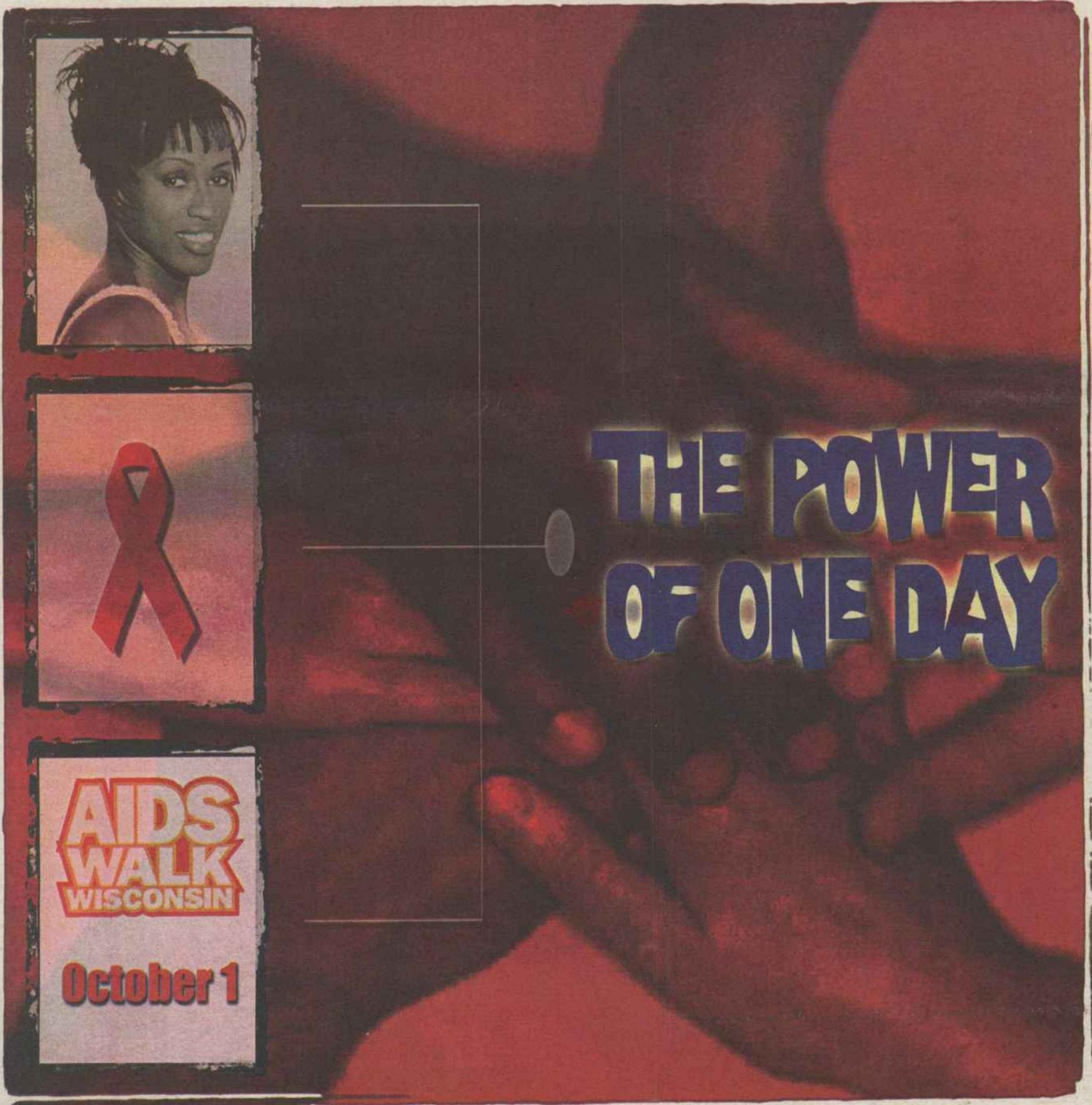


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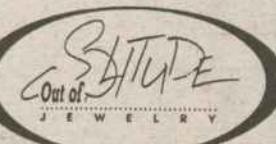
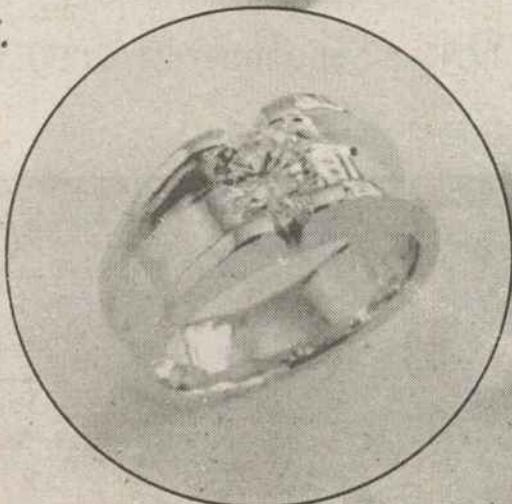


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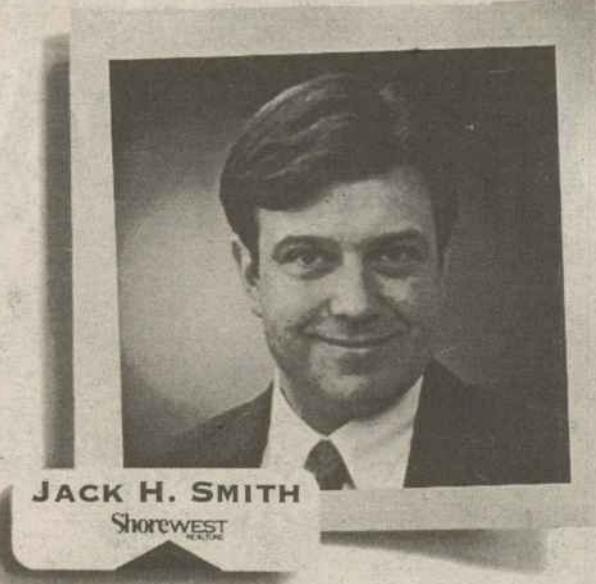


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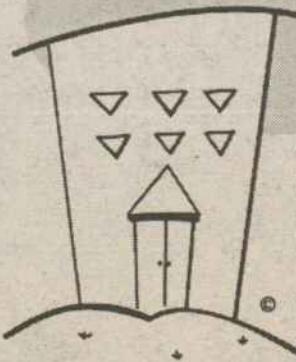
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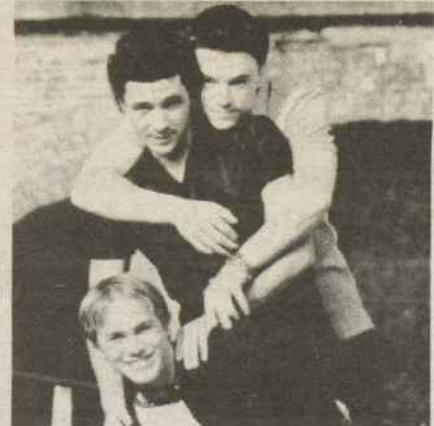


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It's Splitsville for Etheridge and Cypher

LOS ANGELES — "We have decided to separate," this according to a joint statement released by singer Melissa Etheridge and her Julie Cypher on Sept. 18. According to the statement, the two will end their relationship but will continue to raise their two children together.

"With the utmost love and respect for one another, we have decided to separate," says the statement. "As committed parents, our top priority continues to be what is in the best interest of our children. Though elements of our lives will change, our family will always remain intact."

Except for their names at the bottom, that is the complete text of the statement, which was released by Etheridge's management company; no further comment was immediately available.

Etheridge and Cypher have been together for 12 years and have two children — daughter Bailey, 3, and son Beckett, 21 months — who share one biological father, rock legend David Crosby.

Colorado High Court Won't Hear Appeal Against Lesbian Moms

DENVER — Colorado's supreme court has refused without comment to hear an appeal by the state's health department to block two women from being listed jointly as the mothers on their children's birth certificates.

The decision not to hear the appeal upholds lower court rulings that have upheld the right of two women to be jointly listed. So far seven such joint listings have taken place in the state after the initial court decision.

A lower court initially ruled that state law allows people who aren't biologically related to a child to assume the parental role under certain circumstances, and cleared the way for the seven couples to both be listed as their children's mothers.

Changes in Chicago's Gay Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago gay paper, Windy City Times, which suspended publication in July after a staff walkout in 1999 left the paper in shambles, has been purchased by Lambda Publications and resumed publication on September 20.

Lambda publishes several community papers, including the popular gay paper, Outlines. Outlines was merged into the new Windy City Times.

Hate Crime Charges Brought in La Crosse Beating

By Mike Fitzpatrick

La Crosse — An after-bar assault outside an all-night restaurant here late last month has led to hate crime charges against two area men.

Following their initial hearing on September 15 Jason M. Welch, 21, of LaCrosse and Jason F. Elisius, 21, of Genoa, WI, were charged with one count each of felony aggravated battery and party to misdemeanor battery. According to the criminal complaint, hate crime enhancers were attached to the charges "because the defendant intentionally selected" the victims based on the "belief or perception regarding the sexual orientation of that person, whether or not the belief or perception was correct."

Judge Dale Pasell found probable cause after hearing the testimony of Michael Connelly of LaCrosse, one of the victims of the August 26 assault. Connelly testified that he, Doug Killian, the other victim, and Jim Burss, who was not assaulted, had stopped at the downtown Country Kitchen restaurant for a late night snack following a visit to a local gay bar. The pair were seated close to a table of several men which included Welch and Elisius.

According to the criminal complaint, the group then began making anti-gay remarks, alleging that Connelly and Killian had AIDS and that "these people should not be allowed here." Connelly testified that he and Killian did not respond to the taunts.

Following a warning from a restaurant employee to stop their taunts the criminal complaint alleges that Welch, Elisius and their party left the premises but continued harassing the three gay men. Connelly testified that Welch began pounding on the restaurant window and gesturing for them to join him outside.

The criminal complaint states that after waiting several minutes, the gay men left the restaurant, where they were approached in the parking lot by Welch and Elisius who then continued their anti-gay slurs and Welch pushed Connelly.

Connelly testified that after Killian tried to verbally intervene they both were struck and knocked to the ground, where Welch repeatedly struck him on the face and head.

Following the altercation Connelly, was taken to the emergency room at Franciscan-Skemp hospital where he received nine stitches to close wounds over both of his eyes. Killian, who had a swollen lip and a cut and swollen left eye, declined treatment.

Judge Pasell ordered Welch and Elisius to be released on sig-

nature bonds and scheduled a preliminary hearing for September 27.

Although the criminal complaint alleges that Welch and Elisius initiated the altercation, Welch claimed both sides were at fault. According to a report filed by LaCrosse Police Sgt. Kathy Larson, Welch claimed in an August 29 interview that Connelly, Killian and Burss responded to the anti-gay slurs and exchanged insults with the group at his table. The report also notes that Welch minimized the number of anti-gay remarks made and admitted to "striking someone at least once or twice."

IN Step has also received eyewitness reports which appear to conflict with the allegations made in the criminal complaint. More disturbingly, the reports suggest the assault might have been prevented.

Information provided by Michael Matter of La Crosse to Action Wisconsin regional representative William Boulware claims that employees of the Country Kitchen did nothing to intervene during the verbal harassment incident inside the restaurant. Matter also reports that Burss, Killian and Connelly repeatedly asked both the wait staff and the management of the restaurant to call the police when it became apparent that Welch and his party continued to loiter outside following the harassment and window-pounding. Their requests were refused.

Since hate crimes were added to the statutes, La Crosse County has prosecuted a handful of such cases, District Attorney Scott Horne told the LaCrosse Tribune after charges were filed in this case.

Horne has been DA throughout the 13-year history of the Wisconsin hate crimes law and stated that there have been several prosecutions in La Crosse, though most dealt with attitudes toward race, not sexual orientation.

The intent of the statute is to provide special protection when a victim is selected solely because they belong to a particular class of people, including race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or national ancestry.

A stand-alone charge of "hate crime" does not exist. Instead, the law provides for enhanced penalties in cases in which the victim of the underlying crime was selected because of status in a certain group.

Gay Arizona Lawmaker Faces Army Discharge

Los Angeles — A panel of three U.S. Army colonels ruled on Sept. 17 that Arizona lawmaker and army reservist Steve May should be given an honorable discharge for publicly revealing he was gay.

May, a reserve lieutenant who trains soldiers to defend themselves against chemical attacks, was initially investigated after he made comments on the floor of

"THIS (POLICY) IS AN OLD DINOSAUR THAT IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE NATION."

the Arizona Legislature during a February 1999 hearing on a bill that would have prohibited government benefits for employees' gay partners.

The Army has a "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward gays and lesbians, which tolerates their service in uniform so long as they do not discuss their sexual orientation.

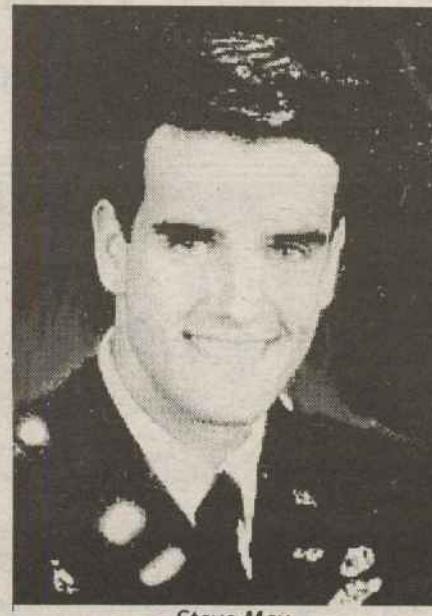
"We're going to appeal," said May, who is hoping the Army will decide to exercise a provision that would allow him to be retained for the "good of the service" despite his sexual orientation.

Army attorneys had sought a general discharge for May, but the panel, sitting in Los Alamitos a few miles south of Los

Angeles, ruled that he should have an honorable discharge.

"That provides some solace but I am deeply disturbed by this vindictive and unfair prosecution. The investigation should never have begun," said Christopher Wolf, of attorneys Proskauer Rose, who represent May.

In many cases related to violations of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, soldiers have been given dishonorable discharges, which result in loss of benefits and the



Steve May

ability to re-enlist.

A spokesman for the Army was not immediately available for comment. Wolf said there were opportunities to appeal before the decision was finalized and also sought the intervention of President Bill Clinton.

"I think the White House should be aware of this and do what is necessary (to reverse the decision)," Wolf said.

May said Congress needed to change the current policy on gays and lesbians in the military, noting the United States was the last NATO member that practiced mandatory discrimination.

"This (policy) is an old dinosaur that is an embarrassment to the nation," he said.

May has about seven months to run to complete his current Army commitment, but he said he had planned to continue to serve after the current term expired. He remains in service pending the outcome of appeals.

May serves with the 348th Transportation Company as a nuclear, biological and chemical officer, training soldiers in chemical defense.

Los Alamitos is the headquarters of the Army 63rd Regional Support Command which oversees his unit.

May, a Republican, represents the 26th district in the Arizona House of Representatives.

