricting programming on the station. And the state's attorney general has said in a legal analysis of the new law that free speech isn't an issue in the legislation at all.

"Public television is the government speaking," said Deputy Attorney General Kevin Satterlee. "The legal authority of the legislature to do that clearly exists."

But a coalition of media organizations has warned the lawmakers in a letter that limiting programming based on content violates the Constitution's free speech guarantees.

"So far, I haven't seen any cases where the government itself has been able to come in and dictate the type of programming that public broadcast stations can run," says Debora Kristensen, an attorney who co-wrote the letter for the media groups. "It would just defeat the purpose of public broadcasting in the United States."

The new law, which goes into effect in August, requires KAID-TV to submit monthly program schedules for approval in advance. The Idaho chapter of the ACLU says it is watching the unprecedented situation and expects the legislation to end up being challenged in court.

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Army Review Clears Fort Campbell Officers

By Keith Clark

Washington — An Army inquiry has absolved command officers at Fort Campbell, Ky., where a gay soldier was murdered last year, of responsibility and concluded that there was no general anti-gay atmosphere at the military base, Defense Department officials say.

CBS News and the "Washington Post" reported on the review, conducted by Lt. Gen. Michael Ackerman, the Army's inspector general, but the report itself hasn't yet been released.

But news sources have reported that the review found troubling anti-gay attitudes among some of the company in the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, even though Gen. Ackerman concluded the division as a whole didn't manifest any unusual homophobic climate.

Last year, Pfc. Barry Winchell was beaten to death with a baseball bat in his barracks at the huge base and two soldiers were later convicted and sentenced to prison in connection with the killing. During one of the military trials, testimony by soldiers at the base indicated that Winchell was repeatedly harassed by anti-gay taunts for months before he was murdered.

Pvt. Calvin Glover was convicted of the killing in a military trial and sentenced to life in prison for beating Winchell to death with a baseball bat as he lay in his bunk. Winchell's roommate, Spc. Justin Fisher, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in the murder.

The killing — and the base's handling of the investigation — drew sharp criticism of Fort Campbell officials and the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Maj. Gen. Robert Clark, then commander of the 101st Airborne Division, asked for the inspector general review in the wake of the killing and the criticism.

According to reports, the review of the base found that even though there were anti-gay attitudes in the company Winchell and his killers served in, there was no evidence of anti-gay prejudice at the base and that no officers — including Clark — should be held responsible for the killing.

Patricia Kuttleles of Kansas City, Mo., mother of the murdered soldier, told reporters she was "appalled" at what she had heard of the inspector general's review.

"As far as I'm concerned, this was a failure of the whole chain of command from the general on down," she said. Mrs. Kuttleles has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the Army because of her son's death.



Pfc. Barry Winchell

Gay Hearing?

New Study Suggests Masculinization of Hearing in Lesbians, Gays

By Keith Clark

Chicago — A newly published research report indicates that gay men and lesbians respond differently to auditory stimulus than their non-gay counterparts.

Researchers at the University of Texas report in the "Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology" that subjects' brain activity responses to certain sounds were "masculinized" — meaning they were closer to male responses — in lesbians and bisexual females, and hypermasculinized in gay men.

Dennis McFadden, professor of experimental psychology at the University of Texas, and his colleague, Craig Champlin, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, co-authored the report.

The scientists said their study started with an interest in the auditory system as a window into how the brain works. The researchers looked at the differences in hearing between men and women, between twins and among infants. They didn't actually begin their study looking for differences based on sexual orientation, but they looked at distinctions there as their research progressed.

The study group's brain waves were measured when successions of brief clicking sounds were sounded, the scientists said. The brain waves were recorded

to give them a graphic insight into its functioning in response to the sounds.

"Our results aren't alone," Champlin said.

Champlin said no other studies have compared the auditory responses of homosexuals and heterosexuals, but others have found similar types of general patterns in physical studies. In a University of California study, the length of the index and fourth fingers were studied. Lesbians had a shorter index finger than heterosexual females.

McFadden had previously studied the cochlea, or inner ear, and said lesbians and bisexual females have inner ears that were more masculine than heterosexual females in its responses. But no differences were found between homosexual and heterosexual males other than the hyper-masculinization among gay men.

The results of the auditory study, the scientists say, suggests that the biological components of homosexuality may develop differently in males and females.

"It's additional evidence of there being both biological and physiological components to homosexuality," McFadden said.

Champlin said the researchers will continue to analyze their findings.

"We will continue to evaluate the data in different ways," Champlin said, adding that some interesting things are emerging as the team does more in-depth analysis.

The working hypothesis is that the levels of certain hormones during prenatal development might be a key factor in the masculinization effect on homosexual males and females, he said.

Couple Leaving Texas Town for Wisconsin Over School Harassment

GONZALES, Texas — Lesbian moms Sonny McDaniel and Sandy McGill say they are moving from their longtime home in Gonzales, Texas, because they're worried about the safety of their 5th-grade daughter as well as their own.

McDaniel is the birth-mother of a student at Gonzales Middle School who has been the object of anti-gay harassment by other students despite attempts by the women to get school officials — including the district board — to put a stop to the attacks aimed at their daughter because the two women are lesbians.

The women said the school board was no help and that teachers at the school either ignored the harassment or contributed to it.

The family says they are relocating to Madison, Wisc.

Nelson Mandela Speaks at Closing of AIDS Conference

DURBAN, South Africa — Saying that half of South Africa's young people will die of AIDS-related illnesses, former President Nelson Mandela closed the 13th International AIDS Conference.

Mandela addressed issues ranging from HIV testing to a defense of South Africa's current President Thabo Mbeki even though they differ widely on HIV. Mbeki has been sharply criticized because he has said HIV isn't the cause of AIDS.

Mandela said, "Problems of this nature are not addressed by one person, no matter how famous or influential. We must do what has been done in Senegal, Uganda, and Thailand, and everyone's help is needed."

Methodist Bishop May Face Charges

CHICAGO — John Juergensmeyer, a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, has filed church complaints against Northern Illinois Bishop C. Joseph Sprague saying he is unfit to serve and should be removed from his post as a church leader.

Juergensmeyer charged that Sprague disrupted the Methodist Church's general conference in Cleveland this May where Sprague was arrested twice as part of protests over the church's policies restricting gays and lesbians.

He also charged that Sprague violated church law by not defrocking the Rev. Gregory Dell for officiating at same-sex unions and that Sprague used church funds "for the promotion of homosexuality, contrary to the Book of Discipline."

Sprague told the United Methodist News Service that Juergensmeyer's complaints were "part of an organized effort of a small, very vocal minority" that wanted to stifle any pro-gay advocacy in the church.

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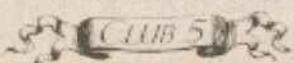
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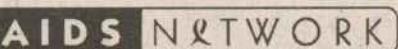
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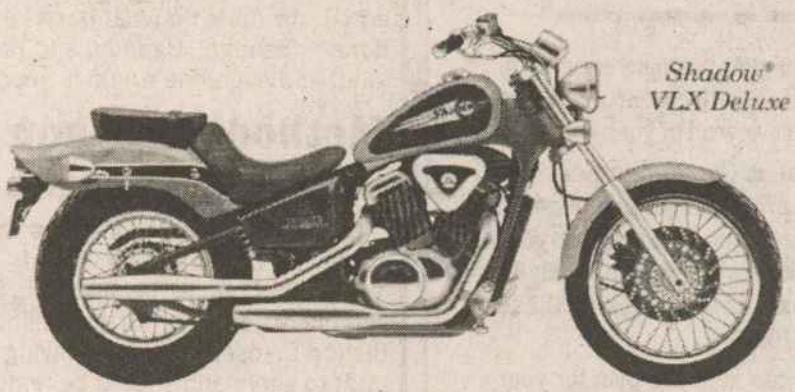


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Gay Republicans Torn Between Political Practicality vs. Political Progress

By Mubarak S. Dahir

For openly gay Philadelphia resident Jesse Walters, attending the Republican National Convention this year is a dream come true. However, what's likely to happen at the convention specifically for gay Republicans that immediately follows is likely to cause him conflict.

Walters has been involved with the Republican Party since he was a teenager. At age 15, he was the state chair of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Teenage Republicans. At his university, he was president of the College Republicans. He's remained a party faithful ever since.

His attendance as an alternate delegate at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia July 31 through August 3 is the climax of a lifelong commitment to the Republican Party. And its doubly exciting that the city he calls home is hosting the convention.

But what has Walters most excited is that he will be one of 18 openly gay delegates and alternates at the Republican party's biggest, and most important, gala of the year. "I'm going to the opening reception with my partner and our son," says Walters. "I can't wait to see the look on some people's faces. For those in the [Republican] party who hate [gays and lesbians], it's important they see we are there and that we're not going away."

This year, the 8 openly gay delegates and 10 openly gay alternates can boast they are the largest contingent of gay Republicans ever to attend their party's convention. The number of openly gay representatives has grown 450% since

1996, when they numbered only four.

With a total of 4132 representatives (split evenly between 2066 delegates and 2066 alternates), the gay Republican caucus is still a minute fraction in its party. And their numbers are dwarfed by gay and lesbian counterparts attending the rival



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Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles starting August 14. According to Mark Spengler, director of glbt outreach at the Democratic National Committee, an estimated 200 openly gay and lesbian delegates will attend the Democratic convention, up from about 140 in 1996.

Still, to gay Republicans, the boost in numbers represents palpable achievement in a party long hostile to any gay representation whatsoever. And they hope it signals the beginning of a permanent, if admittedly laggardly, shift in Republican attitudes.

"It shows the diminishing influence of the religious right and the moderation of the party in general," believes Brian Bennett, a California Republican party central committee member, and convention delegate.

The 18 out Republicans at the convention are determined to capitalize on this hopeful sentiment by making their presence count.

"I'm not going to have it painted on my forehead, but I'll be wearing a Log Cabin lapel pin," says Jeffrey Bissiri, presi-

NGLTF Says Republican V.P. Hopeful, Dick Cheney is Anti-Gay

New York — Former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, Gov. George W. Bush's pick for vice presidential nominee, has a lengthy conservative record that includes opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, opposition to reproductive choice, and opposition to lifting a ban on gay, lesbian and bisexual people being able to serve in the military according to background research released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Cheney in 1993 opposed President Clinton's effort to lift the military ban and openly gay, lesbian and bisexual servicemembers. At the height of the debate, Cheney warned that defense cuts and the proposal to lift the ban "have led to a decline in the quality of military recruits." He added that "the whole reduction in defense spending, the controversy over gays in the military, has led to an unwillingness to serve and low morale."

According to the NGLTF, Cheney opposed the Equal Rights Amendment, opposes reproductive choice and supports prayer in public schools.

Cheney also serves as a trustee of the arch-conservative American Enterprise Institute, where he was a former senior fellow. The American Enterprise Institute is home to many right-wing thinkers, such as former Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Charles Murray, author of "The Bell Curve," a book which suggests that differences in intelligence exist between blacks and whites and that these differences are genetic and immutable. American Enterprise Institute scholars have also been outspoken in their opposition to equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

"George W. Bush has flubbed the most important decision in his presidential campaign," said Elizabeth Toledo, NGLTF executive director. "His compassionate conservatism holds out no compassion whatsoever for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Furthermore, it sends a chilling signal to women, to people of color and to those concerned with fairness and equality that a major political party would offer up a candidate with such a background to the voters. This selection demonstrates that right-wing, religious extremists are still a powerful force on the political landscape."

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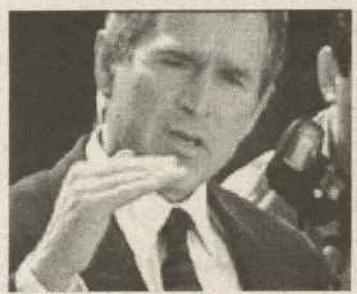
dent of the Los Angeles Log Cabin chapter, and an alternate to the convention. "I intend to make it a part of my discussion with people whose hands I shake."

This age-old edict of personalizing gay rights by coming out—in this case to fellow delegates or party big-wigs at convention social affairs—may not result in immediate changes to the Republican party platform, but it has the effect of "improving the overall climate for gays and lesbians," says Sloan Wiesen, a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a nonpartisan organization in Washington D.C. dedicated to getting openly gay and lesbian candidates elected to public office.

Wiesen calls the jump in gay Republican delegates "a great deal of progress," and echoes the gay Republican optimism that it foreshadows a better future for gays and lesbians in the Republican party. Wiesen points to history to prove his point: the gay Republicans are doing today what gay and lesbian Democrats did 15 to 20 years ago. And he says there is every reason to believe that, in time, it will have the same effect of "moving the party closer to equal rights."

How much this year's Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush will aid in that eventual goal, however, is a matter of intense disagreement among gay Republicans still torn about whether or not to offer the candidate their endorsement. The hardest part of the week for gay Republicans may not come at their party's general convention, but at the smaller one immediately following it, on August 4. That's when 300 members of the Log Cabin Republicans will convene for their own convention in Philadelphia to decide whether or not Mr. Bush deserves their nod of approval.

If Jesse Walters is ecstatic about attending his party's general convention, he is more apprehensive about the task of debating Mr. Bush's Log Cabin endorsement. "I'm really torn between wanting to keep the doors open with the Republican party, versus the



Texas Gov. George W. Bush

real problems I have with how [George W. Bush] might treat gay people if he becomes president. I don't know how to reconcile it."

Leaders of the Log Cabin group admit the organization is sharply divided between those who argue the group must surrender to political practicality and endorse Bush, as opposed to those who question what the Texas governor has actually done to deserve their support.

"That divide is going to be our main sticking point," concedes Scott Huch, vice president of the Northern Virginia Log Cabin chapter, and a Bush supporter. "While we want to fight for gay and lesbian civil rights, we also wear another hat: as a Republican auxiliary. The assumption of Republican auxiliaries is that they support the Republican candidates."

David Greer, president of the Philadelphia Log Cabin Republicans, says the emotional debate underscores that "we as a group are still trying to figure out the best way to fight for gays and lesbians in the Republican party." He argues for endorsing Bush, saying it "gets us back into the game. If we don't endorse him, we would have no voice in a future Bush administration."

But even many stalwart and enthusiastic gay Republicans such as Jesse Walters reject such reasoning. "I understand the importance of being good foot soldiers and keeping the peace," says Walters. "But there isn't anything I can point to at all that says he's sensitive to our issues—even the easy ones, like hate crimes and no employment discrimination. [Bush] is all lip service and no concessions. As a gay person, I can't justify giving him my support."

So on August 4, when it comes time for the Log Cabin Republicans to vote on whether or not they tie their fate to their party's irresolute candidate, "I think I'll have to go to the bathroom," Walters predicts.

Non-Disclosure of HIV Status Rising

DURBAN, South Africa — While there was little hard medical news out of the 13th International AIDS Conference this year, one particularly disturbing research study suggests that HIV-positive gay men are the most likely group not to reveal their status to sexual partners.

The study, conducted by the University of California-San Francisco and involving some 1,397 HIV-positive people throughout the U.S., found that 16 percent of the gay men in the survey said they had had unprotected sex at least once during the previous 6 month with a partner they did not tell about their infection.

The study found that the rate of unprotected sex among HIV-positive straight men and women who had not revealed their status was only about 5 percent.

Wisconsin HIV Infections Down in the '90s

MILWAUKEE — According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, new HIV infections in Wisconsin were cut almost in half in the past decade.

The paper cited state health figures and data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that indicated new HIV infections fell from 686 cases in 1993 to just 375 in 1999.

The newspaper reported that AIDS experts say the sharp drop in new cases is mostly the result of aggressive prevention efforts in the state that include a voluntary partner notification service and successful needle exchange programs in several of the state's largest cities.

The state also receives the highest level of federal prevention funds per AIDS case of states with its case level, between 2,000 and 20,000 AIDS cases.

Transsexual Wins \$2.1 M Judgment Against Wal-Mart

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — A New Jersey state court has ruled that Wal-Mart Stores Inc. must pay Ricky Bourdouval \$2.1 million for ridiculing and then firing her in 1997 because she is a transsexual.

At the time, Bourdouval had begun therapy as part of a sex-change operation but was still technically male—a fact that was reflected on her employment application.

Even though everyone at the Piscataway, N.J., store where Bourdouval worked as a cashier apparently just assumed she was female, when a superior double checked the application and saw she had checked "male" as her gender, the harassment apparently began—and eventually led to Bourdouval being fired.

A spokesperson for Wal-Mart said the firm will try to have the decision overturned.

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Feminists Plan to Protest "Promise Keepers"

Milwaukee — The College Feminists at UWM and Milwaukee NOW are sponsoring several forums for interested individuals to learn more about and challenge the conservative men's organization, the Promise Keepers. The Promise Keepers will be meeting in Milwaukee in August.

