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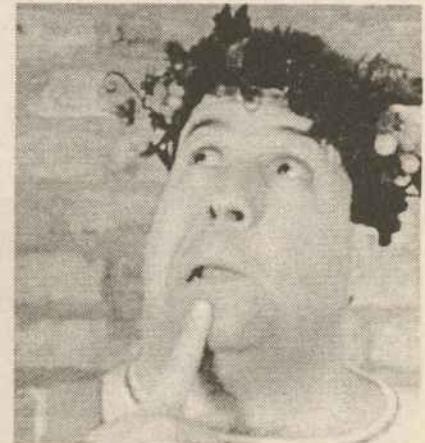
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Actress Anne Heche Hospitalized After Break-Up with Ellen

By Keith Clark

Fresno, Calif. — Only hours after news broke that actress Anne Heche and comedian Ellen DeGeneres had ended their 3 1/2 year relationship, Heche was taken to a Fresno, Calif., hospital briefly after she wandered confused and disoriented onto the farm of a family in rural Fresno County.

Sheriff's officials confirmed that there was no doubt the woman they took to University Medical Center was Heche. "It was her," said Lt. Merrill Wright of the Sheriff's Department. "We were able to identify her."

Several news sources reported that Heche may have been under the influence of "some sort of drug," but law enforcement officials said there was no criminal investigation going on.

One local television news report said Heche had seen doctors at the medical center for about two hours and then left the hospital. She was later reported being photographed at Los Angeles International



Anne Heche

Airport boarding a plane for Toronto, where she is directing a film starring Denzel Washington. Neither her nor DeGeneres' managers have so far made any statements about the bizarre incident.

Authorities said Heche arrived at the farm tired and on foot. Her agent reportedly made arrangements to pick up the actress' abandoned car, but it was unclear if it had run out of gas or broken down.

One report indicated that Heche was on her way to the First Women's Music Festival scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19, at Yosemite and had planned to travel from there to Toronto.

Wright of the Sheriff's Dept. said there had been scores of media inquiries about Heche, including several very strange rumors that they knew nothing about. One reporter asked authorities to confirm a story that Heche had been found wandering naked on Interstate 5; another asked if it was true that Heche had told the farm family where she turned up that she was God and was there to take everyone back to heaven.

"Those are just plain wrong," Wright said. "People take a story like this and they just started running with it."

Heche and DeGeneres announced their separation earlier in a statement released to the New York Daily News. In that statement, the couple said, "Unfortunately, we have decided to end our relationship. It is an amicable parting, and we greatly value the 3 1/2 years we have spent together." The two had been together since 1997 when they met at a Vanity Fair party for the Oscars.

Both women have said their careers ran into trouble after they announced their relationship.

"I was naive, hugely naive," said Heche in a 1998 interview. "I fell in love, and I didn't believe people would care."

Jackie Joyner-Kersee to Lead AIDS Walk



Jackie Joyner-Kersee

Milwaukee — Six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee will lead this year's 11th anniversary AIDS Walk Wisconsin by serving as the event's Honorary Chair. Joyner-Kersee will attend the state's largest AIDS fund-raiser on Sunday, October 1 in Milwaukee, themed "The Power of One Day."

The most decorated female athlete in track and field, Joyner-Kersee is globally recognized as the "world's greatest female athlete of the 20th Century" and is the winner of six Olympic medals, three of them gold; the current world-record holder in the heptathlon and the one-time world record holder in the long jump.

"HIV is a devastating disease that is reaching into all communities," Joyner-Kersee said. "I worry that a new generation of women, youth and people of color are uninformed about how prevalent HIV is within their communities. I challenge the people of Wisconsin to walk with me and to work hard to prevent this

deadly disease."

Joyner-Kersee, no stranger to supporting the HIV cause, was the 1999 grand marshal of her home town AIDS Walk St. Louis.

"It is important to the future of our children that we do everything possible to defeat AIDS. Creating awareness while rallying people to defeat AIDS is a cause I wholeheartedly support," Joyner-Kersee said.

"As a celebrity who is committed to AIDS, Jackie will inspire walkers throughout Wisconsin to turn out for this phenomenal event," said Doug Nelson, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin executive director. ARCW produces AIDS Walk Wisconsin. "She will bring a powerful message especially for communities of color and women where the AIDS epidemic continues to grow significantly."

Joyner-Kersee will speak at the AIDS Walk Breakfast and the Opening Ceremony, and will kick-off the expected 5,000 walkers during a red ribbon cutting with other Wisconsin dignitaries. She follows a distinguished list of Honorary Chairs including Danny Glover, Bette Midler, Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore and Earvin 'Magic' Johnson.

Buses in communities throughout the state will provide transportation to registered Walkers. AIDS Walk Wisconsin registration is available at www.arcw.org or by calling (800) 348-WALK.

AIDS Walk will benefit 15 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.

Duluth-Superior GLBT Pride Set for Labor Day Weekend

By Jamakaya

Superior, Wis. — This year's celebration of GLBT Pride in the twin ports of Duluth, Minn. and Superior, Wis. promises to be bigger and better than ever, with the first ever full-fledged Pride Parade wending through the streets of Duluth and an extra "Magical Mystery Harbor Cruise" added to the traditional "Fruit Float" on Lake Superior.

"We've been having a Pride event up here for about 15 years," Kat Summerchild, a Duluth-Superior Pride organizer told *IN Step*. "Often, it was just a word of mouth thing, you know, 'Hey, we're going to meet at so-and-so park,' and people would come and hang out. But the celebration has really expanded in the past few years and includes many different events over a full weekend."

"This year will be the very first year that we'll be walking and parading down the streets in our cars and trucks and floats right on Superior St. in Duluth. We're very excited!"

The Pride Parade is scheduled for 12 noon on Sunday, September 3. GLBTs and their families and supporters are encouraged to participate in the parade. The line-up will take place in the Bayfront parking lot at the corner of Railroad-Commerce St. and 5th Ave. West at 10:30 a.m. Step-off is at noon. Anyone planning to enter a float or use a vehicle in the parade is asked to register in advance.

"In '96 or '97, we had maybe 100 people brave enough to join a march along the boardwalk," Summerchild said. "Last year, we organized a Pride march along the sidewalks in Duluth and we had 300-400 people. It was pretty impressive. That's what gave us the idea of expanding to the streets this year. We don't know quite what to expect, but we're hoping for a good turn-out."

Twin Cities Pride, the group that organizes the huge Minneapolis-St. Paul Pride Festival in June, has been named honorary Parade Marshal. "Twin Cities Pride has been a great help to us over the years, giving us good advice and some financial support too," Summerchild com-

mented. "We wanted to honor them for leading the way for us and helping us to grow."

The weekend actually begins with an Art Show/Sale and Poetry Reading at Jitters Coffee Shop, 102 W. Superior St. in Duluth, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday night. There will be an open mic, so any budding GLBT writers are welcome to read from their work. Later that evening, at 9 p.m., Out Up North sponsors the annual "Bonfire on Wisconsin Point." They'll supply the fire — participants should bring their own food and drink.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, there will be a Festival in the Park, running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Festival will take place in

event. After the "Fruit Float," from 5:30-8:30 p.m., The Jook Joint in Superior is hosting a Barbeque for the GLBT community. Then at 8:30 p.m., The Main Club hosts Pride's annual AIDS fundraiser. A variety/drag show and auction will be part of the evening. The \$3 cover will go to support local AIDS service groups.

Bob Janson, owner of The Main Club and an official "Dinosaur" of the Twin Ports gay community (he's getting one of this year's Dinosaur Awards for being politically active for more than ten years), says he's glad many of the Pride activities take place outside the bars.

"I've always thought Pride should be

"REMEMBER, YOU'RE COMING TO THE NORTH WOODS, WHERE MEN AND WOMEN ARE BOTH BUTCH. WE DON'T DRESS FOR FASHION, WE DRESS FOR FUNCTIONALITY."

Billings Park in Superior. Entertainers scheduled to perform include the Father Hennepin Band, Jackie Fontaine, Tricia Stafne, Jen Evens, Outside the Lines, Tiara Desmond, Helen Pumps, Antonio, and Jessica Jean-Nickolaus Tretter will discuss Gay History. There will be speakers, food vendors, and merchants. Admission is free.

Saturday evening's highlights include the new "Magical Mystery Harbor Cruise," a two-hour cruise on the Vista King. Formal dress is encouraged but not required. There will be piano music, champagne, a bevy of delectable desserts, and, hopefully says Summerchild, "a lovely sunset and beautiful starry skies." Several dozen tickets (at \$25 each) were still available at press time. Later that night, from 8 p.m. to close, J.T.'s in Superior is hosting a special Pride Party Night.

After Sunday's Pride Parade, the annual "Fruit Float" sets off into Lake Superior. This cruise is so popular, all 290 tickets sold out within weeks of going on sale. Concern about disappointed people who couldn't get tickets led Pride organizers to launch the "Magical Mystery" cruise, which is also likely to become an annual

separate from the bars," he said. "It's important to celebrate outside the comfortable walls of the bars. The major events of the weekend are out in the community, which I think is great."

When asked how the broader Duluth-Superior public might respond to the parade and Pride events, Janson said: "Oh, I think it will be fine. You know, there's a very Scandinavian outlook up here, like 'Yah. Okay. Whatever.' Continuing in "Fargo"-esque mode, Janson joked: "Youse guys should come up here. Yah. You betcha."

He offered this wardrobe advice: "Remember, you're coming to the north woods, where men and women are both butch. We don't dress for fashion, we dress for functionality."

Pride weekend mobilizes the GLBT community in Duluth-Superior but draws many from rural areas in the upper Midwest and even Canada, according to Summerchild.

"It's going to be a great weekend, no doubt about it," Summerchild said.

For more information on the Duluth-Superior GLBT Pride Weekend, set your browser to: www.dspride.bizland.com or call (218) 728-5825.

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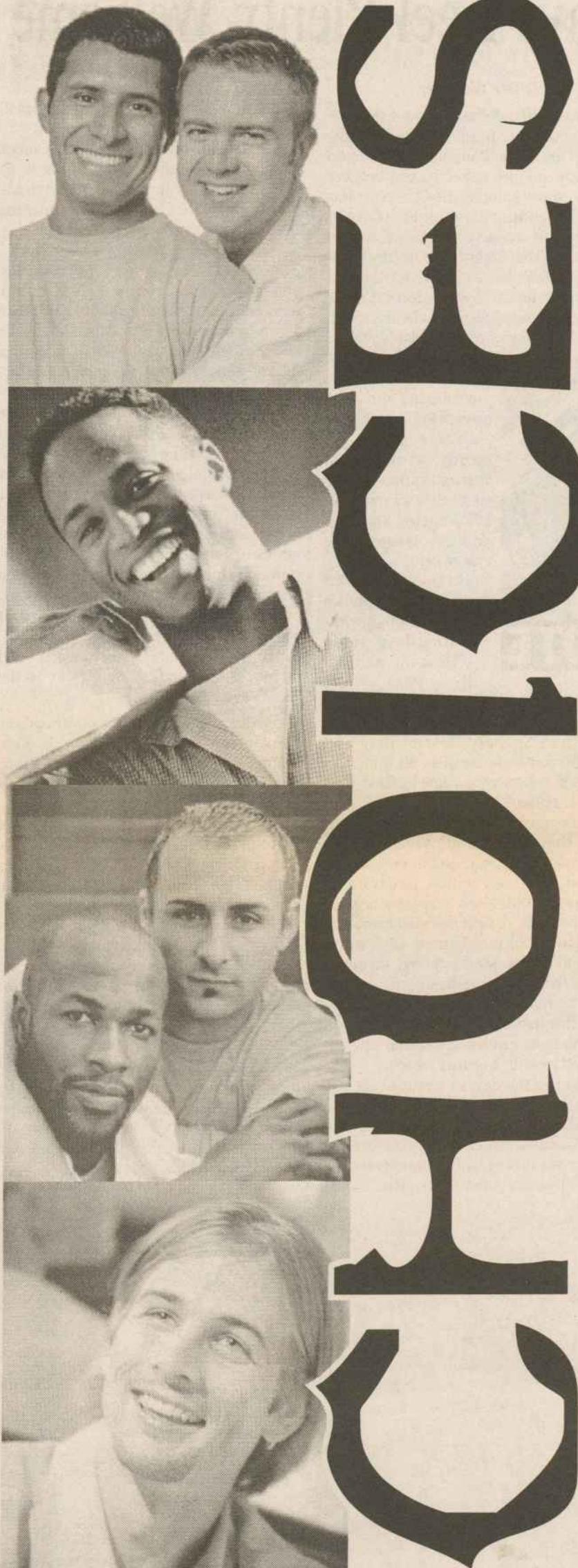
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Gays Feel Plenty Welcome at Democratic Convention

By Rex Wockner

If you needed definitive proof that the Democrats are much more gay-friendly than the Republicans, all you had to do was attend their respective conventions. Gay outreach during the GOP event was limited to sending Republican strategist Mary Matalin around to say nice things to the gay Log Cabin Republicans, letting openly gay U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., give a brief speech to the convention on trade issues, and allowing vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney's openly lesbian daughter Mary to stand on the stage with her family.

There were 19 openly gay delegates and alternates in Philadelphia.

There were 212 openly gay delegates, alternates and standing committee members in Los Angeles, and gays and gay issues were everywhere.

Al Gore mentioned them in his acceptance speech, although without saying the 'g' word.

"Hear me well, we will pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act," Gore said. "And we will honor the memory of Matthew Shepard, Joseph Ileto and James Byrd, whose families all joined us this week, by passing a law against hate crimes. It's time."

While most listeners probably did not know that the Employment Non-Discrimination Act bans job discrimination based on sexual orientation, nearly everyone knows that Matthew Shepard was gay.

Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Lieberman mentioned gays more directly in his acceptance speech, saying: "I believe that the time has come to tear down the remaining walls of discrimination in this nation, walls of discrimination based on race, gender and sexual orientation. And we will. Together we will."

Earlier in the day, in a visit to the gay caucus, Lieberman said: "In our time, I think the frontier of this historic and uniquely American effort is to secure the fullest protection of law and liberty for the gay and lesbian community. That is just



About 1,000 gays rally in Pershing Square in downtown L.A. Aug. 15. They said the Clinton administration and the Democratic Party have failed to deliver in areas such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate-crimes legislation, domestic-partnership rights, increased AIDS funding, the military gay ban and universal health care. Photo by Rex Wockner

what this is all about."

There were numerous other gay developments:

▼ Hillary Clinton visited the gay caucus and said: "One of the greatest thrills of my life was marching in the gay-pride parade in New York City. I've never seen anything like it. It was such a great afternoon."

"The stakes are huge [in this election]," Clinton said. "They're huge for everybody who cares about a strong economy, about a good education system, about health care that is available and affordable, about the environment, about a woman's right to choose, about gun-safety measures, about ending discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation — on everything that we have fought for for the last eight years, and some of you for the last decade. It is all at stake in this election. Make no mistake about it. We are either going to continue to go forward or we are doing a U-turn back to the days not just of deficits and disinvestment but of discrimination and derision. We're going back to the days when people think it's acceptable to look down on their fellow human beings, to draw walls and lines between us."

Four Cabinet members and several members of Congress also spoke to the GLBT caucus.

▼ Several gays and lesbians addressed the convention itself including U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., San Francisco school-board member Juanita Owens, New Mexico activist Gloria Nieto, Democratic National Committee Treasurer Andy Tobias, New Hampshire state Rep. Ray Buckley and, in prime time, Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"Not a single gay American seeks special rights or favored treatment," Birch said. "We seek simple equality — the equal right to work, raise a family, serve our country in every way and be free from the shackles of brutality and hate."

All 231 Texas delegates held up placards and chanted slogans against hate crimes as Birch spoke. The action, orchestrated by HRC, was a response to the Texas delegates at the Republican convention who took off their cowboy hats, bowed their heads and prayed when Rep. Kolbe spoke.

▼ Lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge sang for the delegates in prime time, performing a medley of "The Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land."

▼ Democratic Party Chair Joe Andrew spoke out strongly for gays on several occasions.

"The Republicans put on a parade of diversity on their convention stage, but when it comes right down to it, they only had a handful of gay and lesbian participants," he said. "The Democrats ... are proud to host a record number of gays and lesbians — a true sign that we are the true party of diversity and inclusion. ... We don't care ... what gender you want to hold hands with — as long as you want to hold hands, you are welcome in the Democratic Party."

▼ The parents of the late Matthew Shepard addressed the convention.

▼ Former Democratic candidate Bill Bradley told the delegates, "Whenever I meet someone who can see beyond skin color or eye shape or sexual orientation to the individual, I think to myself, All of us could be that good."

▼ The California delegation, which had 34 gay members, booed when Boy Scouts appeared to lead conventioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"It's such an affront," said Assemblywoman Carole Migden of San Francisco.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently affirmed the Scouts' gay ban.

▼ The Democratic platform expressed support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate-crimes legislation and lifting the military gay ban. It also called for "full inclusion of gay and lesbian families in the life of the nation" with "an equitable alignment of benefits." This is understood to be an endorsement of Vermont-style civil unions, which provide gay couples every right of marriage except the right to call their union "marriage." (The Republican platform denounced gay rights, gay adoption, gay marriage and gay Boy Scouts.)

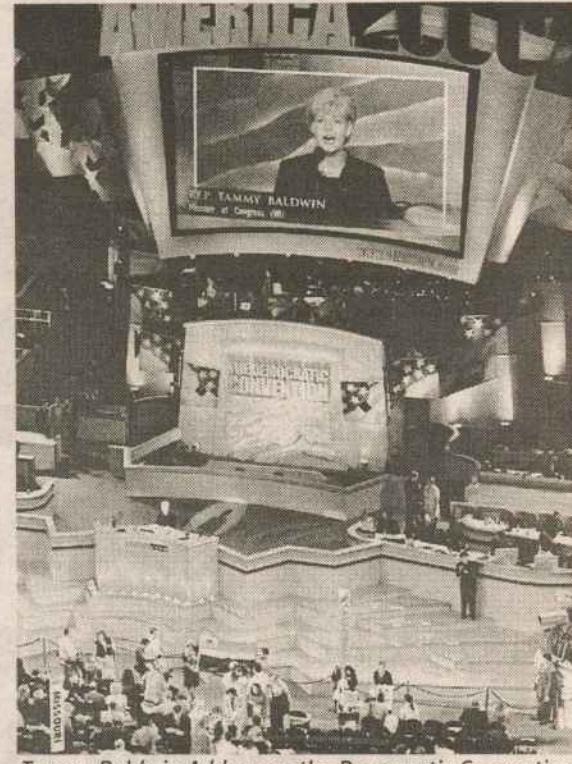
"We've got a very strong platform, there's no question about that," said Jean O'Leary, chair of the Democratic National Committee's Gay & Lesbian Caucus. "There were nine openly gay people on the platform committee."

"That's how far we've come in terms of our place in the party and our position at the table," O'Leary said. "We are a very, very important voting bloc. We have arrived. People are aware the gay and lesbian community could swing the election."

The Next Step

With all the support, and with the platform affirming every gay goal except legalization of marriage itself, some gay and lesbian delegates found themselves wondering where to go from here.

"Where we go is two-fold," Rep. Frank said in an interview. "In the current situation it's important to point out to gay and lesbian people that the Democrats are much better than the Republicans. The Democratic National Committee does that. But it's also important to push the Democrats so they'll be even better-better."



Tammy Baldwin Addresses the Democratic Convention

The Human Rights Campaign does that. We're the ones who can preach gay rights to Democrats and preach voting Democrat to gay people, and we do."

In an interview, Rep. Baldwin added: "We have to translate the platform into action. The platform is really the basis, the values statement, the ideal. To implement it is clearly the next set of steps. The openly gay and lesbian delegates play a tremendous role in communicating the need for the next steps."

National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland said she was in town to push for full-fledged gay marriage.

"We're at that beginning stage with the issue of marriage and of long-term, loving, committed relationships that should actually fit very well with the current political climate," she said in an interview during a party at the L.A. gay center. "So, as a caucus, inside and outside, we have to keep bringing that message forward."