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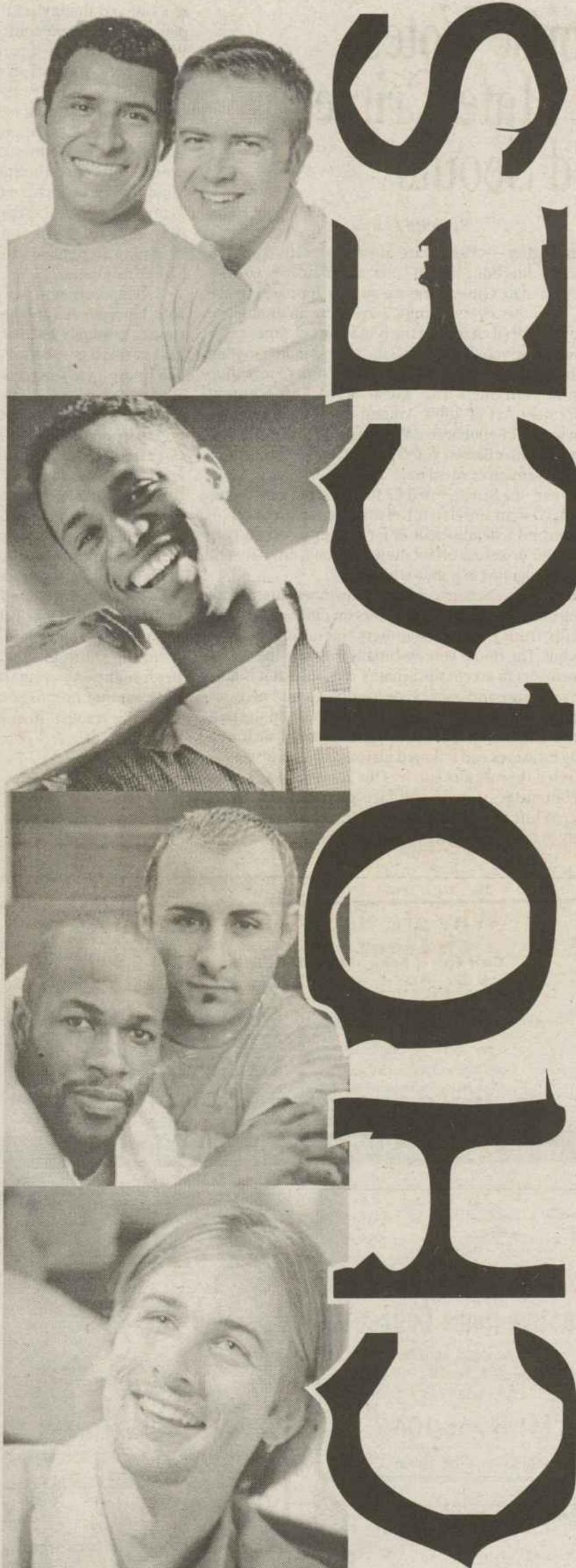
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House Votes on Hate Crimes and Scouts

By Keith Clark

Washington — The House of Representatives moved in opposite directions in two votes, one narrowly endorsing a federal hate crimes measure already approved by the Senate, the other overwhelmingly rejecting an attempt to remove the federal charter of the Boy Scouts of America.

The House voted 232 to 192 for a non-binding motion to retain the Senate version of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, now renamed the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2000. Among those voting for the motion were 41 Republicans. Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin and Rep. Thomas Barrett voted present, and Wisconsin's 5 other representatives voted nay.

In June, the Senate voted 57 to 42 for the hate crimes bill as part of an unrelated Defense Department bill. It would expand federal penalties for crimes based on race, sex, religion or sexual orientation and fund diversity and tolerance programs in public schools.

Joint House-Senate conference members are already working on ironing out compromises on differences in various bills from the two chambers, including the hate crimes bill. The House vote essentially instructs the conference members to accept the Senate's version. But it is not a binding measure and conference members aren't necessarily required to follow the House's instructions. In the past, conference members have sometimes ignored such non-binding measures and followed ideological lines instead.

Even if the measure survives the House-Senate conference committee, it must still face an actual vote in the House. While it might seem that the House would be unlikely to tell the conference members to accept a version

of a bill and then reject the same bill, it has in fact happened with certain controversial measures in the past. With only 21 votes separating a win from a loss in this House vote, passage in the chamber is anything but assured.

President Clinton has already indicated he will sign the bill if Congress approves it, and shortly before the House vote on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at a White House press conference the president was joined by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.), Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Rep. Connie Morella (R-Md.), and Judy Shepard, mother of murdered gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, in support of the hate crimes bill.

Tempering activists' enthusiasm for the hate crimes vote, however, was another vote the same day in which the House crushingly voted 362 to 12 against a bill that would have revoked the federal charter of the Boy Scouts. Fifty-one House members refused to cast ballots on the measure at all and simply voted "present."

The bill, introduced by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.), was sharply criticized by Republicans. Rep. Chris Cannon (R-Utah) said the proposal to strip the Scouts of their federal charter was the work "of a small group of extremists" that amounted to "an attack on the fundamental values of America."

The Boy Scouts received their charter from Congress in 1916. Largely symbolic, congressional charters are generally given to patriotic, charitable or educational groups.

Woolsey introduced the measure after the Supreme Court earlier this year narrowly ruled that the Boy Scouts is a private organization and can legally exclude anyone from the youth group it wants to. Woolsey said that because the Boy Scouts acknowledge that they discriminate against homosexuals, the congressional charter should be revoked "in order to disavow this policy of intolerance."

Chipman to Stand Trial for Whalen Murder

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — Daniel R. Chipman will stand trial for being party to felony murder in the first degree in the brutal 1997 slaying of gay activist Jeffrey Whalen.

At his arraignment on Sept. 15, Chipman pleaded innocent to the charges. Judge Donald R. Zuidmulder then ordered trial by jury and scheduled it to begin November 27. Zuidmulder also scheduled the final pre-trial hearing for November 21.

Zuidmulder also granted a defense request and ordered a second psychological evaluation for the defendant. Chipman had been found competent to go to trial on August 24.

Complaints filed last June allege that Chipman and Paul D. Voss met Whalen outside of an adult book store and made arrangements to meet him at a motel room. After looking at gay pornography and exchanging in sexual banter, Voss struck Whalen with a beer bottle and then stabbed him more than fifty times with a pen knife with wounds to the neck, back and groin. The complaint alleges that Voss implicated Chipman as the director of the murder, offering suggestions as to where to stab Whalen.

Voss was found incompetent to stand trial in August and remains incarcerated at Department of Corrections-operated Wisconsin Resource Center in Winnebago. At that time Judge Zuidmulder ordered quarterly reevaluations of Voss' mental state through 2001.

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Dutch Treat

Netherlands OKs Same-Sex Marriages

By Keith Clark

Amsterdam — The Dutch parliament has overwhelmingly approved a measure that gives same-sex marriages the same legal standing that married male-female couples currently enjoy in the country.

The parliament voted 107-33 for the legislation as scores of people packed the public gallery, where cheers erupted as the vote tally was announced. Even several lawmakers joined in celebrating, thumping their desks as gays and lesbians applauded.

A small group of lawmakers with the Christian Democratic party opposed to the new legislation insisted on a roll-call vote, but it apparently had little or no effect on the outcome. Even some Christian Democrats voted for the measure.

A companion bill the lawmakers also approved gives married gay and lesbian couples wider adoption rights in the country as well, often a stumbling block in legislation concerning same-sex couples.

Backers of the new legislation say it gives same-sex couples stronger relationship rights than anywhere else in Europe. Boris Dittrich, a member of parliament who backed the measure, said the new law "acknowledges that a person's sex is not of importance for marriage."

The new law will go into effect early next year. The Netherlands already had one of the most sweeping domestic partners laws in Europe, but the new measure essentially establishes a "legal parity" between married gays and lesbians and

their opposite-sex counterparts.

While churches are not required to officiate at same-sex marriages under the new law, gay and lesbian couples can have their marriage ceremonies performed at town halls throughout the nation. Ending their marriages will also fall under the same divorce courts that heterosexuals currently use in Holland.

Denmark legalized same-sex marriages in 1989, but the Danes added limitations on the adoption rights of gay and lesbian married couples that the Dutch have eliminated in their new legislation.

How the Danish and now the new Dutch marriage laws will be dealt with at the international level remains uncertain.

The Dutch foreign ministry has already said it will give legal help to Dutch gay and lesbian couples who run into troubles in countries where homosexuality remains illegal.

Through international treaties, most countries recognize each other's marriages without question unless a particular type of marriage is explicitly illegal where foreign visitors are staying.

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Lesbian Tour Won't Be Banned From Lesbos Visit

LONDON — A group of 100 lesbian tourists from Great Britain will be allowed to visit the Greek island of Lesbos, where the poet Sappho ran a school and praised the virtues of loving women that ultimately linked the island's name to lesbianism.

Polydoras Abatzis, the mayor of the town of Eressos on the island, had threatened to block the vacation cruise ship from visiting because brochures had described Eressos as a "paradise of gay love" and said it would hurt the town's image as a vacation stop.

In a quick compromise, however, he agreed to let the women visit when the cruise operator promised Eressos officials they would "not indulge in excesses" that would upset the town's residents or harm its tourism image.

Celebs Coming Out

NEW YORK — Two "open secrets" are in the process of becoming on-the-record facts.

The New York Daily News reports that fashion maven Giorgio Armani will talk about his homosexual and heterosexual relationships in the upcoming issue of "Vanity Fair."

Not to be outdone, New York Post gossip columnist Liz Smith came out on the "60 Minutes" TV show on Sept. 17 in an interview with Mike Wallace.

Few people will be surprised by either revelation, but activists say it's nice to have both clearly "on record" now.

Homophobes Charge Womyn's Music Festival Abused Kids

DETROIT — According to a report in *Between the Lines*, investigators are looking into charges by an anti-gay organization that the Womyn's Music Festival in Hart, Mich., exposed young children there to lesbian sex acts.

Complaints were filed with prosecutors in both Mason and Oceana counties, the paper reported, as well as the state attorney general's office from the anti-gay American Family Association's Michigan chapter. The AFA had filed the complaints based on anonymous postings to an Internet forum operated by the festival.

The paper reported that one county prosecutor said their office wasn't investigating the complaint because they didn't have the resources to undertake such a complex inquiry. A spokesperson with the state attorney general's office told the paper only that they were received the AFA complaint and was reviewing it, although no decision had yet been made about what their next step might be.

The 6-day music festival draws thousands of women from around the country and daycare facilities for preteen children brought by their mothers with them to the event are provided.

By Keith Clark

Social movements don't always have clearly defined goals. Ask a dozen different gay rights activists what the three main goals of the movement are and chances are fairly good you'll get a number of different answers that may or may not have anything to do with each other. The issue of same-sex marriages, for example, didn't find its way to the front burner of the gay rights movement because a consortium of lesbian and gay leaders sat down and voted it Issue Number One on the often mentioned but forever elusive "gay agenda."

Most movements based on identity, however, can usually tell you who their constituencies are. The NAACP, the AntiDefamation League, the National Organization for Women — they all know who they're working for.

But the gay rights movement has a history of not exactly embracing the sexual minority subgroups that have rallied — or tried to rally — under the Rainbow Flag. The early gay liberation years that followed the Stonewall Inn riots in New York in 1969 virtually ignored lesbians, and bisexuals have long complained that they feel like poor country cousins in the movement.

And now transgendered issues are increasingly taking center stage, although some activists continue to feel less than comfortable expanding the movement. As one California activists wrote recently, "How can our movement be expected to champion transgender issues when in nearly half the states in the U.S. we are still criminals because we haven't yet been able even to overturn or repeal sodomy laws?" The argument, of course, is spurious because — among other things — it assumes transvestites and transsexuals aren't concerned with sodomy laws and other issues facing the rights movement. It assumes, in other words, that the "transgendered agenda" is somehow different from or alien to the issues gay rights activists are battling.

Even the progressive National Gay & Lesbian Task Force didn't endorse including civil rights protections covering transgendered individuals in the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) until last year even though the measure has been introduced repeatedly in Congress over the past years. And it wasn't until 1997 that NGLTF added transgendered people to its mission statement. Since drag queens were on the front lines in New York in June 1969 when the Stonewall riots broke out and launched the modern gay rights movement, the inclusion only after nearly 30 years may

strike some as a bit slow on the uptake.

But regardless of whether the gay rights movement feels comfortably including the trans community, trans issues have increasingly moved into the news columns of the gay and lesbian press. And the issues are remarkably familiar to anyone who even casually pays attention to gay rights issues in general: marriage, hate crimes, military service, partisan politics, and even immigration issues.

Mainstream Issues

A Houston lesbian couple — Robin Wicks, who was born female, and Jessica Wicks, who was born male but has undergone a sex-reassignment operation — have been issued a marriage license in San Antonio because of a peculiar Texas court ruling that gender is determined by chromosomes and birth, and cannot be changed. It's a legal advance that gays and lesbians have been fighting without luck to make for years — even if it's a result of a rather irrational court decision that also restricts other transgender relationships at the same time.

State Rep. Glen Maxey, the only openly gay member of the Texas legislature, said the court ruling that led to the marriage license underscores how strange things can get when government tries to meddle in the private lives of people. "Because government got involved in something they should have never gotten involved with," Maxey said, "you have these absurdities and seeming irrationalities."

Phyllis Frye, the transgender activist attorney who represented Christie Littleton, the transsexual woman who's unsuccessful wrongful death lawsuit resulted in the Texas appeals court ruling that led to the marriage license for the Wickses agrees.

"We are trying to point out how stupid the Littleton ruling was. We're making it an issue with this marriage because the conservatives thought, with the Littleton decision, the prevention of same-sex marriage was secure."

In California, the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in a sweeping decision, ruled that Geovanni Hernandez-Montiel had to be given asylum in the U.S. because "gay men with female sexual identities in Mexico constitute a 'particular social group'" and the Hernandez-Montiel's "female sexual identity is immutable because it is inherent in his identity."

U.S. immigration officials had rejected Hernandez-Montiel's asylum request not because he is gay, but because they said he had been attacked as a result of his "effeminate appearance" and had said he could modify his appearance and behavior and simply go back to Mexico without fear.

And while several hundred gays and

lesbians went to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in August, less noticed was that Jane Fee, a delegate from Minnesota who served as a GI in World War II, became the first transgender delegate ever elected to a major party's national convention. As Fee said, it was "just one of those hurdles to get over." But what was perhaps almost as remarkable about this barrier being overcome was the relative ease with which it occurred. It is probably not a coincidence that Minnesota is the only state in the U.S. that includes transgender protections in its state's anti-bias law.

Parallel Battles

Not all the transgender issues that have been increasingly capturing headlines have all been so positive, however.

Part of the recent increase in awareness stemmed from the 1993 killing of Teena Brandon and two friends that was turned into the popular film "Boys Don't Cry" last year.

Brandon, who had dressed as a male while living in the farming community of Humboldt, Neb., was murdered along with friends Lisa Lambert and Philip DeVine by two young men who had learned that Brandon was biologically a female. The men had earlier raped Brandon, and when she pressed charges with the local sheriff, activists say he did little or nothing to protect Brandon's life even though the two young men had threatened to kill her if she complained about the sexual assault.

According to activists, more than a dozen self-identified transgender individuals are murdered in the U.S. each year. And that figure is based only on the killings they know about. The actual numbers may be much greater. And like many murders of gays and lesbians, the killings often reflect a "savage overkill."

More complex issues are also now arising that many gays and lesbians will no doubt identify with because of parallel battles they've waged as well.

In Ohio, for example, children services officials have taken a 6-year-old child who was born male away from the parents who say the child has self-identified for the past four years as female — and that's fine with them.

The child, known by her female name of Aurora, was diagnosed last year as having gender identity disorder and parents Paul and Sherry Lipscomb say it is children services authorities who are out of order by interfering with their child's own self-identity as well as clinical diagnosis.

"They want us to change Aurora to be male," said Paul Lipscomb. "We are having conflict with physicians, children services. They are talking about residential care,

Transgender Activism Going Mainstream

By Mike Leon

Madison — The Madison Common Council voted unanimously on September 19 to protect its citizens from gender discrimination. The city became the first municipality in Wisconsin to enact this type of anti-discrimination ordinance. The proposal amends the current city nondiscrimination ordinance to redefine sexual orientation to include "gender identity." It was recommended for adoption unanimously by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) on April 13th. The ordinance makes discrimination on the basis of gender identity in areas such as housing, employment and other public

accommodations illegal.

"Unlike lesbians, gays and bisexuals, transgendered people are much more likely to fall victim to discrimination, because most of them possess physical and behavioral characteristics that readily identify them as transgendered. There was indeed no protection from any form of discrimination whatsoever for transgendered persons in Madison," said author of the ordinance Ald. Mike Verveer. "I'm proud we led the way here."

It's Time, Wisconsin, a gender identity civil rights group, played a major role in bringing about the ordinance, speaking before the EOC and lobbying for expansion of the current sexual orientation protection. Those testifying in favor of the ordinance also included representatives of Action Wisconsin, Pride in Wisconsin Government, and OutReach.

Although discrimination is now illegal in Madison, transgendered individuals across the state continue to report acts of harassment, violence and discrimination as frequent occurrences.

which removes us as the parents. They are beginning to say we are unfit parents, because we allow Aurora to exist."

And in Virginia, Katherine and Pat Spray have been indicted on charges of immigration fraud because Immigration and Naturalization Service officials say Pat Spray "falsely concealed" two previous marriages on a 1996 visa application. INS said that one of the earlier marriages was never properly dissolved, so the Sprays' 1995 marriage may itself be illegal.