On Monday, August 7, the UWM College Feminists and Milwaukee NOW will hold a Speakers Rally/Teach-In at 7 p.m. in the UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. On Friday, August 11, the groups will hold protests/demonstrations at 3 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the Bradley Center (1001 North 4th Street), where the Promise Keepers will be meeting. On Saturday, August 12, they will again hold demonstrations at 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Bradley Center.

Anyone interested in speaking, participating, or otherwise getting involved in these events, or needing more information, can contact Amy at (414) 229-6555 or by e-mail at aimid@uwm.edu.

Coming Out Groups for Women Begin in September

Milwaukee — The LGBT Community Center, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and The Counseling Center are collaborating on support groups aimed at women who are just coming out of the closet as lesbians.

Beginning on September 21, a weekly support group will be offered that will run in 8-10 week intervals. The groups will provide women newly out with a safe and confidential environment in which to share and discuss their personal experiences.

"For most women, the experience of coming out is a celebration of being honest with their identity," said Kathy Herbst,

Program Manager at the LGBT Center. "However, sometimes friends are lost and family members are confused and additional support is necessary."

Women interested in enrolling in the support group that starts in September should call Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Center Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is in need of volunteers to staff the front desk during the Center's drop-in hours. Front desk volunteers greet people, coordinate meeting room activities, answer the telephone and provide community members with resource and referral information.

"Becoming a front desk volunteer is a great way to meet people to give back to the LGBT community," according to Neil Albrecht, executive director of the Center. "The Center has really become a hub of activity. Last year, we hosted over 725 meetings and activities. The operations of the LGBT Center rely heavily on volunteer support."

Volunteer training sessions are scheduled monthly. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. To volunteer, call Kathy Herbst at (414) 271-2656.

Milwaukee Rainbow Associations Picnic July 30

Milwaukee — On Sunday, July 30 from 2-6 p.m. at Mitchell Park (next to the Domes), there will be a summer picnic for Milwaukee area LGBTs sponsored by the city's Rainbow Neighborhood Association. All LGBTs and their allies are welcome; membership in one of the Rainbow Associations is not required. Softball is planned for 3pm. Bring bats, softballs and gloves, along with blankets, lawn chairs and suntan lotion. In case of rain, the Mitchell Park Pavilion is reserved.

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Please contact Jean Ligocki at jmhjml@milwpc.com, (414) 962-1050, or Jennie Ragland at jennie38@execpc.com for more information.

AIDS Walk Bar Competition Gearing Up

Milwaukee — The race is on as gay and lesbian bars throughout Wisconsin kick-off the annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin bar team competition.

Bar teams are competing to get members and raise the most money to win the AIDS Walk traveling trophy and show support for people affected by HIV and AIDS.

"Bar teams have always been an important part of the Walk," said Jim Schleif, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin director of development. "We are grateful to all the bars and individuals who participate in this fun competition which generates vital dollars to improve HIV services within the community."

Last year, bar teams brought a total of \$8,943 to AIDS Walk Wisconsin. The top fundraising bar was Fluid, in Milwaukee, raising \$3,327 and capturing the traveling trophy.

Fluid is in the competition once again this year, along with nine other bars including: South Water Street Docks, 1100 Club, Switch, Club Boom, M&M, Boot

Camp, Kathy's Nut Hut, Woody's and Triangle Bar.

"It's not too late for bars from throughout Wisconsin to join the race! Or, if your favorite bar is already registered, join their team and help them win the competition," said Schleif.

"Good luck to all the bars, we hope everyone joins in this friendly competition. Simply raising \$1,000 will pay the grocery bill to feed 450 individuals needing ARCW's food pantry for one month," Schleif said.

For AIDS Walk information or to be added to a team roster, please call (800) 348-WALK or visit us on-line at www.arcw.org.

AIDS Walk will benefit 16 local organizations this year including ARCW, with nine Wisconsin offices; AIDS Network; Camp Heartland; Central Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Ministry Project; The Counseling Center of Milwaukee; Milwaukee LGBT Community Center; Manitowoc County AIDS Task Force; New Concepts Self Development Center, Inc.; Opportunities Industrialization Center; Rodney Scheel House; Sheboygan County AIDS Task Force; Visiting Nurse Association; Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium; Wisconsin Council of Churches; and YWCA-Rainbow Alliance for Youth of Wisconsin.

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ARCW Takes Strides to Improve HIV Care

Milwaukee — In efforts to provide the best possible HIV care and services to people with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has created a new client advocate position and will conduct an in-depth client satisfaction assessment.

Michael Johnson, a person living with HIV for 14 years, will serve as the ARCW client advocate and will also conduct the independent assessment planned for a September completion.

"ARCW wants to proactively solicit clients to find ways to improve our comprehensive services," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's executive director. "Gaining this type of feedback will be an excellent opportunity for us to examine our programs and find ways to make them among the very best services in the country." Nelson added that ARCW is encouraging all past or present clients to participate by sharing their opinions and experiences.

"ARCW wants to know how clients feel about the services we provide," said Nelson. "Are we doing a good job? Could we improve some services? What services are most important? We are looking forward to getting client feedback from both the survey and Mike's role as client advocate," Nelson said.

The assessment includes conducting a random survey, attending client advisory panels, holding focus groups and one-on-one interviews with at least 25 percent of ARCW's 1,500 clients from each part of Wisconsin. Johnson will seek to identify ways to enhance ARCW's health, housing, legal and social services.

Johnson is available toll-free at (877) 778-6813 for clients who have an unresolved problem or service complaint.

"While ARCW's case managers successfully handle most client concerns, there are times when difficult issues are not resolved quickly," said Johnson. "I look forward to helping resolve these problems, and ultimately improve service in the process."

"These are bold and proactive steps that demonstrate ARCW's commitment to Wisconsin's HIV and AIDS com-

munity," said Johnson. "I am pleased to be able to make a meaningful impact that will raise the standard of care and services for people with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin."

Gay Men to Discuss "Sex Addiction" Aug. 13

Milwaukee — The Gay Men's Discussion Group sponsored by The Counseling Center of Milwaukee is a safe place to gather with other gay men to talk about issues of importance to us both as individuals and as a community.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, August 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. The topic will be "Sexual Addiction." The explosion of on-line internet services that are sexually oriented indicates the importance many people place on sexual experience. At what point does sexual interest cross the line towards sexual addiction? How do we know if we've crossed that line?

For more information on the Gay Men's Discussion Group, call (414) 271-2565.

Statewide Groups Convene

By Mike Fitzpatrick

New Orleans — Gay activists from over forty statewide groups met for the semi-annual summer conference of the Federation of Statewide LGBT Advocacy Groups (Federation) at Tulane University here July 12-16.

One of the key issues addressed at the four day gathering was the recent LGBT success in Vermont. Beth Robinson, co-founder of the Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force, offered a detailed debriefing of the state's legal and legislative journey which resulted in the first ever legal recognition of civil unions for same sex couples.

Robinson reminded state leaders that the civil unions story in Vermont is far from over. "We are only at about chapter four of a six chapter story," Robinson said. "Legal and political challenges are coming."

Robinson encouraged state leaders to identify couples from their states who travel to Vermont for a civil union,

then return with an eye to challenging the "full faith and credit" clause of the U. S. Constitution. "I am concerned that some people in their haste to challenge their state courts on the reciprocity issue may go forward with poorly developed cases which will hurt us in both the short and long term," Robinson said.

Other "war stories" on successes and failures on hate crimes, domestic partnership and adoption legislation were presented also. Among the presenters were Ross Levi of the Empire State Pride Agenda who detailed the 11 year battle to pass hate crimes legislation in New York and Kellie Anne Forman who outlined Utah Equality Network's work to shift focus on the state's anti-adoption bill which targeted polygamists, but also impacted same-sex second parent adoptions.

Federation members approved a five year strategic plan which restructured the organization and elaborated program goals for the group. The Federation also adopted a name change which replaced "political" with "advocacy" to better reflect the mix of non-profit, educational and political action groups represented within the organization. According to outgoing Co-Chair Roger Leishman, the changes approved will help turn the group from a loose collective of statewide groups into "an efficient collective bargaining unit for LGBT grassroots activism."

The Human Rights Campaign recognized that grassroots organizing by announcing its "Equality Agenda" program during the conference. Modeled after the NGLTF's 1998-99 "Equality Begins at Home" initiative, qualified statewide groups will be able to obtain up to \$5,000 in grants for projects to be conducted between now and November to educate and energize the LGBT vote.

Among other topics covered at the conference were the impact of recent Supreme Court decisions on hate crimes and the Boy Scouts of America, organizing techniques for statewide and local anti-violence projects, Congressional redistricting in 2001, and strategies for addressing racism within the LGBT community and diversifying membership in statewide organizations.

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—Columnist Paulo Murillo writing in Los Angeles' fab!

You Will Be Assimilated

"I'm having assimilation anxiety. How can I keep doing this subcultural comic strip in a world where there's no more subculture? ... I don't want to be one of those people who gets, like, stuck in their outmoded politics. I really don't want to sound like this shiny old leftover."

—Former televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker Messner to the Advocate.

—Dykes To Watch Out For cartoonist Alison Bechdel to the Advocate.

Coming Out: Yawn

"I came out [in 1992] and it was like, nothing. Nothing happened. It was fine. I think everybody knew anyway, but I felt good being able to talk about it and not be afraid."

—The B-52's Keith Strickland to Atlanta's Southern Voice.

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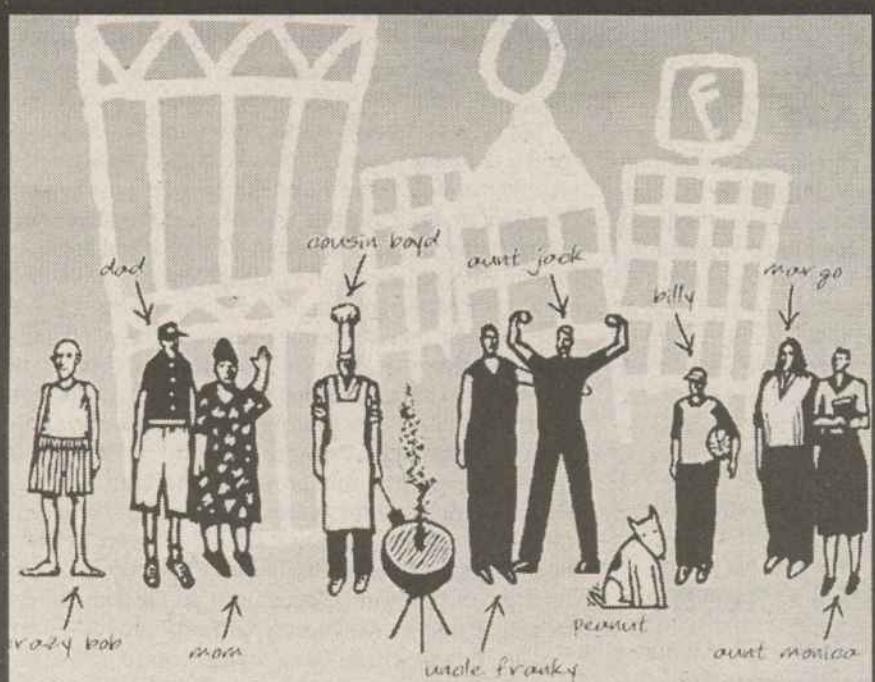
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—Dr. Laura Schlessinger to The New York Times.

**Sign of the Times**

"[I want to become] the Artist Formerly Known as a Lesbian."

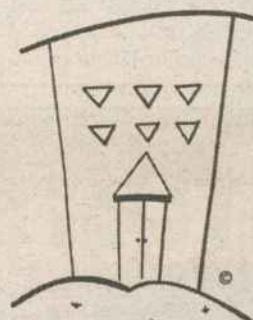
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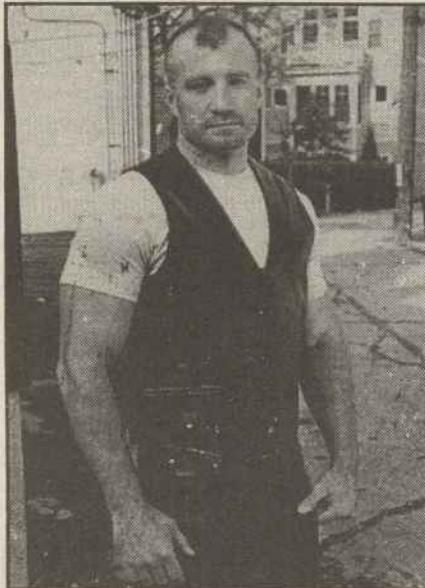
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"RuPaul is so cute when he dresses up. But what makes me so mad is that he looks better in those gowns than I do!"

—Former televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker Messner to the Advocate.

Christmas in July

"When my husband was in prison and I wasn't getting any presents for Christmas, it was the gay community that gathered around me and saw that. They gave me beautiful bathrobes with my initials on; they gave beautiful leopard hangers and leopard shoe bags. And I had the most awesome Christmas I've ever had. They'd write to me, and I'd write back to them, and we would talk about our animals, and they would name all their dogs Tammy Faye. It was so cute! I still write all these guys! They cared about me more than the Christians cared about me, and that says something to me right there."

—Former televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker Messner to the Advocate.

**Passed Over**

"I get passed over now because I wasn't famous first [before I came out]. For someone to lie about it for years and years, get famous, get the accolades, get the money, get the record contract, get the television show, get the movies, and then they come out — I'm thrilled. But it's very painful then to watch the gay community — the gay press — canonize them."

—Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer to Atlanta's Southern Voice.

The Q Section?

"I've fought really hard against that [the label gay writer], you know? I don't want to be in that section of the book store ... because then the understanding is if you're not gay you would have no interest in this."

—David Sedaris to Atlanta's Southern Voice.

Chinese Club Raided

Hong Kong — Police raided the gay health spa Junjie Men's Beauty and Health Center (also known as Heroes' Gym) in Guangzhou, China, July 7 and arrested 37 men for prostitution.

But a police spokesman said the raid was not anti-gay in nature.

"The men were not taken in because of their homosexuality, which is a voluntary mutual relationship, but because the center charged from 200 yuan (\$24) to 500 yuan for their services," he said.

Police said the spa opened in February and had hundreds of card-carrying members.

Guangzhou is a thriving provincial capital near Hong Kong.

Web Filter Blocks Gay Magazine

London — The Web filter Websense, which is used by the Scottish Internet-access chain store easyEverything, is blocking ScotsGay magazine.

According to Editor John Hein: "Attempts to access the site previously brought up an embarrassing warning screen which warned that further attempts to view such filth and depravity would result in ejection from the premises. Now customers are directed to the easyEverything front page."

easyEverything spokesman James Rothnie said the "firewall" is "in place to prevent illegal and immoral sites but [we] would hope that our firewall is not overzealous."

Rothnie initially promised to investi-

gate the blockage but later directed Hein to contact Websense directly.

ScotsGay is a glossy newsmagazine with no erotic content.

Cyprus Ends Some Discrimination Against Gays

Cyprus — The parliament here enacted legislation last month eliminating areas of discrimination against gay men in the criminal law.

According to the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), lawmakers equalized the male age of consent (by raising the age of consent for heterosexual males from 16 to 18 — women can have sex at 16), eliminated the pejorative description of gay sex (replacing "unnatural licentiousness" with "intercourse between men"), and deleted discriminatory provisions on privacy (sex between more than two men had been classified as taking place "in public").

Provisions banning "indecent behaviour or invitation or provocation or advertisement aimed at performing unnatural acts between males" were altered to apply only to actions directed at persons under 18.

The changes were a belated response to a 1993 victory at the European Court of Human Rights by gay activist Alecos Modinos who had challenged Cyprus' total ban on gay-male sex. In 1998, parliament repealed the outright ban but simultaneously created the discriminatory provisions described above.

The Committee of Ministers of the

Council of Europe then ruled that the 1998 changes did not fully comply with the terms of the Euro Court's ruling. (Under the European Convention on Human Rights, the Committee is empowered to ensure that actions taken by governments and parliaments in response to a judgment of the European Court fully rectify the human-rights violations identified in the judgment.)

In a press release, ILGA commented: "ILGA Europe ... welcomes the fact that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has insisted that the original legislative changes of 1998 were insufficient. There is little doubt that only a few years ago they would have been unlikely to insist on the additional changes. This is a further indication of the consensus among the governments of Europe that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the criminal law is unacceptable."

The Council of Europe was founded following World War II and works to strengthen democracy, human rights and the rule of law in its 41 member states. The European Convention on Human Rights is the most important of its many human-rights treaties. Violations of the convention are settled by the European Court of Human Rights. The Council is governed by the foreign ministers of its member states (the Committee of Ministers) and by representatives from national parliaments (the Parliamentary Assembly). For more information, visit www.coe.fr.

world briefs

Georgina Wins Supreme Queer Award

Auckland — Openly transsexual member of the New Zealand Parliament Georgina Beyer was named Supreme Queer of the Year at the nationally televised New Zealand Queer Community Awards July 8.