Ireland said that when she first heard about gay marriage, she thought to herself, "Why would anybody want to buy into that patriarchal, hierarchical relationship where one person essentially, traditionally, owned the other person?"

"Then, of course, I had to be educated — remember all the legal and tax and other benefits that go along with legal marriage," she said. "There's also a benefit in having the community recognize your relationship, take concern for your relationship, be supportive. That means something. So, while a lot of people say: 'OK, civil unions, that's all we need. That's the legal, that's the economic, that's the tax benefits,' I think we should push for marriage. We need the ceremony, the symbolism, the celebration, as well as the legal and economic."

Hollywood gay celebrities were also out doing their part.

Ellen DeGeneres, "Hollywood Squares" star Bruce Vilanch and "Party of Five" star Mitchell Anderson appeared at several convention-related events and parties.

"Baby, I've been political for a long, long time," Anderson said in an interview. "For gay and lesbian issues, there's no choice. Al Gore and Joe Lieberman will continue the inclusiveness that Bill Clinton has given us in the last eight years."

"It's really important to me now to be able to use my voice — whatever kind of visibility I have — to get out there in front and

talk about the things that I'm passionate about," Anderson said. "I'm very passionate about equal opportunity for all people, including gay and lesbian people. That means marriage, health care, inheritance, all of the things that everybody else takes for granted, all those rights, I'm very interested in having that for all Americans."

In The Streets

Meanwhile, a bizarre game played out in the streets the evening of Aug. 15 between 1,000 gay protesters and 500 police officers.

It started with speeches and a kiss-in in downtown's Pershing Square. But when the gays set off on a march to the Ronald Reagan state-government building and to the Federal Building, the cops got nervous.

At each intersection, 40-50 LAPD officers stood ready to rumble — helmets on, visors down, clubs drawn and tear-gas canisters at the ready.

When the protesters arrived at the Reagan building, they were greeted by scores of California Highway Patrol officers standing shoulder-to-shoulder across the front and side of the building.

The march was scheduled to end with a "die-in" (activists lie in the street and draw chalk outlines around their bodies to remember people lost to homophobia or AIDS) at the Federal Building at Temple Street and Los Angeles Street near Union Station. But the situation there quickly turned ugly. As the marchers filled the intersection, around 500 police officers surrounded them on all four sides. As the die-in proceeded, the police officers periodically grunted very loudly in unison, then ran en masse to a new location and assumed another ready-to-fight formation. Each time this happened, several protesters hopped up from the pavement and ran, fearful of an impending police attack.

Finally, the die-in finished but the police then refused to let the protesters leave. For half an hour, the demonstrators and scores of reporters remained trapped in the intersection with all avenues of exit blocked.

"We just want to get on the subway," they pleaded. "We want to pee and go home," they said. "We're done, let us leave."

After extended negotiations, the protesters and the reporters finally were forced to retrace their steps all the way back to Pershing Square (two subway stops away), again with the police rushing ahead and blocking each intersection so the protesters could not disperse.

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Steve Martin, who took part in the protest, commented: "This is like bizarre intimidation tactics. It's really strange. ... But, you know, when we were here [at the Reagan building] back in 1991 we smashed the windows during the AB 101 demonstrations, so that might explain some of it. But throughout this convention, the police ratio to demonstrators has been awfully high."

The demonstrators said they were protesting the failure of the Democratic Party and the Clinton administration to deliver in such areas as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate-crimes legislation, domestic-partnership rights, increased AIDS funding, cheaper AIDS drugs, AIDS education, the HIV immigration ban, the military gay ban and universal health care.

As they marched, they chanted: "We're here, we're queer, we're not going shopping," "What do we want? Queer rights. When do we want it? Now," and "Racist, sexist, anti-gay — LAPD, go away."

"This feels great," Martin said, noting that there had been no GLBT street protests in Los Angeles since the heyday of ACT UP and Queer Nation.

March on Washington Organizers Facing Bankruptcy

Washington — According to the Washington Blade, six of the 16 food and beverage vendors connected with the April 30 Millennium March on Washington have filed court papers that would force organizers of the event, Millennium Productions, into bankruptcy.

Shortly after the actual march, Millennium Productions said thousands of dollars — perhaps as much as \$750,000 — was missing and asked the FBI to investigate. The organizers said the missing funds made it impossible for them to pay money due to the various vendors.

Now the six food and beverage vendors want the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in D.C. to place Millennium Productions in involuntary bankruptcy because the organizers cannot pay some \$38,271 in funds due them.

South African Military's Grim Program to 'Cure' Homosexuality

JOHANNESBURG — Activists in South Africa want the government to prosecute military and medical personnel involved in apartheid era experimental treatment in which hundreds of soldiers were forced to undergo horrendous procedures to "cure" their homosexuality.

Based on a report ("The Aversion Project") by the government's Medical Research Council (MRC), between 1971 and 1989 several hundred soldiers who were gay, or simply believed to be gay, were subjected to procedures ranging from electric-shock treatment to sex-reassignment operations to chemical sterilizations in a government effort to eliminate homosexuality in the armed forces. Some of the sex-change patients were not allowed to have hormone treatment needed to fully augment the operation; others were left with their operations only partly completed.

Activists say that Dr. Aubrey Levin, the psychiatrist who headed the hospital where the treatments took place, should be prosecuted. He now works in the psychiatry department at the University of Calgary in Canada. According to the report, some patients died during the sex-change operations and some later committed suicide.

Levin has denied he was involved in any improper treatments and says he never treated any patients against their will. But one former soldier who underwent treatment at the medical facility said he was threatened with life in prison if he didn't agree to undergo a sex-change operation.

United Methodist Church Locks Doors on Bishop

FRESNO, Calif. — The battle within the United Methodist Church over blessing same-sex unions took a dramatic turn in this small California town when leaders of St. Luke's Church changed the locks on the doors.

Bishop Melvin Talbert earlier had suspended St. Luke's senior pastor, the Rev. David Wainscott, and replaced him with the Rev. Douglas Norris.

Wainscott and five other conservative United Methodist pastors in the area have challenged Bishop Talbert's support for ministers who perform same-sex unions by withholding their church financial assessments to the regional United Methodist district that the bishop heads.

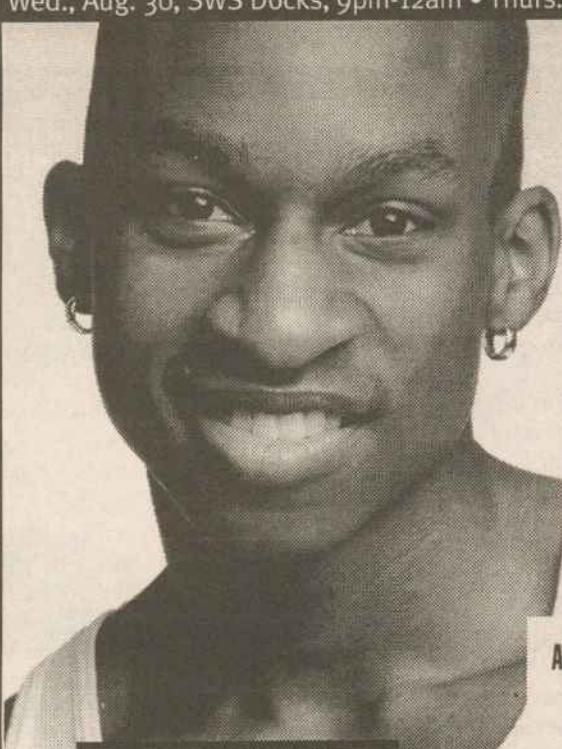
Five of the six pastors have either been disciplined or have left the United Methodist church as a result. Now St. Luke's conservative lay leader Rob Lyness and associate pastor the Rev. Kevin Smith have struck back by changing the locks on the church.

Bishop Talbert said, "We haven't had a lockout before. We are going to try to reason with them."

But Smith said, "If he wants access, he can knock."

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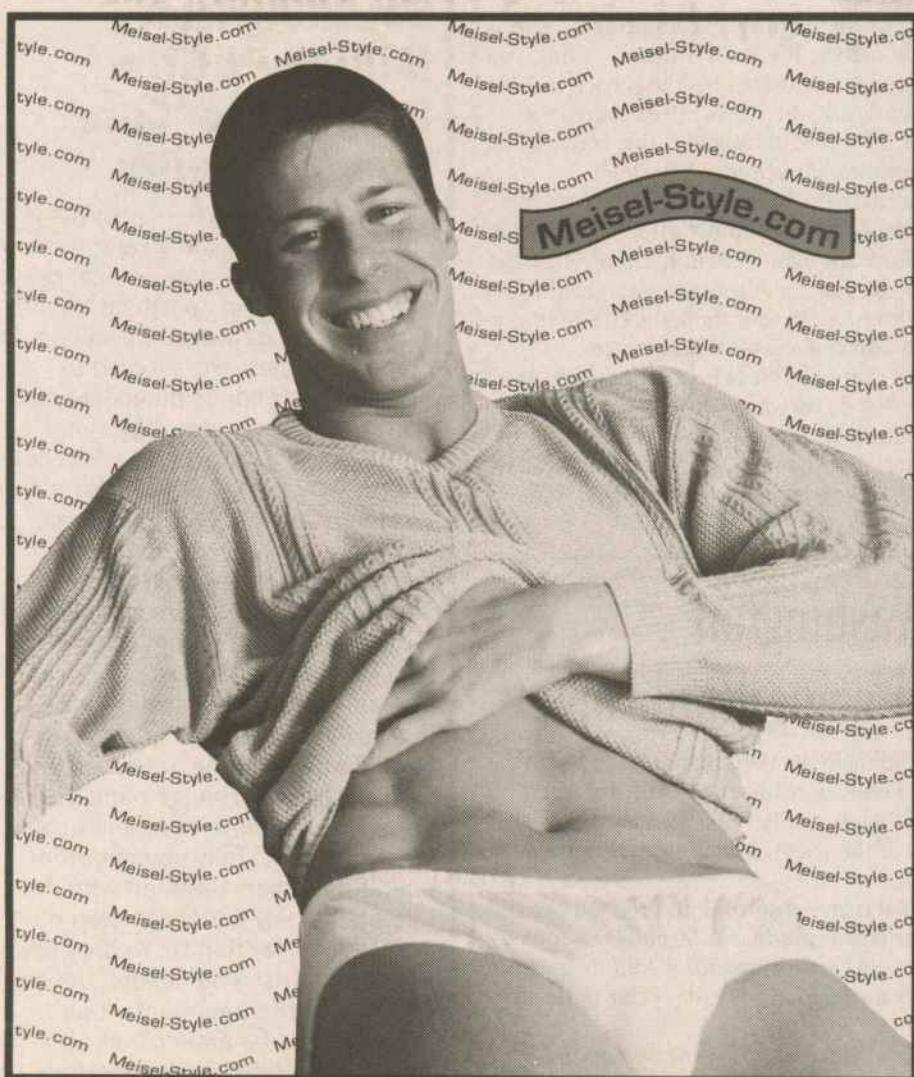


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Parents Charged with Attacking Gay Son

New York — Police have charged Hendrick Paterson, 49, and Sharon Paterson, 36, with beating their son with a metal rod while screaming anti-gay epithets at him.

The 17-year-old boy, whose name is being withheld, had gone to live at an aunt's house reportedly because after he told his parents he is gay earlier in the year the family had been arguing about it and recently had become abusive toward him.

"God will punish you for your lifestyle! You can't be gay!" the couple reportedly screamed at the boy. "If it weren't for your mother, I would have killed you," the father reportedly told the teenager during the attack. Police also said the couple forcibly cut the boy's hair while they held him down.

The parents were charged with assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

The youth was treated at a local hospital for multiple welts and bruises and later released.

Because the attack involves family members, it is unclear if the couple will be charged with a bias-related attack as well.

Study: Patients Still Infectious Despite New Drugs

Chicago — A report in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh concludes that even though new anti-HIV drug therapies can virtually rid the body's bloodstream of the virus, they do not eliminate HIV from semen.

The report notes that, "Although these drugs are wonderful and revolutionize the treatment of HIV, you cannot assume you're not infectious and you must practice safe sex."

The study was based on the effects of drug treatments on the semen of 64 HIV-positive Brazilian men. The researchers found that while the new therapies lowered HIV levels in semen after six months of treatment, about a third of the men were still infectious.



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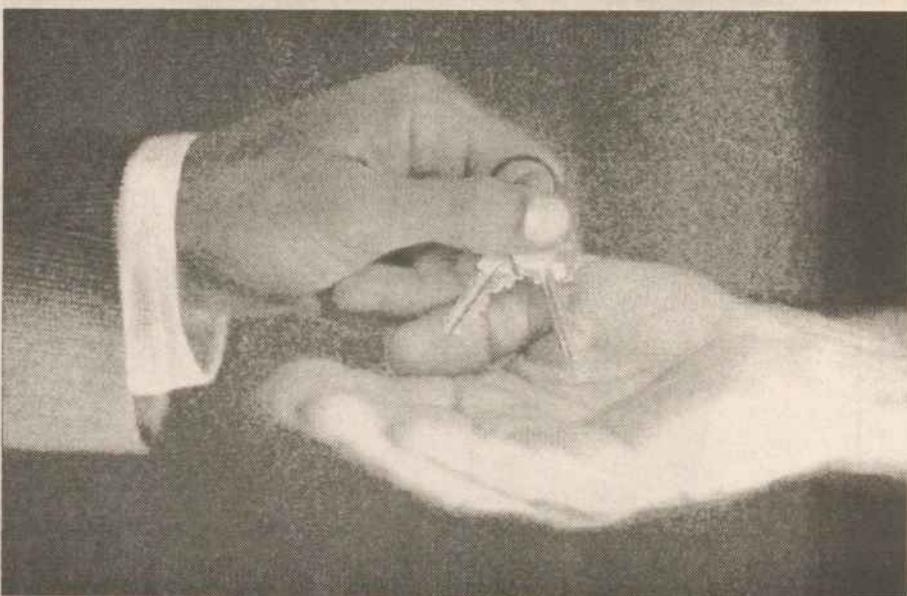
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South African Gay Club Bombed

Cape Town — A car bomb exploded outside the Cape Town, South Africa gay bar Bronx Aug. 20, injuring the doorman and shattering the club's windows.

Gay activists said four other individuals who had been outside the bar were hurt, but police could not confirm that.

A taxi driver told the SAPA news agency the explosion shot flames two stories high.

"I got one hell of a fright," he said. "My heart was still beating fast half an hour later."

Another Cape Town gay club, Blah Bar, was bombed last November. Nine people were injured in that blast.

Gays Excluded From Tokyo Rights

Tokyo — Gays here expressed surprise and anger Aug. 15 upon learning there is no mention of them in the first draft of the city government's new human-rights guidelines, the Daily Yomiuri reported.

Gay groups had been included in hearings where the draft was hammered out.

A spokesman for Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara said gay issues were excluded from the document because "the government has not yet received understanding [about homosexuals] from the majority of Tokyo residents."

Masaki Inaba, a spokesman for the gay group Occur, responded: "Although

the amount of information available to the public about homosexuals [has] increased, it is still considered socially OK to pick on homosexuals and label them second-class citizens. This is a result of the lack of information about gays and lesbians. Government recognition is necessary for the proper measures to be taken."

The guidelines will be finalized before winter, the Daily Yomiuri said.

Gays Allowed in India Day Parade

New York — After being excluded for seven years, the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA) was permitted to march in New York City's Indian Independence Day Parade Aug. 20.

They were accompanied by gay state Sen. Tom Duane and City Council member Chris Quinn, who helped fight for the group's inclusion.

"In keeping with India's proud tradition of diversity, it behooves the [organizers] to welcome SALGA in any community celebration, but especially one that is focused on the people's freedom from colonial oppression," Duane said.

Peruvians Stressed Over Flag

Cusco — Some residents and politicians in Cusco, Peru -- former capital of the Inca Empire -- are upset after learning that the city flag looks just like the gay rainbow flag.

"Many foreign visitors come here and feel a little confused at our flag. They stare at

world briefs

it, wondering," said Mayor Carlos Valencia.

Officials are considering changing their flag's design. The Cusco flag and the gay flag both were created, independently, in the 1970s. The only difference is a light blue strip in the Cusco banner.

Britain's RAF Gets First Trans Pilot

London — Eric Cookson, now known as Caroline Paige, is the first transsexual in Britain's Royal Air Force which, so far, has been remarkably nonchalant about the unprecedented change in its ranks.

Paige, 39, is currently on sick leave recovering from the surgical procedures associated with the gender reassignment, which she paid for herself.

But Defense Ministry officials have said only that she would have to undergo the same strict examinations required to be a helicopter pilot in the first place to resume her previous flying job.

Paige, a veteran who faced duty during the Gulf War and in Bosnia, was given approval to dress as a woman during the period leading up to the operation by RAF doctors.

"This was all new ground to them because I am the first transsexual to declare myself," she said. "We have been working along together and they have been very supportive and loyal."

Gay Republicans Endorse Bush

PHILADELPHIA — The Log Cabin Republicans have voted 109-2 to endorse the presidential bid of Texas Gov. George Bush, saying the GOP convention was proof "a new Republican Party is emerging."

The Log Cabin Republicans said efforts by the Bush campaign to soften the party platform, his outreach to gays and lesbians, and the speech by openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe at the convention all led them to endorse Bush's presidential campaign.

Most Americans Say Gays & Lesbians OK as Parents

NEW YORK — A just-released Zogby/Reuters poll indicates that most Americans think gays and lesbians who want to adopt children should be able to.

Nearly two-thirds (65.9%) said either gay or lesbian parents would make acceptable adoptive parents, with less than a quarter of the 1,000 adults who responded saying they disapprove of gays and lesbians as parents.

A majority said gays would be acceptable parents regardless of whether they were Democrats, Republicans or independents.

Matthew Shepard Play Going to HBO

NEW YORK — HBO will be airing the made-for-television version of Moses Kaufman's play, "The Laramie Project."

The play, currently on stage in New York, is based on the savage killing of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student in 1998.

Two young men were convicted of brutally pistol-whipping Shepard, tying him to a fence in a remote area outside Laramie and leaving him there in freezing overnight weather. Shepard died several days later after he was found strapped to the fence without regaining consciousness.

His murder sparked an outpouring of concern about anti-gay violence in the nation. No air date has been set.

Baby to Have 2 Moms — and 2 Dads

LONDON — The London Times reports that a lesbian couple and a gay male pair are going to share parental responsibilities for a baby that will be born sometime in August to one of the women, Jayne Mucklestone, 35, a health care worker.

Mucklestone was artificially inseminated with the sperm of her gay friend, Keith, who will share parenting duties with the two women and his own partner in an arrangement that is believed to be the first of its kind.

Mucklestone told the paper the child "will be brought up in a very loving environment, with two parents and a caring extended family."

Gay rights opponents, however, charged the baby was being used to "promote homosexuality."

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CCF Sponsors "Getting to Know You" Aug. 29

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation (CCF) will hold its annual summer fundraiser, "Getting to Know You," on Tuesday, August 29, 2000 at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave, in Milwaukee from 6-8 p.m. The event will feature a performance by the Cream City Chorus followed by hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Advance tickets are \$25 and are available from Afterwards Bookstore, the CCF office in the LGBT Community Center, from CCF board members, and at Plymouth Church.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and welcome Patrick Milliren, CCF's new Executive Director. "I'm looking forward to meeting CCF supporters and having the chance to hear the Cream City Chorus for the first time," said Milliren. "These fundraisers give us a chance to socialize as well as raise funds for the Foundation."

Sponsors for the event include the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, LAMM, PrideFest, Mary Messerlie and Margaret Flood, Allen Broyles, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter-Appleton, and Patrick Milliren.

Proceeds from the event will benefit CCF, which has granted nearly \$250,000 to LGBT organizations and events in the Milwaukee area over the past 16 years. For more information call (414) 225-0244 or email CCF at creamcityfnd@voyager.net.