Katherine, from Ireland, was born male but has undergone sex reassignment and is now a female; Pat was born female and also underwent an operation to become male. And they say it is because of their transgender status that INS has targeted them for this unusual prosecution.

While the INS may at times be too cautious in rejecting asylum and visa applications, it rarely prosecutes cases as fraud. In fact, the INS usually is fairly flexible in allowing applicants to fix errors, omissions or other problems such as this after they're discovered. But in this case, the INS is charging that the Sprays conspired to defraud the United States by trying to get a visa for Katherine.

Transgender Menace

But in case you think all this is politically piece-of-cake easy and that transgender issues shouldn't present any difficulties for the gay rights movement, consider the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and the Transgender Menace protests that have for several years attended it.

The festival, which draws thousands of women — many of them lesbians and bisexual women — each year to Michigan's central western region a few miles from Lake Michigan, has from its beginning defined itself as a women-only space — well, sort of. In fact, young boys who are brought by their mothers are allowed in as part of the festival's childcare facility.

But starting in 1993 when transgender activists began showing up at the festival, the conflict came into focus just as it did in the Texas court hearing in the Christie Littleton case earlier this year: who is a woman?

Because some transsexuals may not have completed sex-reassignment surgery, some women at the festival objected to the pres-

ence of what they saw as essentially adult men — after all, they still had penises — being allowed entry. But proposals to allow anyone into the festival who was a "genital female" immediately ran into trouble when women objected that this would put the festival in the position of being "penis police."

The festival now limits admission to "womyn-born womyn only."

Lisa Vogel, organizer of the festival, issued a statement briefly explaining the rationale: "We do not and will not question any individual's gender. The Festival is an event organized by, for and about womyn. Our intention is for the Festival is to be for womyn-born womyn, meaning people who were born and have lived their entire life experience as female."

A simplified version of the feminist rationale behind this policy is that being a woman is determined by two things: being born a genital female and living one's entire life as a female. Transsexuals, feminists say, have spent most of their lives as privileged males and cannot truly understand the oppression women experience throughout their lives.

But festival organizers said they would admit all women — as long as they didn't in any way indicate they were transgendered.

Transgender activists say the policy unfairly discriminates against them and amounts to a "don't ask, don't tell" policy like the Pentagon's policy that allows homosexuals to serve in the nation's military forces only as long as they keep their orientation secret. At the festival this year, eight transgender activists who identified themselves as such were expelled.

Obviously this isn't as neat and clear-cut as it might initially seem. In spite of statements of inclusiveness, nearly every gay pride parade in the U.S. is followed by at least some rancor about drag queens getting too much attention and presenting a distorted image of the gay and lesbian community.

Rachel Venning, a Seattle activist, put it this way recently: "The whole idea that it makes us look bad is a problem. We've made a lot of progress in getting accepted and having queerness become more normal. But there's a danger in making it safe for clean-cut, apple-pie homosexuals and passing over the others as just a bunch of freaky queers."

Green Bay Gay Landmark Plowed Under



Wreckers finally tear down the former Broadway location of Green Bay's Napalese Lounge September 8. The bar had operated at that site for over a quarter-century prior to its relocation to the city's east side in October, 1999. The bar's owners had battled with the city redevelopment authority to save the site for nearly two years prior to their forced relocation because of its value to local LGBT community history. Planners deemed that an adjacent restaurant building of similar construction was historic because of discussions held there to save the Green Bay Packers in the mid-1950s. (Photo: Paul Jacob)

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BIGOTRY TAKES TO THE TV AIRWAVES

Opinion By Keith Clark

The first thing to know about Laura Schlessinger's new TV show is that it's pretty dreadful. Been there. Seen that. And you hope — for Paramount, which produces the show, and for all the local stations around the country that bought it — that it's a waste of money, too. No one should make bucks from bigotry.

Schlessinger, who misleadingly calls herself "Dr. Laura," is the nation's most popular self-help radio host, a self-proclaimed moral arbiter, and radio's queen of intolerance. On September 11, she started a syndicated TV version of her radio program that was a real contest between the show's blandness and its shallowness.

Schlessinger is best known for her take-no-prisoners style of "counseling" — and never mind that she has a doctorate in physiology, not in psychology, psychiatry or anything else related to what she pretends to be, or that her advice usually has all the depth of a fortune cookie. What's drawn the most criticism — and attention — to her television debut is Schlessinger's nasty homophobia.

To the surprise of virtually nobody, this particular trademark was conspicuously absent on Schlessinger's initial TV offering. But also missing was a basic understanding of human emotion.

Instead, Schlessinger's approach seems

to be that any problem, big or small, and any emotional entanglement, no matter how complex, can be handled with a few seconds of sharp scolding.

On her first program, Schlessinger took on the gee-nobody's-done-that topic of teens and drugs. The show has all the complexity and substance we've come to expect from daytime talk.

"I'm sick of it. I'm worried. And I want it to stop," she berated. Well, that should take care of the problem.

Schlessinger to a cop from San Diego: "Where are kids getting drugs?"

Cop: "From drug dealers."

Schlessinger: "Where do they come from?"

Cop: "The woodwork."

Who couldn't learn valuable lessons and gain deep insights from this stuff?

Schlessinger, who stresses taking responsibility, went on later to praise a mother who had her daughter taken away in handcuffs to a boarding school for a drug cure, then laughed good naturedly with a father who said if his daughter used drugs, he'd "go upside her head."

It all has that stale, talk-TV feel of semi-articulate people, worn-out subjects and a trained audience that claps on cue until it gets its fish.

Upcoming shows: When is an affair an affair? Are you your kid's parents? and (honest), Lewd libraries.

OK, you get the idea. This is dreck TV. Welcome to daytime talk. But there's a larger issue here.

Schlessinger's popularity on radio comes in spite of her own hypocrisy, which

is the kind of thing she rails against.

She pretends to have counseling expertise when she has none. She praises "family values," but hasn't talked to her own mother in years. She tells moms to stay home, yet she's a mother who works long hours at several jobs. Most importantly, she preaches a basic God-fearing decency, yet to many of the people calling her for help, she has about as much compassion as an executioner with a migraine.

In fact, Schlessinger seems to relish battering the gentler souls who call her, although she was generally much nicer on her TV show than she ever has been on radio. Still, if folks want to call in to get abused by an unqualified shrew, go ahead. Enjoy.

But prejudice and TV audience share are different things, and that's what's made Schlessinger's blatant homophobia an issue.

In case you've missed her radio act, count yourself lucky. Schlessinger calls homosexuality "deviant behavior" and a "biological error" and uses words such as "pedophilia," "bestiality" and "sadomasochism" to describe gays and lesbians — then says her attacks aren't personal.

And now she's on TV. That's different from radio in a number of ways, starting with the subliminal power of the medium. TV validates whoever appears on the screen in a way radio and print do not.

Paramount, which has tried to avoid this landmine of their own creation, has made a few vague mumblings about "freedom of speech."

But no one, not even the groups that want her show canceled, argues that Schlessinger doesn't have a right to speak her views, no matter how bigoted. But no one has a First Amendment right to a television program. That's both a privilege and a responsibility.

And it's not as though Schlessinger would be silenced if she weren't on TV. She has a Web site, a magazine, books in print, and a daily radio show. Her spewing is plenty free.

But just as Nazis shouldn't have TV shows, neither should Schlessinger's intolerance be permitted on the limited public airwaves. It doesn't matter that, at least for now, she's keeping her prejudices hidden on TV. You just don't give a cooking show on major network TV to someone from the Ku Klux Klan.

Because of the limited airwaves, and because of TV's enormous cultural power, every program, every station, and every network, has a social responsibility, an obligation to the community to at least try not to do harm — and maybe even to make the world a little better, a little kinder, more tolerant and a bit wiser. There just are not two sides to hate.

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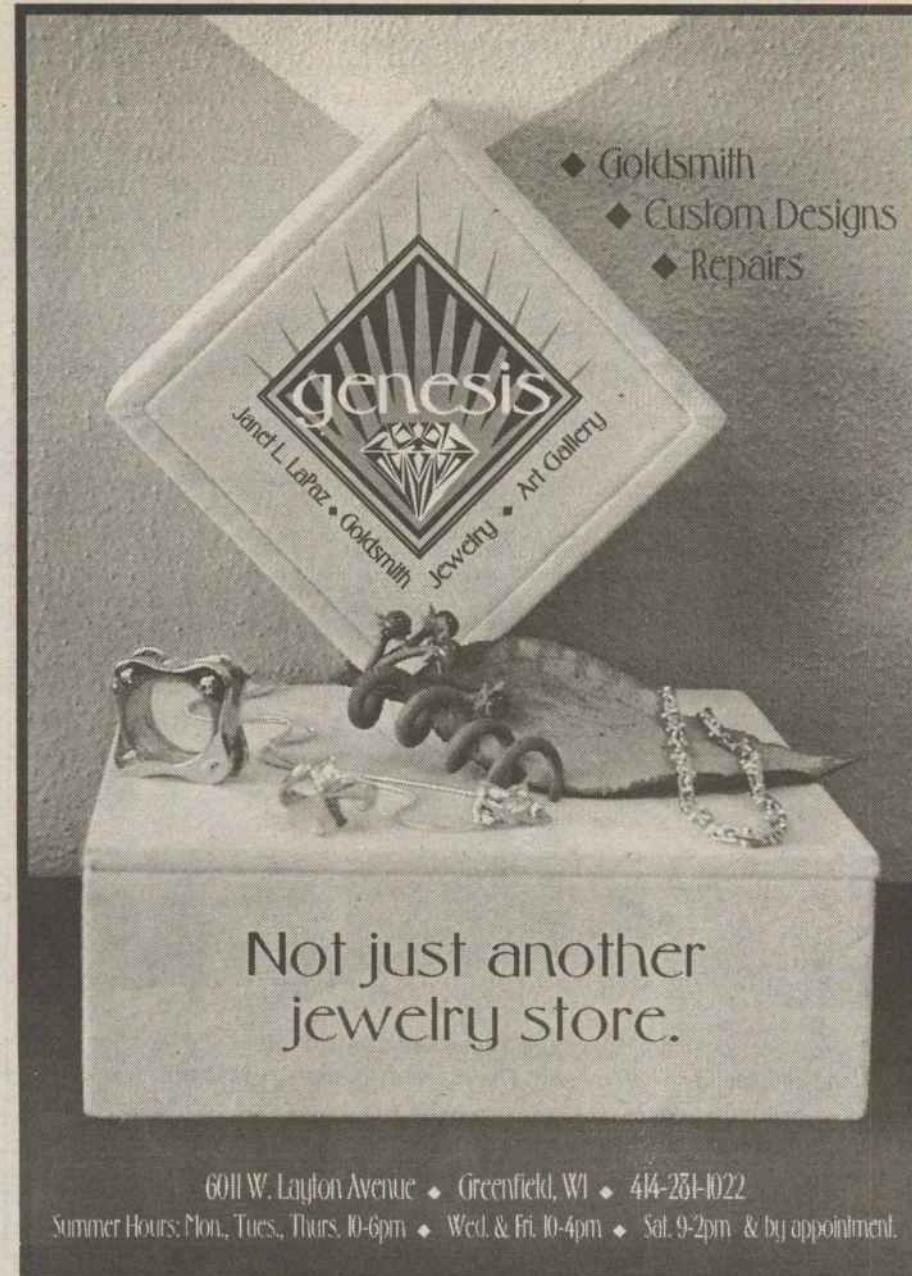
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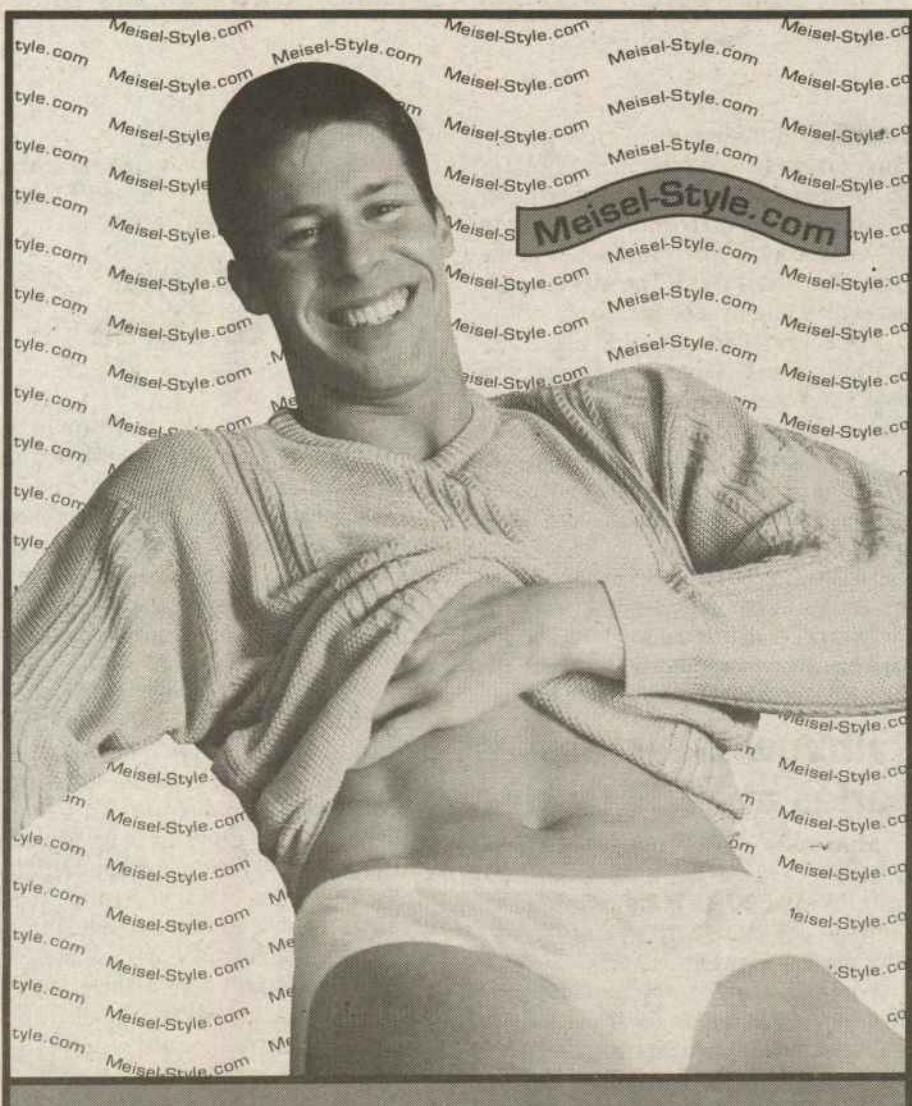
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Annual Flu Shots at M&M Delayed

Milwaukee — Every year, the Gay and Lesbian Nurses Association provides free (donation only) flu shots at the M&M Club in Milwaukee. The shots are usually given in October. This year there have been some problems in the production of the vaccine, and the release date has not been determined. The most recent communication from the drug companies indicates a potential release date of Oct. 31. There is also a potential shortage of the vaccine due to the production difficulties.

Since there is not yet a release date for the vaccine, the G/L Nurses Assn. cannot set up a date to give the shots. As soon as more information becomes available about the arrival time of the vaccine, the G/L Nurses Assn. will inform the LGBT community through *IN Step* and the M&M Club. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Miller at (414) 643-8508.

New Harvest Foundation Seeking Grant Applications

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is seeking applications for its Fall/Winter 2000 grant cycle. All organizations and individuals working to benefit the GLBT community in Dane County are invited to apply. The application deadline is October 30.

Awardees must either be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, or use a qualifying fiscal sponsor. Grants fall

into several focus areas: social service, social change, public education, health care, arts and culture, and development of GLBT communities. Preference is given to projects that 1) are from small organizations without ready access to other funding sources; 2) increase GLBT visibility; 3) are new or innovative, and which respond to unmet needs in the community; 4) continue projects of proven value; or 5) demonstrate cooperation or collaboration with others engaged in similar efforts. Although there is no specific limit on grant awards, recent awards have ranged from \$500 to \$3,000.

New Harvest Foundation is the only foundation in Dane County that channels charitable contributions exclusively to individuals and organizations working to promote GLBT rights, services, culture and community development. Founded in 1984, New Harvest Foundation pools the contributions of hundreds of donors each year to provide grant money to GLBT causes. Since 1984, it has awarded nearly 200 grants, totaling almost \$250,000.