The awards were organized by the Gay Auckland Business Association, Wellington's Gay Association of Professionals, Christchurch's Gays and Lesbians In Business, and The HERO Project Trust.

Lucy Lawless, star of TV's *Xena: Warrior Princess*, was a special guest presenter. Prime Minister Helen Clark received a "straight ally" award.

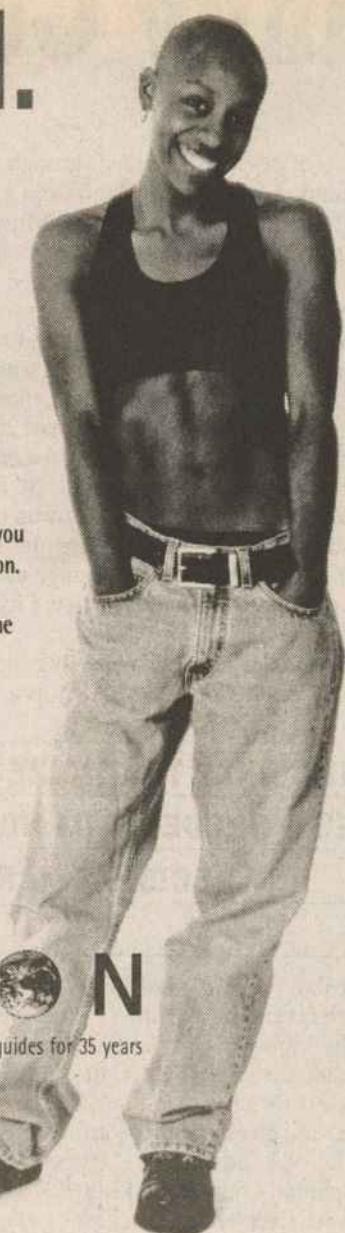
Gay-Supportive Magazine Torched

Namibia — The offices of Sister Namibia magazine were torched July 10 and editors believe it was due to their strong support for gays.

Files and research materials were destroyed and computers were damaged.

The National Society for Human Rights commented: "While the motive for the attack is not yet known, the attack occurred barely a week after Namibian President Sam Nujoma launched a verbal attack on the homosexual community. Once again, it seems that anyone who stands up for the human rights of others is at risk."

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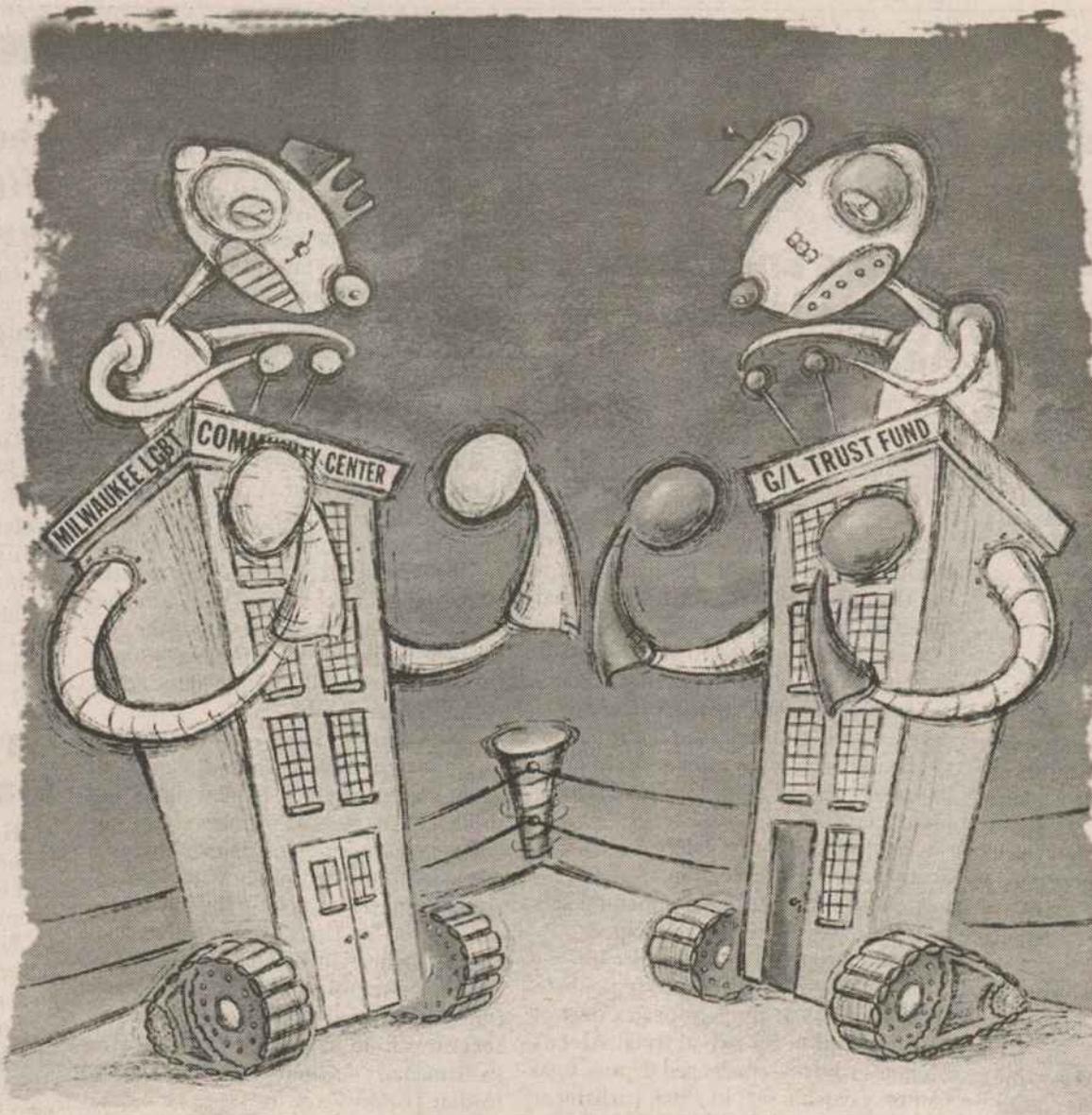
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Milwaukee's Battling Community Centers

LGBT Center and G/L Trust Fund Clarify Their Differences

By Jamakaya

When leaders of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the G/L Community Center Trust Fund were asked recently by *IN Step* to clarify the differences in their operations, both expressed enthusiasm in doing so. *IN Step* broached the subject because of readers who have expressed confusion about the two organizations. Some individuals have donated money to the Trust Fund assuming that it is an arm of the LGBT Center, but that is not the case. The two organizations are separate and have different goals and methods of operation.

IN Step interviewed Si Smits, President of the G/L Community Center Trust Fund, the Rev. Lew Broyles who is a Board member of the Trust Fund, and Neil Albrecht, executive director of the LGBT Community Center.

Albrecht said, "I think we both have a responsibility to the local LGBT community to articulate our differences so that everyone understands the situation and can make their own judgment about who they want to support."

Smits agreed and said that the G/L Community Center Trust Fund would do its part by including a short disclaimer in its publicity materials indicating that the Trust Fund is not affiliated with the LGBT Center. This distinction may be especially important as the Trust Fund launches a "Buy a Brick" campaign for its building fund. A central goal of the Trust Fund is to raise money to purchase a building that can serve as a community center for Milwaukee gays and lesbians.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is the more established center. Incorporated in March, 1997 after a series of community meetings, it is located in rented space at 170 S. Second St. where it opened its doors in November, 1998. It has a three-person paid staff including Albrecht, program manager Kathy Herbst and Project Q director Kurt Dyer. It has regular office hours of 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

The LGBT Center houses nine sub-tenants who have either their own offices or a cubicle space. They are: the Cream City Foundation, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Project Q, Bi Definition, the Cream City Chorus, the Metropolitan Community Church, P-FLAG, Pasión Latina and SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment).

The LGBT Center is funded through memberships, tax-deductible donations, special events fund-raising, rental income and grant income. Recent foundation support for the LGBT Center has come from the Milwaukee Foundation, the Gill Foundation, the Wisconsin AIDS Fund, the Chicago Resource Center and the Cream City Foundation.

Governance of the Center is invested in a 15 member Board of Directors. Eight Board positions are elected directly by the Center's membership; the additional seven are appointed, in Albrecht's words, "with an eye toward complementing the skill set of the elected members. The goal is to have a Board with the experience and talent to successfully oversee the operations of the Center." The Center's bylaws require the Board to include an equal number of men and women and at least 25% people of color.

The G/L Community Center Trust Fund, incorporated in July, 1997, occupies a building owned by Si Smits at 904 S. First St. Smits is a longtime business owner and activist in Milwaukee's gay community. He owns the men's levi/leather bar, Boot Camp. The G/L Center does not have paid staff members or regular hours but Smits says groups that call the G/L Center number can arrange to use the building for their meetings. Among the groups that meet there are the Brew City Bears, the Oberons, Firebirds and the transgender group FORGE.

"Some of the groups like meeting there because we allow them to smoke," said Smits. (The LGBT Center on S. Second St. is a smoke-free facility.) "They can also bring in beer

"IT'S OKAY TO UTILIZE THE BAR COMMUNITY WHEN WE'RE NEEDED, BUT NOBODY WANTS US INVOLVED IN ANY DECISION-MAKING. THAT'S NOT RIGHT."

— SI SMITS

and alcohol. And they like the kitchen — it helps for meetings and for parties." The LGBT Center has vending machines, water coolers and a microwave, but lacks full kitchen facilities. The "clubhouse," as Smits called it, is also used for after-hours parties.

Unlike the LGBT Center, the G/L Center Trust Fund does not initiate programs and services. It manages two funds: 1) an endowment fund which supports the Center in S. First St. and gives grants to local groups for their operating expenses or programs (SAGE, the ARCW Food Pantry, "Queer TV," the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, the Metropolitan Community Church, etc.); and 2) a building fund whose purpose is to save money for the eventual purchase of a G/L Community Center building. Income is derived

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—NEIL ALBRECHT

from memberships, tax-deductible donations and special events, such as a large donation from the Possum Queen Campaign. (The Trust Fund was established with about \$1,400 from the settlement of a legal dispute between two leather clubs in 1994.)

The G/L Trust Fund is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors. By Si Smits' own admission, all of the Board members are presently men and only two of them — he and Rev. Broyles — live and work in the city of Milwaukee. At several points, Smits expressed his disagreement with the bylaws of the LGBT Center, specifically the "quotas" for women and racial minorities. He spoke of it as a "closed" system. But when asked about his all-male Board for the Trust Fund he admitted that his too was a "closed" organization.

"The few lesbians I know aren't very involved in the community," Smits commented. "They're just happy with their jobs and their lovers. So we've never given that [adding lesbians to the Board] much consideration. I suppose if our group becomes as large as the LGBT Center, we would definitely have to change that," he said.

When Lew Broyles was asked about the all-male composition of the Trust Fund Board of which he is a member, he apologized profusely and said he would talk to Smits about it immediately. "I consider myself a feminist," Broyles said. "I preach against the sins of sexism and racism. How stupid of me to have not noticed before! Either we'll have some women on that Board or I won't be a part of that Board."

Rev. Broyles' primary commitment is to Milwaukee's Metropolitan Community Church, which rents space at the LGBT Center. "I thought it was very important to have an office in the LGBT Center. It's good for networking, and it's good for our visibility." He sees no contradiction between his support for both the LGBT Center and the Trust Fund. "Apparently, people have use for both organizations and facilities." But he has also been a strong advocate for the Trust Fund including a statement in its materials making clear that it is not affiliated with the LGBT Center. "Certainly, people should not be giving money to the Trust Fund thinking that it's going to the LGBT Center."

So, does the LGBT Center have its own trust fund?

"The LGBT Center does not currently have its own trust fund or endowment fund," according to Neil Albrecht. "Right now, every dollar we bring in is invested directly into community services, into our library, into meeting space, into the expansion of Project Q. Very few start-up organizations can establish an endowment fund in their first years."

That concerns Si Smits, who fears the LGBT Center is not looking toward the future. He also expressed doubts about the LGBT Center's reliance on grants. "What happens if their foundation money falls through? They aren't building any reserves."

"We are committed to building a diverse base of funding for the LGBT Center," Albrecht stated. "We are sophisticated enough to know that we cannot depend indefinitely on any one source. But it's also ridiculous to think that getting foundation funding is somehow a bad thing. For heaven's sake, one of the advantages of being a non-profit, tax-exempt

agency is accessing grant money to support your programming. If we didn't do that, we wouldn't be doing our job. And, so far, we've been pretty successful doing that."

In talking with Si Smits it became clear that feelings of personal slight and cultural bias may have contributed to his building the Trust Fund as an alternative to the LGBT Center.

Smits was involved in all the community meetings leading to the establishment of the LGBT Center. He applied for a position on the founding Board of Directors and was interviewed by a selection committee made up of three women, whom he called "separatists." He felt he was treated disrespectfully and later received a letter saying he was not qualified. He continues to believe that a clique of "politically correct" gays and lesbians run the community center to the exclusion of people who don't conform to their way of thinking.

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—REV. LEW BROYLES

"They just dismissed us like we were 'bar flies,'" Smits said. "It's like, it's okay to utilize the bar community when we're needed, but nobody wants us involved in any decision-making. That's not right. And leathermen have never felt welcome."

Smits has maintained an individual membership in the LGBT Center so he can keep track of developments there. He attends the annual meeting and tries to make his feelings known. The Trust Fund also gives the LGBT Center \$300 annually, which Neil Albrecht said is appreciated and is handled as a charter membership.

"We're not trying to be counter-productive," Smits said of the G/L Community Center Trust Fund. "We wish them well and hope that it works, but we're still going to proceed with our own plans."

Albrecht says the LGBT Center initiated two meetings with Smits to come to some sort of understanding — one idea was to issue a joint press release — but nothing has resulted from those efforts. He remains concerned that the existence of the similarly named G/L Community Center Trust Fund is causing confusion to potential donors to the LGBT Community Center.

"The bottom line is that any time people donate money they should ask: Does this organization represent me properly? Is this organization fully accountable? How is this organization benefitting my community?"

Both the LGBT Center and the G/L Trust Fund responded favorably to IN Step's request for financial statements. At the end of 1999, the LGBT Center had a balance of about \$49,000; the G/L Center Trust Fund had about \$24,500, with \$18,600 of that in its Endowment Fund.

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Laura's Losing It

By Mike Fitzpatrick

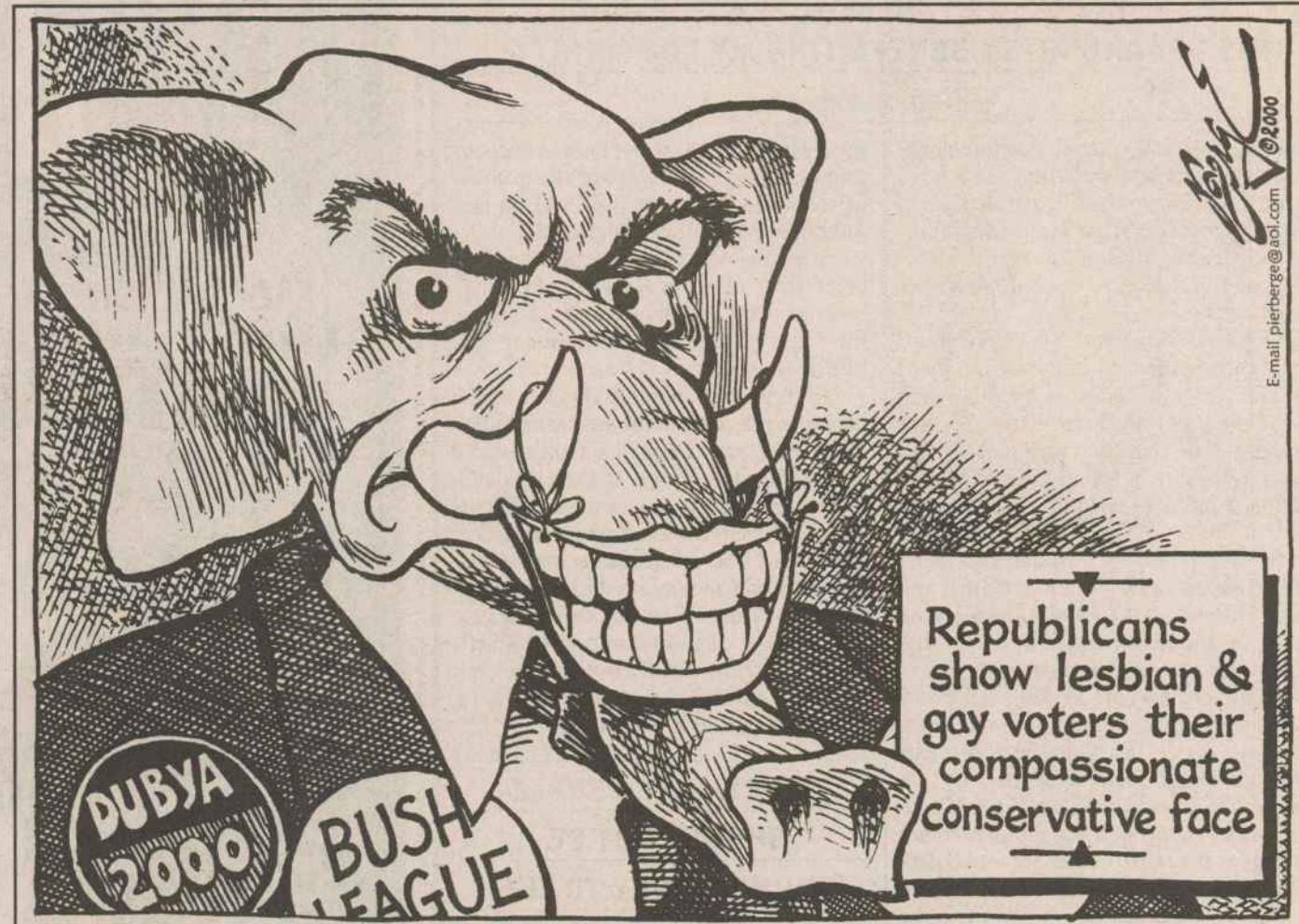
I tuned in Laura Schlessinger's talk show yesterday. It's been six months since the StopDrLaura.com people launched their campaign against her planned syndicated television show and I wanted to hear how she was handling her ongoing notoriety.