Psychoanalyst to Speak on Homophobia

Milwaukee — Ralph Roughton, MD, will present a lecture called "The Impact of Homophobia and Heterosexism on the Gay Community" on Friday, September 8 at the Stiemke Theatre in the Milwaukee

Center, 108 W. Wells St. Dr. Roughton's presentation, followed by discussion, offers a psychoanalytic perspective on the experience of being gay in a predominantly heterosexual culture. A reception begins at 7 p.m., immediately followed by the program.

Roughton is a nationally known Supervising and Training Analyst at the Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute and former chair of the American Psychoanalytic Committee on Issues of Homosexuality.

The program is the first in a series of public outreach events sponsored by the Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society. A \$5 donation is requested. Students with valid IDs will be admitted for free. For more information or to make a reservation, call (414) 961-8107.

Castaways Donate to ARCW's HIV Dental Clinic

Milwaukee — The Castaways M.C., a Milwaukee levi/leather club, announced today their donation of \$1,244.59 to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic. The check was presented to ARCW by the club's Road Captain, Corey Sweet.

"We are grateful to the Castaways for this generous donation," said Jim Schleif, ARCW director of development. "ARCW's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic is often the only dental clinic available to people with HIV who are indigent and have no other payor source for dental care. ARCW relies heavily on private donations such as this from the Castaways M.C. to make dental care accessible and affordable for people living with HIV."

"The whole club pitched in with an auction and raffle to raise these funds," said Sweet. He added that the club will celebrate its 21st year in November and has regularly donated event proceeds to ARCW.

ARCW's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic

serves over 800 people with HIV each year with an emphasis on providing sensitive and confidential care to multicultural, low-income and hard-to-reach persons living with HIV. The clinic provides preventive and restorative care including examinations, diagnosis, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, partials, extractions, dentures and patient education regarding proper oral hygiene, regardless of a person's ability to pay.

Currently, 70 percent of the HIV Specialty Dental Clinic's patients reside in the Greater Milwaukee area and 30 percent live throughout the state and travel from places such as Green Bay, Madison and Superior to receive dental care. Patients are served by Dr. Steve Debbink, one of the nation's leading HIV dental professionals, a dental hygienist and an assistant. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 359-9272 x261.

A Special Fairy Tale for Gay Men

Milwaukee — Once upon a time there was a gay man who was very sexually active. About two years ago, he came into the BESTD Clinic to get a screening for Hepatitis B. Because he had never been infected with the Hepatitis B virus, he was susceptible to infection and was urged to come in to the clinic for a series of vaccinations to immunize himself. He didn't do it!

A year ago, he came in and asked for another screening test. It was negative

again. He was urged to come in for vaccinations but, again, he did not.

This year, same story but different ending. He got the screening test and it revealed that since the last test he had been infected with the Hepatitis B virus and, even more tragic, he is a chronic carrier with the ability to infect others, especially through his sexual activity. He is now infected for life with a virus that can cause severe disease and possibly even death. He can also spread this virus to anyone with whom he has unprotected sexual contact — oral or anal.

Most fairy tales have morals and this one does too.

Come into the BESTD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady St. any Monday or Tuesday evening between 6-8 p.m. No appointment is needed. Request Hepatitis B screening. If the result indicates that you have never been infected with HBV, begin the series of three vaccinations to protect yourself and, of course, those with whom you have sex. You have the power to give your story a happy ending! For more information, call (414) 272-2144.

HIT's Fall Fashion Preview Sept. 9

Milwaukee — The Holiday Invitational Tournament, the group which each year sponsors the big bowling tournament in Milwaukee around Thanksgiving, is sponsoring a Fall Fashion Preview at Switch,

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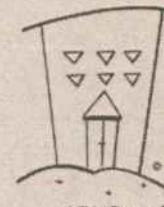


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Madison's Perfect Harmony to Host New Member Nights

Madison — Perfect Harmony, the Madison Area Gay Men's Chorus, will be hosting new member nights beginning Sunday evenings, on September 10. Perfect Harmony is a non-audition group. Our mission is to come together in song, enriching life and community. We are a mix of trained and untrained voices and welcome all skill levels to our ranks. Very few people are unable to sing. Our two choral directors will work with all of us on choral performance issues of blending and vocal skill. Even the most practiced trained voice can sometimes benefit from such instruction. If you are truly one of the 5% or so who can not carry a tune, we will be happy to find a role for you within our group.

Perfect Harmony is a member of the GALA Choruses (Gay and Lesbian Choruses). GALA is an international organization of over 180 male, female and mixed choruses.

Perfect Harmony puts on at least two full concerts per year. We also sing for World AIDS Day, Madison's Ides of March Awards Ceremony, and other benefits, openings, caroling and the like. We are happy to announce that we will be participating in a new benefit series for the

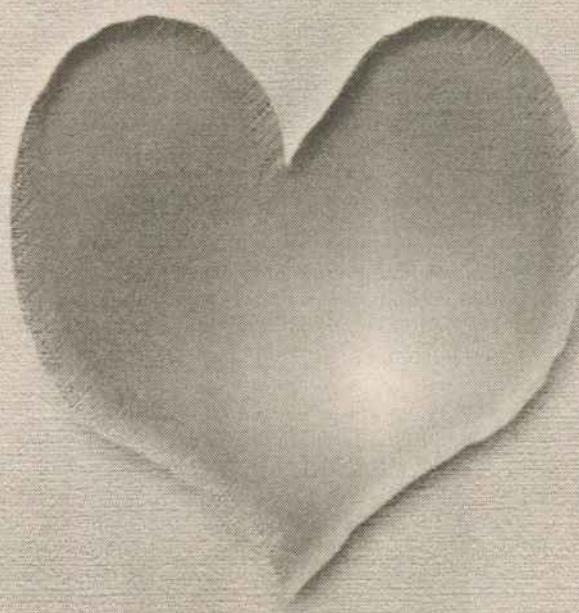
Madison area AIDS Network in a variety show entitled "One Night Stand," to be held October 23, at the Orpheum Theatre on State Street in downtown Madison. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Grace Episcopal Church meeting room (entrance through the courtyard), 116 West Washington Avenue, in Madison, Wisconsin. Call (608) 251-1893 for more information or clarification. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for new members to check in and be welcomed.

Milwaukee East Side Rainbow Group to Form Sept. 12

Milwaukee — A meeting to establish an east side Rainbow organization in Milwaukee will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at 3903 N. Farwell Ave. (one block south of Capitol Dr.). The meeting is open to all interested LGBT persons.

The purpose of the meeting is to 1) meet new people; 2) determine the groups' needs, interests and future meeting dates; 3) discuss and choose a group name; 4) decide what sort of fundraising event to hold and when to hold it so that no one will need to pay dues; 5) exchange community news and gossip; and 6) tell jokes/have fun/be very serious.

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"Get Real" to be Shown at Counseling Center

Milwaukee — The Gay Men's Discussion Group, meeting at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Barlett Avenue, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th, will be doing something a little different this month. The group will view a screening of last year's hit film "Get Real," a movie about a young man's journey toward sexual authenticity and expression. A discussion concerning the way the film portrays gay sexuality will follow. All gay men are welcome to attend.

Singers Wanted for Wisconsin Ameritech Chorus

Milwaukee — Do you like to sing? Meet new people? If you do, the Wisconsin Ameritech Chorus needs you! The Chorus is looking for new members for the Fall season.

Rehearsals will begin on Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. All voices are welcome. Rehearsals are held every Monday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ameritech building located at 845 N. 35th St. Enter through the parking lot entrance off of Wells St. and sign in at the guard's desk.

You do not need to be an Ameritech employee to belong. No auditions are necessary. For more information, call Joyce at (414) 453-7854. Please leave a message if there is no answer and your call will be returned.

Mad City Bears Weekend Sept. 14-17

Madison — The Mad City Bears Co-operative is gathering at various venues/events in the Madison area to provide socialization and conversation for men who are or who like bears (whatever your definition). The new club offers twice-monthly coffee nights and a monthly Bear Bar Night with drink specials/door prizes. Informal dinners are planned whenever the interest occurs.

A weekend of events is planned for Sept. 14-17 in the Madison area. Thurs. night — coffee at Michelangelo's Coffee Shop, 114 State St.; Friday — dinner and a movie; Saturday — various day/afternoon trips TBA; Saturday night — bear boxer night at the Rainbow Room, 121 W. Main St.; Sunday — a brunch at the Come Back Inn, 508 E. Wilson St. followed by a stroll through the Willy St. Fair.

Visit the Mad City Bears Co-operative web page for more information: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/madcitybears>. The web page currently offers posted messages, member profiles and the capacity to communicate with other members online. Also, the page contains information on upcoming events as well as a logo contest. For further details about the club or the logo contest, contact MCBC by email at madcitybears@autumn.net or write: Box 168 c/o OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Madison, WI 53703. (608) 255-4297.

Madison LGB Business Alliance Sponsors Cruise

Madison — Madison's LGB Business Alliance is sponsoring "A Three Hour Tour" cruise on Lake Mendota on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The ship, provided by Robert Von Reutenberg and Betty Lou Cruises, leaves promptly at 6:30 p.m. from Mariner's Inn Dock.

Cost for the cruise is \$20 per person for payments received by Sept. 6. This includes deluxe appetizers. A cash bar is also available. Space is limited. Reservations are on a first paid, first served basis.

The Madison LGB Business Alliance is comprised of professionals, businesses and their associates to provide networking opportunities, community support and professional education in order to enhance its membership's potential. For more information on the group or on the "Three Hour Cruise," call (608) 245-1611, or email lgb@lgbusinessalliance.org.

MAGIC Volleyball Tournament Results

Madison — The 21st annual MAGIC Volleyball Tournament, held during Madison's Pride Weekend, was a great success. Twenty-one teams from all over the U.S. and Canada competed during one of the longest-running gay tournaments in North America.

In A Division, the final standings were 1) Minneapolis Rage; 2) Minneapolis LOBAWL; 3) Chicago Assassins; 4) Indianapolis Circle City; and 5) Madison Team Schmoopie. BB Division final standings were: 1) Chicago Too Many Things; 2) Madison Dairy Queens; 3) Chicago Untouchables; 4) Chicago Power Surge; and 5) Chicago Pac-Rim and Milwaukee Six Pack (tie). In B Division, the final standings were: 1) Minneapolis Disco; 2) Milwaukee Hits & Tits; 3) St. Louis Rivermen; and 4) Minneapolis MOXNIX.

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"Celebrating the Body Erotic" Workshop Oct. 14-15

Chicago — "Celebrating the Body Erotic," a workshop for men exploring the connections between touch, physical pleasure and spiritual awareness, will be held in Chicago October 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Social conditioning has taught men to disconnect from their bodies, and most Western religions teach men to abstain from pleasure. "Celebrating the Body Erotic" uses a series of group and individual exercises to allow men to experience their erotic energy as playful, sacred, energizing and transformative.

The workshop is conducted by the Oakland-based Body Electric School, which has been offering classes in massage and erotic spirituality since 1984. The cost is \$295 for the two-day workshop. Scholarships are available for men living with HIV. For more information, call the Chicago coordinator at (312) 819-1524.

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Action Wisconsin Completes Hectic Summer

Madison — In contrast to many LGBT organizations which reduce activity during the summer months, Action Wisconsin completed an ambitious agenda this past quarter. The statewide LGBT civil rights political action and advocacy group conducted board elections, completed its new website, conducted statewide outreach, represented the state in strategic planning on national issues and continued work on its campaign 2000 candidate questionnaire on LGBT issues.

Statewide mail-in balloting concluded August 7 for the group's 2000-2001 board of directors. Elected regional directors were Walter Jackson of Madison, Patrick Prudlow and Karla Sanborn, both of Milwaukee. Gary Hawkins of Milwaukee, Dan Ross of Madison, and Jason Walker-Crawford of Waunakee were selected as at-large directors.

The elected candidates join continuing board members William Boulware (Black River Falls) Cindy Donais (Madison), Debra Johnson (Kenosha), Mary McBride (Madison), Charlie Squires (Madison) and F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick (Green Bay). Half the board is elected each year and the new board will elect the group's executive committee later this summer.

The ballot also contained a preference survey on terminology used in the marriage rights debate. Members preferred the term "civil union" over "domestic partnership" and "same-sex marriage."

The group also launched its new domain-based website on August 19. The site - www.actionwisconsin.org - offers information on Wisconsin government, civil rights laws, legislative issues, an events calendar, information on voting, resources on domestic partner benefits, facts about LGBT and related discrimination, links to statewide media and resources, news and press releases and more.

Action Wisconsin's email address also has changed to info@actionwisconsin.org. D.E. Walker-Crawford, Cindy Donais and Charlie Squires researched, designed and executed the project.

This year's plethora of Wisconsin Pride events permitted Action Wisconsin to conduct the most intensive outreach and voter identification project in the group's history. The group

now boasts members in every state senatorial and 98 of the 99 state assembly districts in Wisconsin. District identification is now included as part of each member's mailing label as a convenient reminder.

Action Wisconsin continued its networking and involvement with other statewide advocacy groups in July. F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick served as the AW's representative to the summer strategic planning meeting of the national Federation of Statewide LGBT Advocacy Groups in New Orleans.

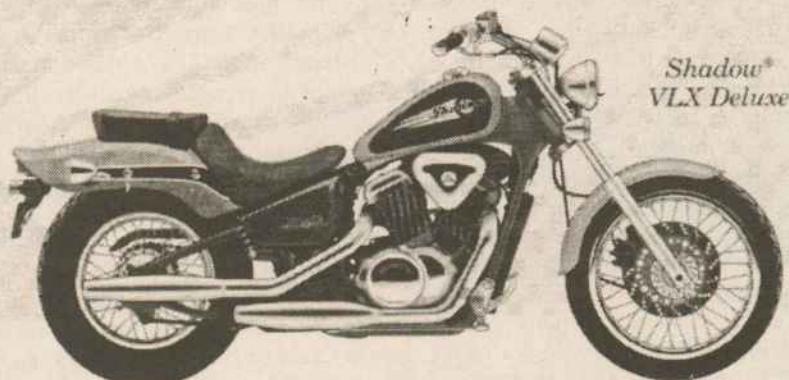
Action Wisconsin also continued development of its statewide candidate questionnaire on LGBT issues. Immediately following the September primaries every candidate running for state and federal legislative offices in Wisconsin will be asked to complete the questionnaire. AW will tabulate and distribute the results to all members and on its website prior to the November elections.

This is the group's third and most extensive candidate survey, according to AW President Dan Ross. "Both the gay vote and gay issues have been the subject of extensive media coverage and partisan debate since the presidential primaries began last January," Ross said. "It will be very difficult for any serious candidate to ignore Action's questionnaire this Fall."

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Repairing the Unbroken

By Mike Fitzpatrick

For more than a year and a half, several Religious Right groups have trumpeted the slogan "gays can change" in a renewed effort to promote reparative or conversion therapy. Many critics have noted that their mass media approach appeared to be aimed more at converting heterosexuals to the belief that sexual orientation is mutable than actually encouraging gays themselves to change.

The slick media messages (and counter messages by groups such as the Human Rights Campaign) have obscured both the horrific history of conversion therapy by government, science and religion and the ironies rampant in the rhetoric of repair.

It's impossible in one column to chronicle all the unsuccessful reparative techniques. They range from consuming breakfast cereals to electroshock treatments. One fascinating fact is that some of those techniques are now part of fetish sex practiced by a variety of sexual orientations.

However, it's important to note that science essentially raised the white flag on conversion therapy in 1973. The statement by the American Psychiatric Association came just three years after the last gay man

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was lobotomized because of his sexual orientation. Three years later evangelicals took up the cause with the founding of Exodus International, the first of the "ex-gay" ministries.

Today there are "ex-gay" groups or ministries in every state. Although the majority tend to be non-denominational (read fundamentalist or evangelical), there are "ex-gay" organizations and outreaches operated by the Roman Catholics (Courage), the Mormons (Evergreen International) and mainline Protestant denominations. Wisconsin boasts Broken Yoke Ministries, run by one-time convicted child molester and appointive gubernatorial advisor on youth issues Robert Van Domelen.

"Ex-gay" groups mimic older, established self-help movements. Homosexuals Anonymous boasts an AA-like 14-step program. Obviously it's harder to kick the sex than kick the sauce.

One of the most obnoxious groups is Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays (P-FOX), a



PFLAG clone founded in 1996 and fully funded by Gary Bauer's Family Research Council (FRC). One of P-FOX's first projects was providing "expert testimony" during the hearings on Wisconsin's anti-same sex marriage bill in 1996. Though the group claims dozens of chapters, the only voice to emerge from the group on local and national talk shows is that of full-time FRC mouthpiece Robert Knight. So much for its mission as a support group.

Two great ironies emerge from the conversion therapy movement. The most glaring is the expansion of a movement without a single, peer-reviewed clinical study to suggest it even works. Ex-gays like to tout a 1979 study by sexologists Masters and Johnson that claims a 50-60% successful conversion rate. Problem is that study focused on eliminating same sex behavior in self-reported bisexuals. The study addressed neither homosexual orientation nor the affectional matrix of same sex desire.

In 1997, the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), the Religious Right's scientific arm (think creation science for gays) boldly announced it had conducted such a much-needed clinical study. To date NARTH has released not a single statistic. What are they hiding?

The real zinger is that a well-constructed, five-year follow-up study on reparative therapy does exist. The "ex-gay" movement dismisses it because of its small study sample. However the Right has a harder time dismissing its success rate: 0.4%. That's right, reparative therapy has a successful conversion rate of four-tenths of one percent. Passing comets probably scare more

gays straight than conversion therapy does.

I've saved the greatest irony for last: the rhetoric used by "ex-gay" ministries better describes them than us. Let's look at two of the major pillars of the "ex-gay" cathedral:

Homosexuality is a choice. No, religious belief is a choice. For most people it's a very uninformed choice. It's conviction by convenience. The "faith of our fathers" is sustained largely by arguments based on authority, certainly not by a free and open investigation of all available information, no less a logical approach.

Even more significant, sociology not theology tends to drive our religious convictions. Though it is not the "Christian nation" (i.e. founded on Christian principles) the Religious Right claims you cannot ignore the fact that the United States is crawling with Christians. For social acceptance in America nothing beats the spiritual superhighway institutional Christianity has constructed. The present pious pissing contest over who is more religious that's being conducted by our two leading presidential candidates proves the point.

Homosexuals recruit. We know we don't. But if some gay folk do, it's only because they've learned how to from the best: their own churches. Whether its TV or magazine ads featuring Reggie White or other faded sports figures peddling copies of "Power for Living" or the nameless glassy-eyed evangelists pushing tracts in your face in malls, airports, flea and farmers' markets or — worst of all — at your front door on weekends an hour before your alarm was set to go off, we are overwhelmed with pitches for salvation. I spent a day at the State Fair earlier this month

and was approached by the born-again more aggressively and frequently there than I ever had been at Pridefest.

The Roman Catholics may get the early bird award for their continuing practice of infant baptism, but every other denomination is close behind. Children can now fill their play lives with Christian cartoons and video games, Bible character action figures and molded plastic Armor of God breastplates in addition to the usual Sunday school and Bible story fare.

As those kids grow up they can continue to mold their minds with Christian rock and pop music, teen dances, encounter weekends and those nifty "What Would Jesus Do" friendship bracelets. The marketing of Christianity in the U.S. makes Procter and Gamble's soap peddling pale by comparison. To life's certainties of death and taxes, Americans can now add proselytizing.

Examining the underlying hypocrisy in the rhetoric of repair leads to the ultimate hidden agenda of "ex-gay" movement: it's not about curing homosexuals; it's all about creating more fundamentalists. Conversion therapy is in reality Christian niche marketing.

Down deep the "ex-gay" movement knows it cannot cure homosexuality, it can only convert homosexuals to believe and accept its small-minded spiritual viewpoint. I can only hope that as scientific research continues to reveal and reaffirm the natural diversity within human sexuality, fewer and fewer of us will feel the need to repair that which is truly unbroken.