For more information, or to request application materials, contact New Harvest Foundation at P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786, or via telephone at (608) 256-4204.

"Absolut Benefit" for Wisconsin AIDS Fund Oct. 6

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin AIDS Fund is holding its big Fall fundraising event, "Absolut Benefit 5" Friday, Oct. 6 from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight at the Historic Third Ward Firehouse, 150 N. Broadway, in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin AIDS Fund, which rais-

es and then distributes money to organizations statewide that operate HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs, raises a substantial part of its grant monies from the annual cocktail party and soiree in the fashionable Third Ward. The AIDS Fund is part of the Milwaukee Foundation.

The evening includes cocktails, a buffet, dancing, and silent and voice auctions showcasing one-of-kind decorative art and imaginative gift packages. Music will be provided by the Mr. Lucky Swing Orchestra. The evening is presented by Absolut, Milwaukee Magazine and Chris and Dacy Abele.

Tickets for the "Absolut Benefit 5" are \$90 and can be purchased at Afterwards Bookstore, Outpost Foods and Private Gardener. For more information, call the AIDS Fund at (414) 272-5805.

Rainbow U Lecture Series at LGBT Center

Milwaukee — On Thursday, October 27, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Rainbow U Lecture Series presents "Life After Death: Staying in Contact."

William Vest, psychotherapist and metaphysician, will lead a review and discussion of a recently published true account of the experiences of a gay man whose partner died of AIDS. Joel Rothschild, a long-living AIDS survivor, made a pact with his partner that whoever died first would attempt to contact the other. The more skeptical of the two, Joel, was the one left behind. His book, "Signals," chronicles a series of miraculous experiences and encounters that tell an amazing story. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fascinating and moving discussion of one man's experience with

death and afterlife.

All Rainbow U Lectures are held at the LGBT Community Center. For more information, call Kathy at (414) 271-2656.

CCF Grants Over \$10,000 to Three Groups

Milwaukee — In the third quarter grants cycle ending in September, the Cream City Foundation has awarded over \$10,000 to three organizations that applied for funding: the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW); the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN); and Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center.

CCF awarded \$2,500 for the "Life Point" needle exchange program developed and run by ARCW. The Foundation believes that this program benefits the LGBT community by reducing the risks associated in sharing dirty needles. People sharing needles for drugs are at greater risk of contracting and then transferring HIV to others, either through sharing their needles or through unprotected sexual contact. It has been proven that needle exchange programs across the country reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, while also helping to reduce the number of addicts because of the referrals to drug treatment programs which often accompany clean needle distribution.

GLSEN received a \$4,000 grant for its project "Making Schools Safe for LGBT Youth Through Partnerships with Gay/Straight Alliances." The money will be used to help send students in Milwaukee County Gay/Straight Alliances (GSAs) to workshops at upcoming conferences. It will also help develop more GSAs in the Milwaukee County area. CCF believes that GSAs are an important link in supporting LGBT youth in the schools and can literally save the lives of many young people struggling with their sexuality.

CCF also contributed \$4,050 to the LGBT Center's Resource Directory project. This is in addition to an initial \$950 start-up grant. The Resource Directory will include information on an array of services and organizations that provide support or information to the LGBT community in Milwaukee. It will be the first time such a comprehensive resource guide is compiled and made available to local LGBTs.

The Cream City Foundation has been raising and granting money to LGBT organizations in the Milwaukee area for 16 years. The Foundation's ability to support these deserving programs is due to the generosity of those who donate to the Foundation. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information on CCF or to make a donation, call (414) 225-0244.

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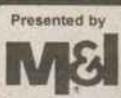
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Group for Gay Men with Non-Supportive Families Forming

Milwaukee — Some gay men have the good fortune to be part of families who are loving, accepting and who welcome their sons and their male partners with open arms and open doors. Other gay men have not been so fortunate upon coming out to their families, and have experienced either being disowned outright or have endured subtler forms of family withdrawal, bigotry and rejection.

It is for these individuals that a new, ongoing support group will begin meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4 on Milwaukee's east side. Called "Second Family: A Support Group for Gay Men Coping with Non-Supportive Families of Origin," this group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Meetings will be held upstairs at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (Use the first door on the east side of the building.)

The group is free and open to gay men of all ages who are dealing with non-supportive families, and who desire to share and to work through a variety of issues around this topic alongside others who have had similar life experiences. The group is intended as a supportive place for learning, sharing and for personal growth and healing.

For more information on Second Family, call Tim at (414) 372-8008.

Women's Soccer Tournament in Madison Sept. 30

Madison — As part of Kissing Girls Productions Fall "Cavalcade of Lesbians," a women's Five-a-Side Soccer Tournament will be held in Madison's Warner Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Both competitive and recreational teams are encouraged to enter the tournament. Each team entered will be guaranteed to play in three games. Medals will be awarded to the winning team. There is an entry fee of \$50 for each team. Everyone is invited to come out and cheer on their favorite teams.

For more information or to register a team, call Kissing Girls at (608) 251-3953, or e-mail: KGPgirlz@aol.com.

State AIDS/HIV Conference Set for Oct. 16-17

Milwaukee — Wisconsin's AIDS/HIV Fall conference will take place Oct. 16-17 at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee. The annual conference is sponsored by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, the Department of Health and Family Services and the Office of Continuing Medical Education of the University of Wisconsin Medical School. It is supported with a

grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The conference is intended for health and social service providers from AIDS service organizations, community-based organizations, local health departments, acute and long-term care facilities, correctional facilities and family practice agencies. Individuals with HIV will also attend.

Conference objectives include: understanding new advances in the treatment of HIV disease; implementing models to assist clients with medication adherence; identifying prevention strategies to reach communities of color; and networking and sharing information with conference participants.

The STD/AIDS/HIV Prevention Education Program of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will sponsor one plenary and three breakout sessions focused on youth. These will take place on Monday, Oct. 16, and will allow participants working with youth to broaden their perspective and enhance skills related to effective HIV prevention strategies.

The conference fee of \$85 includes course materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks and lunches. Interested parties can register by telephone at (608) 262-1397, or by fax at (800) 741-7416. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center at rates of \$109 (single) and \$129 (double). Call (414) 271-7250 to make housing reservations. Be sure to mention "Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Conference" to the hotel staff to ensure the special rates.

"Come Out to the Country" Bash in Richland Center

Richland Center — Pioneers, the rural gay and lesbian alliance in southwestern Wisconsin, will hold its 8th annual "Come Out to the Country" party on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The evening begins at 8 p.m. at the Blue Highways Building, 165 N. Central Ave. in Richland Center. The beautiful ballroom in the old Masonic Temple has plenty of room for dancing and intimate conversation. There will be music, food, drinks, prizes and fun.

Every year the Pioneers celebrate being out and visible in rural southwestern Wisconsin. Founded in 1992, the Pioneers is an alliance of support for LGBT people in the rural areas of the state. The Pioneers span across 13 counties and also have members from outside this area who were seeking a rural-based alliance that could speak to the unique circumstances of being gay in the country.

Tickets for this year's bash are only \$5. They can be reserved by contacting the

Pioneers at (800) 484-8131, code 4419, via email at PioneersWI@aol.com, or via snail mail at P.O. Box 53, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Possum Queen Donates \$12,426 to BESTD Clinic

Milwaukee — The Possum Queen 2000 campaign is now history, with Miss Mona A Lot of the Ball Game now wearing the coveted crown. ChiChi of the M&M Club was the runner-up. They both conducted enthusiastic and fun campaigns raising \$15,600 for the support of HIV/AIDS services and prevention efforts.

The Brady East STD Clinic of Milwaukee was the big winner of Possum Queen 2000. Bob "BooBoo" Kaufman, the Possum Queen Treasurer, recently presented a check for \$12,426.38 to Ross Walker, BESTD Clinic President. These funds will help underwrite the work of BESTD Clinic volunteers, who provide all of the clinic's programs and services without charge.

Walker expressed his appreciation to Miss Mona A Lot, ChiChi, and the owners, staff and patrons of the Ball Game and the M&M Club for their generous support.

Community Center Schedules Volunteer Orientation

Milwaukee — The LGBT Community Center will be holding a volunteer orientation session on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you've considered volunteering at the Center, but weren't sure what opportunities existed or how to get involved, this orientation is an opportunity to find out. Whether you're interested in working as a front desk receptionist, becoming an Adult Ally to support Project Qyouth, joining a committee to assist with the many tasks required to run the Center or helping out at special events, there's a volunteer spot waiting for you.

Call Kathy at (414) 271-2656 for more information or to register. The orientation will be held at the LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street.



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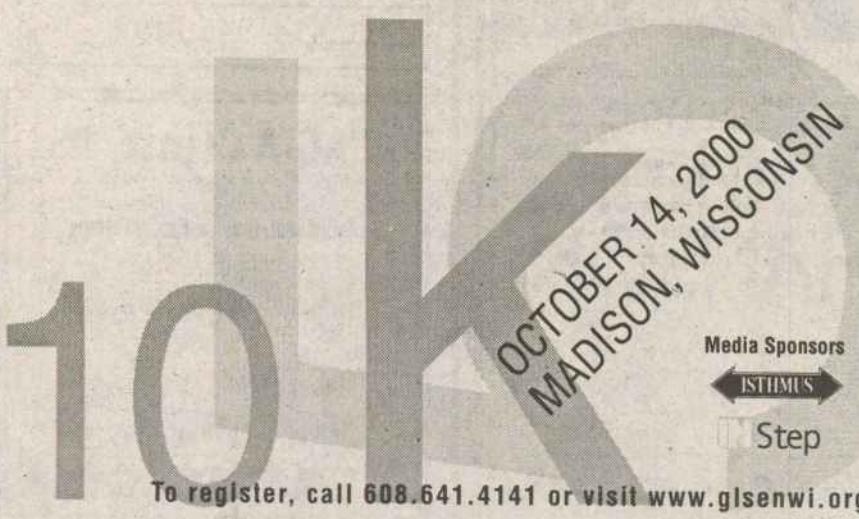
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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Plans "Coming Out Day" Activities



Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's LGBT Alliance for Equality will host a reception on Wednesday, October 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., to celebrate National Coming Out Day (NCOD). NCOD in 1988 to encourage people to be "out" in order to raise public awareness and understanding of LGBT people. The local theme for this year's event will be "Every Day People — Out and Proud."

"We chose this theme to symbolize that LGBT people are woven throughout the fabric of society," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Community Center Executive Director. "This year's event will be both a celebration of our coming out experiences as well as an opportunity to learn more about our LGBT community."

This year's NCOD event will start with a drop-in social reception from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a presentation program beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will provide an opportunity for people to share "coming out" stories and meet local public officials.

"Conversations in our community invariably turn to sharing coming out stories," said Leonel Marchan, co-chair of the Center's NCOD activities. "Stories that are funny, touching, sexy and harrowing. We invite people to share or just listen."

"People's personal experiences are what make up the beautiful diversity of our community," said Elna Hickson, NCOD co-chair. "These stories demonstrate an ability to overcome adversity, to challenge homophobia and to be a stronger person."

All LGBT and ally organizations are also encouraged to bring information about their groups to the event. Information tables will be set up throughout the Community Center.

"Coming out has meant something uniquely different to all members of our community," said Neil Albrecht. "For some it involved struggles, for others it was an immediate celebration. Yet, all of us share one very significant common thread: the experience allowed us to be true to our identity. NCOD provides an opportunity to say 'I'm glad I'm out.'"

Other groups helping to organize this year's National Coming Out Day event include PLFAG, Cream City Foundation, PrideFest, Spectrum, GLOW@WE, LAMM and Bi Definition.

For information on the National Coming Out Day activities, or to participate in the grassroots advocacy efforts of the LGBT Alliance for Equality, contact the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656.

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Continues Life Enrichment Series

Milwaukee — The second in a series of 6-8 week courses selected to enrich the quality of life for members of the LGBT community will begin Tuesday, October 24 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street.

The course entitled "Energy: The Invisible Link to Health" will present participants with the opportunity to learn about the body's energetic system. Learning to care for this system can increase health and deepen feelings of well-being.

Energetic health is the foundation that all of the body's other systems rely upon. The energetic system acts as a series of bridges connecting mind, body and spirit and plays an important role in the ability to handle stress, remain physically healthy and have the energy needed to move through life's changes.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn exercises and techniques that are easy to integrate into daily life and that can help to reduce stress — especially important during the holiday season. The instructor, Rennie Laing, is a Reiki Master in private practice.

iEnergy: The Invisible Link to Health will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm from October 24 through November 28. A registration of \$25 for LGBT Community Center members and \$30 for non-members is requested and advance registration required. Call Kathy at (414) 271-2656 to register.

Upcoming Life Enrichment Series offerings will include **iStreet Jazz Dance** — a dance/ exercise class for everyone (no prior dance experience needed) which will begin in mid-January. Street jazz is a fun form of dance and a great way to exercise. In the Spring of 2001, we will offer "Exploring the Musician in You" — an opportunity to learn about gay and lesbian influences on both past and present music and to express your own creativity through music.

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AIDS Walk Wisconsin on Milwaukee's Lakefront October 1



Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Thousands of walkers from all over the state are expected to converge in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 1 for the 11th annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee will be on hand to rally the crowd for the 10K walk along Milwaukee's lakefront, which raises funds for AIDS education and services around the state.

At press time, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), organizer of the Walk, told *IN Step* that more than 6,200 walkers and 575 teams had registered.

"We're definitely ahead of last year, which is very encouraging," Renee Kirnberger, Associate Director of Development at ARCW told *IN Step*. "It's inspiring that these walkers come every year and show their commitment to fight AIDS. This year's theme, 'The Power of One Day,' really reflects the unity we have and the impact we can make."

"I've been walking for a long time," said Mary Rita Hurley, whose organization, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, will be walking as a team. "Every place I've lived, I've always tried to support the local AIDS groups."

"It's very important that we get out there in numbers and show that we care," Hurley commented. "We can't be complacent. The drug cocktails that are helping people with AIDS aren't the final answer. We still need to find a cure. And we still need to support efforts at prevention."

"I'm walking because I'm a person with HIV," said Mike Wonders of Madison, who works with the AIDS Network there and will walk as a part of the Network's team.

"Twenty years into this epidemic, we still need to battle ignorance among the public and the isolation of people with HIV/AIDS, especially in the rural areas of our state," Wonders told *IN Step*. "Government funding only goes so far. I can see so many more things we could do if we had the money."

Jim Schleif, ARCW's Director of Development, reinforced Wonders' view and put it in personal terms: "Every dollar counts. A monthly outing for mothers and children affected by HIV can be held for \$250; \$100 will pay for 1,000 brochures on HIV/AIDS to educate teens; \$25 will fulfill

six requests per month for food for people living with HIV."

It's not too late to register for the AIDS Walk. Participants can walk as individuals or as part of a team. They can get a registration form by calling (800) 348-WALK, or they can register and obtain pledge forms online at www.arcw.org. Just click on the AIDS Walk icon and follow the prompts.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin benefits ARCW and other AIDS service organizations around the state. In the first ten years of AIDS Walks, \$5,767,000 has been raised for AIDS services and education. Last year's total came to \$641,600. Organizers hope to top that this year.

In addition to ARCW, beneficiaries include: AIDS Network, Camp Heartland, Central Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Ministry Project, Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Manitowoc County AIDS Task Force, New

Concepts Self-Development Center, 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.

Anyone who wants to raise funds for a specific benefitting agency should sign up for that agency's team and list the team's number on their registration form. Team numbers can be obtained from the agencies themselves or by calling the AIDS Walk telephone line. Otherwise, all funds go directly to ARCW for distribution.

AIDS Walk Day

The big day begins at 9 a.m. with the annual AIDS Walk Breakfast featuring Jackie Joyner-Kersee. This year, the breakfast will be held in the Pepsi Pavilion on the grounds of Henry W. Maier Festival Park (the Summerfest grounds) where the walk is set to begin at Noon.

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year," ARCW's Renee Kirnberger told *IN Step*. "It will have a more casual feel. There will be picnic tables and a buffet breakfast. Tickets are a bit less expensive so the event can be accessible to more people."