The woman is losing it. Laura is obsessed with the criticism, in large part because she hasn't found a way to defend against it successfully. In call after call, she attempted to link her "advice" with oblique references to her "defense of traditional values" and the "persecution of people who hold strong beliefs."

Listening to Laura's performance brought back memories of watching drunken drag queens boozily bellowing and rambling down the runway at Appleton's now defunct Pivot Club. Both were curiously compelling experiences. I knew almost simultaneously the shows couldn't go much lower yet I knew they would. And I was much too busy enjoying the moments to turn away.

When I wrote my "Lashing at Laura" column last February, I encouraged the Stop Dr. Laura crowd to go after what she was already saying. Many other writers in the mainstream and gay press echoed similar sentiments, often far more eloquently than I.

To their credit, in mid-April John Aravosis and company readjusted their focus to include both the upcoming TV show and the current radio talk show. A month later Canadian broadcast watchdogs blasted Schlessinger's show and



added a dozen more hateful sound bites to an ever-growing list of Laura's lambastes against gay people.

Ever mindful of the bottom line, corporate America began — in their words — "looking for better options" to market their products. There's nothing like a little populace polarizing controversy to melt the spines of ad executives for such "mom and

apple pie" companies as Procter & Gamble, Toys "R" Us and Kraft Foods. The New York Times reported earlier this week that Laura's radio show has lost fully 10% of its national advertisers.

Laura herself has chosen to avoid the major syndication conventions and other media opportunities to promote her TV show in favor of closed door confabs with Religious Right groups like Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council.

She's also transformed herself into a political activist, huddling with the far-right Republican Congressional leadership and promising to advocate for social change on her TV show. That promised shift of focus is sure to further unsettle the executives at Paramount's entertainment division.

Laura also has tried to play the victim card. In a June 24th Time interview she confessed how she cries every night over the mean things being said about her and how she's being quoted out of context. My favorite responses to that caterwauling was posted early on the Time website: "Get off the cross, Laura — We need the wood."

Laura's latest ploy has been to compare herself to the Pope. Let's see: a mean spirited adulterous slut who poses for nudie pictures and maintains toxic relationships with her next of kin versus a deeply spiritual Polish prelate who has tried to apologize to every group the Catholic Church has persecuted in the last 2000 years (except gay folk)? Yeah, and Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito were really twins cast to play themselves in the movie of the same name. The only comparison I can see — Laura and John Paul both wear dresses.

As for the TV show, it's in production. And the word of mouth on the show isn't good. TV insiders are predicting the show will tank in 13 weeks. Some of the scuttlebutt out on the web: "Laura Limbaugh without the charm" and "Mrs. Freddie Krueger on crack."

It's important to remember that this battle is far from over. The Stop Dr. Laura gang has thus far succeeded in marginalizing Schlessinger with the general public but in the process they have also energized her right wing base. In the next few months the challenge for Aravosis et. al. will be to maintain the pressure of Schlessinger while also refocusing their own energized activists to branch out into the process of presidential politics.

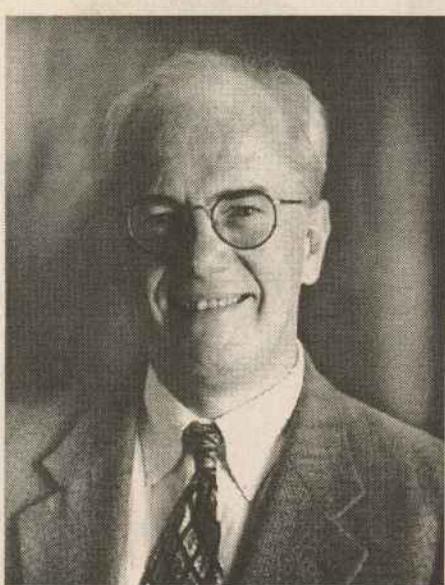
And what does this seemingly epic confrontation between gay activists and Schlessinger mean at the half year point? Three lessons stand out.

First, despite all the protestations to the contrary, the Laura Schlessinger controversy is not about free speech but about paid speech. Laura did not get frantic until the money started to go away. She now gives free plugs the sponsors who are staying with her. For all practical purposes that means her ad rates have been reduced. Considering that she is the second most popular personality on right wing radio, that is an amazing phenomenon. If the TV show fails, something which appears likely, she will lose even more cachet.

Second, for all her talk about traditional values, Laura has lost sight of the core value from which all others spring. It is the core value of every one of the world's great religions - the Golden Rule. Laura is learning the hard way that what she does unto others, they will do unto her.

Lastly and most importantly, the constant and unyielding criticism is a concentrated version of what every person in the LGBT community has experienced to one degree or another during their entire lives. So tell me, Laura dear, how does it feel to be gay?





Strengthening our Resolve to Fight AIDS

By Doug Nelson

Earlier this month, the International AIDS Conference was held in Durban, South Africa, where at least 10 percent of the population has HIV and 1,700 more people become infected every day.

Throughout the world there is increasing alarm that the AIDS epidemic is out of control. Human suffering is catastrophic and world leaders now acknowledge that AIDS is a national security threat.

The crisis of AIDS around the world must strengthen our resolve to defeat the AIDS epidemic. Whether here at home, or in countries far away, we must do all that we can to end the human suffering caused by HIV.

The Clinton administration and Congress have begun to provide international leadership by designating funding to fight AIDS in Africa, yet recent estimates indicate that governments throughout the world and the private sector need to generate 10 times more funding if we are to have any hope of turning back the onslaught of the world-wide AIDS pandemic.

Here in America, at least 40,000 people continue to become infected with HIV every year, two-thirds of whom are people of color and half of whom are young people under age 25. Our country continues to have the highest HIV infection rate among the developed countries of the world and AIDS continues to take a terrible toll, especially among a new generation of young Americans.

Wisely, the Centers for Disease Control recently set a national goal of reducing HIV infections in America by 50 percent

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over the next four years. If we are to achieve this goal, we must overcome the political barriers that have impaired the fight against AIDS in the past so we can increase investment in proven prevention programs like clean needle exchange and honest AIDS education for our youth so they have all the facts about safe sex practices, HIV transmission and how to best protect themselves from AIDS.

While drug therapies approved in the mid-1990s have prolonged the lives of most people with HIV, they continue to fail for many others. In Wisconsin as many as 25 percent of people with HIV lack regular access to health care necessary to succeed on these drug therapies. Among the most troubling news from Durban is the lack of progress in developing the next generation of more effective AIDS medications and ultimately a cure that the best scientists in the world tell us remains decades away.

The AIDS epidemic challenges us to embrace the multiculturalism of AIDS at home and throughout the world. We must increase our investment and intensify our commitment to defeat this deadly disease so that once again we can know a world without AIDS.

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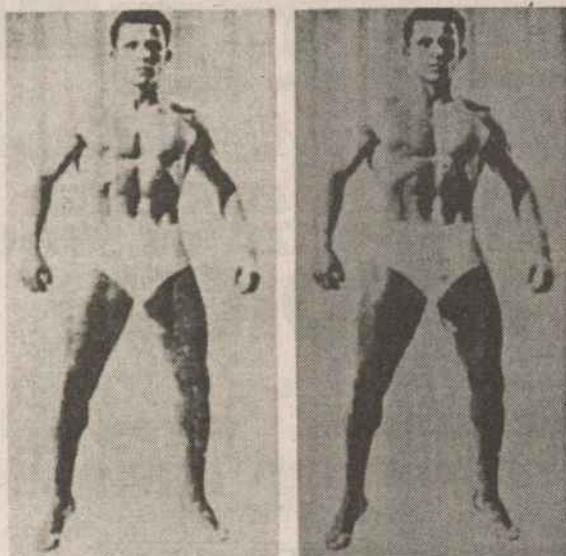
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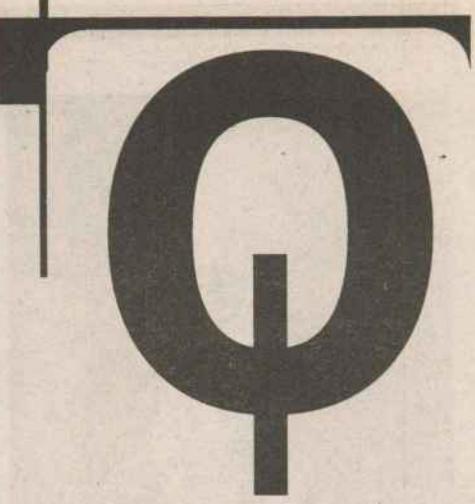
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Gallery Night to Showcase Varied Artworks

Milwaukee — Friday, July 28, is Gallery Night in Milwaukee, an evening when many of the city's art museums and galleries open their doors to showcase a wide variety of art works by local and national artists. Most of the following events take place from 6-9 p.m. that night.

Tory Folliard Gallery at 233 N. Milwaukee Street is featuring the work of Patrick Farrell. Farrell's career has been devoted to representational realism that has explored a variety of themes ranging from the human form to landscapes and still lifes. The painter is perhaps best known for his detail still life oil paintings that have won him acclaim internationally. This 2000 solo exhibition, "Fruit Still-Lifes" runs through August 31.

Gallery Cora Dora, 221 N. Water St., is featuring the acrylic expressionist paintings of Brian D.A. Tolbert and the abstract drawings of Cheryl Klein. The artists will be present, refreshments will be served and admission is free. Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National Ave., opens "The Water Show," which includes images of water in many different media.

Grava Gallery at 1209 E. Brady St. will show the photographic works of W. Peter Scotland, Karen Gauger and Sally Gauger Jensen. The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD), 273 E. Erie St., presents an exhibit tracing the evolution of product and package design, "Vision, Technology and Commerce: 100 Years of Industrial Design." This exhibit features vintage products from MIAD's industrial design collection.

Adambomb Gallerie, 524 S. Second St., offers the fossil-inspired paintings and sculptures of Michael Mercado in a show called "Fossilhead." The Katie Gingrass Gallery, 241 N. Broadway, will unveil contemporary wood carvings by the Asmat culture of New Guinea. It includes ritual objects such as ancestor poles, masks and wall pieces.

Bear Brew Coffee, 708 N. Milwaukee St., will host a memorial for the late gay artist and activist Jean Paul Ranieri. The exhibit will include some of his oil paintings. Not to be outdone, the Milwaukee Art Museum will sponsor a lecture on its current exhibit, "Toulouse Lautrec and the Pleasures of Paris." The lecture is slated for 5:45 p.m.

Quarterly Gallery Nights are sponsored by the Milwaukee Art Museum and the East Towne, Milwaukee Art Dealers, and Historic Third Ward Associations.

"Combat Theatre" Marathon Planned Aug. 11-12

Milwaukee — Bunny Gumbo, a production company founded by UWM Professional Theatre Training Program alumni James Fletcher and Laura Nicholas, will present "Combat Theatre for a New Millennium," a two-day theatre marathon in the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, August 11 and 12. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

"Combat Theatre" has the feel of rehearsed improvisation. Eight writers each pick a subject and location from a hat at random (e.g., super heroes in a confessional booth). They then have 12 hours to write a 15-minute play based on those variables. At 10 a.m. the next morning, the directors and actors arrive. They are randomly assigned to the plays, and the work begins. Ten hours later the show is up and running with only the costumes, props and set pieces the participants could scrounge up during the day. The result is 24-hour theatre: eight plays written, directed and acted within the course of a day. At the end of the first show, and while the audience is still there, the writers pick a new subject and location and rush home to start the process again.

"It really gets the audience involved," Fletcher said. In a similar marathon at UWM, "We had a lot of people coming back the second night to see how things turned out." Fun is the whole goal of "Combat Theatre," says Fletcher: "This is a chance to bring a lot of people from the different

Milwaukee theatre groups together who normally don't get to perform with each other. The group we've put together

has literally worked at every theatre in the city at one time or another."

Among the actors involved are Bill Clifford, Alix Martin, Amy Hastert, Bo Johnson, Robert Kennedy, Jonathan Wainwright and Jeremy Woods. Writers for "Combat Theatre" include Ludmilla Bollow, Anne-Marie Cammarato, Mondy Carter, Julie Pandl and Jonathan West. Directors include Ed Burgess, Monty Davis, Jim Gallagher, John MacLay, Raeleen McMillion and Michael Pocaro.

For tickets and more information, e-mail Fletcher at fletchorama@excite.com.

Patti Labelle to Open State Fair, Aug. 3

West Allis — The Wisconsin State Fair is set to open its doors on Thursday, August 3 for an 11-day run at the West Allis fairgrounds, 8100 W. Greenfield Ave. The fair is open daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Adult admission is \$7, seniors \$5, kids \$3.

Livestock judging, horticultural demonstrations and culinary competitions will go on daily. Other highlights include the Wisconsin Products Pavilion, which features traditional favorites like potatoes, pork, apples and honey, along with newer Wisconsin products like ginseng and ostrich. Adjacent to the Pavilion is the fair's newest getaway, the Coliseum Gardens, where you can nosh on something delicious from the Products Pavilion. The best culinary, craft and home furnishing displays can be found in the Family Living Center which features over 1,000 hand-crafted items.

On Monday, Aug. 9 in the Coliseum, dog lovers won't

want to miss the IAMS World of Dogs Parade of Breeds. For a really crazy time, check out the Kiss-A-Pig contest on Aug. 11 when local celebrities and community leaders go hog-wild raising funds to benefit the American Diabetes Association.

Grandstand shows include Patti Labelle, Aug. 3; Def Leppard, Aug. 4; Apollo Night, Aug. 5; Savage Garden, Aug. 6; Chicago, Aug. 7; Clint Black with JoDee Messina, Aug. 8; National Tractor Pull, Aug. 9 and 10; Wrestlerama Legends of Wrestling, Aug. 11; Loretta Lynn with B.J. Thomas, Aug. 11; and Reba McEntire with Andy Briggs, Aug. 13.

Grandstand tickets can be obtained by calling (800) 796-2460. For more information, call the State Fair Info line at (800) 884-FAIR, or check out the web site at www.wisstatefair.com.

American Players Summer Season in Full Swing

Spring Green — The 21st annual season of the critically acclaimed American Players Theatre is in full swing. From now until early October, theatregoers can enjoy the works of William Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, Nikolai Gogol and Jean Racine in the natural amphitheater under the stars in a meadow along the Wisconsin River just south of Spring Green. Spring Green is 40 miles west of Madison.

American Players Theatre (APT) is a professional, Equity, classical theatre. Although nestled in the woods, the theatre offers comfortable, cushioned seating. Shakespeare is APT's heart and soul, with accompanying works ranging from the Greeks to British comedies. The 28-member acting company, supported by additional staff, produce five plays each summer season. Founded in 1979, the theatre has grown in popularity and now is the second most popular outdoor classical theatre in the country.