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AIDS Walk Clarification**Dear Editor:**

I have read recent articles about the upcoming AIDS Walk in Wisconsin on October 1 in Milwaukee. I would like to submit the following information for the general community's clarification.

Marketing and promotional materials for the Walk claim 16 agencies will benefit from the Walk. Actually, the only way an agency will benefit is if, and only if, walkers register under that agency's team number. So if I want my money to stay with Madison's AIDS Network or Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center or the Wisconsin Council of Churches, I have to register as a walker for one of those agencies. If walkers don't register with a particular team, the money they raise remains solely with the producer of the Walk, The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Clearly, as producers of the Walk, they are entitled to more than their fair share. According to their statistics, last year they did get their fair share. A net total of \$460,406 was raised and they received \$419,899. A total of \$40,507 went to other benefiting agencies.

However, I still believe there is a misconception that the Walk funds are split among the agencies. The purpose of this letter is to clarify these two things: 1). Walkers should register under a team number if they want their money to go to a specific agency. 2). General supporters need to know that their donation does not support 16 agencies, rather it supports one agency the walker has designated.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate ARCW's efforts, but I also want everyone to know how a benefiting agency actually benefits from the Walk. I encourage individuals walking to call the benefiting agency of their choice to get their team number.

*Mike Wonders***More Community Center Feedback****Dear Editor:**

We wish to comment on items that have appeared in the last two issues of *IN Step*. First, we are pleased with the article about the two community centers in the Milwaukee area and the Trust Fund operated by the G/L Center. We want to thank you for the article, although we had expected a much broader coverage and historical explanation as to how the need for a G/L Trust Fund came about. Nevertheless, there were two mistakes in the article. First, the Endowment Fund does not support the First Street G/L Center and never has. The intent of the Endowment Fund is to support the acquisition of a permanent building that will broadly cover community

needs. Second, the comment about our board of directors should read "all but two live and work in the city of Milwaukee."

We were somewhat surprised by the head[line] of the article indicating that the two centers and trust fund were battling. In a meeting, and through other communication that was held between the two centers in the spring of 1999, we came away from the LGBT Center with the understanding that we knew what each others' goals were. We indicated that we were not operating a center to be counterproductive, and believed that we were at an understanding that there was a possible need for different facilities. On August 10th, you printed several letters to the Editor. Most letters appear to be from individuals affiliated with the LGBT Center, which should have given you a clear indication that this was a smear letter writing campaign against the G/L Center Trust Fund. And why?

First, we want to note that we were in existence and providing services to the community long before the LGBT Center was proposed and long before we became incorporated as a Center. During the planning of a much broader-based community (LGBT) center, we sent a representative to give our input. For one reason or another things don't always work out, but we continued with our plans and goals. This, however, never led to anyone having a sour grape attitude. It now appears that it's unclear to some individuals as to the purposes for our different funds and how they came about and are administered. If we were guilty of anything, it is that we didn't sensationalize and toot our horn about our organization. The LGBT Center spent extensively on public relations advertisements in the beginning of its existence. The G/L Community Center Trust Fund does not have the P.R. resources and, even if it did would not spend its funds on public relations. Our community needs are too great.

In June of this year, the G/L Center Trust Fund published its 1999 annual financial report, and issued a press release (which *IN Step* did not publish) for the community. This report showed our income and fund distribution and also shows the progress toward the development of a fund large enough to support the purchase of a permanent G/L Center building.

Our Board of Directors consists of experienced personnel qualified and knowledgeable in directing our center and administering the services we provide. Mr. Smits has served on several boards in the Gay community over the past 31 years and operates a gay business. He is one of our more longstanding leaders. He is also very knowl-

edgeable of the pulse of the community and has seen several centers come and go over the years. His input and community leadership will help us immensely.

The tone of the letters you printed, and the name calling, innuendos, and attacks directed toward our board members requires that one look at the motivation of these individuals and their agenda. We have too often seen our community leaders attacked for their community involvement and work. As an example, *IN Step* reported in an article on June 16, 1998 that two community leaders withdrew their large monthly pledge to the LGBT Center. Our community lost a great asset when this happened.

The goals of the G/L Community Center and its Trust Fund are long-term goals, not a search for instant gratification and public relations. Nevertheless, as a community we should still try to work together. In these times when we hear of charities having many problems, we do agree with Mr. Albrecht's statement, "Any time people donate money they should ask: Is this organization fully accountable? How is this organization benefitting my community?"

Over the years we have done nothing to mislead or misinform anyone about our operations or whom we support. We have always made it clear that our corporation is not designed to compete with any other center, as some individuals may want the community to believe. To show our good faith, we voluntarily put disclaimers on several of our brochures and advertisements for clarification. We welcome individuals' involvement and right to question, but would hope that they not sit in judgment of our members and our center's purpose.

Our Center's Endowment Fund and Building Fund are kept totally separated from our center's operations. They are designated for the purchase of a Center Building and the maintenance of a permanent building. Funds given to our Social Service Programs are annually distributed to already existing organizations that provide assistance to the community, unlike other groups, which duplicate and create programs to justify their need for grant funding, rent, and salaries. We are a totally volunteer organization. Information about our operations and funding is available upon request.

*Darryl Specht
G/L Community Center Trust Fund
Board of Directors*

Jamie and the Doctor**Dear Editor:**

After reading Jamie's comments (*Keepin' IN Step*; Vol. 17, #16) about Dr. Laura, I feel compelled to respond. I have listened to Dr.

Laura, and, am in complete disagreement with Jamie's description of her being compassionate with callers and that "she is doing no real harm to the gay community."

I have heard Dr. Laura scold and curse mothers who have made the mistake (her idea) of leaving their children with someone else while they work for a living. By doing this, she took already confused (they're calling her aren't they?) mothers and reprimanded them for working. Her manner in this scolding is not only condescending, but, she often doesn't let the caller respond, she just keeps talking.

However, these comments are only part of the problem. For her to call homosexuality a biological error (out of context or not) is a big deal. It is telling you and me that who you love and how you live is some sort of genetic mistake. The fact that I love and live with women is not a mistake; in fact, it is how my life was meant to be.

For Jamie to suggest that her comments on my family life do no harm is not only naive, but also misinformed. Comments like Dr. Laura's only reinforce the disapproval of us. They are heard and often believed as gospel by parents of gay children, but may be used as fuel for right wing bigots anywhere. Protesting her show and the advertising that supports it is the only way to get our disapproval across. It is not an overreaction, but absolutely necessary.

This letter has only touched upon what's wrong with the good doctor. I have barely mentioned her sexist beliefs on motherhood and moral values. I must add that I used to think that Jamie's column was merely banal and sophomoric, I now know it lacks research and justification for its existence.

*Kim Reynolds***Dear Editor:**

I simply fail to understand Jamie Taylor's continued support and defense of Dr. Laura. Isn't he supposed to be covering bar events instead of spouting his bizarre, misguided adoration for a confirmed homophobe?

Further, his outlandish, ill-informed rationalizations in support of Dr. Laura could have directly from the mouth of Rush Limbaugh.

Why *IN Step* allows Taylor to display — for everyone — his ignorance and internalized homophobia is really beyond comprehension. It is shameful that the great strides *IN Step* has made in recent years should be tarnished by someone whose own ideas about our community are so muddled.

Here's hoping that *IN Step* will finally wake up to the fact that Taylor and his column are more of a liability than an asset.

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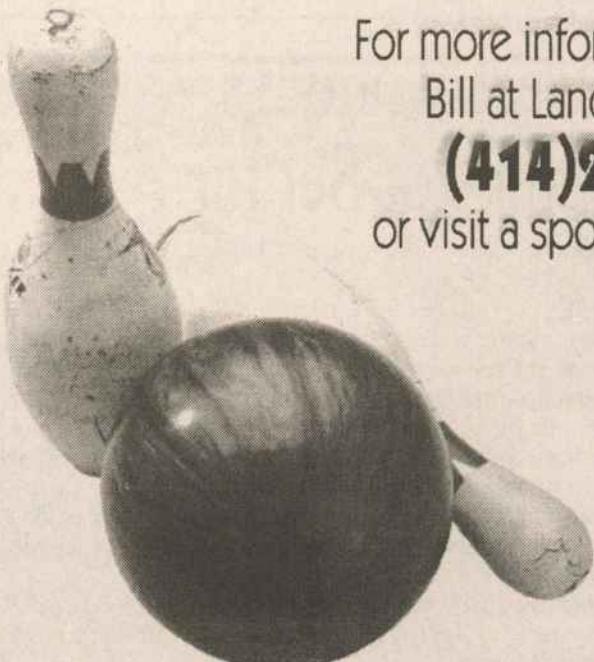
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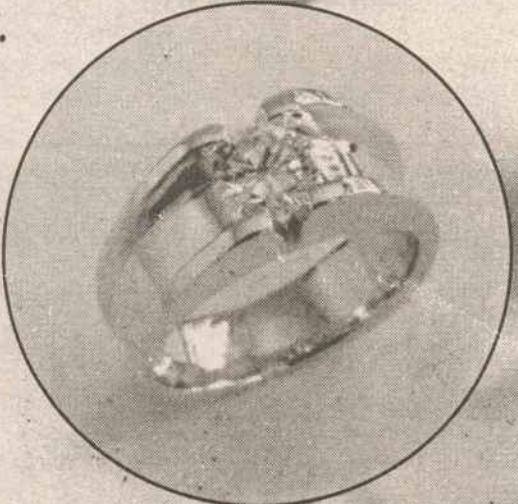
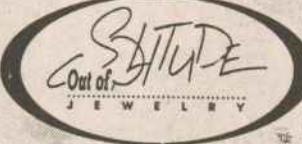
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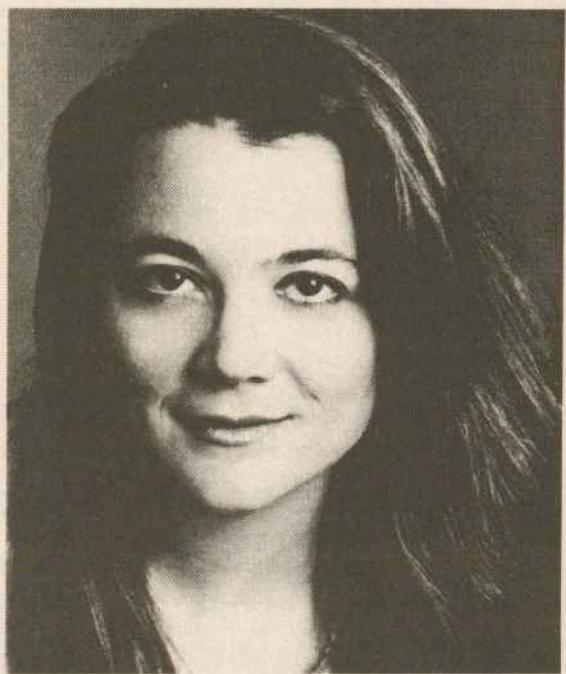


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Pulitzer-Winning "Wit" at the Madison Rep

Madison — The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Wit" opens a three week run at the Madison Repertory Theatre on Sept. 1. It plays in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center through Sept. 24.

"Wit" is the story of Vivian Bearing, an acclaimed professor of English literature, who is suddenly blind-sided by a diagnosis of advanced ovarian cancer. As she undergoes chemotherapy and serves as a lab rat for assorted doctors and researchers, Vivian struggles to use her mind as a weapon against her deteriorating body. She reassesses her life and faces mortality with fierce humor and vulnerability. If she cannot defeat the disease, she is determined to outwit it.

The first play by Margaret Edson, a lesbian and elementary school teacher, "Wit" won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1998 and won kudos for actress Kathleen Chalfont when it first opened off-Broadway. Edson said she wanted to explore a situation where someone of power and independence becomes dependent on others. The New Yorker said "Wit" is "far and away the most celebrated play of 1998. You feel that its lessons and pleasures amount to a second chance, to an amazing grace."

In the Madison Rep's production, the role of Vivian will be played by Lori Larson. Other cast members include Ruth Schudson as Dr. Ashford and Paul Boesing as Dr. Keleian. Leslie Swakhamer will direct the play.

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"Pop Impact! From Johns to Warhol" looks at Pop imagery from different perspectives, encouraging visitors to examine the movement's defining characteristics as well as such atypical Pop approaches as the construction of a personal narrative and the innovative use of common materials. The exhibit was organized by the Whitney Museum. It consists of 39 pieces, with 10 more added by the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Pop Art, which evolved out of a turbulent period when America witnessed dramatic political, social and cultural changes, represented both the new and shocking as well as a reference to past styles and approaches. "Pop Impact!" investigates often-overlooked aspects of the movement and traces its development from proto-Pop works by Jasper Johns and Robert

Rauschenberg to icons of Pop by James Rosenquist and Andy Warhol. It also incorporates work by artists such as Marisol and George Segal.

For more information, call the Museum at (414) 224-3200.

Blues and Reggae Festivals to Rock Madison

Madison — Madison will be the setting for two popular music festivals over the next two weekends. The Third Annual Madison Blues Festival is scheduled for August 25-26 from Noon to 11 p.m. each day at Olin Park, and the Madison Reggae Jump Up will take place Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Warner Park (Northport Dr. and Sherman Ave.).

The Blues Festival boasts a great line-up of national and regional talent. On Friday, Aug. 25, the schedule includes Mama Diggdown's Brass Band, the Keller Brothers Band, Paul Cebal and the Milwaukeeans, Deborah Coleman, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Delbert McClinton and the Allman Brothers. Saturday's line-up includes the Chris Aaron Band, Magic Slim and the Teardrops, Coco Montoya, Tommy Castro, Susan Tedeschi, Buddy Guy and the legendary B.B. King.

Tickets for each day of the Blues Festival are \$35 at the gate. For more information, call (608) 836-0020.

Among the guests scheduled to perform at the Reggae Jump Up are Israel Vibration and the Roots Radics Band, Rita Marley, Culture, Justin Hinds and the Dominoes, Boom Shaka, the Ark Band and Dred I Dred. For tickets, call TicketMaster at (608) 255-4646 or go to www.reggae-jumpup.com.



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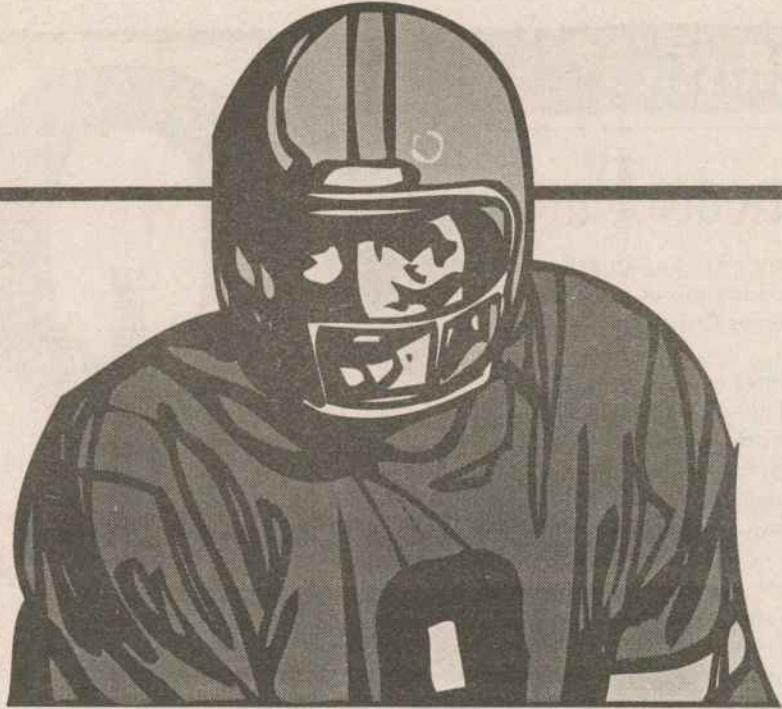
Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest Set for Sept. 3

De Kalb, Ill. — The annual Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest will take place on Sunday, Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Katz Park in DeKalb, Illinois. Tickets at the gate for full day of music, food, craftswomen and fun are \$34. Advance tickets are \$26.

This year, the festival features the drumming sensation Ubaka Hill; singer-songwriter Erica Wheeler; offbeat musical group Zrazy; singer-humorist Ripley Caine; the quartet Just the Band; folk music by Farriswheels — Jean Farris and Karen Gillespie; and feminist anthem-writer Sandy Rapp.

In addition to the day-long entertainment, a variety of workshops will be held and craftswomen from around the Midwest will be selling their wares.

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The Cell

By Kevin John

I won't complain about how much the dream sequences look like director Tarsem Singh's video for REM's "Losing My Religion" from freakin' 1991. I won't gripe about Jennifer Lopez's rather awful performance. I won't even bitch about the muddled psychological portrait of Vincent D'Onofrio's serial killer (OK, actually, I will — was there any particular reason why his victims had to be women? I mean, beyond automatic misogyny, of course.). But I must address a seemingly random, exceedingly lame device at the basic level of storytelling in "The Cell," currently number one at the box office. (Warning — major spoilers ahead!)

Along with several other scientists, psychologist Catherine Deane (Lopez) is working on an experimental procedure which allows her to enter the mind of catatonic mental patients. Meanwhile, serial killer Carl Stargher (D'Onofrio) has been apprehended by the FBI. He's gone into a catatonic state, however, preventing officials from discovering the location of his final victim who will die in a cell of Stargher's design if not found within a day or so. FBI Agent Peter Novak (Vince Vaughn) turns to Catherine and her mind-entering capabilities for help.

After playing the whore in a few dream sequences, Catherine stars in the final one as the mother, Mary, in fact, and, unsurprisingly, she's a castrating mother, proceeding to impale Stargher to death. But why? Unless I missed something in the first three quarters, it's an entirely arbi-

trary act.

Arbitrary in terms of vested interests or cause and effect logic, that is. I think Catherine murders Stargher because she has nothing else to do at that point in the film. Peter enters the dream matrix at one point and not only manages to save Catherine from danger. He also discovers the clue that leads the FBI to the final victim. Thus he robs Catherine of all her narrative agency. It's as if Singh and writer Mark Protosevich threw up their hands at what to do with Catherine once Peter saves the day and said "Oh well — let's just have her kill Stargher."

And so we have yet another Hollywood flick afraid to allow a woman to serve as the causal agent who brings narrative resolution. Peter even rubs this in at the very end when he tells Catherine that it was old-fashioned detective work that found the final victim. That's utter bullshit. The more precise explanation is that it was Peter's roles as savior (he goes into the dream to save Catherine the eternal victim) and rational thinker (he goes off looking for clues in the dream world while Catherine the emotional care provider mothers Stargher the child) which place him in the position to save the day. Catherine's expertise in the field of psychology is completely elided. The real terror of "The Cell," then, is that the filmmakers have built a cell too, and it's much bigger than Stargher's.

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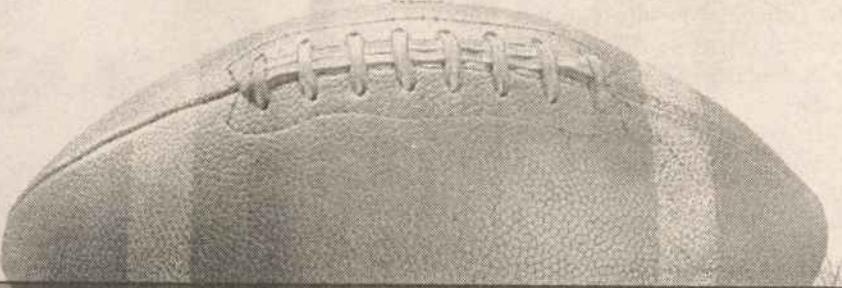
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By Michael Johnston

This Saturday, August 26, is **The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's "2nd Annual Family Reunion."** It will be held right outside the Center at 170 S. Second St. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m., with awards at 7:30 p.m. Come out and catch up on all that is happening at the Center, and all the exciting changes and good works under **Neil Albrecht's** and **Kathleen Herbst's** dedication. **IN Step's** very own "Advice Goddess," **Dear Ruthie**, will serve as hostess.