Tickets for the breakfast are \$50 and \$30. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (800) 348-WALK. Anyone who brings 5 non-perishable food items for ARCW's food pantry will receive \$5 off their ticket price. Entertainment will be provided by Tyler Traband. In addition to

at Rest Stop 1. WKTI's big boom box will entertain walkers at Rest Stop 2. Rest Stop 3 entertainment will be a surprise that will keep spirits high. The Unusual Suspects, a five person band featuring classic '60s and '70s rock, and '80s and '90s country and pop music, will start playing at 12:30 at Rest Stop 4 in Lake Park.

More fun is in store for walkers at Rest Stop 5 with Jazz from the Conservatory from 12:45-2 p.m. Oddesy Entertainment, a high energy DJ, will help walkers groove

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Joyner-Kersee, other local celebrities and politicians are likely to be on hand.

Sign-in for the Walk begins at 10 a.m. Participants should bring their pledge money and sponsor forms. Once signed in, walkers can enjoy the activities for both kids and adults that will be available at Maier Park. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available for purchase. The rock band KB's Midlife Crisis will play on the main stage.

An aerobics warm-up will begin at 11:30 and Joyner-Kersee will address the crowd just before the 12 Noon step-off. It has generally been blessed with pleasant weather, but rain or shine, the Walk will go on. It takes about three hours to complete the 10K (6.2 mile) circuit. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided at each rest stop along the way.

The Shoreline Dancers will kick up their heels with line dancing entertainment

into the finish line at Maier Park from 1:15 p.m. to the end of the Walk. At 2:30 p.m. the party continues with two Gospel choirs on the Miller Stage – the All Saints Catholic Choir and the Central City Youth Choir.

There will be a Celebration closing the Walk at 3:00 p.m. in Maier Festival Park. There will be food and entertainment, and the results of the Walk will be announced.

Any further information about AIDS Walk Wisconsin can be obtained by calling the toll-free number: (800) 348-WALK.

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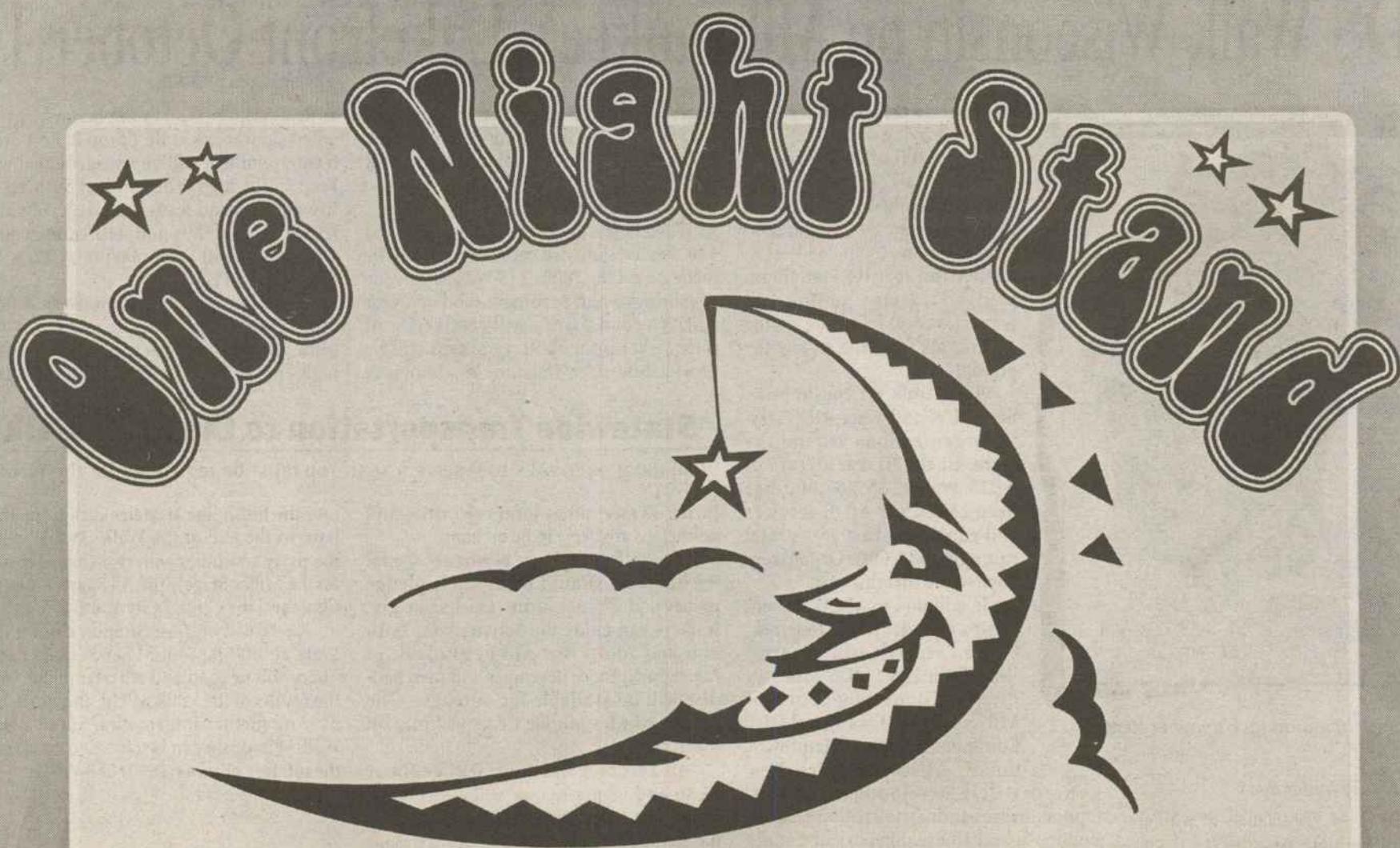


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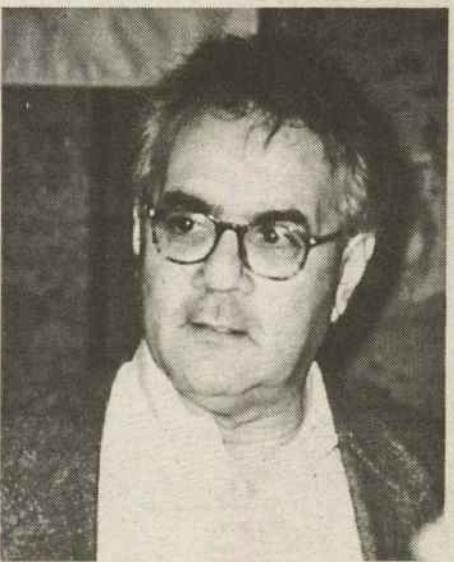
Rice Queen

"Everyone says to me, 'Your mother being who she is, it must have been easy [coming out to her].'" But she had more difficulty with it than my dad."

—Christopher Rice, 22, son of novelist Anne Rice, to the Advocate.

Republican Lap Dogs

"These are people [the gay Log Cabin Republicans] who don't seem to have any self-respect. I think it's a good thing for gay



Republicans to say to Republican candidates, 'If you take some good positions, we'll support you.' But it's a terrible thing to support them when they don't take the good positions. That's reinforcing bad behavior. ... It's so frustrating to be a gay Republican. They get kicked in the teeth so

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"I'm not really fond of children. I think they're really cute for a little while, say 15 minutes. I like seeing them dance around in commercials for Welch's grape juice, but I don't think everyone has to get one."

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often, they just roll over and play dead when someone pats them on the head."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to PlanetOut.com.

Love? Sex? I'm Confused.

"We try not to confuse love with sex. I think it's easier to keep that in mind if you're gay — that if your boyfriend goes off and tricks with someone, it doesn't immediately mean the end of the world. We're taught to believe that sex is what's threatening, when in fact it's love that presents the challenge: To fuck someone all you have to do is show up; with love you have to engage the other person — to give back."

—Fashion designer Domenico Dolce (of Dolce & Gabbana) to Out.

**Toledo Responds**

"Some of the questions [about my qualifications for the job] are just based in misogyny — of course you wouldn't have a woman of color be actually qualified for a job, like that was the only reason I would get it. I look at all of that as an opportunity for the movement to have some very important discussions about what our values are. It's one of the reasons that I wanted to turn my full-time attention from the feminist movement to the GLBT movement — or as I often like to call it, the LGBT movement — because I think especially in recent years, the movement has been engaged in a dialogue over what our core principles are, and that's very, very important because we're going to be making decisions that aren't easily reversible."

My perspective is that we need to embrace a very progressive politic. We need to include a wide range of issues that many perhaps wouldn't traditionally think of as gay issues, but that in fact are very key and important to many people's lives within the GLBT community. I want to be a part of that dialogue, so when somebody raises these issues even in a negative or in what is intended to be a hurtful way, I look at it as an opportunity for all us to engage the questions and to try to figure out what we all as a community want to achieve and how we're going to get there."

—National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Elizabeth Toledo to Florida's Contax Guide. The NGLTF board was criticized when they hired Toledo because she had been out-of-the-closet for less than one year. Some critics said the board was so keen to hire a lesbian of color that they ignored her lack of experience as an out homosexual.

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"She just called me up and asked me out."

—Singer k.d. lang on how she connected with lover Leisha Hailey, to Portland, Oregon's Just Out.

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"It's probably the biggest challenge of my life, staying with one person."

—Singer k.d. lang on monogamy with lover Leisha Hailey, to Portland, Oregon's Just Out.

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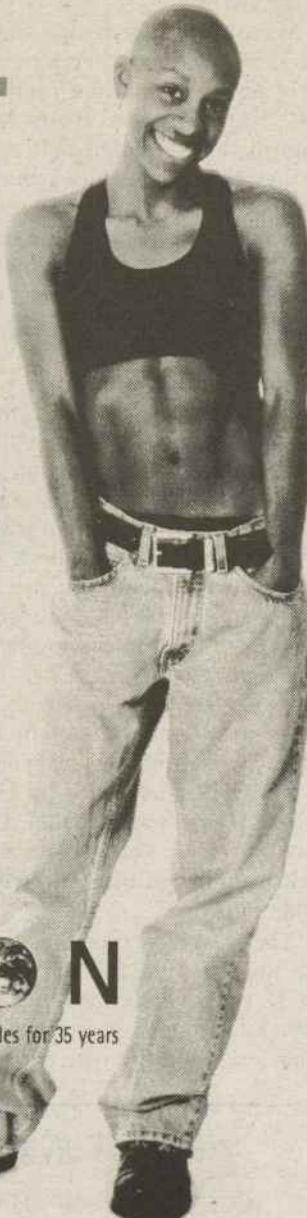
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Tammy's a Good Scout

By Mike Fitzpatrick

If I'm to believe the scuttlebutt swirling through my emails, phone conversations and bar chats this past weekend, a significant number of gay noses are distinctly out of joint over the Honorable Tammy Baldwin's decision to vote "present" on a Congressional bill to revoke the federal charter of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

For those of you just back from a summer of weenie roasting at Mazo beach, let me bring you up to speed. Last June, in a flurry of controversial decisions announced simultaneously to diffuse the media focus on any particular ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to allow the BSA to kick gay Eagle scout James Dale out of his troop because of an interview he had given a college newspaper.

The court decided the right to free association trumps the right of the state of New Jersey to provide equal accommodation for all its citizens. As most of you know, that ruling happens to be completely out of step with civil rights decisions made by that very same court over the last half century.

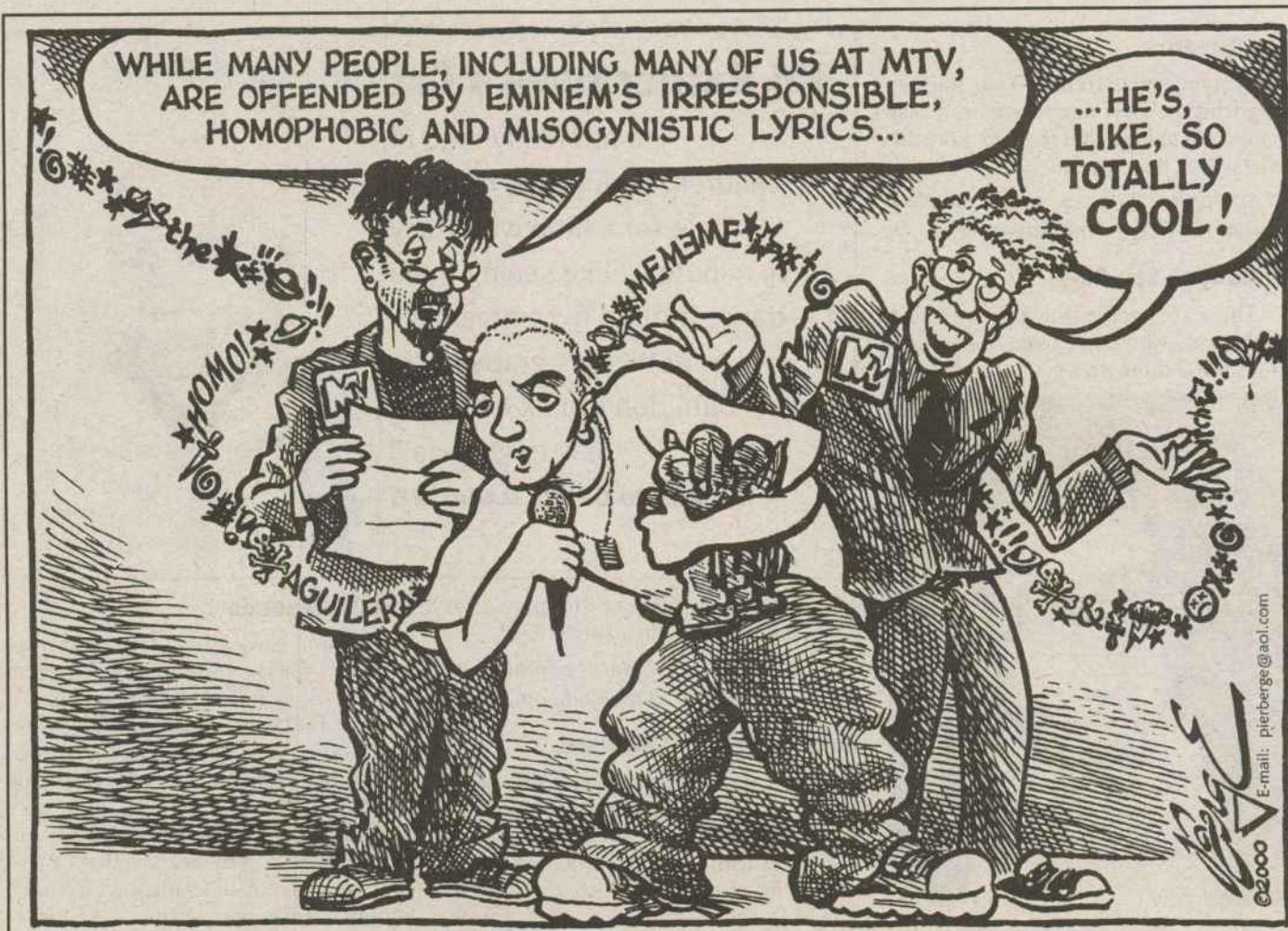
As gay folk are wont to do in their ongoing struggle to escape their day-to-day existence as second class citizens, they continued to complain loud and long about a court decision which has allowed the Boy Scouts to join with their brother private organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nation in their discrimination against us.

Mainstream America has taken notice. Several major corporations have discontinued or not renewed their funding of the BSA. United Ways from Maine to California have debated as to whether or not they should keep the Scouts in their mix of recipient charitable groups. Even the government has looked into whether federal services provided to the BSA conflict with President Clinton's executive order barring discrimination against gays and lesbians.

In the middle of July, California Congressional representative Lynn Woolsey introduced a bill to revoke the Boy Scouts' federal charter. In an election year, only someone in a very safe seat would consider sponsoring such legislation. It was a very principled but very stupid move.

For the Far Right, who also happen to be in control of the Congressional leadership, this bill was a winning ticket in the family values lottery. Rather than schedule hearings on the bill, which might — horror of horrors — allow testimony to further influence the swing in public opinion away from the BSA, they pulled the bill directly to the house floor and scheduled an up and down, yes or no vote on the bill. A little backroom bargaining allowed a third option: "present."

The press reports on the September 13 vote suggested the bill was crushed by a 362-12 vote. The first thing I noted was that a lot of Congressional reps appeared to have skipped the vote entirely: 374 is



nowhere near 435. The press neglected to report the unusual circumstance that the other 51 had voted "present." Tammy was one of them.