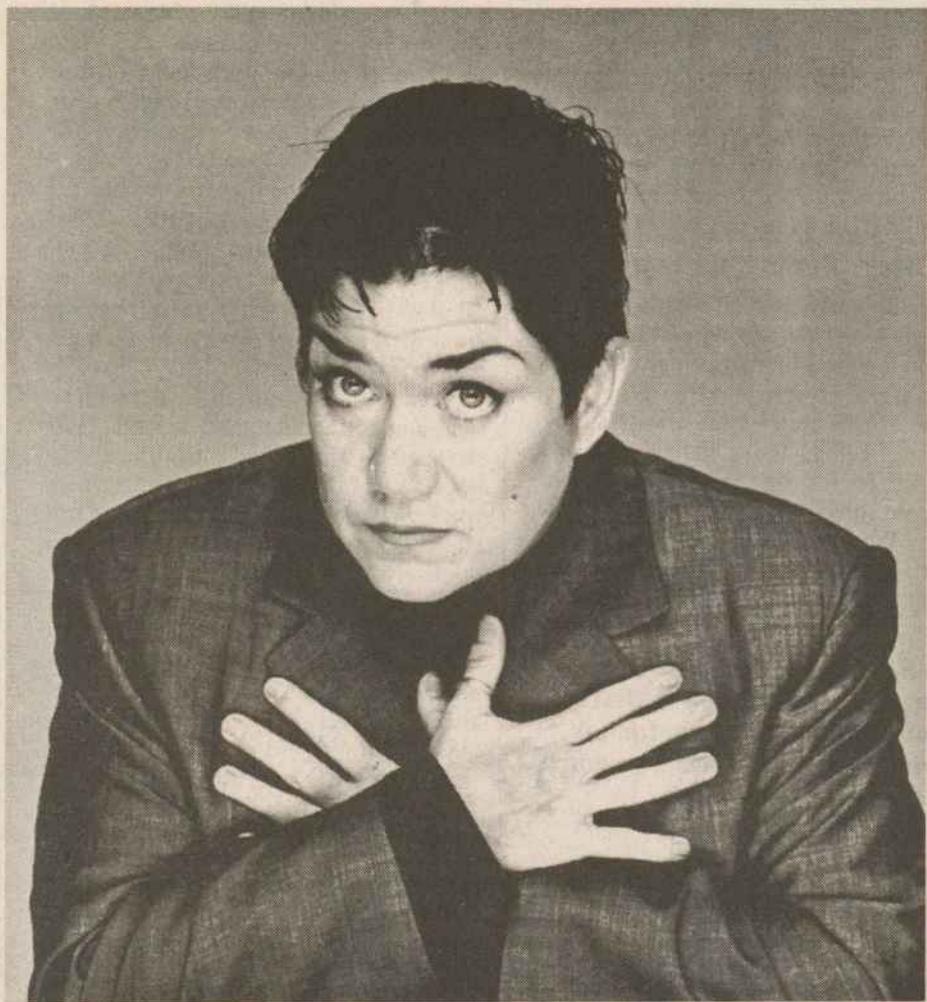
This summer's plays, running in repertory, are Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "A Winter's Tale," Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple," Gogol's "The



Jonathan Smoots as Oberon, James Ridge as Puck

Government Inspector" and Racine's "Phedre." The plays are performed Tuesdays through Sundays until October 8. A complete schedule with show times is available on the theatre's web site: www.americanplayers.org.

Individual tickets range in price from \$22-\$40. Group rates apply for parties of 20 or more. For tickets or more information, call (608) 588-2361 or visit the APT's web site.



Lovely Lea

Love her or hate her, but multi-talented entertainer Lea DeLaria is much, much more than "the lesbian comic."

By Daniel Vaillancourt

It's just odd that people still think of me as 'the lesbian comic,'" bemoans a frustrated Lea DeLaria as we sit chatting over cups of joe at a Manhattan coffee shop. "What do I have to do? It's fascinating to me."

This is what DeLaria HAS done: Broadway ("On the Town"), off Broadway ("The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told"), regional theatre (Shakespeare's "As You Like It" opposite Gwyneth Paltrow and the national tour of "Chicago"), TV ("Friends," "The Drew Carey Show"), and film ("The First Wives Club" and gay indie cult hit "Edge of Seventeen"). And that's just as a working actor.

As a jazz singer, DeLaria has paraded her powerful pipes across the boards of Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center, and on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," among myriad other venues.

To top it all off, the multifaceted performer has just added "author" to her resume with "Lea's Book of Rules for the World," co-written with Maggie Cassella and just published by Dell Publishing. She's also preparing a jazz album, and mulling a stab at independent filmmaking.

During our one-hour huddle, DeLaria spoke to me about all this plus her new one-woman show (hopefully destined for Broadway in the fall), her ideal career, her love life, and why she pisses off so many in the queer community.

IN Step: Why the book? Why now?

For the money. I'm greedy and avaricious. I knew I would get paid a lot of money to write this book right now, so I did. It's never really occurred to me to write a book, but I had written articles for "The Advocate" and different papers, and as a result, I was approached by Dell Publishing. They just said, "Books from Broadway people are really hot; books from comics are really hot. Since you're both, perhaps you have an idea." I said, "As a matter of fact, I do."

IN Step: Why your "rules for the world"?

I have no trouble just spouting off what my opinion is about anything, as most people know about me. Some people feel that's to my detriment; other people feel it's to my credit. So, anyway, I'd been dating this girl for about five years. I forget exactly what it was I was kvetching about. I think it was probably pineapple on pizza or something ridiculous like that—and how there should be a law against it. And she just said, "You know what, Lea? If you ever write a book, it should be a book of rules for people because you have all these rules that you think are really important." And I said, "Yeah, the first rule will be never look in a mirror and say 'I love you' because the mirror will say 'Couldn't we just be friends?'"

IN Step: You're talented in so many areas. Which aspect of your career do you prefer?

I like the jazz more than anything. I also like acting. You know, I like being live in front of people more than being on film. That's a good way to put it.

IN Step: What do you envision as your ideal career?

Well, the next couple of years I'm gonna put out about three albums, I think. That'll be good. And I would like to have my [new one-woman-show] be successful either on or off-Broadway.... Maybe put out another book. Meanwhile, I would like to make

small, independent, character-driven films. Kind of like Woody Allen films, but lesbian. I'm very, very tired of straight people being the ones to tell my story. And it's not really my story.... There's a couple of stories I'd like to get made, most especially [Leslie Feinberg's] "Stone Butch Blues," which is a great book that came out in the early '90s. I've been trying to get that made into a movie for a very long time. I'm hoping that the "Boys Don't Cry" phenomenon will help. I've written a screenplay of it with my writing partner, Maggie Cassella.

The problem with "Boys Don't Cry" is, once again, we're killed. You know what I mean? That's why I like the Billy Tipton story and "Stone Butch Blues." They went through the same hardship as Brandon, but they survived and made a life for themselves. And nobody knew [blues musician] Billy Tipton was a woman until Billy Tipton died. She pulled it off and had a happy life. I would like to show that gay people have happy lives. I'm really tired of 'Oh, my God, I'm gay' stories.

IN Step: How's your love life? Do you have time for one?

I make time. That's actually how I keep myself going. I try to have 30 or 40 orgasms a day, and it keeps the energy right up there. [Laughs.] My love life is fine. I just don't want to get any further into it than that. I do like to keep one thing private for me. Off the record or on the record, I am seeing someone. I don't want to talk about it. [Laughs.] According to Brooke Shields, I'm seeing her.

IN Step: Why do you provoke such a strong reaction within the gay community?

I'm the Frank Sinatra of gay people. You either love Frank or you hate him and there's no in between. It's the same way

with me. I think Scott Thompson has the same problem. I think Sandra Bernhard has the same problem. If you view it as a problem. [We're] constantly recognized and lauded by the mainstream, but gay people hate us for some bizarre reason, and it's kind of odd because we've been out longer than anybody. Of the three of us, I've been out longest. As a matter of fact, I've never been in. I don't know a lot of people who can say that. As a matter of fact, I don't know anybody who can say that. Harvey Fierstein, I think, is about the only other person who can say that.

I'm going to try to take the high road as much possible with this. I believe there's a certain element in the gay community that is probably worried about what straight people think of us, right? The "middle class" of the gay community is incredibly worried about what straight people think about us—and think that we need straight approval in order to gain our rights. And so, they want a certain foot put forward. I don't do that. Scott doesn't do that. Sandy doesn't do that. We say what we think. It's that whole idea that I need to be a role model. And I fight that with all that I can muster because what I've been doing with my whole life is social commentary. And I can't be a really good commentator if I have my hands tied with role model status. Because then I do have to worry about that box. I'm supposed to keep my comments within the box....

I also think it freaks people out to see a butch as a sexual object, and that's just something that's always been a big part of who and what I am. I have been, in a very strange way, this sort of sex object for a lot of lesbians. Especially young lesbians. They throw their bras and panties at me on stage. It's happened to me all over the world.... I think it just totally flips [a seg-

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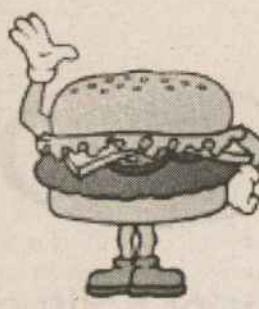


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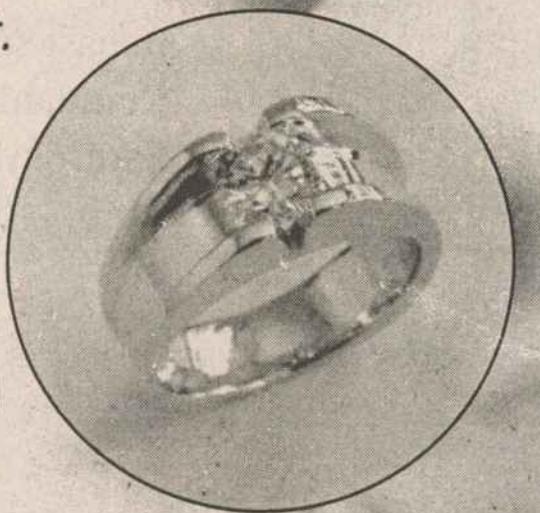
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ment of the gay community] out. They don't like the things I say. They don't like when I call the gay community on their shit. They don't like when I make jokes about lesbians. They don't like any of that, so, as a result, they hate me. And the people who like me are the people who do like that I do that stuff.

IN Step: But is it all an act?

The only part of it that's a big act is the language I use as a standup. Because if you know me as a human being, you know I don't really swear. And if you read my book, that's really more who I am as a human being. That's the way I express myself. It's just that as a standup, again, I choose those words for very serious reasons. Women aren't supposed to swear like that. Women aren't supposed to use that kind of language. And women aren't supposed to see the world in a sexual way.

IN Step: The thing that's most surprising about you is that you embody so many dichotomies. Looking at you, there's so much that is hard and tough.

That's the butch thing.

IN Step: Yet I look into your eyes and they're so blue, so beautiful, so soft, so sensuous.

Forgive me for having a world view, but don't you think, as human beings, that we are never ever afforded the ability to think? They never give us time to think. For ourselves. We're taught how to think, especially in the United States, but really throughout the world. We are taught how to think from the moment we burst from the womb to the moment we die. We are spoon-fed what we are supposed to think about certain things. And the gay community, I

think, is even more guilty of it. "This is what you're supposed to think."

I say, "Here I am, warts and all. What do you think?" I don't try to push your thought any way as a performer. "OK, what do you think?" Because I'm challenging your concepts right now. I'm a big bad ass butch dyke who can sing the sweetest ballad you ever heard. "What do you think?" I'm sorry if that sounded egotistical. It wasn't exactly what I meant, but you know what I'm saying. "What do you think of that?"

And by the same token, I'll stand up on stage and talk about my big dick that I just strapped on and fucked some bitch backstage. "What do you think?" [Laughs.] Do you know what I mean? God, if I can't afford the people the ability to think [for themselves], then what the fuck are we doing on this planet, anyway? If you have to be spoon-fed one lesbian acoustic guitar soprano in B-flat singer because that's a positive role model for gay people, well, go ahead. You go ahead. I'm gonna go see Sleater-Kinney. I'd rather watch three straight bitches wail and scream about what's going on on the planet because it's real and it's honest.

DV: What do you want your legacy to be?

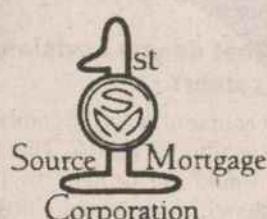
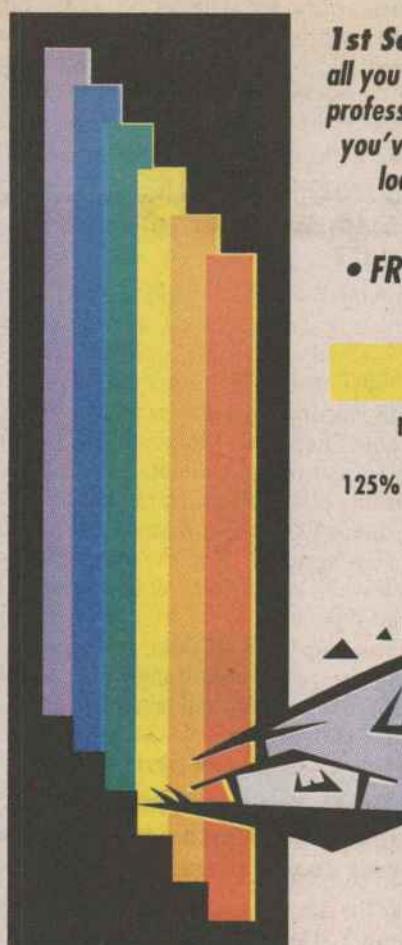
I just want my tombstone to say she left all women satisfied. [Laughs.] Not one girl has complained yet. That'll be my legacy. She fucked more girls than Warren Beatty. [Laughs.] The Warren Beatty of the lesbian entertainment world. That'll be my legacy. That's it. [Laughs.]

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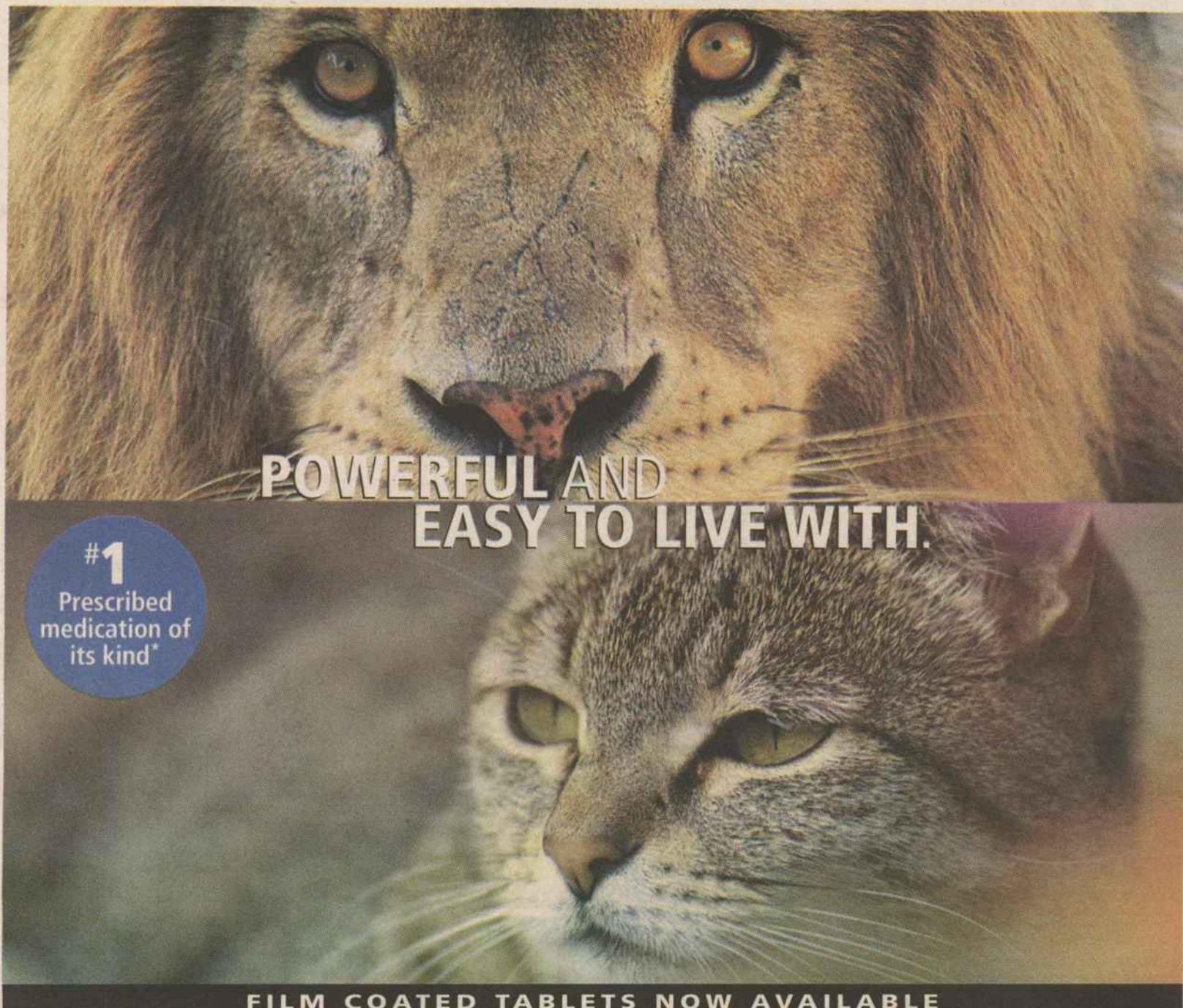


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It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

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.