Have you had the opportunity yet to "party it up" at **The Harbor Room**? Milwaukee's newest gay leather & levi emporium is located a half block east off S. 1st and Greenfield Ave (117 E. Greenfield Avenue). **Gregg** has been quite busy renovating to reopen this gem of a place. The "Grand Opening" is scheduled for this weekend, August 25-27. This place puts me in mind of **The Wreck Room**, so for all of you out there who miss the place that the ole WR held in our community, give it a shot.

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate "Beverly's Birthday Bash" at **Switch**, Monday, August 28. The bacchanal starts at 8 p.m. with a "Men's & Women's Lingerie Fashion Show," followed by a live performance by **Ronnie Nyles** in the beer garden. There will be a \$3 cover, with partial proceeds going to The Women's Breast Cancer Fund. Clarification time, once more – Switch IS a Gay bar. The G in Gay stands for Guys, Girls, Guess What's and any Guest in the bar. There has been some confusion because **Craig** does offer specific night specials for specific groups. We do all have to share the planet...

A very dreamy, creamy, late Summer night's dream and a terrific way to combine business and music will occur Tuesday, August 29 with "Getting To Know You..." starring **The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd.** The **Cream City Foundation** is offering an evening of song, food, refreshment and fun! This will also provide an excellent chance to meet and greet CCF's new Executive Director, **Patrick Milliren**. It will be held at **Reverend Andrew's** Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2717 E. Hampshire Ave. from 6-8 p.m. \$25.

I caught up with the "Trinity Triangle Trio" of **Lana** (Jim) **St. James**, **Max** and **Lady Gale Storm**. Max was celebrating his birthday and the fact that he has returned to The Triangle. Yes, it is true, every Tuesday and Thursday! Jim, aka Lana, the new owner, is just bubbling over with new ideas and ways to bring **The Triangle** back to its original fun and fame.

I had the pleasure of seeing "The Phantom Of The Opera" when it toured Milwaukee. What a spectacular!! Afterwards, I had the unique opportunity to go backstage and see the workings behind the curtain — fascinating...

cordially yours

Thanks **Rudy**!

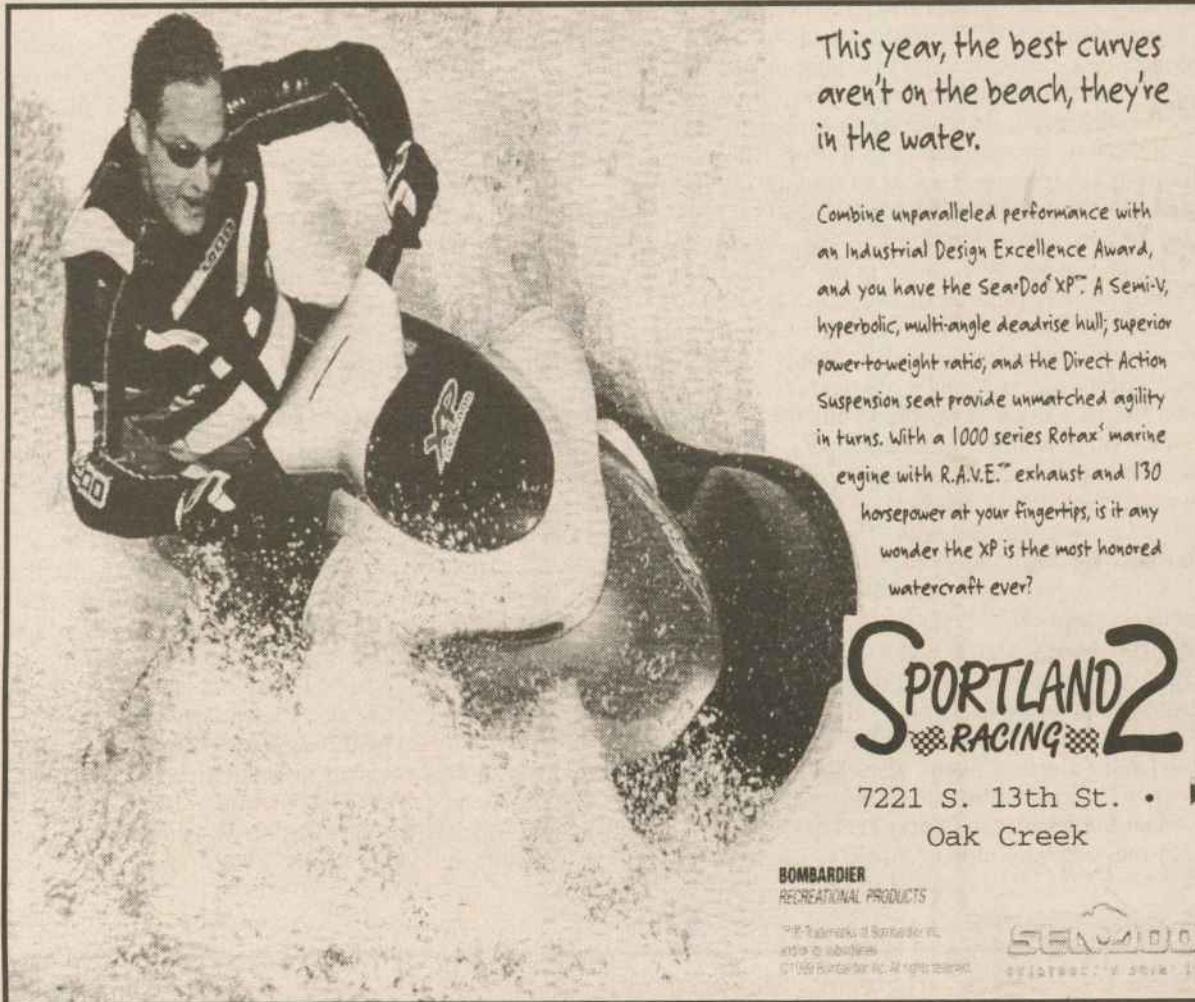
As always, I went with The **M&M Club** and had a lovely gourmet dinner before hand prepared with "TLC" by Chef Jack. Then onto a night of the theater. After the backstage tour, I returned to M's for dessert and coffee, with the cast. I had the great honor of meeting The Phantom himself — actor-singer **Ted Keegan**, **Rebecca Pitcher** who plays Christine, and **William Patrick Dunne**, who is one of the many extra Phantoms. All three were quite friendly and thrilled to be in such a first class production. They all have been impressed with Milwaukee and how appreciative their audiences have been — a standing ovation every performance! Remember these names, for I feel they have the talent to go far and will be household names in our lifetimes.

The **Possum Queen Contest 2000** is now history. I had a hoot helping out at "The Trash Disco Show" at The M&M. What a great turnout and a generous crowd of dear, dear friends. Milwaukee's very own **Baby Jane Hudson** emceed and rushed in from work, not affording her enough time to "costume up." Yet being the trooper s/he is, "went on with the show." The glamorous **Sasha Mitchell**, friendly **Joey Black**, sweet **Christine**, sensational **Kimberly SuperStar**, the awesome **Yoko**, whimsical **Whiskey** and my dear sister-woman, **Dear Ruthie**. Excellent bartending skills of **Evilene** (Randy) and **Lovey (Patrick)**, hope you're feeling better real soon.

Unfortunately, The Award-Winning **Charlotte Lorraine** was unable to appear. Remember, she is "The Princess Of All There Is..." and the night of the show coincided with her Grandmother's 100th Birthday in London. With all the problems with the Concorde and her broom ... It was divine seeing all the **Club 219** and **La Cage** performers turn out for the occasion as well.

The Possum Queen Finale was held at **The Ball Game**. Special thanks to **Trixi** — she gives great face, and the master of the sound boards, D.J. **David E.**, for the great tunes! **Miss Mona Alot** won the honors, representing **The Ball Game** — this is the second year in a row they have shown their deep commitment with a victory. It was delightful not only attending, but performing. **Charlotte Lorraine**, the original Possum herself, emceed with a heap of help from **Miss Hot Fudge**. **Rick** the owner, as well as bartenders **Ricky** and the new kid on the block, **Weezie**, could not have been more generous and/or gracious. Over \$15,000 was raised! Congratulations, that's quite impressive.

On a sour note, there was only one other contender — **ChiChi**, from The **M&M Club**. While ChiChi's dedication was there, he started a little late but still ran the race. Last year there were more bars/businesses/candidates participating, thus raising almost three times what was raised this year. Where were you, Milwaukee?



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Fall Arts Preview



Can the fall already be upon us? Back-to-school sales and the flood of publicity from arts organizations boasting about their bold new seasons of entertainment tell us it must be true. *IN Step* is happy to present some of the highlights of the fall arts season for our readers.

MADISON

Madison's theatre season opened early this year. Crowds are enjoying the romantic musical comedy "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" at the **Madison Repertory Theatre** through Aug. 26 and the screwball sci-fi musical comedy "Sex Kittens From Mars" at the Broom Street Theatre through Sept. 3.

Broom Street Theatre continues its off-beat, queer-friendly fare with "Irish Lesbian Vampires L2K: The Sequel" (Sept. 15-Oct. 22). According to Artistic Director Joel Gersmann, "Lesbian Vampires L2K" by Rob Matsushita will provide plenty of sex and violence for the Halloween season. Then Gersmann's new adaptation of Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" will run (Nov. 10-Dec. 17). All shows are Fridays-Sundays at 8 p.m. at Broom Street Theatre, 1119 Williamson St. For more info, call (608) 244-8338.

The **Madison Rep** presents the Wisconsin debut of the Pulitzer-Prize winning drama "Wit" (Sept. 1-24). That gripping drama is followed by "Side Man," an elegy for the Big Band era which won the Tony Award as Best Play in 1999 (Oct. 27-Nov. 19). "Noises Off," the hilarious, crowd-pleasing farce about theatre folk, plays at the Wisconsin Union Theater (Dec. 14-17). Productions slated for next year include "Full Gallop," about Diana Vreeland; "The House of Bernarda Alba," a classic tragedy by the gay writer Federico Garcia Lorca; and "Art" the Tony Award winning play in which three friends spar about art and life. Except for "Noises Off," all Madison Rep productions are performed in the Isthmus Theatre of the Madison Civic Center. For show times and tickets, call: (608) 256-0029.

The **University of Wisconsin** is another source of great theatre in the Madison area. The line-up at University Theatre (Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave.) this fall includes: "Private Eyes," a relationship whodunit by Steven Dietz (Sept. 15-16, 21-23) in Mitchell Theatre; "Still Life with Iris," about a young girl searching for her past, (Oct. 13-14, 22 and 29) in Mitchell Theatre; "Spring Awakening," a drama about adolescent sexual awakening and paternal oppression, (Oct. 27-28, Nov. 1-4, 8-11, 15-19) in Hemsley Theatre; and "A Raisin in the Sun," Lorraine Hansberry's American classic, (Nov. 10-12) in the Wisconsin Union Theatre. For show times and tickets, call (608) 262-1500.

The **UW School of Music** offers an eclectic mix of concerts throughout the year with its Faculty Concert Series, Guest Artist Series and Sunday Afternoon Live Series. If you want to hear a string or woodwind quartet, full orchestra, piano recitals, chamber orchestra, opera, concert bands, jazz bands, percussion ensemble, madrigal singers or a full chorale, check out the schedule on the School of Music's web page: www.wisc.edu/music. The Concert Line is (608) 263-9485. For tickets, call (608) 262-1500.

Other concert highlights in Madison this fall: Reggae Jump Up (Sept. 9), Warner Park; Sleater-Kinney (Sept. 13), The Annex; Dar Williams (Sept. 30), Orpheum Theatre; Isthmus Jazz Festival (Oct. 6-8), Madison Civic Center; Western Opera Theatre's "Die Fledermaus" (Oct. 20), Civic Center; Joan Baez with Stacey Earle (Oct. 28), Barrymore Theatre; Buena Vista Social Club's Eliades Ochoa y El Cuarteto Patria (Nov. 10), Barrymore Theatre.

The **Madison Art Center** (211 State St.) will highlight the work of sculptor Donald Lipski in an exhibit

called "Donald Lipski: A Brief History of Twine" (Sept. 10-Nov. 12). The exhibit includes 20 pieces of Lipski's work. The Art Center's annual Holiday Art Fair is scheduled for Nov. 17-19. In addition to fine works of art for sale, there will be food and entertainment. Then, the American landscape paintings of Brad Kahlhamer will be exhibited (Dec. 3-Feb. 11). The Center can be reached at (608) 257-0158 or www.madisonartcenter.org.

The **Elvehjem Museum of Art** (800 University Ave.) will feature "Harvey K. Littleton: Reflections: 1946-1994" (Oct. 28-Jan. 7), and "Italy," photographs by Linda Butler (Dec. 16-Feb. 11).

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee has developed into an incredible theatre town over the past 20 years, with something for everyone: musicals, tragedies, kids' shows, dinner theatre, classics, agitprop, improv, avant garde, in the round, or in your face! Milwaukee has it.

The **Milwaukee Repertory Theater** fills three theatres with performances through May. The Powerhouse Theatre features two world premieres, "Work Song" about Frank Lloyd Wright (Sept. 6-Oct. 8), and "Sounding the River-Huck Finn Revisited," (Feb. 21-April 1). Also on tap are the comedy "Engaged" (Oct. 18-Nov. 19), the Tony winning play "Art" (Nov. 29-Dec. 21), and the musical biography "Dinah Was" (Jan. 10-Feb. 11). The new Stiemke season features "The Weir" (Oct. 20-Nov. 12), "The Memory of Water" (Jan. 19-Feb. 11), and (everyone's producing it!) "Wit" (Feb. 23-Mar. 18). Stackner Cabaret highlights include the musical revues "A Brief History of White Music" (Sept. 8-Nov. 18), "Maybe Baby, It's You" (Nov. 24-Jan. 14), and "Route 66" (Jan. 19-Mar. 18). For show times, tickets or a full schedule, call (414) 224-9490.

The **Off the Wall Theatre**, Milwaukee's gay theatrical Co., continues to present Christopher Marlowe's "Edward II" (Aug. 24-27). Then it tackles Terrence McNally's "Corpus Christi," a retelling of the life of Jesus through the eyes of his 12 gay apostles (Oct. 19-22, 27-29 and Nov. 3-4). December brings Artistic Director Dale Gutzman's delightful "Holiday Punch" (Dec. 15-17, 22-23, 29-31). Off the Wall plans to mount Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's "Passion" in March. Off



William Theisen as Pseudolus in the Skylight Opera's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

the Wall performs at the Circlestage, 127 E. Wells St. For show times and ticket info, call (414) 327-3552.

The **Boulevard Ensemble** continues to impress in its cozy space (40 seats) at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. On tap this fall are Noel Coward's "Nude With Violin" (Oct. 13-Nov. 12) and "What's Wrong with This Picture?" (Dec. 19-Jan. 21), along with Brian Friel's "The Faith Healer" (Oct. 29-Nov. 14) in its "Alley" series (Sunday and Monday nights only). Next year, look forward to "Romeo and Juliet" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." For more info, call (414) 744-5757.

For challenging and truly original theatre, turn as always to **Theatre X**, where the queer community's own John Schneider shines as writer, director and actor. This fall, Schneider's new adaptation of Ibsen's "When We Dead Awaken" plays in repertory with "Infrared" (Oct. 19-Dec. 3). Next year, Flora Coker will star in the one-woman play "Haji" in repertory with "Five Short Plays" by Samuel Beckett (Feb. 15-April 1). The season finale is the world premiere of Schneider's "Arabian Nights," the story of Scheherezade, who created stories to save her life. If these Theatre X shows leave you scratching your noggin and wondering "What the heck was that all about?" as they often do for me, stay and loosen up at Theatre X's Late Night Series (10:30 p.m.), this season featuring everything from Foothold Dance Co. (Oct. 27-Nov. 11), "Dracula: The Musical" (Nov. 17-Dec. 2), and Christopher Durang's hysterical "Titanic" (Feb. 23-Mar. 10). Theatre X performs in the Studio Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. For more info, call (414) 278-0555.

Next Act Theatre begins the season with "Down the Road," a gripping drama about the public's and media's fascination with serial killers (Sept. 28-Oct. 22). Then there's a big change of pace with Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" (Nov. 30-Dec. 24). "Blood Knot," Athol Fugard's study of racism is next (Feb. 1-25), followed by Noel Coward's frothy "Fallen Angels" (April 5-29). All but "Laughter" (at the Stiemke) are performed at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St. For more information, call (414) 278-7780.

The **Chamber Theatre** is presenting "Things We Do for

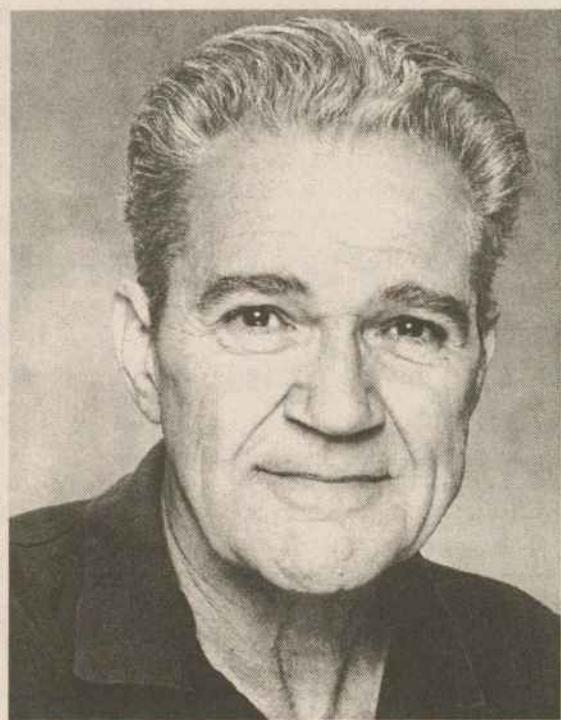
Love" (Oct. 14-29), "A Tuna Christmas" (Dec. 9-31), "Three Days of Rain" (Jan. 6-28), "Filumena: A Marriage Italian Style" (Feb. 24-March 11), and Shaw's "Back to Methuselah (April 19-May 6). All performances are at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. For more info, call (414) 276-8842.

The **Professional Theatre Training** program at UW-Milwaukee also presents outstanding theatre. This season's productions include Michael Frayn's "Wild Honey" (Oct. 12-28), Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" (Nov. 30-Dec. 16), and Robert Schenkkan's 10-play extravaganza, "The Kentucky Cycle" (April 12-May 5). Call (414) 229-4308.

For all gays with the musical comedy/drama gene, "Rent" is playing the **Riverside Theatre** Oct. 17-22. For tickets, call (414) 224-3000. The Broadway Series at the Marcus Center includes "The Sound of Music" (Sept. 26-Oct. 1) and "Cabaret" (Jan. 2-7).

Other musical highlights in Milwaukee are the **Skylight** and **Florentine Opera** companies. The Skylight begins with "Floyd Collins" (Sept. 22-Oct. 8), then presents Sondheim's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" (Nov. 24-Dec. 17) and Donizetti's "Lucia Di Lammermoor" (Feb. 2-18). The Florentine offers Puccini's "Turandot" in November, Verdi's "Falstaff" in February, and Mozart's "Le Nozze Di Figaro" in April. Skylight: (414) 291-7800. Florentine: (414) 291-5700.

For lighter musical fare, it's the **Milwaukee Symphony Pops** concerts. Doc Severinson is Principal Pops Conductor. Guest artists this season include blues-rocker Corkey Siegel (Sept. 22-24), Natalie Cole in a gala Christmas concert (Dec. 9), trumpeter Arturo Sandoval (Jan. 19-21), Debbie Reynolds (Feb. 2-4), and the Manhattan Transfer (Feb. 14). I'm looking forward to "Bugs Bunny on Broadway," when the orchestra will play classical music from old Looney Tunes cartoons with the 'toons playing on a large screen (April 20-22). The **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**, under the direction of Andreas Delfs, also presents a season of more formal music, with guests like Yo-Yo Ma and Joshua Bell. MSO concerts these days are selling out



Paul Boesing as Dr. Kelekian in the Madison's Rep Performance of "Wit."