As the hue and cry from the Queerly Correct erupted, Tammy's office issued a press release which essentially said that she had taken the lemonade solution to the problem lemons the House leadership had offered her. What the press release failed to address was the vote's damage to Tammy's image as gay Wisconsin's leading icon and the ongoing misconception that she is somehow the at-large representative for the state's LGBT population.

Following her election as the state first openly gay Assembly representative, Tammy criss-crossed the state in a laudable effort of LGBT grassroots outreach, networking and community building. Her message was simple: Legislators should always try to do the right thing not what's politically expedient. She told us she was such a legislator. Tammy always tacked on a caveat, however: legislators shouldn't do anything which would cause them to lose their jobs because you can't do good work if you're unemployed.

Two other things occurred during that statewide crusade. First, Tammy assembled a mailing list of activist-leaning LGBT voters statewide. Second, she allowed herself, whether on purpose or by accident, to be considered gay Wisconsin's at-large Assembly representative.

Tammy's political opponents like to point out that during her tenure in the State Assembly she never sponsored a single piece of pro-gay legislation, unlike her successor Mark Pocan who did so in his first term in office. Her positive "do the right thing" attitude and genuine charisma covered any such criticism among most gay Wisconsinites.

In 1998 when Tammy first ran for

Congress, that activist mailing list turned into a volunteer and fund-raising solicitation list. Money and volunteers from around the state poured into Madison to help Tammy win big over another pro-gay candidate.

What was missed in that victory is that some of those volunteers and donors forgot about their hometown races. In northeast Wisconsin pro-gay Jay Johnson was defeated by Mark Green, who currently scores "100" on the Christian Coalition scorecard and "0" on the Human Rights Campaign's. In southern Wisconsin, the LGBT community lost the opportunity to take seat vacated by inveterate Gay hate icon Mark Neuman and allowed it to be occupied by Paul Ryan, whose voting record matches Green's on the same scoreboards.

In her win, Tammy allowed, again by accident or by design, the misconception to continue and became the unofficial "at-large" Congressional representative to Wisconsin's LGBT community. There's only one problem with that misconception: If you don't employ her with your vote, you're not a constituent you're merely a fan.

Fans can be fanatical. They tend to either totally love or totally hate the object of their obsession. Fans allow themselves to do that because the impact of their love or hate simply doesn't affect the object of their desire in any meaningful way. Tammy's following has always seemed to be closer to Ricky Martin's or k.d. lang's. I cannot recall hearing Wisconsin gay men and women gush over Barney Frank they way they do over Tammy.

Fans can also forgive, sometimes. Let's face it: Tammy has taken a leadership role with the Congressional "gay agenda" of hate crimes and employment non-discrimination. And a Congressional representative's first reelection race is usually the

toughest. After that the familiarity of incumbency takes over.

Tammy will need that incumbency to counteract the likely changes in the make-up of her district for her 2002 reelection bid. Census figures suggest that Wisconsin will lose one seat in Congress and that vacuum will be created in southeastern Wisconsin. Whoever controls the state legislature and governor's mansion will decide the new political mix of the 2nd Congressional district in 2001. And guess who's not up for reelection this year?

So Tammy has taken the Boy Scout motto — "Be Prepared" — to heart. She's taken out the big map and looked far down the road. She put her political compass next to this BSA vote and determined "yes" could lead her in the wrong direction for the next part of her journey. "Present" kept her on course. She did the right thing — for Tammy. She's a Good Scout. Assuming she's reelected, her advocacy and politicking in passing hate crimes and other pro-gay legislation will help us determine whether this September's vote was one of political expediency or simply Tammy's following her "do no harm to thyself" dictum.

To the gay Left, I'm sorry your icon has a lost a bit of her luster. But I kind of like the less glossy look. Tammy looks a little bit more like me now — just another person who sometimes has to make a compromise here to make a greater good happen there.



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NAMBLA and the Glory of Offensive Speech

By Mubarak Dahir

I am no fan of the North American Man/Boy Love Association, NAMBLA, the infamously controversial group which advocates sex between young boys and men. Despite my guttural dislike and mistrust of this repulsive organization, I believe the American Civil Liberties Union was not only right, but brave to take on a recent court case in the group's defense. Even a group as repugnant as NAMBLA has the right to free speech. As gays and lesbians, we should remember our own long history of repression, and how our opponents have tried to suppress our freedom of speech as a way to undermine our civil rights.

While there is no comparison between the lofty goals of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement and the unsavory intentions of NAMBLA, the principal of the First Amendment's freedom of speech must apply equally.

The case against NAMBLA arises from the October 1997 murder of Jeffrey Curley, a ten-year-old Cambridge, Massachusetts boy. Two men — 25-year-old Charles Jaynes and 24-year-old Salvatore Sicari — were apparently obsessed with the young boy and attempted to lure him into sex by promising him a new bike. When the child refused to cooperate with their sexual advances, the two men smothered him with a gasoline-soaked rag. Then they put his body in a concrete-filled container and dumped it into a river.

Both men have been convicted of the crime — Sicari on first degree murder and Jaynes on second-degree murder and kidnapping. Sicari is serving a life sentence without the option of parole. Jaynes can seek parole after another 23 years. The parents of the boy were also recently awarded \$328 million in a civil suit against the killers.

One of the killers — Jaynes — reportedly visited NAMBLA's Web site (which has now been taken offline) shortly before the murder. He also carried some of NAMBLA's literature. The boy's family is suing NAMBLA, claiming the group's Web site and literature incited the attack and murder of their son.

It's easy to understand the parents' anger and hurt at the loss of their innocent child's life to two murderous pedophiles. It's hard to defend a group like NAMBLA, that can hardly be held up as a group that really cares about children.

But none of this changes the fact that NAMBLA deserves the right to freedom of speech just the same as the Kiwanis Club or NAACP — or your local gay and lesbian civil rights group.

In fact, the First Amendment was

designed to protect just the kind of speech that a NAMBLA espouses — the most unpopular kind.

Naturally, anti-gay forces will try, as they always have done, to seize upon this case and NAMBLA's ideas as evidence that gay people represent a threat to young boys, and thus to society. Anti-gay forces have always tried to tie NAMBLA to the gay rights movement. Through the years, NAMBLA itself has also tried to lay claim to being part of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement, under the guise of being part of the movement for sexual freedom.

I've never bought NAMBLA's argument. I see the organization as little more than a bunch of dirty old men trying to piggy-back on the hard-fought struggles of a valid civil rights movement. Worse, I see NAMBLA as an organization that preys on the most vulnerable members of our own tribe: young gay boys and teens.

Kids coming to terms with their sexuality need older gay men to offer them guidance and act as role models, to help them work through self-esteem issues, homophobia, rejection and even violence from their family members, constant taunts and harassment from their peers at school, and a myriad of other obstacles that still face the young who are coming to terms with their sexual orientation in an often unsupportive and downright hostile world.

Just look at a few of the statistics about boys coming to terms with the fact they are gay, and you get a picture of how much these kids need our help: According to a 1993 report by the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, 97 percent of students in public high schools hear homophobic remarks from other kids at school. Even more alarming, 53 percent of students hear such anti-gay comments from teachers and school administrators.

More than 25 percent of adolescent gay males are forced out of their homes after coming out to their parents. And according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), 69 percent of gay kids endure some form of harassment or violence at school. And a study at Columbia University in New York showed that 50 percent of gay teens reported chronic stress from being ridiculed by others about being gay. It's no coincidence that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, gay kids are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers.

The last thing these young kids should have to worry about is being taken advantage of by members of their own community who are masquerading their gay pedophilia as sexual revolution.

Those of us in the gay community must continue to draw clear lines between what we stand for, and what NAMBLA stands for. We mustn't allow our young gay kids, or any kids, to fall victim to NAMBLA's disingenuous claims to sexual freedom.

But the way to combat NAMBLA isn't by silencing the group. Doing that would pose a greater threat to all of us than NAMBLA could ever hope to muster. The free flow of information—including speech as offensive as what might be put out by NAMBLA—is one of the great risks, and great glories, of our free society.

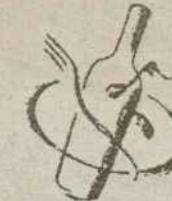
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Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. is a benefit for cystic fibrosis. Milwaukee's Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers. Tickets to all shows are \$20.

"One of the Boys" chronicles the true-life comic stories of growing up in Milwaukee in the early '60s the son of a bricklayer, the third in a litter of Irish Catholic kids, and the one who couldn't throw a ball. McGivern's comedic sketches are snapshots everyone will immediately recognize. His monologues touch on the universal and often hilarious fears of children and adolescents everywhere, the agony and absurdity of choices made and not made, the funny remembrances of where we came from that bring us to where we are today.

For tickets and more information, call (414) 224-9490.

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For more information on these events, call the Pabst Theater at (414) 286-3663 or Diane Rowden of Next Act Theatre at (414) 278-7880.

Wild Space Presents "Wild States"

Milwaukee — The Wild Space Dance Company, under the direction of Deborah Loewen, will team up with Zephyr Dance and Chicago performers Selene Carter and Sheldon Smith for a special dance tour across state lines Sept. 28-30 at 8 p.m. at the Stiemke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St.

Zephyr Dance, a six member company of women, is the Chicago Reader's "Critic's Choice" for dance. The company has developed a reputation for strong technique coupled with solemn grace and beauty. Zephyr's Milwaukee debut will include "3 Solos and Some Ensemble Phrase" by Michelle Kranicke, "Undermine My Breath" by Emily Stein and a third piece.

Carter and Smith will present their own solos and a duet and will perform new improvisational work with Wild Space company members. Also included in the program will be "Deeds, Not Words," a solo premiere by Wild Space dancer Randy Talley and a new quartet by Artistic Director Loewen.

Wild Space will also be performing with Zephyr in Chicago Nov. 3-4. This interstate exchange is designed to bring high quality regional dance to Milwaukee and Chicago audiences and to promote touring for smaller companies throughout the Midwest.

Tickets for "Wild States" can be purchased by calling (414) 224-9490. For more information on Wild Space, call (414) 271-0307.

"Irish Lesbian Vampire 2" at Broom Street

Madison — The Broom Street Theater is currently presenting the comedic, horrific Halloween extravaganza, "Irish Lesbian Vampire 2." The original, raunchy and violent new play by Rob Matsushita is a sequel to Joel Gersmann's 1996 hit "Irish Lesbian Vampire." It's being performed at 8 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 22.

Theatregoers who haven't seen the original play needn't worry about being out of the loop. Says Matsushita: "To be honest, I just liked the title. I like all three of those things."

"Irish Lesbian Vampire 2" focuses on two Irish lesbian vampires, Isabella (Heidi Briggink) and Emma (Alyson Tirpak), who, along with their flaming psychotic valet Ted (Christopher Gavin), decide to wreak havoc on Chicago by opening a hotel and killing the guests.

An assortment of other outrageous characters add to the mayhem. There are: Stoke Abrahams (Colin Bernhart) and Shelly Merrilin (Martha Zitlow), private detectives looking for a lost nun; Lucy (Sara Barasch) and Mina (Jill M. Kucher), a lesbian couple reporting for a tabloid and trying to get married; Barker (Ethan Mutz) and Rice (Raun Norby), two Irish mercenaries with a particular grudge against vampires; Father Lovecraft (Vance Gathin), a trigger-happy agent of the Vatican; and Helsing (Brian Schuh), a fearless vampire hunter.

Tickets for all shows are \$7 at the door. Broom Street Theater is located at 1119 Williamson St. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

Broom Street Theater is also holding auditions for men and women (no child actors, please) for an upcoming version of "The Three Musketeers" by Alexander Dumas. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25 and 26 at the theater. Call the number above for more information.

"Rent" at the Riverside Oct. 17-22

Milwaukee — The national touring company of the acclaimed musical "Rent" is coming back to Milwaukee, with a week long engagement at the Riverside Theatre, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave. Oct. 17-22.

Inspired by Puccini's "La Boheme," "Rent" is a joyous, often bittersweet musical celebrating a community of artists as they struggle with the high hopes and tough realities of today's world. "Rent," with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson, is considered the most original American musical to come along in a decade. Sweeping all major theatre awards, including the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "Rent" captures the heart and spirit of a generation.

The cast includes Jacqueline B. Arnold as public interest lawyer Joanne Jefferson, Maggie Benjamin as performance artist Maureen Johnson, Matt Caplan as film maker Mark Cohen, Shaun Earl as transvestite Angel Schunard, Mark Richard Ford as computer-age philosopher Tom Collins, Brian M. Love as landlord Benjamin Coffin III, Christian Mena as songwriter Roger Davis and Saycon Sengbloh as exotic dancer Mimi Marquez.



Tickets for all shows range from \$35-\$55 and can be purchased at the Riverside box office and at all TicketMaster outlets, or by calling (414) 276-4545.

"Down the Road" at Next Act Theatre

Milwaukee — Next Act Theatre is opening its fall season with the gripping drama "Down the Road" by Lee Blessing. The play runs from Sept. 28-Oct. 22 at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St.

"Down the Road" centers on a convicted serial killer and the husband and wife writing team hired to write an account of his crimes. The killer, Bill Reach, has admitted to murdering 19 women, but there may have been more. Over many weeks of interviews, the couple — Dan and Iris Henniman — begin to question the ethics of what they are doing. Are they simply informing the public of terrifying events? Are they satisfying a macabre societal hunger? Are they helping to turn Bill Reach into a major celebrity?

"Down the Road" was first produced at the La Jolla Playhouse in 1989. Variety said: "With 'Down the Road,' Blessing again shows his superiority at presenting an intellectual yet emotional look at the various facets of a twisted, virtually unsolvable issue. If a play's success is measured by how much it disturbs emotions and stimulates discussion, 'Down the Road' ranks as a major achievement."

In Next Act's production, Stephan Roselin and Deborah Solomon-Phillips play the Hennimans and Robb Smith plays Bill Reach. Next Act Artistic Director David Cesarini directs.

Talkbacks will be held following the performances on Oct. 1, 5, 12 and 19. A "pay what you can" night will be held on Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (414) 278-0765.

Lesbian Erotica Anthology Seeks Stories

Northampton, MA — "Pillow Talk II: Yet More Lesbian Stories Between the Covers," an anthology of erotic lesbian short stories edited by Leslea Newman to be published by Alyson Publications, is seeking sexy, breathtaking, hot stories written by women who identify as lesbian or bisexual.

The editor is looking for well-written stories complete with plot, fully developed characters and emotional content, as well as body parts. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 14, 2001.

Before submitting stories, writers should obtain complete guidelines either by visiting the website www.lesleanewman.com (select "books for adults" and click onto "upcoming titles"). Or, send a self-addressed stamped envelope for complete guidelines to: Leslea Newman, P.O. Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061.

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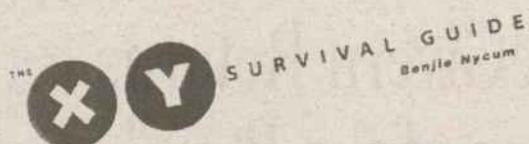
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By Michael Johnston

Come and feel "The Power Of One Day" — **AIDS Walk Wisconsin — 2000** Sunday, October 1. In this time of the Olympic Games, a most apropos Chair has been selected: **Jackie Joyner-Kersee**, Six Time Gold Medal Olympian. Seize this moment in time, Wisconsin!

Deputy Director of ARCW, **Paul Milakovich** is hosting his "3rd Annual Walk Party." A Martini Bar, buffet courtesy of the Boulevard Inn, raffles, and the unveiling of two original paintings — "Who Could Ask For Anything More?" For details, contact Paul at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, (414) 225-1518.

Absolut-ly, Save The Day! Friday, October 6th, Milwaukee Magazine presents an **Absolut Benefit** from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Historic Third Ward Firehouse, 150 North Broadway. The best martinis in town, or anything else you can do with Absolut Vodka! Remember, if it'll mix with Absolut, you'll love it! Jitterbug the night away with the sweet sounds of the **Mr. Lucky Swing Orchestra**, with buffet provided by Pandl's Catering Complete. It will be a perfect people-watching opportunity. And of course, Silent and Voice Celebrity Art Auctions are included, with proceeds to benefit the **Wisconsin AIDS Fund** whose goal is to educate, prevent and protect.

Bialystock & Bloom's 2000-2001 season opened with John Guare's "The House Of Blue Leaves." In a word, extraordinary! Their next effort will be "Entertaining Mr. Sloane," November 24-December 10. They are the most compelling theater group I have ever seen, on a local level.