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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 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.

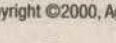
Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

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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From Left to Right Clea DuVall, Mink Stole and Natasha Lyonne in "But I'm a Cheerleader."

But I'm A Cheerleader

By Kevin John

Megan (Natasha Lyonne) is on the cheerleading squad in high school. She has a dreamy boyfriend, lots of friends... everything seems so sugar and spice. But both her friends and her parents (Bud Cort and Mink Stole) suspect that she is a lesbian and send her off with former homosexual Mike (RuPaul out of drag) to True Directions — a homosexual rehabilitation clinic run out of the home of its homophobic director Mary (Cathy Moriarty). Megan goes along with all the comic counseling and ridiculous programming until she meets fellow inmate Graham (Clea DuVall), a butch dyke who resists all of Mary's gay reversal techniques.

Director Jamie Babbit's feature film debut, "But I'm A Cheerleader," uses this backpatting framework for a putatively satirical investigation into stereotypes and how they smother us. To this end, she paints True Directions with vivid, hyper-real, even Lynchian colors...you know, to deconstruct what's considered normal male and female behavior and stuff. But because heterosexuality is presented as a pea-brained idealization in pink and blue, Babbit never gives you the impression that she has any idea how it's actually lived, e.g. in the lives of Megan's high school friends. It's a measure of how glib her conception is in that we never get to see Megan apply the lessons she's learned (and unlearned) back at school. By ignoring this site of the origin of nor-

malization, Babbit never brings her "deconstruction" full circle which would have aimed it right back at heterosexuality where it belongs.

Instead, we get a flabbergastingly impoverished view of homosexual resistance. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the scene where Graham and some other inmates escape after lights out. Megan reluctantly joins them but freaks out when she discovers that they took her to a gay bar to which Graham replies "Where else would we go?" Where else, indeed! The only thing this scene accomplishes is the reinforcement of a tired myth — the bar/club as actually constitutive of gay identity. Watching it in Milwaukee is doubly depressing given how so many gays and lesbians in this city do not even feel gay or lesbian if they haven't sufficiently barhopped over the weekend. I dig RuPaul and, especially Mink Stole and do not have such a jaded view of gay bars as to ignore their frequently positive impact on political mobilization or education or emotional strength in numbers, etc. But the impossibility of imagining gay life outside of these smothering (that word again!) bearers of gayness is a formidable obstacle for queer identity politics. That "But I'm A Cheerleader" steers clear of this confrontation shows up its utter conventionality and ultimate uselessness.



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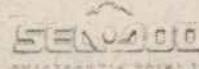
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ACTIVITIES:**Thursday, July 27**

Rainbow U Lecture (Milw.): "LGBT Advocacy: Get Involved!" 7 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Friday, July 28

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

Germanfest (Milw.): Exhibits, foods and performances reflecting German culture, through July 30 at Henry Maier Festival Park. FMI: (414) 464-9444.

Saturday, July 29

Adult Allies Training (Milw.): Training for adult allies for LGBT youth, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. To register: (414) 271-2656.

Central Wisconsin PrideFest (Wausau): Day-long festival with food, drinks, music, entertainment, 1-7 p.m., Nine Mile Recreational Area of Rib Mountain State Park, \$12. FMI: (800) 551-3311.

Sunday, July 30

Summer Picnic (Milw.): Milwaukee's Rainbow Neighborhood Associations sponsor a picnic open to all LGBTs, 2-6 p.m. at Mitchell Park (next to Domes). BYO food, beverages. FMI: (414) 962-1050.

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Weekly rehearsal, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, August 2

Honeymooners Bowling (Madison): 3-person team format, 9:15 p.m., Village Lanes, 208 Owen Rd. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Thursday, August 3

Patti LaBelle (Milw.): Patti LaBelle performs a Grandstand show on opening night of State Fair, 8 p.m., 8100 W. Greenfield Ave. FMI: (800) 796-2460.

Friday, August 4

Dykes on Bikes (McFarland): Meeting at 7 p.m., \$5, 4516 Lakeview St. FMI: (608) 838-4798.

African World Festival (Milw.): Exhibits, crafts, food and performances representing a range of African tribal and national cultures. Through Sunday, Aug. 6 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park. FMI: (414) 372-4567.

Saturday, August 5

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

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

"Promise Keepers" Teach-In (Milw.): UWM College Feminists and NOW hold a Speakers Rally/Teach-In at 7 p.m., UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

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. \$.50 off all tops, 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.

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase plus "Superbust" - no cover. 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. Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close

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

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

Switch (Milw.): T-Dance, 3:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 beer bust on the patio.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50 'til 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Mondays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Closed.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Bud Nite! All Buds, \$1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Shake-a-Drink" all nite - no cover.

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

Napolese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Rolling Rock, \$1.50

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

Switch (Milw.): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! Win 25¢ drinks and free pizza!

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

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

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. - Absolut and anything, \$2.

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Vodka Nite! All vodka drinks, \$1.50 and Call Brands, \$2.50.

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

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

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

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 top beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

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

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1.70 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

LaCage (Milw.): "Prize Nite" - no cover.

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

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): \$1 off rail and domestic

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

South Water St. Docks (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 - 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! Cocktails rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 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.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Free bountiful buffet.

Wednesdays:

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

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

Boot Camp Saloon: (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials. It's Leather & Western Night! Prizes throughout the night.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

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

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

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Free Pool & \$6 Super Bust! MGD and Miller Lite!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

The Klosset (Beloit): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$5 Beer Bash! DJ spinning the hits starting at 9 p.m.

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" - no cover for card holders.

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

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Shots of Doctors - \$2

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Internet Meet & Greet Nite for the guys, SuperBust, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1 mugs from 9 p.m. - close.

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

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Madison Pride Photo Essay by James Taylor



dear ruthie



I'm lying here enjoying the ocean breeze and a margarita. A pool boy is rubbing my feet, and by the sounds coming from the ship's lounge, I think

Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme are about to go on. Perhaps it's time to head inside and meet my date — the bald guy from "Star Trek."

Okay, so I'm not on a cruise. I'm spread eagle on a lawn chair, in front of my open refrigerator. I'm drinking a Colt 45 and rubbing my feet against a watermelon, pretending it's the bald guy from "Star Trek." While my summer didn't turn out the way I hoped, I've got a lot of liquor and a good imagination. Later, Fabio and I are going to make love in a sand dune. In other words, I've got a date in a sand trap with one of my old wigs and a vibrator.

Now I'm depressed. Let's read a letter.

Dear Ruthie:
I hate camping, and after dating a woman for two months, we've gone camping twice. Now she expects me to go on a third camping trip! I don't want to go, but I'm afraid she will dump me. What do you think?

(Signed)
Kat

Dear Kat,

I hate camping too, but I'm a survivor. Years ago I did makeup for the Lifetime original film "The Judith Light Story," starring Joanna Kerns and Annie Potts. We were on this island for a shoot and right before leaving, Kerns, Potts and I ran to the little girls' room - some bushes about 40 feet from the beach. While we're doing our business, the crew takes off, leaving us stranded!

It was hell. There were no martinis. Joanna Kerns would not help me find tapioca and Annie Potts couldn't spear fish worth a damn. The only thing we had to eat were stale rice cakes left over from the Lifetime original film "The Delta Burke Story," starring Camryn Manheim. One time, Potts held Kerns down while I cut her hair off to start a fire.

The agony of it all! We must have been stranded 30 or 40 minutes before those boats came back.

Honey, if I can make it, so can you! Go with your pal, but tell her you'd like to make this the last camping trip of the summer. Let her know that you really like her, but that camping just isn't your cup of tapioca.

Have you got a problem that only Dear Ruthie can fix?
Write to her at
dearruthie@instepnews.com



LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase

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's Jerry & Jess One.

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

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, July 28

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.

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.

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

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 Leinen's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hockerschweisse.

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

LaCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

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

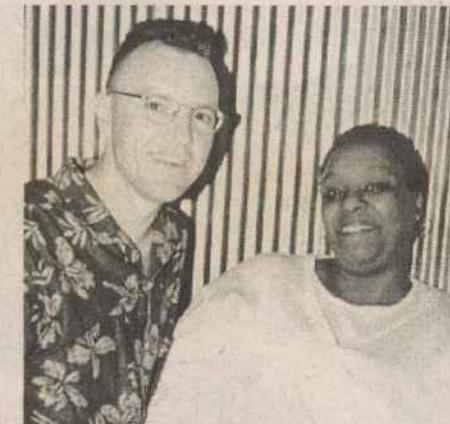
OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

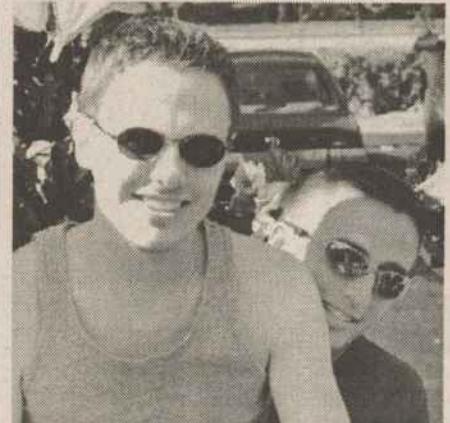
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close; 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

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.



Anniversary Smile Factory. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle



Dan's Cheerleaders. Photo by Jamie @ Docks



We aren't wearing pants. Photo by Jamie @ Club 5

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, July 28

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 Saturday, July 28-29

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. Reservations suggested. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Sunday, July 30

Rainbow Room (Madison): Opening at 6 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

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.

Wednesday, August 2

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

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Reservations. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Thursday, August 3

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at LaCage, 801 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, August 4

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, August 6

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.

Wednesday, August 9

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Reservations. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Thursday, July 13

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 1100 Club, 1100 S. First St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, July 27

Raphael Alvarez Reading (Milw.): Author of "Orlo and Leini" reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3732.

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Saturday, July 29

Quincy Troupe (Milw.): African American poet will read from his original work, 8 p.m., holds Master Class from 10 a.m. to Noon (\$20 fee), Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, July 31

Book Discussion (Madison): Sherri Tepper's "Gate to Women's Country," 7 p.m., Borders-East. FMI: (608) 240-0390.

Wednesday, August 2

Dyke Poets Meet (Madison): 5:30 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.)

THURSDAYS:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m., 300 Williamson St. 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 Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

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

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

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

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.

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Big smile. Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

ford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI: (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 (Marshfield): 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 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 Chats (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.

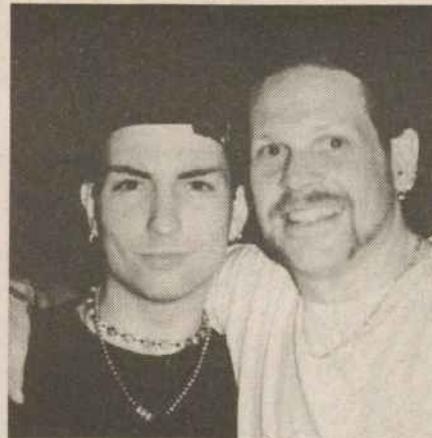
Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milw.): This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTO Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI: Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

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 Colemon Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.



Sweeeties! Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

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 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.

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

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

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

FLAG - 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. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI: ElderLink. (414) 289-6874.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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



Dynamic Duo. Photo by Jamie

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

FILM, TV AND RADIO:**Friday, July 28**

SAGE Movie & Discussion (Milw.): Screening of "You Don't Know Dick" followed by discussion with Female to Male transsexual, 6:30 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

"North by Northwest" (Milw.): Hitchcock's classic thriller on the big screen! Through Aug. 3 at the Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Sunday, July 30 & Every Sunday

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WNSE-91.7FM, 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917.

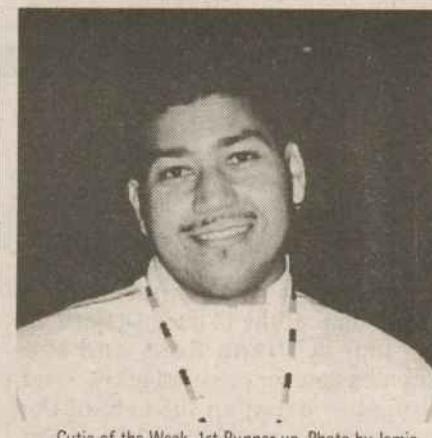
Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

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.

Tues., August 1 & Every Tues.

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): Live weekly telecast on MATA Public



Cutie of the Week, 1st Runner up. Photo by Jamie

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., August 2 & 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.

"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, August 4

"To Kill a Mockingbird" (Milw.): Gregory Peck at his peak in this classic about racism and coming of age in the South in the 1930s - on the big screen! Through Aug. 10 at the Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:**Ongoing Exhibits:**

Adam Bomb Gallerie (Milw.): Paintings and sculptures of Michael Merendo through Aug. 19. 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.): "Smiling Through the Years with Movies from the Collection of Dale E. Kuntz," through Sept. 3. 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:

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By Billy Masters

This past week, Billy had a bittersweet reunion with New York City. Nothing against the Big Apple, but a week earlier, I was there for what turned out to be the final show of the ill-fated "Return To Love" tour by **Diana Ross and the Supremes** (and for every last juicy — and classified — detail on the behind the scenes machinations, visit my Web site at www.filth2go.com). For the sweet part, I was returning to take my place by the side of the immensely talented **David Drake** at the NYC premiere of his film "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me." Based on David's play of the same name, this film captures his performance at a theatre in Baltimore. David gave me a screening tape but asked that I not watch it until I had seen the film on the big screen. While I was unsure what to expect, one thing was certain — more people would probably see his performance that opening night than the show put on by Diane and her Supremes a week earlier.

I can tell you without reservation that this is a phenomenal achievement. The film is a gorgeously shot version of a stage show — perhaps the finest such transfer I've encountered. With imaginative camera angles and fast cuts, the film transcends the limitations of being filmed within a theatre and, in fact, uses those limitations to its advantage. David's performance is never less than riveting (something that the New York Times pointed out), and his passion and honesty jump off of the screen effortlessly (that opinion was voiced by the New York Post). It's clear that the camera loves him, since he looks beautiful (David later quipped to me, "Really? I thought I could have looked more beautiful!"). Congrats to David and director **Tim Kirkman**. You should all definitely see this film when it hits a theatre near you.

On the same day as David's opening, **Sandra Bernhard** was auditioning for producers of the upcoming off-Broadway production of "The Rocky Horror Show". Several years ago, Sandra was interested in mounting her own production of the show so that she could play Frank 'n' Furter. This time around, however, Sandi was auditioning for the role of Magenta — a match made in heaven. The producers quickly offered Bernhard the part and a contract. However, due to the financial limitations of an off-Broadway production, the producers

could offer her only \$2,000 per week, which Sandra turned down, stating, "I just don't work for that kind of money any more." Because, ya know, she's getting offers left and right.

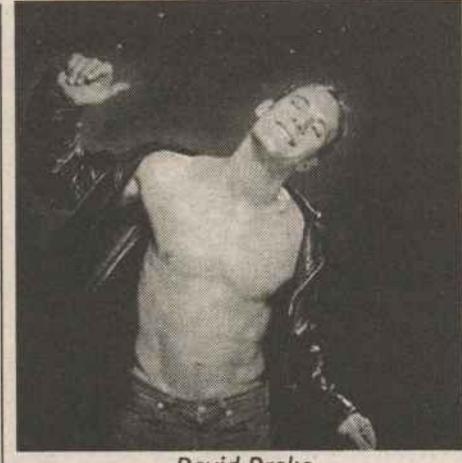
Days later, a reading of Clare Boothe Luce's "The Women" took place in Gotham as a benefit for "The Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative of the Actors' Fund of America." There have been several of these one-night-only events with some creative casting (**Peggy Cass** and **Charles Busch** appeared in one a couple of years ago). This time around, a stellar cast was assembled — **Phyllis Newman** narrated, **Karen Ziemba** played Mary, **Bebe Neuwirth** was Crystal, **Elaine Stritch** essayed the role of Sylvia, and the part of the Countess was assumed by none other than **Eartha Kitt**! **Polly Bergen**, **Tovah Feldshuh**, **Hazelle Goodman**, **Dee Hoty**, **Rita Moreno**, **Lea DeLaria**, **Carrie Preston**, **Mary Testa**, and **Sandy Duncan** played smaller roles. Now THAT'S what I call a show (and none of them got paid a thing, Sandi).