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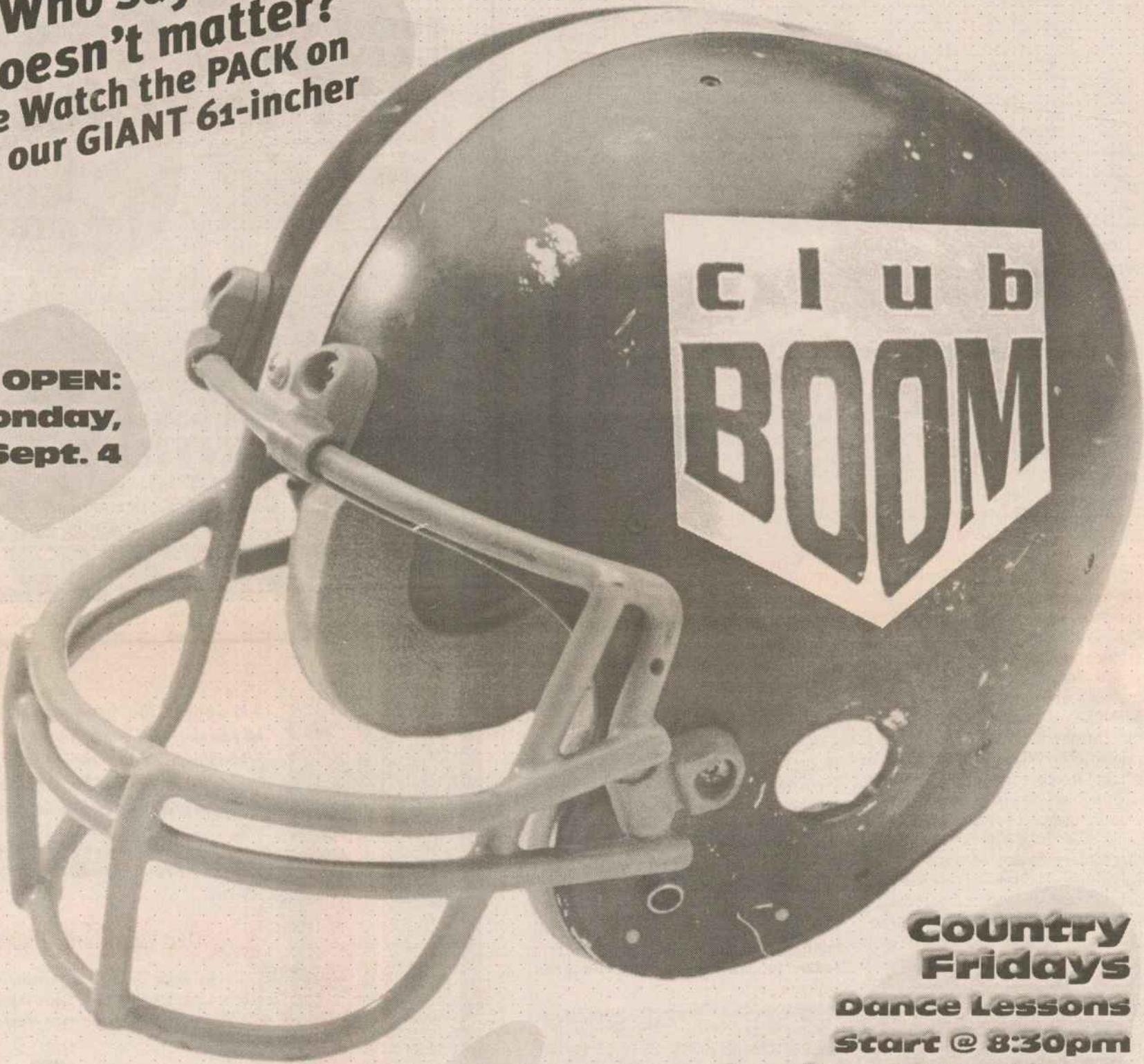
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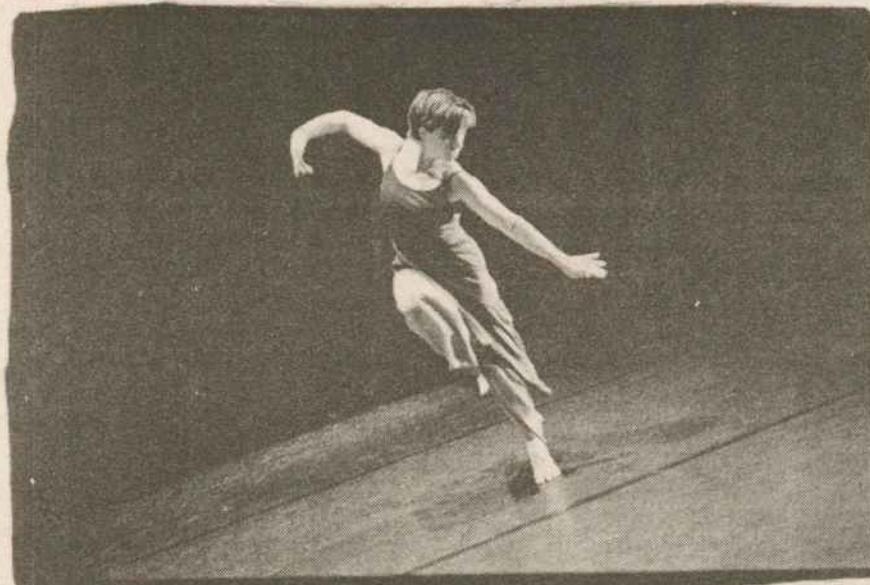


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Present Music, Milwaukee's new music group, opens its season Sept. 9 with a concert in Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center and a party along the river. Its Thanksgiving concert, "The Promise of Living," takes place at St. John's Cathedral, with everyone from the Milwaukee Choral Artists to Native American drummers (Nov. 19). The irreverent romp "Frankenstein!!" will be presented at the Broadway Theatre Center (Jan. 6). For more information and tickets, call (414) 271-0711.

The historic **Pabst Theater** is another great venue for outstanding music and dance. A few highlights include Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai (Sept. 30), the Glenn Miller Orchestra (Oct. 21), the Ko-Thi Dance Co. (Nov. 9-11), the Chenille Sisters (March 3), the Sean Curran and Wild Space Dance companies (March 24), and the Trinity Irish Dance Co. (April 28-29). Call (414) 286-3665.

Speaking of dance, the **Milwaukee Ballet** opens its 30th season under its new Artistic Director, Simon Dow, with



Drew Brhel as King Louis XIII in University and Madison Rep performance of "The Three Musketeers."

"Don Quixote" (Oct. 26-29). Other highlights include the annual performances of "The Nutcracker" in December and "Galileo" in February. Call (414) 643-7677. Betty Salamon's Dancecircus opens its 25th season Oct. 14 with a gala celebration incorporating many different dance highlights of those distinguished 25 years. It will be held in Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center. For more info, call (414) 277-8151.

Danceworks Performance Co. opens its season with "How To Be a Good Dancer" (Nov. 3-4) at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre and throughout the year provides a full array of dance lessons and workshops at its east side studio. Call (414) 277-8480. Foothold Dance/Performances will present "Dance

is Easy, Life is Hard," a parody of serious dance, in Theatre X's Late Night Series (Oct. 27-28 Nov. 3-4, 10-11). Next year, March 9-10, Foothold presents "In Passing," featuring New York dancer David Figueroa. Foothold's gay guiding light, Tom Thoreson, will perform in both shows. For more info, call (414) 265-1346.

As for the art world, it's a long wait but should be well worth it. When the **Milwaukee Art Museum** finally opens its new Calatrava designed wing next May 5, "O'Keeffe's O'Keeffe's," 75 works of the Sun Prairie native, will hold center court. Meanwhile, "Pop Impact! From Johns to Warhol" shows at the Museum from Sept. 8 through December, and "Reflections in Black: A Retrospective of Black Self-Imaging" is showing at America's Black Holocaust Museum, 2233 N. 4th St., through Oct. 15.

AROUND THE STATE

The acclaimed **American Players Theatre**, which performs through the summer in its outdoor amphitheatre in Spring Green, brings Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to Wausau's Grand Theatre (Oct. 17), to Milwaukee's Pabst Theater (Oct. 20), to Madison's Wisconsin Union Theatre (Oct. 26), to Neenah's Packard Auditorium (Oct. 28), and to the Performing Arts Center in Wisconsin Rapids (Nov. 4). Don't miss these pros in action! For ticket info, call (608) 588-2361.

In addition to outstanding art exhibits, the **John Michael Kohler Arts Center** in Sheboygan sponsors a Footlights performing Arts Series. This fall it presents WOFA, seven master drummers and three dancers from Guinea in West Africa (Oct. 5); the Breton Celtic Quartet (Nov. 2); jazz violinist Regina Carter and her Quintet (Feb. 22); the Sean Curran Dance Co. (March 23); and the Lily Cai Dance Co. (April 20). For more information, call (920) 458-6144.

The **Grand Opera House** in Oshkosh presents Keb' Mo' and his bayou blues (Sept. 1); Gaelic musicians and vocalists Altan (Sept. 14); Pilobolus Dance Co. (Sept. 22); Asleep at the Wheel (Oct. 15); "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters," an African folk tale (Oct. 13); "Cyrano de Bergerac" by the Aquila Theatre Co. (Nov. 5); Piano man George Winston (Nov. 30); and Surprised by Grace, featuring Mary Catterton in a concert of holiday carols (Dec. 9). Call (920) 424-2350.

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Toni Morrison (Milw.): Nobel Literature Laureate speaks on "Reflections in Black: A Retrospective of Black Self-Imaging" at UWM's Klotsche Center, 7:30 p.m. \$25. FMI: (414) 229-4201.

Blues Festival (Madison): Allman Brothers, Delbert McClinton, Susan Tedeschi, legend B.B. King and more! Noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Sat. in Olin Park. FMI: (608) 836-0020.

Mexican Fiesta! (Milw.): Music, dance, cultural exhibits and hot jalapeno-eating contests! Noon-11 p.m. through Sunday at Henry W. Maier Festival Park. FMI: (414) 383-7066.

Saturday, August 26

Jazz Jubilee (Cedarburg): Riverboat Rascals, DiCristo Trio, Mississippi Mudcats, Johnny Frigo and more! Noon to 11 p.m. Cedarburg Cultural Center. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Family Reunion (Milw.): Annual fundraiser for LGBT Center, 5:30-10 p.m. Tix are \$35, \$50 and \$100. 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 29

"Getting to Know You" (Milw.): Fundraiser for Cream City Foundation, music by Cream City Chorus, 6-8 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire St. \$25. FMI: 225-0244.

WomanSong (Madison): Weekly rehearsal, 7 p.m. at Beth Israel Center. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, August 30

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

Ten Percent Society (Madison): Weekly Social, 8 p.m., UW Memorial Union Terrace. FMI: (608) 262-7365.

Friday, September 1

Twin Ports GLBT Pride (Duluth-Superior): Weekend begins with art show/sale and poetry reading at Jitters Coffee Shop, 102 W. Superior St. (Duluth), 6-8:30 p.m. and annual bonfire on Wisconsin Point at 9 p.m. FMI: (218) 728-5825.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Dance review at 8 p.m., open dancing at 9 p.m. Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 255-9131.

Saturday, September 2

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

Twin Ports Pride (Duluth-Superior): Festival in Billings Park in Superior, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Magical Mystery Harbor Cruise," 7:30 p.m., then party night at JT's, 1506 N. 3 St. (Superior). FMI: (218) 728-5825.

Sunday, September 3

Twin Ports Pride (Duluth-Superior): Pride Parade in downtown Duluth at Noon, "Fruit Float" (sold out), Pride BBQ at The Jook Joint, 821 Tower Ave. (Superior) at 5:30 p.m., and drag show fundraiser for AIDS at The Main Club, 1217 Tower Ave. (Superior), 8:30 p.m. FMI: (218) 728-5825.

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.

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Sundays:

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

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

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Alvin and Tacos.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed

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.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Mugs of Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Greyhounds - \$2.50 from 2-7 p.m. Cans of Schlitz - \$1, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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.

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

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. 2/4/10 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 Jake 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.

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

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

Mondays:

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

Boat Camp Saloon (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.

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Beer Bust and Free Pizza!

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed.

Club 5/Planet Q (Milw.): \$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!

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour 4-7 p.m. all weekdays, Double Bubble. Any rail vodka drinks half price, 7-11 p.m. \$1 off all mixed drinks and bottled beer. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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.

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Rainbow Room (Milw.): Rolling Rock, \$1.50

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

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

South Water St. Docks (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!

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. Tappers \$7.50, rail drinks, \$1.50.

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

Tuesdays:

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

Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 9 p.m. to close.

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

Boat Camp Saloon (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 Brads, \$2.50.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Shoreline Dancers Practice, 6 p.m. to ?

Club 5/Planet Q (Milw.): \$7 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.

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Nipple ring nite - gentle tug from bartender means 2nd beer free! Cans of Schlitz, \$1 from 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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.

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Milw.): 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 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

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

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Double Bubble until 7 p.m. DJ starts at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour, 4-7, Double Bubble. Rail Manhattan, Old Fashioned, Martinis - \$2.75, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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Edward Rules

By Carl M. Szatmary

Dale Gutzman's version of Christopher Marlowe's "Edward II," the latest offering from Off the Wall Productions, is not for the faint of heart or for anyone who might be expecting the always classy, often sterile productions that Alistair Cooke for years introduced on "Masterpiece Theatre."

"Edward II" is an extraordinary story of love and betrayal, of religion and political intrigue. The love, of course, is that of the "dare not speak its name" variety. Edward II (David Flores), king of England, is in love with Gaveston (Giovanni Ortega), a young man of low birth and in possession of often-controversial beliefs. When Edward II married it was most definitely out of a sense of duty: to produce an heir.

The play begins with the young king bringing back Gaveston from the exile his father, Edward I had imposed. Immediately Gaveston ignites the passions of the various ruling barons that peopled Edward's court. Poor Queen Isabella (Laura Neuser), ignored by Edward, finds solace in the arms of Mortimer (James Strange) which curiously inflames the king. From their bedchamber, a conspiracy is hatched.

Intriguingly, Marlowe's protagonist is something of an enigma. Edward II might love to be king yet proves willing to sacrifice his kingdom for Gaveston, declaring "Because he loves me more than all the world." Fine words, but quickly enough King Edward finds comfort and more in the arms of Spencer (Scott Sorensen). Inasmuch as the barons had risked all to rid the kingdom of Gaveston, they are equally unwilling to allow for this new upstart and the stage is literally set for much bloodshed and the ultimate downfall of Edward II.

Christopher Marlowe, an intriguing figure in his own right, delighted in exploring this messy, tumultuous love affair and the consequences it brought about.

Anything but safe or traditional, Gutzman has sought to confront and challenge the audience at every turn, from liberally slashing Marlowe's text and utilizing a modern, discordant musical soundtrack to scenes of graphic violence and male nudity. While some of Gutzman's choices seem decidedly unconventional, his staging is particularly strong, he keeps up the pace and manages to pull off this production with quite a flair.

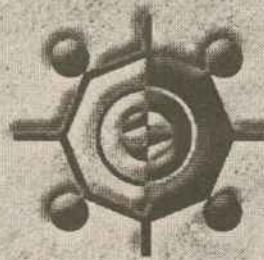
Still, for a production such as "Edward II" to work, a strong ensemble cast of actors is necessary and, for the most part, Gutzman's cast is up to the challenge.

Giovanni Ortega's Gaveston is a sensual creature, one whose charms to King Edward are obvious. That he knows the power he holds over the king is clear, less certain are his motives. Does he love the king or does he love the trappings of being the king's particular minion?

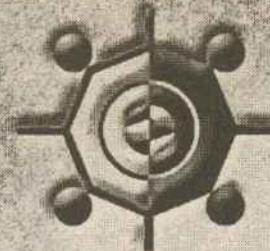
Somewhat less effective is David Flores' Edward II. Perhaps too caught up in the poetry of Marlowe's dialogue, it isn't until the play's final moments when Flores is at last able to reveal the man beneath the crown.

Worthy of special mention are Trung Tieu's Lightborn, Laura Neuser's Queen Isabella and especially Scott Sorensen for managing to sit so calmly through Spencer's perverse execution.

Purists might balk at this "Edward II" which eschews the sort of reverence the atergoers have come to expect from historical dramas but Gutzman has kept the spirit of Marlowe alive. "Edward II" is an entertaining, eye-opening production.



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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, August 24

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 9 p.m. midnite at M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, August 25

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.

Fr. and Sat., August 25-26

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.

Friday-Sunday, August 25-27

The Harbor Room (Milw.): GRAND OPENING! Food, fun, music, raffles, champagne and surprises, opens at 2 p.m. daily. 117 E. Greenfield Ave. FMI: (414) 672-7988.

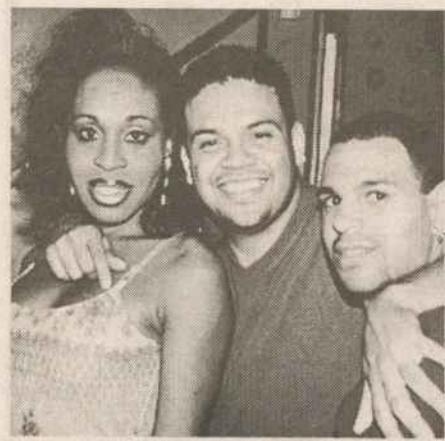
Sunday, August 27



Peek-a-boo! Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



EEEK! A possum queen! Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



Big fun! Photo by Jamie @ Orbit

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.

Monday, August 28

Switch (Milw.): Celebrate Bev's birthday! Featuring a lingerie show! 124 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 220-4340.

Wednesday, August 30

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.

Friday, September 1

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, September 3

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.

Thursday, September 7

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.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Saturday, August 26

Christy Snow (Madison): Singer/songwriter performs at 7 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. Free. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Thursday, September 7

Gail Tsukiyama (Mequon): Author of "The Language of Threads" reads at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

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, 6:30 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.

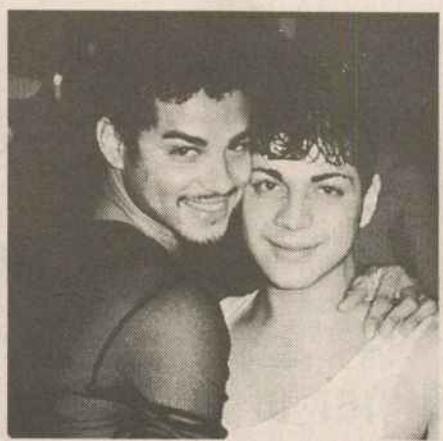
Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

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.



Possum Queen Drama. Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



Cuties of the week. Photo by Jamie @ Switch

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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 (414) 271-2656.

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

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

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

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (Baraboo): HIV/AIDS support group meets third Thursdays in Baraboo area. FMI (toll-free): (877) 744-0677.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS:

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

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

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

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the 1st & 3rd 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.

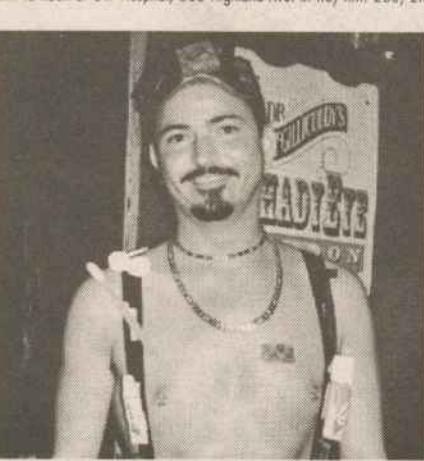
Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. An opportunity for men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

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, 12 W. 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



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floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

BESTD Clinic - Positively Social (Milw.): Drop-in HIV+ men's gathering: no structure! No preaching! Videos and music, refreshments but no alcohol please. 8 p.m. to midnite, last Saturdays of the month, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

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

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

SUNDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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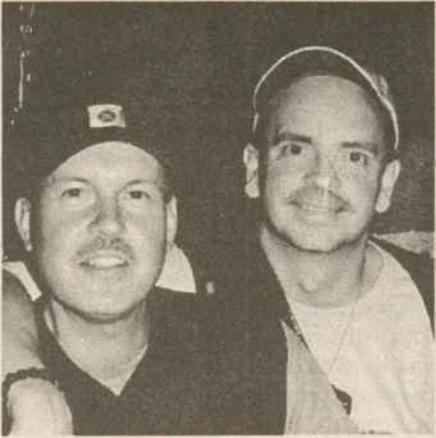
BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

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

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

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

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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 (Milw.): Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 7-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave.