All you little songbirds out there looking to shake your feathers and trill a tune, the **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd.** has returned from its Summer sabbatical and meets every Wednesday night at the **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center**. Or, you can spot and/or hear the Choristers sing out on Thursdays at Club Boom's "Show Tunes Extravaganza."

Rick at Melanec's Wheelhouse Dinner Theater informs me of a new look, new menu, new shows and new packages starting this October. It's a terrific opportunity for holiday entertaining on the marvelous Milwaukee River. For the facts, call Rick at (414) 264-6060.

It was a hit at HIT's "Fall Fashion Preview/Drag Show." By the way, **Fluid's** "Heart & Soul" **Wilma Wardlow**, "Harper's Bazaar" and "Vogue" called — they both want to schedule a photo-shoot ... hot, hot, hot Gurl! We all know how photogenic you are ...

Club Boom's "AIDS Walk Wisconsin — 2000 Fund Raiser" held the same evening was equally fun — talk about eye candy! I even kept my eye glasses on, all night! **David, Tim, Larry, Michael, Jim, Lee**, "The Wyndham Girls." I lost count! And kudos to **Sherri**, the tireless representative of ARCW, who, with those unforgettable, unflappable **Trailer Sisters** (Ileesa & Iona), spent the night signing up the "Boom-Walkers!"

Congratulations to the **Boot Camp Saloon** and its "Sweet Sixteenth Anniversary." A memorable party took place Sunday, September 17th. Continued success to **Si** and his guys (Ravishing **Ray**, Pulsating **Paul** and the rest) who bring the nights alive ...

Switch will be doing "The Big Apple" once more! New York City! Start saving your quarters for Thanksgiving-time — just in time to do your Holiday shopping. The group leaves Milwaukee Wednesday, November 15th at 12:30 p.m., returning Saturday, November 18th at 8:15 p.m. Accommodations in Gotham City are The Holiday Inn — Midtowne. Check with Craig, Scott or one of the sensational "Switch-hitters" for a travel itinerary.

In giving thanks, that reminds me of a very special conversation I had with Switch's very own bombastic **Beverly**. With a smile on her face the size of the Mississippi and tears of pride in her eyes, she wanted me to publicly thank each and every one of you who came out on a MONDAY night and made her and her Birthday so successfully special! Our very grateful Bev is totally overwhelmed by the reaction of the community — all the well-wishers, as well as the women who sewed suckers on their shirts to remind and encourage us to "Take A Bite Out Of Cancer."

Gregg at **The Harbor Room** was also thrilled and over-joyed at the community warmly and excitingly welcoming their new "Emporium Of Pleasure" to Badgerland.

For you adventurers out there, or for you West-siders: While I was out on expedition I happened upon a great new fine **Timber Creek**. Formerly known as Zarder's, this newly renovated restaurant/lounge has a rustic lodge motif, yet beautiful gardens and detailings. Located in New Berlin, right off the expressway, still remote enough for that "Touch Of Country." The menu offers lots of different and interesting fare — definitely worth the ride.

While out west, I had the unique pleasure of touring **WCTC** (Waukesha County Technical College). The Campus was quite impressive and up-to-date, especially with the new building that will be completed in June of 2001. However, the most delicious part of my visit was a luncheon at The Classic Room. Open every Wednesday and Thursday, seatings at Noon and 12:15 p.m.. The WCTC Classic Room is a training lab for Students in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Program and the Culinary Management Program. For reservations, call: (262) 691-5303. Every meal is theme-oriented; mine was French and priced very reasonably (soup, bread basket, salad or appetizer, entree, and beverage just \$8.95, dessert an additional \$2.50). The public is welcome.

Milwaukee's most dashing real estate agent, **Bill Buresh**, and his charming partner **Eric** hosted a fabulous open house in their stunning Bay View (Gay View?) home on a recent Saturday night. Their newly rehabbed duplex was featured on the Bay View Tour of Homes earlier in the day and from what we understand it was a favorite on the tour ... stunning job boys!

My dear "Star of the Star Gazers" **Carol Rushman** has just penned a book about said topic. The book on Astrology and the like will be made available later this Fall. This book will make a shining gift for the upcoming Holiday season.

I must dash now — Halloween preparations are in the offing, so while I sew this column up, I shall remain, "Cordially Yours."

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Thursday, September 21

"Take Back the Night" (Milw.): March and Rally, 6pm, Peck Pavilion (behind the Marcus Center for the Arts). FMI: (414) 229-2852.

Friday, September 22

Plabolus Dance (Oshkosh): Famed dance company performs, 8 p.m., Grand Opera House, 100 High Ave. FMI: (920) 424-2350.

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 26

Womonsong Rehearsal (Madison): Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, September 27

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

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

Thursday, September 28

"The Silent 'T' in LGBT" (Milw.): Rainbow U Lecture: Individuals from the transgender community speak about their lives and experiences, 7pm at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2526.

Friday, September 29

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 30

Women's Soccer (Madison): Five-a-Side Tournament in Warner Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FMI: (608) 251-3953.

Dar Williams in Concert (Madison): With her band and Barry Crimmins, 8 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre. FMI: (414) 663-2095.

Sunday, October 1

AIDS Walk Wisconsin (Milw.): Sign-in at 10 a.m., step-off at Noon at Henry W. Maier Festival Park for 10K walk along lakefront. FMI: (800) 348-WALK.

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.

Wednesday, October 4

"Second Family" (Milw.): First meeting of new group for gay men coping with non-supportive families of origin, 7:30 p.m. at BESID Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 372-8008.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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

Boot 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 pm. - 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 "Superbus" - no cover.

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

Naples 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.): \$1 off anything for anyone not wearing a shirt, 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milw.): Packer Parties! Join the Packer "Pint Club" and get 75¢ draft pints, free food and free shots for every Packer touchdown. Betty Ford Clinic/Contest at 8 p.m.

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.

Boon (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 micro-brews.

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

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed.

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

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

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

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).

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

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

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

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

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

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 (Madison): Rolling Rock, \$1.50

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. \$1.50 domestic bottled beer and \$0.50 tappers, 9 p.m. to close.

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Girls Night Out! \$1 off all drinks, tops and shots for the ladies.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 7 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.

Naples 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 (Madison): \$1 off rail and domestic

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.50, 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 - 8 p.m. Winning ticket nite, win prize \$, prizes!

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

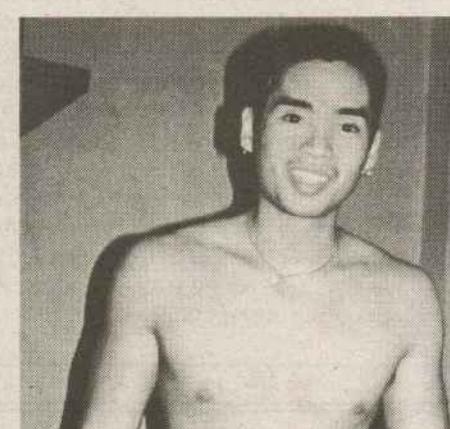
Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Rail drinks only \$1.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Starting Aug. 30 - Open at 6 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$.50 off all Tops and Rails. \$1.75



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

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

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

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Double Bubble, 7 p.m. close for men in leather vest, pants, harness, chops. Dart leagues, 7-10 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

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

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

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

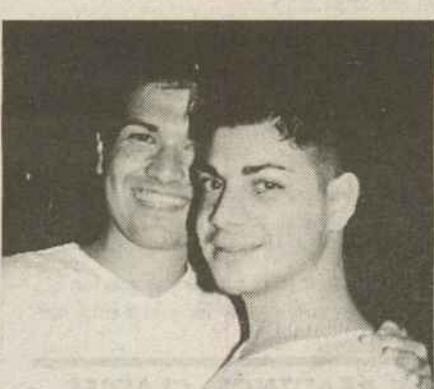
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 open to close (3 p.m.-2 a.m.).

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Internet Meat & Greet Nite, \$6



Spicy boyz! Photo by Jamie @ 219



Si's Fan Club! Photo by Jamie @ 219

Beer Bust for the guys, plus shot specials.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. Super Beer Bust - All U Can Drink! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emeralds (Milw.): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. 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 Manhattans, Old Fashioneds, Martinis - \$2.75, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - \$2

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3-8 p.m. \$3 Weiss beers and \$4 pitchers, 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

Boot Camp Saloon (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 dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milw.): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. 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 Manhattans, Old Fashioneds, Martinis - \$2.75, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks. Friday Nite Beer Bust!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays:

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

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

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

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m. DJ starts at 10 p.m.

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

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Beer Bust from 2-6 p.m. - \$5. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

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

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.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Open at 2 p.m.

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, September 21

Club Boom (Milw.): Video Show Tunes! Join the sing-a-long! 625 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 277-5040.

Friday, September 22

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

Frid. and Sat., September 22-23

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.

Saturday, September 23

Rainbow Room (Milw.): Shoosheena's Comedy Carousel, 121 W. main St. FMI: (608) 251-5838.

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTO Clinic, Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 6-8 p.m. at The Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, September 24

Club 5 (Milw.): Oktoberfest Party! Pig roast, authentic german food. Live music by Swimming Fish, 4-8 p.m. 5 Applegate Court. FMI: (608) 277-9700.

Wednesday, September 27

ous 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 is 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, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI: (608) 255-4927.

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chats (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Open discussion and free beverages. Call for location. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

SATURDAYS:

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

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 OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

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

SUNDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS:

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

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

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

Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group (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 Sylvie 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 Langdon 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.

Second Family (Milw.): A group for gay men with non-supportive families of origin. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 372-8008.

True Colors LGBT Youth (Milw.): ARCW's youth group holds drop-in activity nights every second and fourth Wednesday at 820 N. Plankinton Ave. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, September 21

C. Bard Cole (Milw.): Author of "Briefly Told Lives," 7:30 p.m. at Afterwords, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Saturday, September 23

Celebrate Bisexuality Day (Milw.): Members of Bi Definition will read bi fiction and essays, 8 p.m. All welcome. Afterwords, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Mats Gustafson & Paul Lovens Concert (Milw.): Swedish saxophonist and percussionist Lovens perform at 8 p.m. at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. S. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Thursday, September 28

Natalie Goldberg Reading (Milw.): Author of "Thunder and Lightning" reads at the Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, September 30

Bei Dao Reading (Milw.): China's most esteemed poet reads at 8 p.m., Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Monday, October 2

Nicholas Sparks Reading (Shorewood): Author of "The Rescue," 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookshop, 17145 W. Bluemound. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

FILM, TV AND RADIO:

Friday, September 22

"Rear Window" (Milw.): Hitchcock's classic fully restored and on the big screen! 7 and 9:15 p.m. through Sept. 25, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Sun., Sept. 24 & Every Sunday

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

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Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917. "Her Turn," **Womyn's Radio (Madison):** WORT Radio 89.9 FM. A weekly show featuring news and information by and about women, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety" - Women in music - all genres and styles - interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 or bwheeler@cuna.com.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU, Public access cable channel 4, LGBT programming from 2-3 p.m. FMI: dkr@mailbag.com.

Monday, September 25

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "Purple Noon," a stylish thriller, 7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-0894.

Tues., September 26 & Every Tuesday

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

Wed., September 27 & Every Wed.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - Madison's LGBTQ radio show, 7 p.m., followed by "This Way Out," the international news magazine, from 7:30-8 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU, Public access cable channel 4, LGBT programming from 9-11 p.m. FMI: dkr@mailbag.com.

Friday, September 29

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Screening of documentary "After Stonewall," 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0278 after 4 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Adambomb Gallerie (Milw.): 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-8000.

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," through Oct. 15, 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Cedarburg Artists Guild Annual Fall Show, through Nov. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): Wisconsin Watercolor Society Exhibition, through Oct. 29, 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.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "The American School" at the Universal Exhibition, 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Mindscapes": expressionist paintings by Brian D.A. Tolbert and abstract drawings by Cheryl Klein through Oct. 15, Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

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

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Art of Collaborative printmaking: Smith Andersen Editions," through Oct. 1, Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Katurah Hutcheson: Accumulating Vision," through Nov. 12; "Dioramas" by Helen Cohen, through Dec. 10, 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): Recent watercolors by Tom Nochreiner, "Prismacolors on Paper" by Sally Gauger Jensen, through Sept. 30, 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Donald Lipski: A Brief History of Twine," through Nov. 12, 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

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

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "To Honor and Comfort: Native Quilting Traditions," through December, 910 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.

Neville Public Museum (Green Bay): "Mysteries of Egypt" through Oct. 29, 210 Museum Place. FMI: (920) 448-4460.

Paine Art Center (Oshkosh): Works of Jeff Lipschutz through Oct. 15, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Ozaukee Art Center (Ozaukee): Fine Art Printmakers, to Nov. 30. W62N718 Riveredge Drive.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts from the 15th through the

20th century. 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): "Masks, Monoliths and Miniatures," new works by Dara Larson, through Oct. 14, 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): "Rendering Symbols and Codes," through Oct. 15. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): Basket and craft shows, through Nov. 12, 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 636-9177.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

NOW PLAYING:

American Players Theatre (Spring Green): Outdoor amphitheater performances of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "A Winter's Tale," Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple," Gogol's "Government Inspector" and Racine's "Phedre" in repertory through Oct. 8, Spring Green is 40 miles west of Madison. FMI: (608) 588-2361.

"A Brief History of White Music" (Milw.): Musical satire in the Milwaukee Rep's Stockner Cabaret, to Nov. 18, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Down the Road" (Milw.): Lee Blessing's drama about reporters covering a serial killer, opens Sept. 28, runs to Oct. 22, Next Act Theatre, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

"The Dying Gaul" (Milw.): Windfall Theatre's production of Craig Lucas' gripping drama runs through Sept. 23, 8 p.m. Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. FMI: (414) 332-3963.

"Family and Friends: A Celebration of Richard Rodgers" (Milw.): Musical revue Sept. 22-Oct. 8, 10 p.m. Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Festival of Ten Minute Plays" (Milw.): Eighth annual festival produced by Playwrights Theater, Sept. 14-23, Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 476-8984.

"Floyd Collins" (Milw.): Adam Guettel's musical about a media sensation of the 1920s, opens Sept. 22 to Oct. 8, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Irish Lesbian Vampire 2" (Madison): Another zany production of the Broom Street Theater, runs through Oct. 22, Fridays-Sundays, 8 p.m. at 1119 Williamson St. All tickets \$7. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"March of the Falsettos" (Milw.): Gay-friendly musical, in Tandem Productions, Sept. 22-Oct. 15, Brumder Mansion, 3046 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 444-2316.

"Once Upon a Mattress" (Fort Atkinson): At the Fireside Dinner Theatre to Oct. 8, Business Highway 26 South, Fort Atkinson. FMI: (800) 477-9505.

"Private Eyes" (Madison): Relationship whodunit by Steven Dietz, Sept. 21-23, 7:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Theatre of Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. FMI: (608) 262-1500.

"The Sensitive Senator" (Elm Grove): Comedy at the Sunset Playhouse through Sept. 30, 800 Elm Grove Rd. FMI: (262) 784-4430.

"Wit" (Madison): Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize winning drama plays through Sept. 24 at the Madison Rep, Isthmus Playhouse of the Civic Center. FMI: (608) 256-0029.

"Work Song" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep production of play about Frank Lloyd Wright, to Oct. 8 in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

AND:

September 21-23

Milwaukee Dance Theatre (Milw.): 8 p.m. at the Off-Broadway Theatre Center, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-0765.

September 23

Vladimir Feltzman (Waukesha): Celebrated pianist plays at 8 p.m., Shattuck Music Center, East Ave. at Wright St. FMI: (262) 524-7633.

September 24

Andre Watts (Madison): In performance with the Madison Symphony, 2:30 p.m. at Madison Civic Center. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

September 28

Faith Hill/Tim McGraw (Milw.): In concert, 8 p.m. at the Bradley Center. TicketMaster: (414) 276-4545.

September 28-30

"Wild States" (Milw.): Wild Space Dance with Zephyr Dance from Chicago, 8 p.m. at Stiemke Theatre, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

September 30

R. Carlos Nakai (Milw.): Native American flutist, 8 p.m. at the Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 286-3663.