Didya know that **Jackie O** was psychic? I don't think that she worked for **Dionne Warwick** or even **La Toya**, but she had visions. According to **Christopher Andersen**'s book "The Day John Died", Jackie had premonitions that **John-John Kennedy** would die while flying his own plane. Just for the record, let me point out that Jackie's former stepson, **Alexander Onassis** (son of Aristotle), died while flying his own private plane. Jackie might not have had so much a premonition as a sense of *déjà vu* (in which case, we're back to Dionne!).

I may be in New York, but that didn't stop me from hearing the amusing story about **Pamela Lee** and the ATM machine. Apparently, the lusty Pam used her ATM card at a Malibu mall, took her money and left — neglecting to retrieve her ATM card. Two kids from New Jersey were using the machine after Pam left and noticed the card. The girl who found the card chased Pam, calling out, "Hey, lady, you forgot something." When the absent-minded actress turned around, the teens were SHOCKED to see Barb Wire herself, who explained, "Oh, I can't believe I did that. I'm so stupid." Just meeting Pam might have been enough for the pair, but Pam posed for a photo with the two. Awwww.



Sandra Bernhard



David Drake

Just remember who reported this MONTHS ago — the **Bangles** are getting back together!!! Forget about the Supremes reunion — these four ladies have remained great friends and can still rock! I for one couldn't be happier. **Susanna**, **Vicki**, **Debbie**, and **Michael** have been writing songs for the last few months and will hit the road for a handful of club dates in September. They have a new album coming out in early 2001, a VH1 "Behind The Music" airing on July 30th, and a full-scale tour planned sometime next year. YAY!!!

Could it be that WWF wrestler **Chyna** is ready to put the rumors about her genetics to rest once and for all? Yup — look for the butch gal to bare all in the November issue of *Playboy*. The 6-foot, 200-pound bodybuilder was photographed last week and told reporters that she's "very excited and very proud" about her spread in *Playboy*. She's also happy to put to rest the rumors that she's a transsexual — as if a good surgeon or some airbrushing couldn't cover that up! Bear in mind that Tula once posed naked too! Anyway, Chyna admitted, "Basically, the truth is I wanna get naked." Me too, Chyna — me too.

Could it be that another buff gal is having problems on her own TV show? Just weeks into production, and the show has already gone through three revamps — including replacing the director, co-stars, and premise. What's the problem? The biggest one is the star herself. Just winning an Oscar doesn't make you an actor. The brass whom she's alienated at this network (her third) are kinda hoping that the show has a fast death. You know what they say — death is easy, but comedy is hard. (As a

codicil to this item, one of the Filth Proofers just wrote back to me commenting: Every time I see the promos for this show, it seems to me that there's a little neon sign in the corner of the screen blinking "Disaster! Disaster!"

When I talk about two buff gals, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. Speaking of shocking announcements, I have one of my own — I will be appearing in a two-week limited run of "Making Porn" in Philadelphia. Yes, I know that there is some irony there — I've taken my pot shots at the show, but playwright **Ronnie Larsen** is one of my dearest friends, so I figured, why not? Plus, I will be co-starring with (drum roll, please) porn megastars **Blake Harper** and **Jason Branch**. Now, I ask you, if I have to appear naked in a play (and I will be naked), then why not with these two? See? I told you that I was a lot like Chyna! Wanna come and see us? We'll be at the Plays & Players Theatre, 1714 Delancey Place in Philadelphia, from August 16th through the 27th. Call (800) 965-4827 for tickets. Want to get in touch with me directly? Then send a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I come up for air between Blake and Jason! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

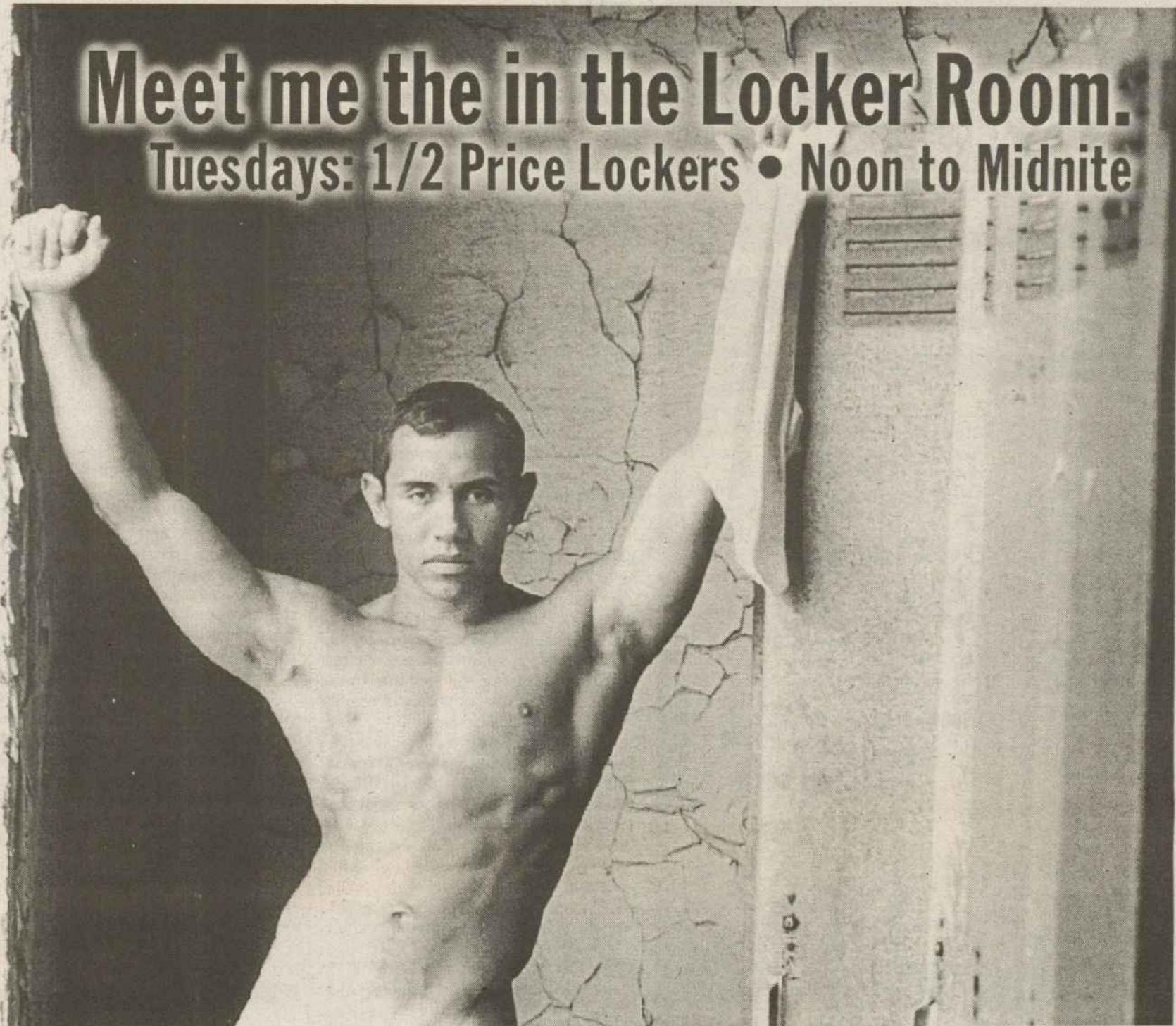


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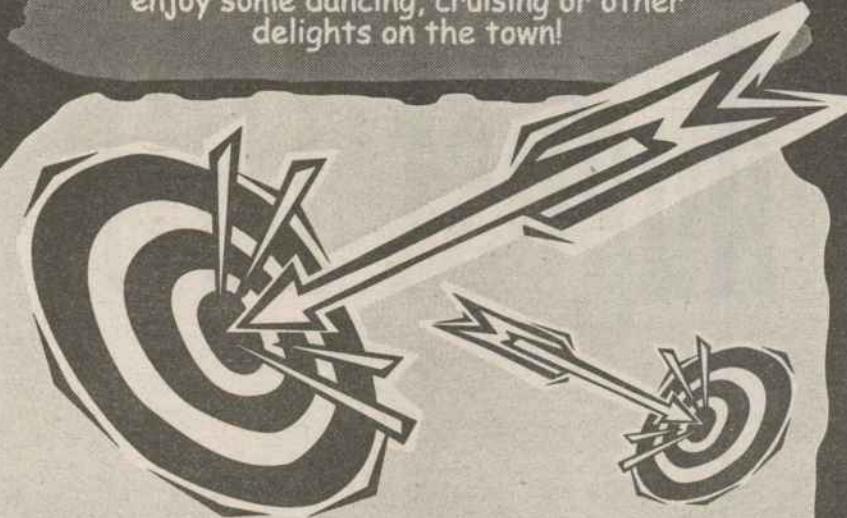
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All Loves Excelling

By Carl M. Szatmary

There can be no more singular gay experience than that of the process of coming out: Coming out initially to oneself and then later to friends and family. Those simple words, "I'm gay," when spoken out loud for the very first time can often prove remarkably empowering.

Coming out is such a defining experience that it comes as no surprise that it emerges so often as the central theme of much gay fiction and drama.

This brings us to the production of Terry Boughner's "All Loves Excelling," the latest offering from Dale Gutzman's new gay theatre company, Off the Wall Productions.

"All Loves Excelling" is the first staged work by the former long-time editor of "The Wisconsin Light." It tells the story of the homecoming of a young man, Steven Bevington (Scott Sorenson) who brings with him a lover, Michael Nguyen (Trung Tieu).

What makes this simple act so extraordinary is that by doing so, he will be coming out to his family, particularly to the mother who has adored him with an obsession that is truly frightening — loved him to the exclusion of his affection-starved brother and his emasculated father.

Eschewing a more lyrical style, Boughner's dysfunctional family sounds astonishingly real, their petty jealousies bared for all to see, their vulgar, spiteful and invariably cruel arguments only occasionally broken up by the most pregnant of pauses.

Events in "All Loves Excelling" unfold predictably enough. Steven's strong-willed mother Marion (Beryl Brennan) rages long into the night while younger brother Robert

(Matthew Shawlin) immediately understands that Steven's admission could result in his becoming — for the first time — the favored son and seizes the moment with unbridled glee.

Only Steven's father Daniel (Lawrence J. Lukasavage) responds positively to Steven's disclosure. Yet he emerges as such an ineffectual character — so utterly dismissed by his wife and his youngest son — that it is impossible for the audience not to follow suit.

Although Boughner provides hints at the complexity of this troubled family's many conflicts, too little time is given to fleshing them out. As the play alternates focus from the mother to the son and back, neither character can fully develop. At the play's climax, as the mother is confronted with the ghost of her own mother, passions have reached an almost absurdly fevered pitch.

Center stage for most of the play is Beryl Brennan's Marion and she makes the most of it, shaping this near monster-like character into an absolutely compelling character. Trung Tieu and Mary R. Henricksen, too, have some nice moments as Steven's boyfriend and grandmother, respectively.

With regard to the staging, this production is further hampered by a cluttered stage possessing far too much furniture. The result is that the actors' movements are severely restricted and the play's many flashback scenes seem especially awkward.

"All Loves Excelling" proves to be familiar territory with characters who are easily recognizable. What is surprising is that despite vast amounts of emotional carnage, it does end with a happy enough ending: Steven escapes this familial battlefield relatively unscathed, his boyfriend still in tow. But what has he left behind? Boughner disappointingly leaves Steven's family having gained no understanding of either Steven or of themselves, possessing neither hope, nor even the promise of rest.

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By Michael Johnston

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I had the best of times at **Bastille Days**. I'm so glad that MSOE provided a by far more respectable Eiffel Tower than last year's inflatable one! I love the "street fair" ambiance, and **Taylor's and This Is It** sooo conveniently located!

In my Pride column, I wondered what would other fests do if protesters and their negativity unceremoniously crashed their event. Well, **Michael Lord**, President of the East Town Association "asked" them to leave and they did! — taking away all their hatred and uncalled for slurs and offending placards. Bravo!

The **Bradley Sculpture Garden** is always a great place to spend a hot Sunday afternoon. Every August, **Jane Pettit** opens up her family estate for a flawless formal picnic, with proceeds going to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

I have a correction to my last update. Due to scheduling problems, the **M&M Club** will hold their next Show on Friday, August 4, 24 hours earlier than previously reported. It seems the fans couldn't wait. "Trash Disco" will be the theme, and I will not "Survive" unless you save for me the "Last Dance." The chic **ChiChi** (not the restaurant) is the Guest of Honor. So come on down and have a fabulous fish fry and "Friday Night Fever."

While on the subject matter of the **M&M Club**, let me, in print, clarify that the legendary club has not been sold. The club is not even on the market and/or up for sale. However, **Bob Schmidt** did tell me if I could get the speculated amount he would split it with me as a finder's fee. So starting bidding America! Oh and by the by, Bob does not come with the building...

Tickets for dinner and **Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber's** "The Phantom Of the Opera" on Wednesday, August 9, are selling very fast.

Zaniest experience of late ... Returning from **Festa Italiana** (more next time), I stopped at M's enjoying a very diverse crowd. While sipping and gossiping, getting caught up, this rather unique creature came in, two side-kicks in tow. Seems this "Caution" had something to offer. After getting settled, **Rona** had remembered her as the **Yodeler**, winning two years in a row at Germanfest. This Saturday night, she was entertaining literally all over the city — Brady Street, Water Street ... She yodeled, she sang and entertained the troops to raucous applause.

Keep your eyes and ears out for **Kimberly SuperStar**. Ms. SuperStar, you certainly know how to shine, and we're all glad you're not a nun!

If you get a chance, take in "Croupier," playing at all the local art houses. I caught it at **The Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse**. It still is, in my opinion, the best deal in town!

One of my favorite works of art, **Patrick Farrell**, unveiled his latest collection at the **Tory Folliard Gallery**. It was thrilling to be invited to his preview! In the crowd, also representing the press, was **James Auer** and his lovely wife. Over half of Farrell's priceless creations were already sold, good show! But, you can still view them in all their glory this Friday, July 28, Gallery Night.

I had the chance over the busy sum-

mer weekend on July 15 to visit **The Club** (formerly Fannies) for their Grand Re-Opening! An awesome crowd enjoyed vintage dance music, complimentary champagne and buffet. Genial hosts **Dave** and the always hysterical **Ratzo** were on hand to add to the gaiety!

The **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center** will be hosting its **Annual Family Reunion** on Saturday, August 26, right outside the Center along Seetho St. This year's Honorees are:

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Can we talk? Just a reminder, AIDS Walk Wisconsin — 2000 is scheduled for Sunday, October 1. Heel toe, heel toe ...

The other morning while listening to **Dave & Carole In The Morning** on WKHL, I was pleasantly surprised to hear about our **PrideFest** being heralded. They were attending the Montreal Comedy Festival, "Just For Laughs." One of their guests was **Jason Stuart**, going on about what a great time he had appearing at PrideFest a few years back and what an appreciative audience... **Suzanne Westenhoefer**, another popular comedian who has journeyed this way as well, was also interviewed and promised to do their show again when she returns to Brew Town.

Following the glowing reviews by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Food Critic, I had an amazing dinner at one of our newest Mexican restaurants, **Botanis**. **Jamie** from **La Perla** is running this delicious endeavor. With all the other options so very crowded on South 5th Street, I strongly suggest stopping by for a quieter, more intimate evening. P.S.: a lovely patio, too!

This is our first anniversary! "Cordially Yours," is one year old! Hallmark dictates that for year one the gift is paper, so I guess I found my medium. Thank You and to the next column(s).

That about does it for yet another column — It's State Fair time again, time to hit the barns ... So while this cream puff has a cream puff, I shall remain "Cordially Yours."