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

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

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

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

FILM, TV AND RADIO:**Friday, August 25**

SAGE (Milw.): Screening of documentary "Growing Up Gay and Lesbian" followed by intergenerational discussion with young people from Project Q, 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0278 after 4 p.m.

Sun., August 27 & Every Sun.

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-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.

Monday, August 28

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "The Talented Mr. Ripley" at 7:30 p.m. at OurReach, 600 Williamson St. (Gateway Mall) FMI: (608) 279-5959.

Tuesday, August 29

"Gays in the Military" - The History Channel presents this segment in its series "The 20th Century with Mike Wallace," 8 p.m.

Tues., August 29 & Every Tues.

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



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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 30 & 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.

Saturday, September 2

Gay Video Club (Madison): "Heaven's a Drag (To Die For)" and "Thrill Me," 8 p.m. Call for location: (608) 244-8675.

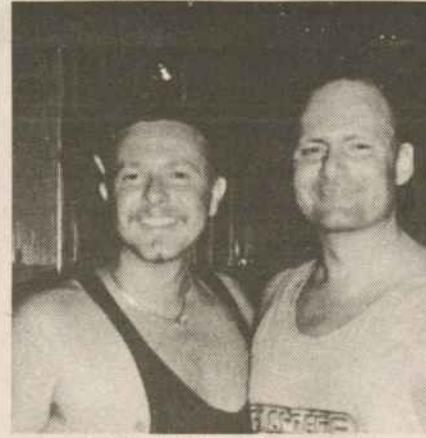
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Adambomb Gallerie (Milw.): "Conscious Experience," paintings, drawings and mixed media by Jason Aumann, through Sept. 16. 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Appleton Art Center (Appleton): "The Art of the Motorcycle," through Sept. 22, 130 N. Morrison St.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography," opens Aug. 25-Oct. 15, 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

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



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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: (920) 854-4435.

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

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Mindscapes": expressionist paintings by Brian D.A. Tolbert and abstract drawings by Cheryl Klein, Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Gallery H2O (Milw.): "Image Box: New Photography 2000," featuring work by 14 regional photographers, curated by Deone Jahnke. 907 S. First St. FMI: (414) 271-8032.

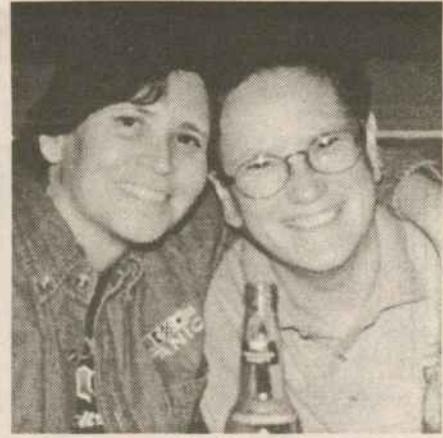
Grava Gallery (Milw.): "Family Affair," photography by W. Peter Scotland and Karen Gouger and postal prismaticolor by Sally Gouger Jensen, through Sept. 29. 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Timeless Visions: Contemporary Art of India," through Sept. 17. Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Gardens of Pleasure" through Sept. 17. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingras Gallery (Milw.): North gallery: contemporary wood carvings of New Guinea's Asmat culture. 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Donald Lipski: A Brief History of



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Twine," opens Sept. 10, runs through Nov. 12. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Marin Gallery (Milw.): Recent paintings by Anne Miorke, through Sept. 17, Caroline Hall of Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy. FMI: (414) 256-1233.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "Pop Impact! From Johns to Warhol," opens Sept. 8 through Dec. 31. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Snapshots from the Family Album: Milwaukee Labor After World War II," b/w photos of workplaces and CIO union activities, through Sept. 17. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game: A History of Baseball in Milwaukee," "Ethnicity: Milwaukee's Multicultural Heritage" through Sept. 30. Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): "Vision, Technology and Commerce: 100 Years of Industrial Design," through March, 2001. 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): "The Water Show," images of water in varied media, through Sept. 2. 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): 78th annual traveling exhibit of the National Watercolor Society, through Sept. 3. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): "Who Knows Where or When? Artists Interpret Time and Place," through Aug. 27. 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 636-9177.

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Another Masters has an annoying habit of talking to the television as if it were a real person. This invariably happens during the news or talk shows, when she will carry on an argument with her cable box. Although I've been keeping this trait a secret (I hope to someday reveal it at her competency hearing), it never occurred to me that I would turn into her. But this is exactly what happened this past week while I was watching "Making the Band." I must confess that I haven't gotten involved with any of those so-called reality shows. I've not seen a single episode of "Survivor," "Big Brother," "The Real World," or any of the others that have littered the airwaves this season. But I have been watching "Making the Band" since the start, and there are some things that just need to be said.

First off, is it just me, or do you think that **Lou Perlman** should be on some NAMBLA recruiting poster saying, "I want you"? I'm not saying that he's gay or likes little boys — I would never be so bold. But it just seems odd to me that this guy has surrounded himself almost exclusively with young men. In case you don't know, Lou has managed the **Backstreet Boys**, **'NSYNC**, **LFO**, **C-Note**, and virtually any boy band who has later sued their manager. If I see him drag the unwilling "Making the Band" boys onto his boat or into the hot tub one more time, I may have to report him to the authorities! Every time Lou lumbers down the hall to visit these

guys in their rooms saying, "Here comes Big Lou," I picture the boys hiding under their beds cowering in fear! This interest in young boys seems to relate not only to the people Lou has hired to sing in his various bands, but also to his employees. The O-Town road manager, Mark, recently said that he met Lou ten years ago and immediately became his best friend. Call me crazy, but ten years ago, Mark would have been a teenager and Lou would have been mid-Paleozoic! Just seems a little too icky for me.

However, the most annoying thing on this show is the boys in O-Town themselves. They all seem like a bunch of whiney brats who don't get that this is a major break — **Ikaika** first and foremost. From the start, I knew that this guy was trouble. And no, I never thought he was cute, and that's probably because I always found him incredibly annoying. I'm sick of him, I'm sick of his girlfriend **Malia**, and I'm particularly sick of his brother, who I believe is named something like Haiku (I keep expecting him to speak in cryptic verse)! When Ikaika demanded that his brother be made the group's security guard, the group's publicist, **Jay** (a big queen, but a cutie and definitely my favorite on the show), explained that a security guard couldn't have any personal relationships with the people he protects. At that point, I couldn't stop myself from breaking into "And I Will Always Love You"! It's just a freak show every Friday night on ABC — and I'm proud to watch it for some strange reason (kinda like watching a fatal car accident).

Because of this memorable evening, I've decided to report a few of the many theatre-related items that have come in to Gotcha Central recently. Why? Because, well, I now appear to be "theatre folk."

We can file this next item under "You Heard It Here First" — a few months ago, I reported that **David Hasselhoff** would make his Broadway debut in "Jekyll & Hyde." At the same time, other columnists reported that Mr. Baywatch would hit the Great White Way in a totally different show — "Annie Get Your Gun." Guess what? Davey's going into "Jekyll & Hyde" on October 17th. Surprise, surprise!

In one of the most perplexing bits of casting I've heard, we must turn our attention back to "Annie Get Your Gun." As you may recall, **Bernadette Peters** leaves the show on September 5th, and the leading contender to take over the role is **Reba McEntire**. However, Reba ain't available until after the first of the year. Several names have been bandied around as possible fill-ins (including the scrumptious **Jasmine Guy**, who instead will return to "Chicago" on September 5th). Now comes word that a contract has been signed for Peters' replacement, and I need to warn you to brace yourselves for this shocking announcement. The next Annie Oakley on Broadway will be (drum roll, please) — **Cheryl Ladd**! Although the former "Charlie's Angel" has recorded a few country albums, she isn't the first person I would have thought of to head up a major Broadway show. She isn't even the tenth person I'd have thought of. But then again, Susan Lucci wasn't in the first hundred people I would have thought of — and she did it!

To update an item from a couple of weeks ago, **Jerry Hall** (who is currently appearing naked in "The Graduate") has earned a special nickname at the theatre — **Pussy Galore**. This is not for the obvious reason. Apparently, the leggy model has been asked to become patron of a UK cat charity. So, feel free to ask Jerry about her pussy next time ya see her.

Could it be that transsexual chanteuse **Zhana Steele** has a new calling? While she has returned to Las Vegas — the scene of many performing triumphs — I'm told that the clean and sober Zhana is now working a day job — as a receptionist in a drug rehab. Well, just in case...

Could it be that a certain musical the-

atre legend has something up his ass — and it ain't a gerbil? I'm told that in the original version of "Making Porn," there was a joke about this gent and his predilection for certain furry creatures. After some legal communications, the offending joke was excised from the official script — but not the rumors that spawned the line. So, what is truth and what is fiction? Let's just say that some things take more than a moment, dearie.

We have some exciting plans coming up for Filth2Go.Com. As usual, our annual update of the Celebrity Nudes section of the web site will occur on or around Labor Day. At the same time, expect a totally new look for the web site that many of you have made your cyber home away from home — complete with at least three new columnists! And as the icing on the cake, in the next month, we will have yet another "Ask Billy" column and our annual "What ever happened to..." column, where you can find out about your favorite stars of yester-year. As if that isn't enough, I am always here for you — day or night. Just drop a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before someone asks me about my pussy! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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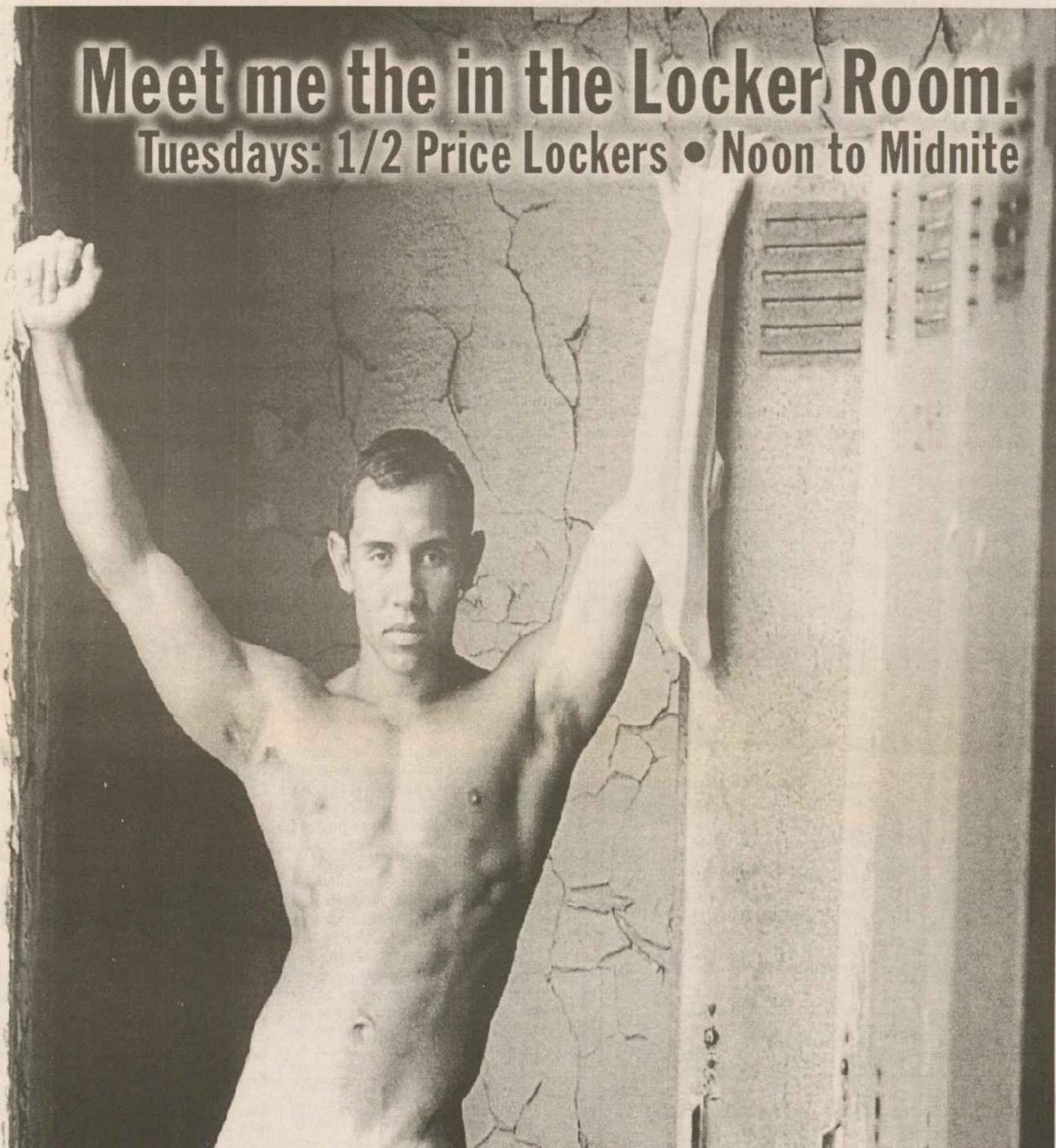


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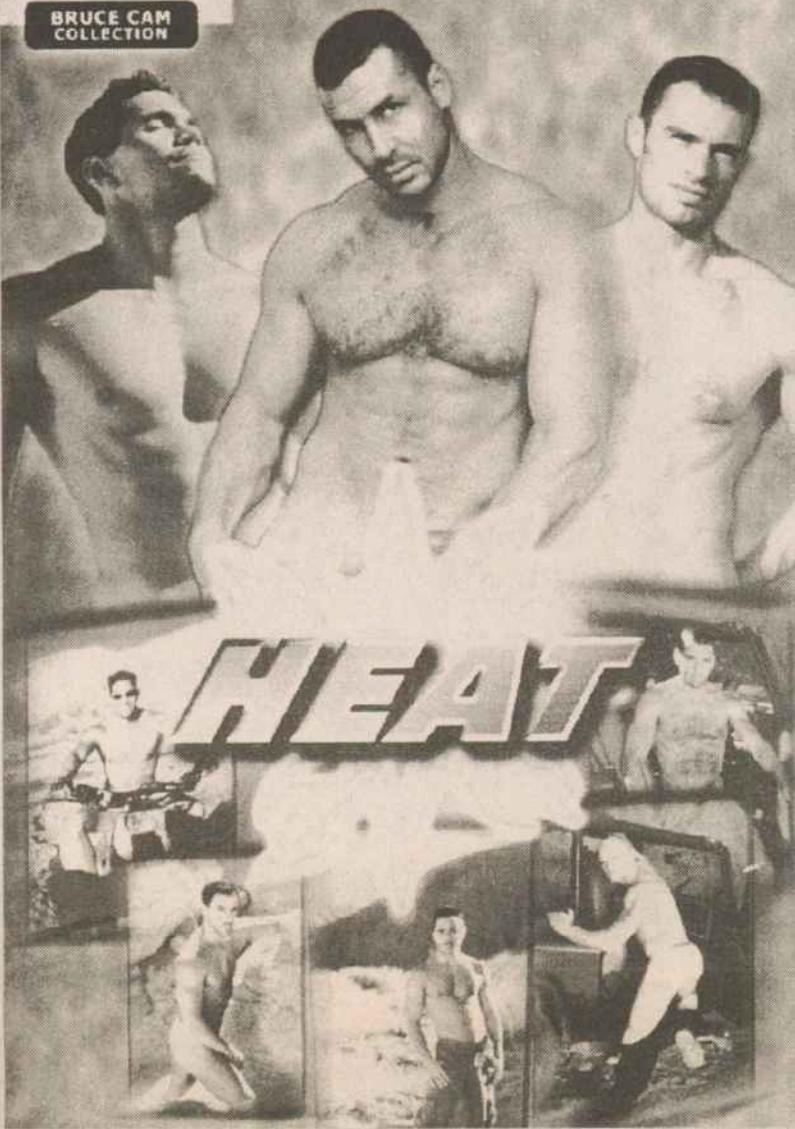
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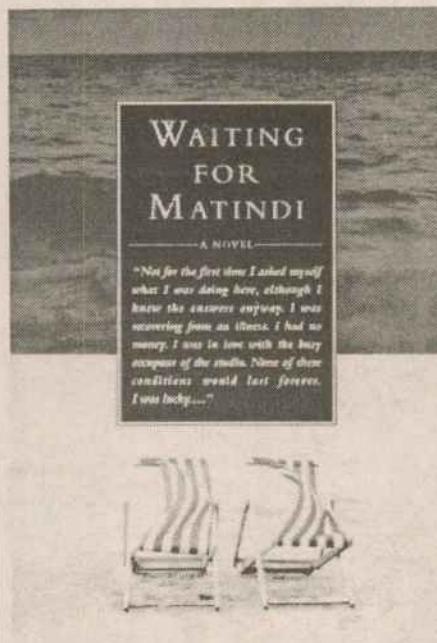
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A nameless Australian lesbian is recovering from an operation at a country home near Bondi Beach her lover (also unnamed) has borrowed from a friend. While the lover works out in the garden in a shed writing a book on musical notations, the narrator worries about her scars and swims at Bondi Beach at night so no one can see her. She slowly begins to realize that her relationship is ending and is powerless to face this loss.

Other than that the writing seems to ramble on and on about everything and anything: the beach and some Asians who have drowned in the undertow, a drunken female hermit who lived in a cave, and thoughts about her Aunt Helen and her lover Valerie. Weird people pop up at every turn. I got the feeling that most of the inhabitants of this little corner of the world were a bunch of "bottom feeders" without much going for them.

One day the narrator runs across Theresa who tells her about an exotic black woman named Matindi she is importing from Nairobi. Matindi becomes a sort of human amulet for the narrator because of the anticipation of her arrival. It turns out that Matindi has problems — lots of problems. Her bus gets hijacked on the way to the airport. The hijackers take her cash, jewelry, her passport and airline tickets. Then she gets a broken nose. Theresa sends more money, and weeks later she appears and just sits at Theresa's place watching the tube and smoking cigarettes. We never hear anything about the relationship except that they fight — a lot.

Bad Dog Brucey, who belongs to the son of a local drunk takes up a bit of space. Brucey ends up getting killed by a passing car as he races across the road to get food the narrator has put out for him. She blames herself and stashes the corpse under the her couch until "Pets at Peace" finally arrives to collect it — for \$250 (cash).

The lover returns and says she's through with the relationship and leaves in a taxi. The scene switches to Matindi who is also leaving Theresa and climbing into a

cab with her luggage. This is a very strange small book and even though some of the passages were beautifully written, I couldn't make heads or tails out of the plot — if there was one. It was like reading an untidy diary. A cover blurb called the writing "Fellinesque." Well, I don't think so; I'd call it fragmented. (Ballantine, ISBN: 0-345-41774-7, \$10.95 USA, \$16.50 Canada).

BOOKED FOR MURDER

BY VAL McDERMID

Lindsay Gordon has given up solving crimes to teach journalism at Santa Cruz. Her lover, Sophie, is a doctor and turns out to have a very soothing bedside manner. Early one morning as our busybody is busy sipping her industrial strength coffee, she notices an article in the paper about the death of an English author.

Her friend, Penny Varnavides, has been found dead in what is called a freak accident. She was killed by an exploding bottle of wheat beer — the very same gambit she had put together as the murder method in her soon-to-be-published book. Penny and Meredith Miller had been good friends of Lindsay's. Penny and Meredith split, and now Meredith lives up the road in San Francisco. Before Lindsay has a chance to ask herself if she should call or go and see her, the answer is decided for her.