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P.O. Box 199, Milwaukee, 53201

New Beginnings PENPALS (Mo. newsletter)
Box 25, Westby 54667

Pride in Wisconsin Government (LGBT public employees)
c/o OutReach, P.O. Box 310
Madison, WI 53701 (608) 255-8582

Prince Edward B&B
203 West 5th Street, Shawano 54166 (715) 526-2805

Quest (bi-weekly G/L Bar/Entertainment publication)
PO Box 1961, Green Bay, 54301 (414) 433-9821

TAG Team Productions
(WI-USofA Pageants) (414) 432-2517

Top HAT Productions
(Continental System) (414) 671-6711

Wisconsin AIDS Library (414) 225-1539
arcwlib@execpc.com (800) 359-9272

Wisconsin AIDSLine (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
..... (800) 334-AIDS

WI Conference of Churches
(AIDS Caring Community) (608) 244-0894

Wisconsin Boot Men (contact service for men into boots)
P.O. Box 94, Francis Creek, 54214
E-mail: Boot4Sale@aol.com

WI. Legislative Hotline (800) 362-WISC

APPLETON (920)

BARS

Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F)
702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 954-9262

ORGANIZATIONS

AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals) 731-4331
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
120 N. Morrison St., Suite 201, 54911 920-733-2068
..... 800-733-2068

Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
110 S. Locust Street, 54914 991-0128

HIV+ Support Group Appleton 739-4226

PFLAG Fox Cities
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629

GREEN BAY (920)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Chanticleer Guest House
4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay, 54234
746-0334

BlackSmith Inn (Bed & Breakfast)
Box 220, Baileys Harbor, 54202
839-9222

BARS

Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)
1126 Main Street, Green Bay, 54304 1-800-311-3197

Buddies (MW) 437-9256

1264 Main Street, Green Bay, 54304

Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ)
515 S. Broadway 54303 432-9646

Javas (MW, V)
1106 Main 54301 435-5476

ZA's (MW, DJ, V)
1106 Main 54301 435-5476

Sass (WM)
840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
824 S. Broadway, 54304 920-437-7400
..... 800-675-9400

HIV+ Support Support
Green Bay 437-4325

Independent Assessment & Counseling (Kenneth Sahn)
130 E. Walnut, #406 54301 438-8141

HIV+ Support Support
Green Bay 437-4325

Marriage and Family Therapy Center (Gerald Wellens)
130 E. Walnut, #406, 54301 432-8777

ORGANIZATIONS

AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals) 731-4331
Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
3607 Libal Street, 54301 432-0830

Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305

Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB 465-2343

Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay 499-7080

Positive Voice (Gay and Lesbian Support)
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 435-4404

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

BARS

CE's (Wm)
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

Planet Q (MW, D, V)
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. 299-0401
E-mail: bcbears@aol.com

Campus Womens Center

710 University Ave, #202, 53715 262-8093
Different Spokes G/L/B 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 Mens Video Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

GALVAzine (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
(Briarpatch & Picada) or 246-7606

Lesbian, Gay and 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.stdorg.wisc.edu

P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council 262-2551

Womonsong (Woman'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 Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887

Services

Victoria Hewelt Cazel (Attorney)
6701 Seybold Rd., Suite 103 270-1709

KMA Systems of Madison (Computer Consultants)
4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 222-9128

RETAIL

Border's Books
3416 University Ave., 53705 232-2600

Pride Gallery and Gifts
229 North Street, 53704 245-9229

Rubin's
317 E. Wilson St. 53704 255-8998

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 291-0530

Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119

Beer Town Badgers, P.O. Box 840, 53201

Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)
170 S. 2nd St., 53204, Nikki 774-5055

E-mail: bidef@hotmail.com

BWMT-Milwaukee 461-4586, ext 3

P.O. Box 100608, Milwaukee, 53210

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club), P.O. Box 1697, 53202

Counseling Center (LGB support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

Cream City Chorus
170 S. 2nd St., 53204 276-8787

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
170 S. 2nd St., 53204-1409 225-0244

Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201 278-0323

Fest City Singers (gay choral group)
P.O. Box 11428, 53211 961-0713



Firebirds (L/L group), P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159	332-1527
Front Runners (running group)	332-1527
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)	276-6936
2408 N. Farwell Ave., 53211	276-6936
GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)	
E-mail: mkegamma@execpc.com	
Web: www.execpc.com/~mkegamma	
P.O. Box 1900, 53201	365-3453
Membership Info	264-9180
Gay Father's Group	
1240 E. Brady St., 53202	372-8008
Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.	
(GLEEMM), Larry	462-8404
Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM	229-6402
Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild	
209 E. National Ave., 53204	
Gay People's Union	
P.O. Box 208, 53201	645-0585
Gay Youth Milwaukee (peer group meetings)	
P.O. Box 090441, 53209	265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group	
(Bill)	276-7626
Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG support/social)	
P.O. Box 44211, 53214	297-9328
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee	
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862	
GLEAM/SPECTRUM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)	
P.O. Box 254, 53201	482-4310
G/L Community Center Trust Fund	
P.O. Box 1686, 53201	643-1652
Great Lakes Harley Riders, P.O. Box 341611, 53234-1611	
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)	
P.O. Box 899, 53201	
Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)	
P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227	548-4344
LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)	
170 S. 2nd St., 53204	272-9442
LOC/Women of Color	
P.O. Box 93594, 53203	263-1631
Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)	
P.O. Box 199, 53201	299-9443
MGALA (Marquette U. GL Alumni)	
P.O. Box 92722, 53202	
Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance	
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233	288-6873
Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott)	543-9643
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center	
170 S. 2nd St., 53204	
Web: www.mkelgbt.org	271-2656
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.)	800-711-6375
Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride	
(c/o Murguia) 1532 N. Astor St. 53202	276-8546
Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group	963-9833
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)	
170 S. 2nd St., 53204	299-9198
Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter)	
1614 E. Kane Place, 53202	271-1560
PrideFest (annual Pride festival)	
907 S. 1st St., 53204	
Web: www.pridefest.com	645-FEST
The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)	
PO Box 090441, 53209	265-8500
Rainbow Alliance at UWM	
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555
Riverwest Rainbow Association	
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212	225-1645
SAGE Milwaukee (for older LBGTs)	
170 S. 2nd St., 53204 after 4pm	271-0378
Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)	
P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091	454-9204
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)	299-0755
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.	
P.O. Box 76115, 53216	873-1849
Shoreline (country dancing, instruction)	
P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051	747-0388
Silver Space (for older lesbians)	
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett	271-2565
Wisconsin Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.	
P.O. Box 897, 53201-0897	
Wisconsin Outdoor Women (outdoor sporting events)	
P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130	427-2082
RELIGIOUS	
ARCW Spiritual Care	
P.O. Box 92487, 53202	225-1565
Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
1821 N. 16th St., 53205	344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)	
P.O. Box 597, 53201	444-7177
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist)	
1342 N. Astor St., 53202	273-5257
Lake Park Lutheran Church	
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211	962-9190
Lutherans Concerned	
P.O. Box 1676, 53201	372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church	
(UMC) 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204	
Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-1100
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	
5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210	445-2696
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)	
2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211	964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)	
1636 W. National Ave., 53204	647-9199
St. Ann's Church	
5933 W. National Ave., 53214	259-1229
St. James Episcopal Church	
833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233	271-1340
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	

130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 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
BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic)	
(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

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)	
196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
Barbie's Playhouse (Wm)	
700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
2 Boot Camp (M, L/L)	
209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
3 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)	
231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
4 Club Boom (Mw, D, V)	
625 S. 2nd St., 53204	277-5040
3 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)	
219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
3 Dish (Wm, DJ)	
235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds	
801 E. Hadley, 53206	265-7325
17 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)	
1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
5 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)	
200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
6 Fluid (Mw)	
819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D)	
1500 W. Scott 53201	647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)	
801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
10 M&M Club (MW, F)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
13 South Water Street Docks	
354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
20 Station 2 (Wm, D)	
1534 W. Grant 53215	383-5755
14 Switch (Mw)	
124 W. National Ave., 53204	220-4340
15 This Is It (M)	
418 E. Wells 53202	278-9192
16 Triangle (M, V)	
135 E. National 53204	383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D)	
1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806

COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS

Annex (10am-after hours)	
1106 S. 1st St. 53204	384-7999
Azteca	
816 South 5th St., 53204	383-8816
Bear Brew (Coffee House)	
708 N. Milwaukee St., 53202	224-8877
Cafe Knickerbocker	
1030 East Juneau, 53202	272-0011
Cempazuchi	
1205 E. Brady St., 53202	291-5233
Chip and Pys	
1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon,	241-9589
Cielito Lindo	
733 South 2nd St., 53204	649-0401
Fitzpatrick's	
W2596 Hwy E.S., East Troy, 53120	642-7999
Harry's Bar and Grill	
3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211	694-6800
La Fuente	
625 South 5th St., 53204	271-8595
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
North Shore Bistro	
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer	351-6100
Silver Dollar Cafe	
831 South 16th Street, 53204	645-8860

HELP LINES

The Force	
(referrals to GLBT counselors)	276-8487
Gay Information Svcs.	
(referrals)	444-7331
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Gay People's Union	645-0585
Gay Youth WI Hotline	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

SERVICES

1st Source Mortgage (Mortgage Lending)	
2433 N. Mayfair Rd., Suite 320,	258-5404
Able Amazon (Home Repair)	447-0251
Affiliated Mortgage	453-6700
1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218	
Bar	

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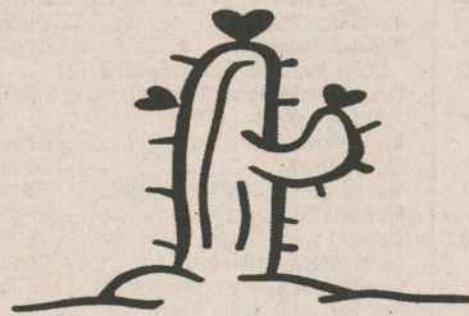
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WISCONSIN

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT GWM, 5'6", 165 lbs, 35, seeking counterpart who wishes to have some outdoor and indoor fun. If this sounds interesting please give me a call. If we are right for each other a promising future is ahead for us. (Eau Claire) **14038**

WANTS ONLY FUN GWM seeking hot Bi/Guy, 18-21, for hot and erotic times. Let's try to get together you will be pleased. **14070**

OUT OF HIS CAVE Big Black bear looking for White submissive Male, 18-25. Check me out. (Milwaukee) **13451**

GWM, 22, cute, blonde/blue, fun personality seeking G/BiHM, 18-28, for dating and possibly more. We can have a great time if we are right for each other. (Whitefish Bay) **13294**

NOT A CHEESEHEAD

Very BiWM, Married and am looking for other Bi/GM to have a good time with. I enjoy beaches, nudity, outdoors and having a fun time. If this sounds interesting check me out. You will be pleased. (Wisconsin Dells) **12777**

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LET'S DRESS UP BiW/TV, early 40s, love to dress seeking other TV, drag queen that has similar likes. Let's get together and have some fun. (Milwaukee) **11465**

CHEERY CHERRY GWM, 18, enjoys movies, cooking, simple stuff seeking a bit older GM, race is open, for friendship and possibly more. Let's give it a try. (Green Bay) **11157**

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Tina is a BiWTV, enjoys dressing up, high heels. Seeking BiWTV/GWTV or Drag Queens, with similar interests. (Milwaukee) **11143**

SUNDAYS CAN BE FUN

DAYS Cute GWM, 32, brown, bottom boy, seeking serious hot top who is in shape and knows what he is doing. (Mantiwok) **10627**

WHATEVER 41-year-old

Male seeking SM 18-22, for sex or whatever. (Green Bay) **10505**

COOL LIKE THAT

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Eclecti i (art/gifts)	411 E Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217	906-0665
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	2201 E Capitol Dr, 53211	963-1006
Grava Gallery (framing)	1209 E. Brady St, 53202	277-8228
Mega Discount Nurse	1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Miss Groove (gifts)	1225 E. Brady St., 53202	298-9185
Out of Solitude Jewelry	918 E. Brady St, 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	100 E. Capitol Dr, 53212	964-7789 exchange@execpc.com
Popular News (adult books, videos)	225 N. Water St, 53202	278-0636
Rainbow Pets	1928 N. Farwell Ave, 53202	270-9552
Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop	1213 E. Brady St., 53202	223-5941
Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	6833 W. North Ave.	607-9672
Rubin's	224 E. Chicago St, 53202	278-8100
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	1418 E. Brady St, 53202	272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	207 E Buffalo, 53202	964-9799

Spa/Health Clubs

Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility)	315 S. Water St., 53204	278-8989
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CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	1105 Grand Ave, #3, Schofield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200
Joseph T. Chojacki, Ph.D. (Psychologist)	Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com		
G&L Society/Wausau		848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
	UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402	848-0343
Oz (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. (MGLG)	c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
	Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim:	(715) 384-6731
Prince Edward B&B	203 W 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
		536-LIFE
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	(ask for Gay meetings)	
Women's Resource Center UWSP	336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt, 54481	346-4851

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Gay/Lesbian Support Group	Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bisexuals		359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)	PO 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
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	857-9958
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	Hwy 20 Racine 53403	657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	886-5111
What About Me? (WM)		634-9804

600 6th St, Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	
625 College, Racine 54303	634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization	
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
PFLAG Kenosha/Racine (c/o St. Mary's Lutheran Church)	
2001 80th St., Kenosha 53143	658-3555
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union	
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B	
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie	63-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)	
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	843-4209

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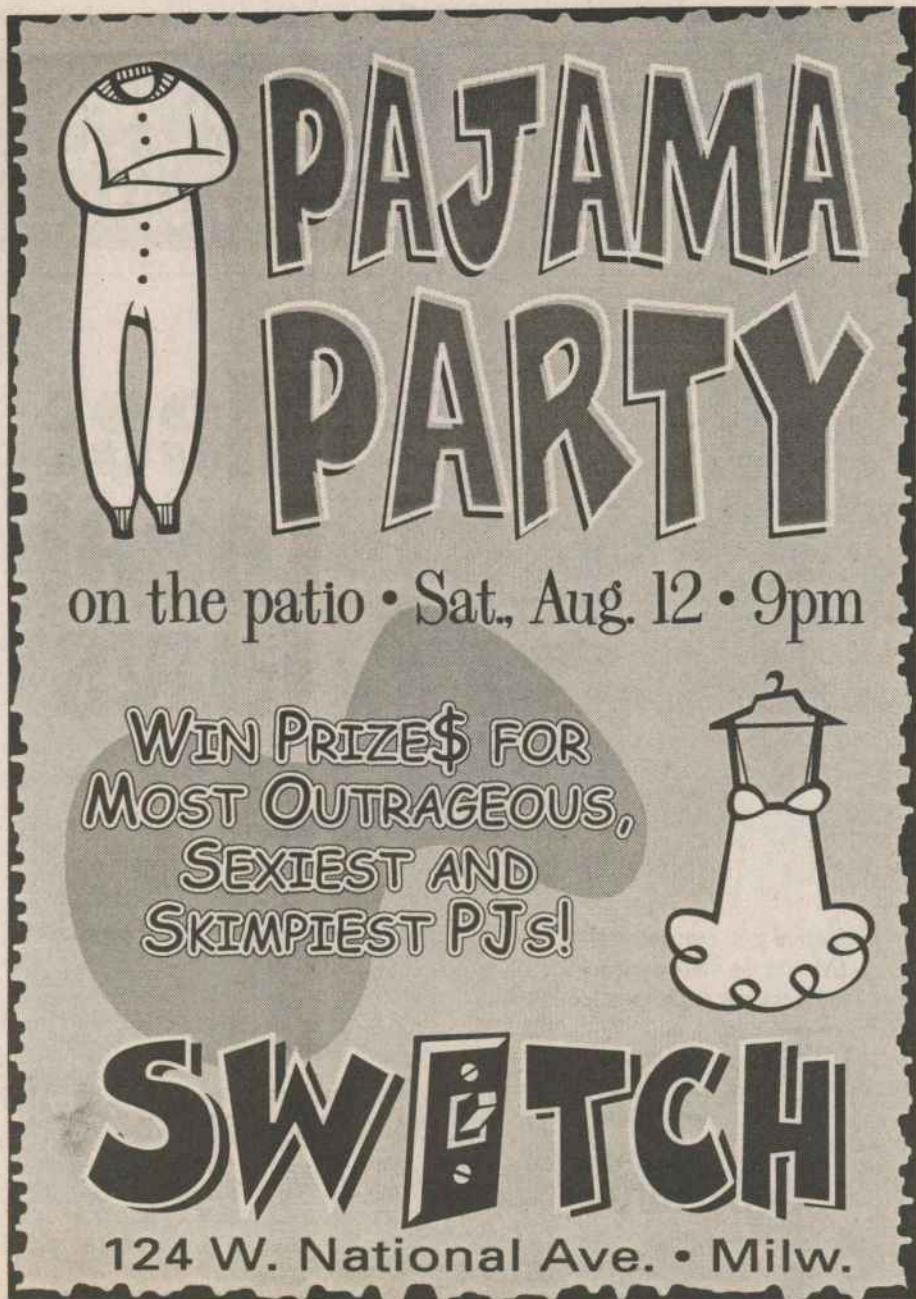
AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)	
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545	756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)	
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	868-6646
Cothren House (B&B)	
Mineral Point	987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)	
W6642 Hwy 8, Lake Mills 53551	648-8457
The Closet (MW, DJ)	
232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991	363-8764

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)	
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701	836-7710
	(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)	
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880	394-4009
	(877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)	
PO Box 264, Superior 54880	
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)	
PO 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 Garfield, 132 Davies Ct, 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	
PO 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-M	
Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire	
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)	
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729	723-8490

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)	
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420	(608) 785-9866
La Crosse, WI 54601	(800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)	
PO 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	
My Place (MW J)	
3201 South Ave., La Crosse 54601	788-9073
La Crosse L/G Support Group	
c/o Campus Ministry Center	784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News	
Box 932, La Crosse 54602	
La Crosse Parents & Friends of Gays	782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601	782-9802
Under the Rainbow (Alternative Books)	
122 5th Ave S, La Crosse 54601	796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed & Breakfast	
	783-8181
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