As she jogs along the beach she notices a woman heading in her direction. When they meet, the woman explains that Meredith has asked her to solve the case because the British police suspect her. There's also a small problem: the manuscript, which is on a computer disk, has gone missing. After some fussing, Lindsay flies off to London with the knowledge that only three people knew the details of this unpublished book — Penny's literary agent, her editor, and her ex-girlfriend.

As she digs beneath the surface of the world of publishing, she uses some impressive old business cards from her newspaper days to unearth useful information. She wangles her way past rude secretaries, talks with uncooperative literary agents, crafty publishers and celebrated people in the industry. She uncovers bad tempered connections, reckless power plays, underhanded fraud and a few resentful rivalries. There are lots of suspects.

Lindsay has to figure out who — amongst this distasteful bunch — would want Penny dead. But before she can confront anyone, she has to outrun a baseball bat, and recover some computer files for a friend whose partners are trying to cause her firm to fail by flooding it with porn. She ends up with a bullet in her shoulder, glass in her jaw and is covered with bruises. This is where Sophie's bedside manner comes in. Sophie also finds the disk.

This is the author's fifth book in the Lindsay Gordon mystery series, and it's filled with all things English and lesbian. Naturally, there are organic veggies, breads and other edibles. There are herbal teas, classic books (all mentioned by name), English TV (including Inspector Morse) and, as one would suspect, ale, beer and great cars! While the reading is slow going at points, this episode shows off our heroine's ingenuity as she turns the tables on the bad guys. (Spinster's Ink, ISBN: 1-883523-37-0, Paperback \$12).

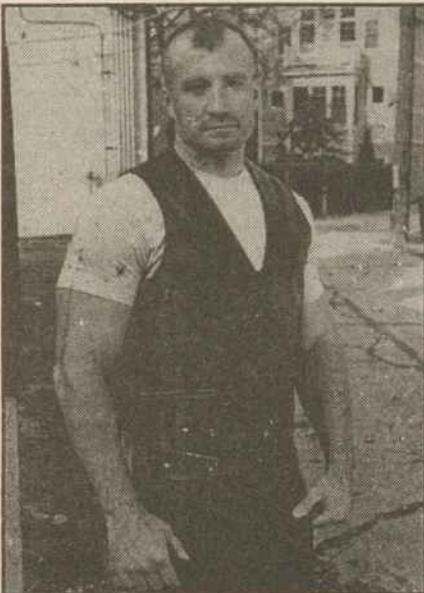


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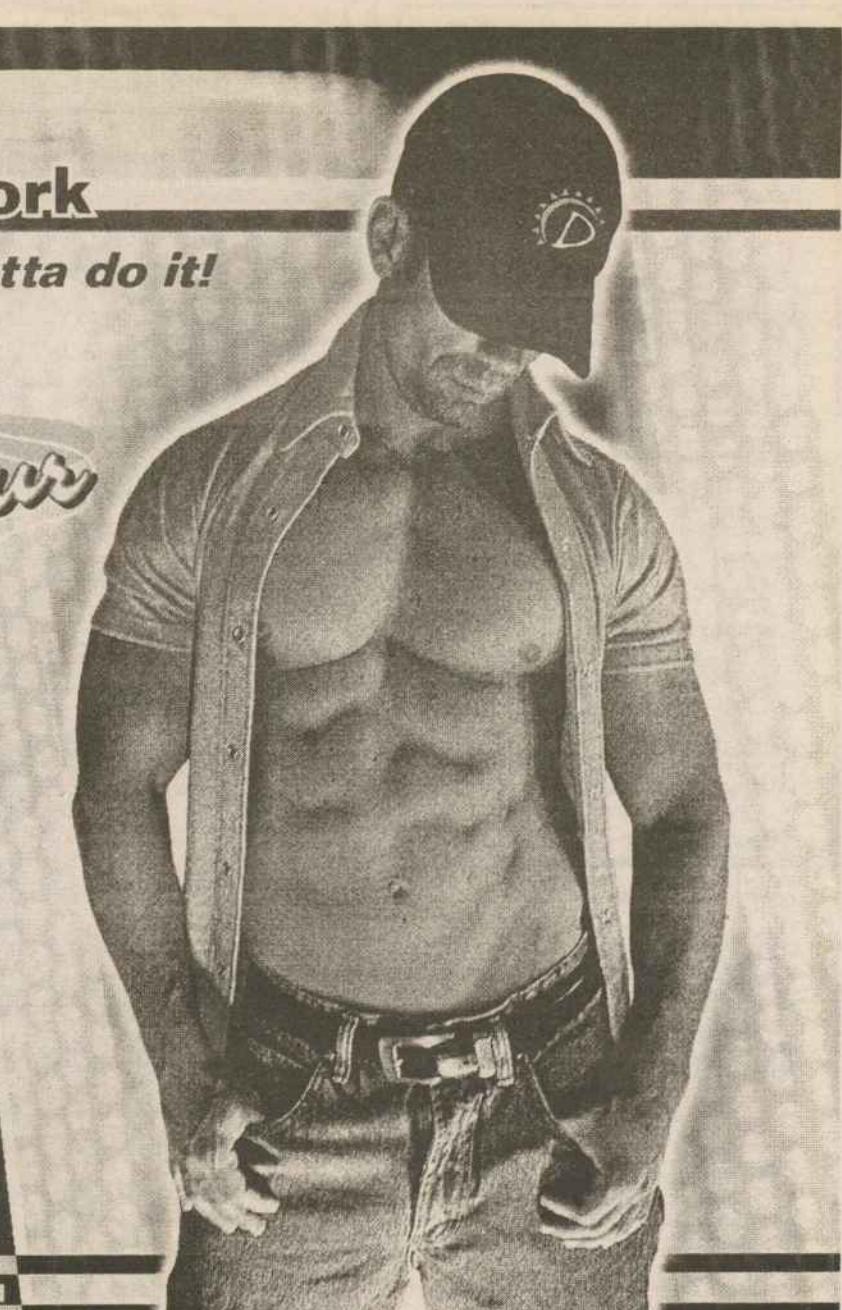
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The **Midtowne Spa** threw another **Garage Party** this past weekend. Once again, a huge success and as you know, if you need a tune up, this is the place to get it. Remember, Wednesdays are always half price so go check it out.

Woody's is gearing up for the **AIDS Walk Wisconsin** by throwing an **AIDS Walk Sign-up Party**. If you signed up for the walk, it was free beer, free food and prizes. I stopped in to see who was giving **Steve** a hard time and to take some photos. Unfortunately, there was a guy there who blew a gasket and tried starting a fight with me. Fortunately, the staff was on the spot and calmed the situation down. To this day, I have no idea what set him off but from what I hear, this guy is known for going wacky every now and then.

Just down the street from Woody's, the **Harbor Room** continues to build a clientele with their no shirt gets you half price drinks policy. If you're not afraid to show your navel, stop in and check it out. Don't forget the big **Grand Opening Party** starts August 25th and ends on the 27th.

Football season is gearing up and it seems like every bar will be having great specials for the games. Over at **Club Boom**, they are offering free beer and free food for the Packer opener on September 3. Boom is also having an **AIDS Walk Benefit** with a party on September 9. You could win a TV or a chance to have breakfast in bed served by **Tim and Dave** ... yum!

If you've got it, flaunt it! At least that's the idea behind the new Saturday night parties at **Dish. Flaunt** is billed as a new way to start your Saturday nights. They will be holding a **Grand Opening Party** on Sunday, Sept. 3 with a free CD giveaways and great DJs. The party then moves to its permanent Saturday night slot on September 16 running from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Life's a beach! At least it is over at **Triangle** during Labor Day Weekend. **Lana** and staff will be hosting a **Swimsuit Contest** on Friday, Sept. 2 with drink specials for those in beach attire. On Saturday, Sept. 3 sign up for the Triangle AIDS Walk team and enter a raffle for great prizes. They'll have events all weekend long, so check it out.

Meanwhile, over at **M&M** they will be hosting the fabulous, wonderful **Singstational** on August 26. Always a great time!

That's it for this issue. I'm gonna close by offering my (condolences?) to Hollywood's Ellen and Ann. They just announced their break-up which is not what I wanted to hear. I was hoping those two would grow old together. Who knows, maybe they will work things out just to make little ol' me happy. Thanks again for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

Orbit is giving the drag show business a try. I stopped in last Friday for a look-see and found a small but enthusiastic crowd cheering on the girls. My guess is that given time, Orbit will be giving the other clubs a run for their money. You can stop in either Friday or Saturday nights to check it out for yourself. Be sure to check out their **Two Day White Party** over Labor Day Weekend!

The **Rainbow Room** out in Madison

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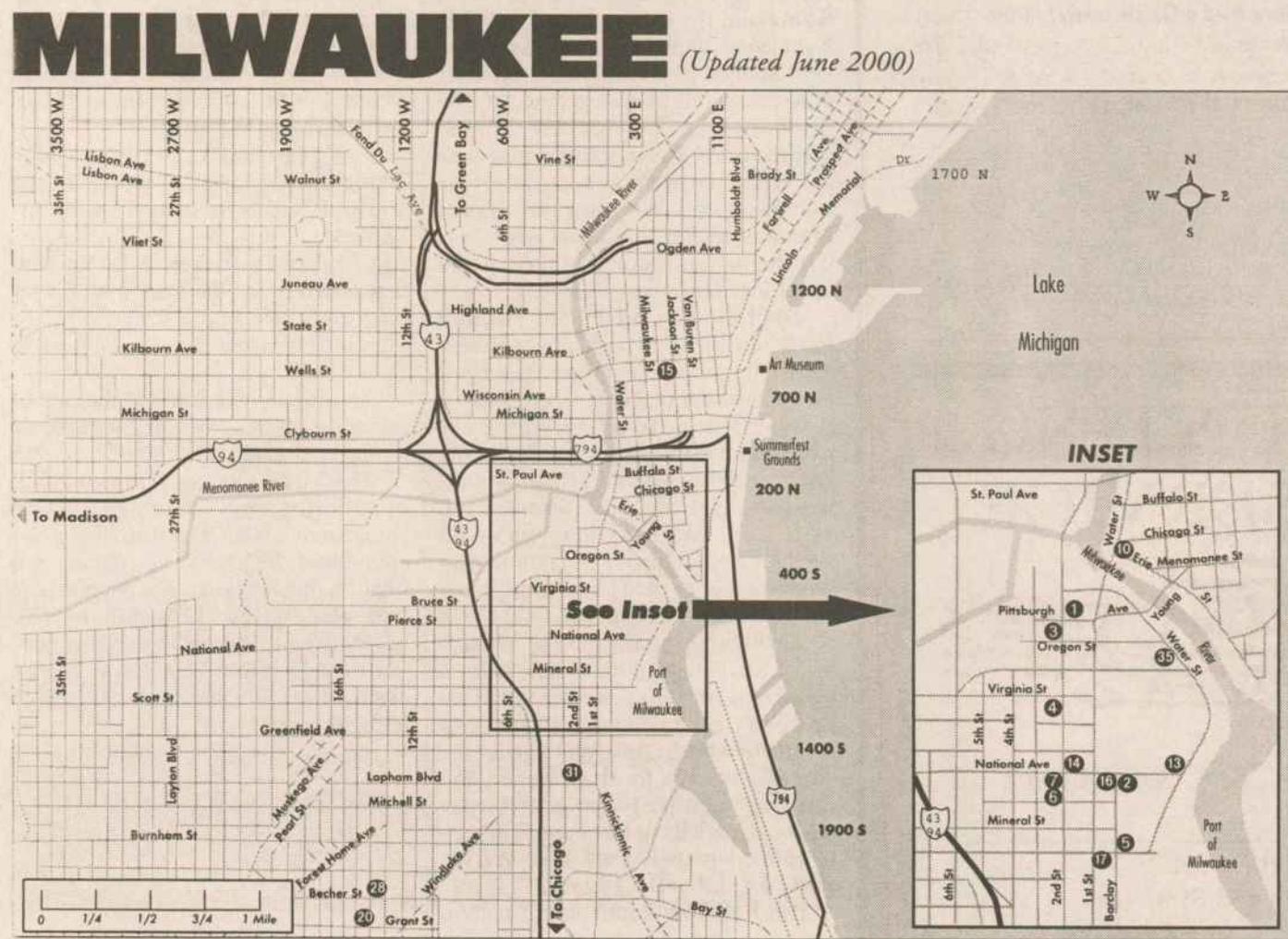
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Mark Behar, PA-C (Family Primary Care) Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233933-3600	
BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic) (STD/HIV diagnosis/treatment) www.bestd.org; bestd@execpc.org	
1240 E. Brady St., 53202272-2144	
Mark Huffman, M.D. (Holistic Health Services) 2414 N. Farwell Ave., 53211332-6900	
Health Options (Holistic Health Services) 823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202225-9303	
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms) 4311 W Vliet, 53208342-4333	
Positive Health Clinic Medical Center Specialties Clinic 945 N 12, 53233219-7908	
STD Specialties Clinic 3251 N Holton, 53212264-8800	

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd St., 53204273-7474	
Barbie's Playhouse (Wm) 700 E. Meinecke, 53212374-7441	
2 Boot Camp (M, L/L) 209 E. National Ave., 53204643-6900	
3 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd St., 53204291-9600	
4 Club Boom (Mw, D, V) 625 S. 2nd St., 53204277-5040	
3 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd St., 53204271-3732	
3 Dish (Wm, DJ) 235 S. 2nd St., 53204273-DISH	
Emeralds 801 E. Hadley, 53206265-7325	
17 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F) 1100 S. 1st St., 53204647-9950	
5 Fannie's (Wm, D, F) 200 E. Washington St., 53204649-9003	
6 Fluid (Mw) 819 S. 2nd St., 53204645-8330	
6 Harbor Room (L/L, Mw) 117 E. Greenfield Ave., 53204672-7988	
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D) 1500 W. Scott, 53201647-2673	
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd St., 53204383-8330	
10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202347-1962	
13 South Water Street Docks 354 E. National Ave., 53204225-9676	
20 Station 2 (Wm, D) 1534 W. Grant 53215383-5755	
14 Switch (Mw) 124 W. National Ave., 53204220-4340	
15 This Is It (M) 418 E. Wells 53202278-9192	
16 Triangle (M, V) 135 E. National 53204383-9412	
31 Woody's (Mw, D) 1579 S. 2nd St., 53204672-0806	

COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS

Annex (10am-after hours) 1106 S. 1st St. 53204384-7999	
Azteca 816 South 5th St., 53204383-8816	
Bear Brew (Coffee House) 708 N. Milwaukee St., 53202224-8877	
Cafe Knickerbocker 1030 East Juneau, 53202272-0011	
Cempazuchi 1205 E. Brady St., 53202291-5233	
Chip and Pys 1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon,241-9589	
Cielito Lindo 733 South 2nd St., 53204649-0401	
Harry's Bar and Grill 3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211694-6800	
La Fuente 625 South 5th St., 53204271-8595	
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch) 124 N. Water 53202347-1962	
North Shore Bistro272-0111	
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer351-6100	
Silver Dollar Cafe 831 South 16th Street, 53204645-8860	

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 Union645-0585	
Gay Youth WI Hotline888-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	

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932 E. Brady St., 53202	281-7473
Constant Reader Bookshop	
1627 E Irving Pl., 53202	291-0452
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1200 S 1st St., 53204	389-1200
Eclectic i (art/gifts)	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217, WI	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 Nursey	
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	
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exchange@execpc.com	
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Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop	
1213 E. Brady St., 53202	223-5941
Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse	
6833 W. North Ave.	607-9672
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Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility)	
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CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
Joseph T. Chojnicki, 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. (MGLO)	
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
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
(ask for Gay meetings)	536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

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/Bis	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 C8 I-94)	
Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	657-5667
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	
Hwy 20 Racine 53403	886-5111
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	634-9804

What About Me? (WM)	
600 6th St. Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	
625 College, Racine 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	634-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)	
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	843-4209

SOUTH CENT. ()

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 B, Lake Mills 53551	648-8457
The Kloset (MW, DJ)	
232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991	363-8764

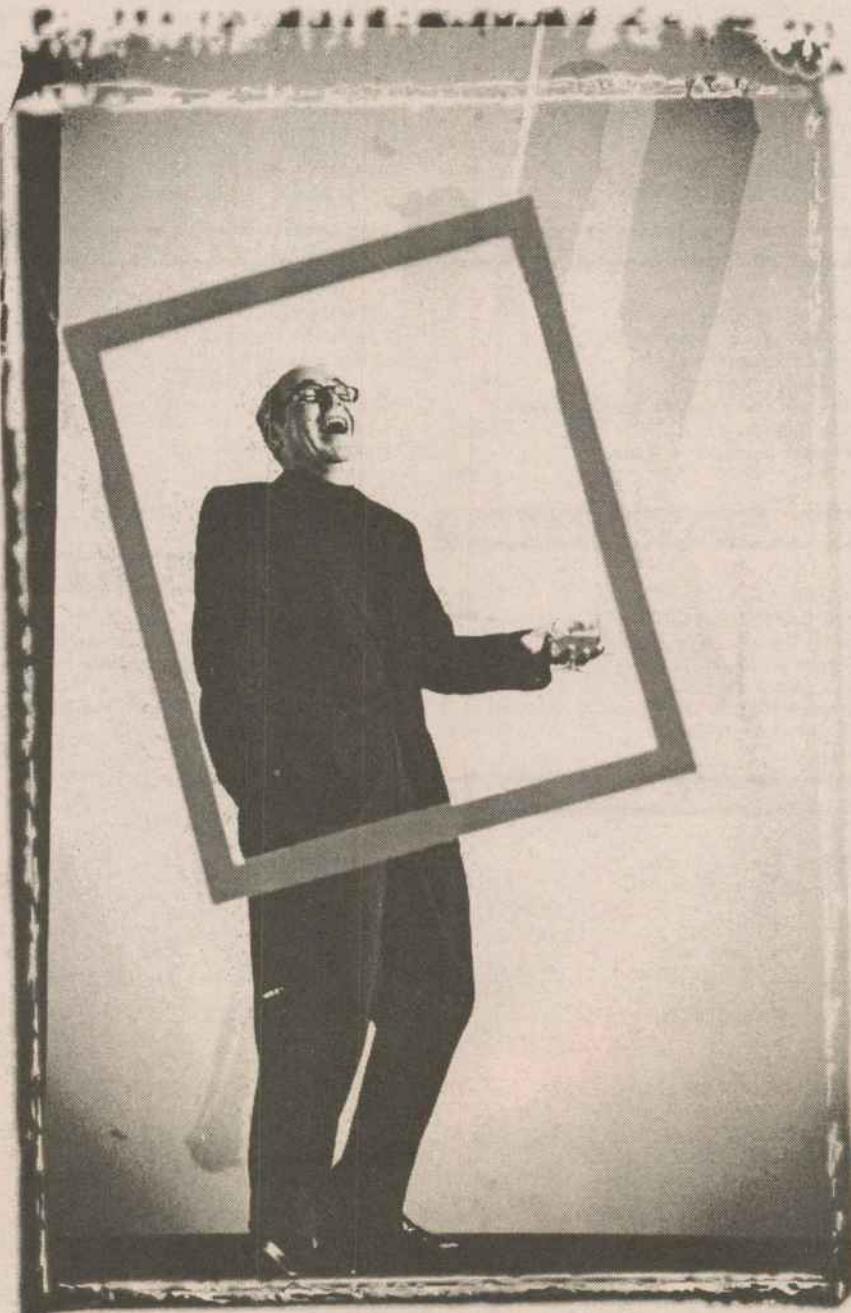
NORTHWEST (715)

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-Ch (Bed & Breakfast)	
33 E. Spruce St., Chippewa Falls	723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@cannon.net)	
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750	448-4302
GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)	
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701	
JP Creations (WEB Design)	477-8802
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)	
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701	838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)	
1217 Tower Ave., Superior 54880	392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center	
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802	(218) 722-8585
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)	
Greater Chippewa Valley	

S. WEST & CENTRAL

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@uwpkatt.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)	
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
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