"The Watcher," "The Way of the Gun"

By Kevin John

OK, I was taken to task for my review of "The Cell" by several psych major types for failing to properly detect the serial killer's symptoms: Those were alternate realities not dreams; she killed him because that was the only way he could be set free. Sure, sure but no one has yet to convince me that any of these devices worked dramatically. I mean, why not just read the DSM-IV? So now that I've digested Joe Charbanic's "The Watcher," I look forward to criminology majors calling me out on reading the motivations of this week's serial killer, David Allen Griffin (played with relish but little conviction by Keanu Reeves), through my cranky gay male prism.

Maybe it's because Reeves is too large an icon but, at certain points, I honestly have a hard time experiencing this film as even being about a serial killer. So much is made of Griffin's past dodging FBI agent Joel Campbell (James Spader, a superb actor sadly wasted here) that the near-captures and teasing chases of the present become an extended erotic dance. Once such perversity is situated psychologically by Campbell's therapist (Marisa Tomei, ditto), the two principles fling double entendres at one another but, ho hum, dare not speak its name. There are some scenes in this film which seem so much like lovers' spats that the knee-jerk sexism of the murders (as in "The Cell," why does Griffin kill women?) feels miles away.

Of course, most of the audience will simply take the twisted displays of affection as par for the serial killer course — he's just weird. Nothing wrong with that per se. But what was subtext in, say, "Seven" has risen to the surface in "The Watcher" to waft into the main psycho-on-the-loose story line. It's as if a number one film at the box office could only vent unabashed homosexual desire through a warped, murderous smokescreen. As I said, ho hum.

Christopher McQuarrie's directorial debut "The Way of the Gun" takes the

opposite tack. It means to purge all traces of homosexuality out of its narrative tract right off the bat. Apparently McQuarrie, who wrote the Academy Award-winning screenplay for "The Usual Suspects," feared audiences would automatically think the two petty criminals at the center of the story, Longbaugh and Parker (Benicio Del Toro and Ryan Phillippe), were boyfriends for he includes a superfluous scene very close to the beginning where they affirm

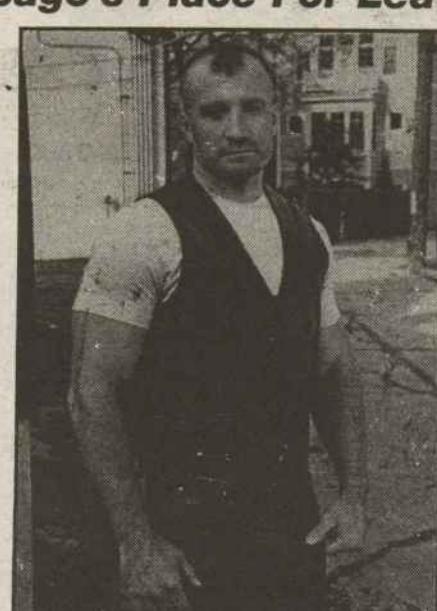


Keanu Reeves and Marisa Tomei in "The Watcher"

their heterosexuality in a post-politically correct exchange at a sperm bank. This is also the site where the story starts to unfold and from there, McQuarrie deviates not a second from his convoluted blood feast. But you gotta get that gay threat out of the way first.

At the risk of sounding nostalgic, I should note that Sam Peckinpah did this kind of labyrinthine, violent gothic much better back in 1974 with his masterful "Bring Me The Head of Alfredo Garcia." And he did it without resorting to the paranoia that kicks off McQuarrie's film. Not to mention the hip narration which hits us dum-dums over the head with its existential despair, a despair which sweats from every sprocket of Peckinpah's film often without the help of any dialogue. If you've seen it, you don't need to waste your time with "The Way of the Gun." If you haven't, forget that the Medved Brothers included it in their book, "The 50 Worst Films of All-Time" (most of which turned out to be pretty damn good — duh!) and rent it today.

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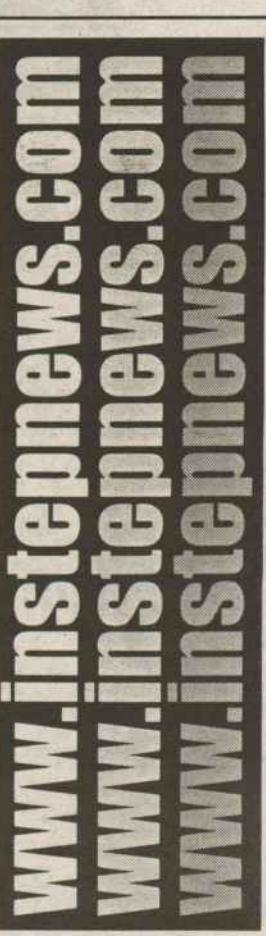
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Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival Opens Oct. 5 at the Oriental

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — A gala opening for the annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Film & Video Festival is set for Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Oriental Landmark Theatre with the screening of the French farce "Pourquoi Pas Moi?" After the exciting see-and-be-seen opening night, the festival unfolds at its usual venue, UW-Milwaukee's Union Theatre on the second floor of the Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., Oct. 6-8 and 12-15.

"Pourquoi Pas Moi?" ("Why Not Me?") is guaranteed to send the queer and queer-friendly audience rolling in the proverbial aisles on opening night. It's a screwball comedy in which several friends, two lesbians and a gay man, decide to come out to their respective

families during a weekend gathering in the country. As the weekend unfolds, so does a classic bedroom farce, with mistaken identities, slapped faces, new couplings, unexpected revelations from parents, chase scenes, a musical interlude — this is a gay movie, after all! — and general hilarity.

The French farce shows with two shorts, "Home for Christmas," a lesbian's fantasy of coming out to her parents, and "Early Frost," not the AIDS movie but a sweet tale about a girl and her pet rabbit who — oh my! — shows gay inclinations. All this at 7 p.m. opening night at the Oriental, 2230 N. Farwell. Tickets are \$8. Get there early to cruise the crowd!

This year's LGBT Film Fest boasts an impressive array of formats and subject matter. Additional highlights include the first-ever showing in Milwaukee of the in-your-face British TV series "Queer as Folk," which causes just about everyone who sees it to mar-



Scene from "Home for Christmas"



Scene from "Crush"

vel, "This was on TV!?" and the Wisconsin premieres of the award-winning films "Aimee and Jaguar" and "Paragraph 175."

"Queer As Folk"

"Queer as Folk" revolves around the loves, lusts and lives of three young gay men in Manchester, England: Stewart, the attractive cad; his loyal friend Vincent; and 15-year-old Nathan, whose one night tumble with Stewart leads him to come out of the closet with a vengeance. This trio is surrounded by an unforgettable gaggle of gay and lesbian supporting characters in a funny, violent, sexy, angst-ridden soap opera that focuses on the drugs, sex and bar-hopping culture of their working class town.

The unapologetic queerness and the sexual explicitness of "Queer as Folk" has earned it near legendary status. Showtime is planning an American version, which many suspect will be seriously watered down for us poor, delicate Americans. So, now is the time to see the original — uncut and uncensored! The festival will show all 8 episodes of the "Queer as Folk" premiere season. The first four will be shown at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Union Theatre. The second four episodes will be shown at 1 p.m. the following Sunday, Oct. 15. Get there early for seats!

"Aimee and Jaguar" is a full-length feature based on the true story of two women, Lilly Wust and Felice Schragenheim, who met and fell in love during World War II. The tension and eroticism in the story are magnified by the fact that Lilly (Aimee) is the wife of a German officer, while Felice (Jaguar) is a Jew involved in the Resistance. Their dramatic story was told earlier in the Lambda Award winning book of the same name. Julianne Kohler as Aimee and Maria Schrader as Felice shared Best Actress honors at the 1999 Berlin Film Festival. "Aimee and Jaguar" will be screened at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Another German-related film is the outstanding documentary "Paragraph 175," which traces the Nazi and German persecution of homosexuals. "Paragraph 175" refers to a clause in the country's constitution which made sex between men a criminal offense and stripped such "offenders" of their civil rights. Six survivors of the pre-Nazi, Nazi and post-Nazi eras in Germany describe in horrifying detail how their lives and the lives of tens of thousands were destroyed by the anti-gay law.

"Paragraph 175" was made by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman, the team responsible for such compelling documentaries as "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt," "The Times of Harvey Milk" and "The Celluloid Closet." This must-see history lesson will be screened at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Gay/Lesbian Family Life

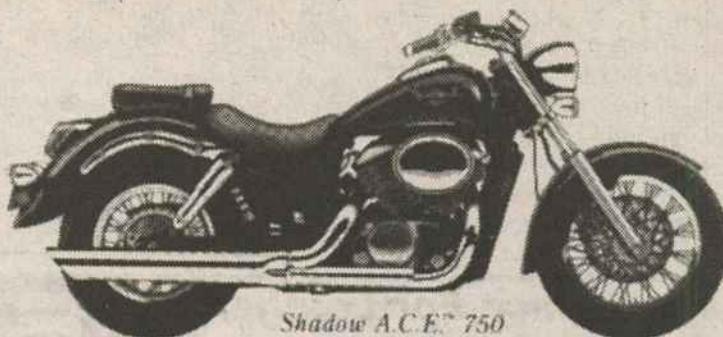
On Saturday, Oct. 14, the afternoon will showcase documentaries about gay and lesbian family life from the perspectives of children. "Family Redefined: That's a Family!" and "Our House: A Very Real Documentary About the Kids of Lesbian and Gay Parents" will be screened at 1 p.m. This afternoon presentation, co-sponsored by Project Q, PFLAG and GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), will be free of charge.

True film buffs won't want to miss the evenings of Boys' Shorts and Girls' Shorts. The short films and videos are funny, strange, raunchy, fascinating, often experimental, sometimes pretentious, and always provocative. The boys get two nights this year, Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 13 at 9 p.m. Girls' Shorts are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Festival also features an evening of transgender themed films. On Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., "A Boy Named Sue," "The Ride," "Manhood" and "Crimson" will be screened.

The LGBT Film/Video Festival is presented by the UWM Department of Film and co-presented by the LGBT Community Center. It is made possible through a grant from the Cream City Foundation. Tickets for the opening night at the Oriental Theatre are \$8. All other shows at the Union Theatre are \$6 for the general public, \$5.50 for students. Festival passes are available at \$70/general and \$60/students. For more information, call (414) 229-4758.

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gotcha!

By Billy Masters

It's time for our annual Gotcha Emmy column (visitors to www.filth2go.com will also get to see our exclusive Emmy photos). Since we have lots of ground to cover, we have room for no other gossip. Nothing about the alleged sexual harassment charges against humpy Victor Webster — you'll need to read that on the web site. Nothing about **Ryan Idol**'s lascivious auctions on the web (although we have news about Ryan later in this column, if you can imagine). This week it's just Emmys, Emmys, Emmys. So, without further ado, let's hit the red carpet.

As usual, I took my position alongside my beloved **Joan Rivers**. Little did I know that I was walking right into the line of fire. You see, the people from ABC and "Access Hollywood" were across the red carpet from Joan and complained that E!'s lights were shining onto their set. Auntie Joan went into a tizzy and turned Billy into a messenger between La Rivers and Access Hollywood's **Nancy O'Dell** (a stunning woman, but not a brain in her peroxide-drenched head). Needless to say, Joan and her lights remained where they were, and ABC had to deal with it. But lest you think that I sided totally with E!, I did take a series of three photos with O'Dell, and each one is overexposed due to excessive light! Oh, well.

Back to Skeletor...I mean Auntie! In between insulting **Kelsey Grammer**'s wife (Joan actually said on the air to Kelsey, "I always think she's a bimbo because she's so hot looking") and mistakenly asking **Brian Dennehy** about his role on "ER" (an assistant handed her a cue card for the next interview without Joan's knowledge), she did give me some filth for my readers. As you probably know, Joan's daughter, Melissa, is pregnant. I now can reveal that the demon's spawn — I mean the little bundle of joy — is a boy! Yes, that horse face is giving birth to a little colt the first week in December. I asked Missy if she and her hubby have picked out any names. She told me that they are waiting until they see the little darling lying in the stable. I believe that the names Pi and Secretariat are under consideration.

Since this column is about an awards show, I thought that it might be fun to give out some awards of my own. Best-looking woman on the red carpet? **Heather Locklear**. She not only took the time to



Joan



Cher

come over and chat, but she was certainly the most breathtaking person I saw all day. Best-looking man? That was a tie between a very cute anonymous boy whom I took a photo of (he didn't seem too happy with me) and **Rob Lowe**, who is always so "accommodating." Best-looking couple? Another tie. My first choice would be **John and Rebecca** (call me Becca) **Romijn-Stamos** because they were so incredibly sweet and friendly. My second choice would be **Jennifer Aniston** and **Brad Pitt**. Last year, I noted that Brad was far friendlier than Jen — he signed autographs while she stood to the side. This year, both were all smiles and took quite a bit of time for the fans and press alike.

I did notice something interesting about Brad and Jen — last year they were with **Matt LeBlanc** and his "fiancée". This year, they were with **Lisa Kudrow** (including when the trio went outside during a commercial break to smoke). Meanwhile, poor **Courtney Cox** was all alone, wandering around the Shrine Auditorium. When asked where hubby **David Arquette** was, she said, "Bulgaria," somewhat flippantly. Then again, she might have been put off by the fan who missed the first award presented — Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series — asked Courtney, "Who won the award that Jennifer and Lisa were up for?" He might as well have said, "Hi, Courtney, who won the award that every female in 'Friends' was nominated for except you?" Poor Courtney!

Back to my awards. Scariest-looking person? I know that she just ended a relationship, but **Ellen DeGeneres** was not

ready for daylight. She rushed past the fans and paparazzi, trying to avoid all cameras (although she did not avoid the Gotcha shutter), and looked none too eager to answer any questions. Friendliest person? **Camryn Mannheim** (who said to me, "I may be the biggest girl here, but I've got the hottest date" — and she did). Most elegant woman? Sorry, Camryn, but that goes to another big girl, perhaps even bigger than you — **Tyne Daly**. I've seen Tyne at many functions, but never have I seen her look more radiant. And while we're talking about big girls, most-discussed dress size — **Megan Mullally**. Perhaps not up to the Tyne or Camryn level, but Megan, what's all that weight about, honey?

The biggest surprise was awaiting me inside the auditorium lobby. Were my eyes playing tricks on me, or was that he, standing right in front of me, big as a house — **Ryan Idol**? Yes, the former porn star was there — not in a tux, but in a dark suit. And not with a ticket, but with a pass around his neck with the name John Stewart (doesn't Ryan/Tony have enough trouble keeping track of TWO names?). After a few subtle inquiries, I discovered that Ryan has a special "friend" in **Garry Bormet**, a writer/producer for such acclaimed shows as the FOX "World's Funniest" and "World's Most Shocking Moments" (which would explain the connection to Mr. Idol). Last year, Mr. Bormet was the producer of "Scent of Rai," a play Ryan brought to Los Angeles from Chicago. Garry was working with the producers of the Emmy telecast and supplied Ryan and his date (**Nicholas Conlon**) — who starred with Ryan in "Scent of Rain" here

in LA and in Chicago) with the all-access passes. A questionable decision at best (as if producing "Scent of Rain" was a smart decision). Speaking of questionable decisions, Ryan will be selling a video of "Scent of Rain" via the web later this year. Details will be released in a future column.

Ryan might have had the pass, but that didn't stop me and my companion from heading backstage to see **Cher** prior to her presenting the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series. Cher was in mid-transformation from brunette to blonde with the assistance of famed stylist **Kevyn AuCoin** when we popped in for a quick hello. After gabbing for a bit, downing some champagne, and eating a couple of Krispy Kreme donuts (God love the Academy for stocking the dressing rooms), we headed back into the auditorium for the rest of the awards. In the lobby, we ran into **Jack Lemmon**, who was inhaling a quick hot dog and glass of red wine ("Don't tell Felicia — she'll kill me!" whispered Jack).

After the awards were over, we headed backstage for more schmoozing and more food (yes, I ate at every opportunity). While **Steve Kmetko** was practically lactating over **Sela Ward**, I was on my third helping of fresh pineapple (I found time to pry myself away from the fresh fruit to say hi to Sela and the fruit interviewing her). When the delightful **Shelly Morrison** (Rosario from "Will and Grace") came by to say hello, I had a plate full of watermelon in my hand. I asked Shelly about her health, and she assured me that she was fine and feeling great. Earlier in the evening, Shelly made me laugh when she referred to her mastectomy and said to Joan Rivers, "For an old Hispanic broad with one tit, I'm doing great!" And she most certainly is. She gets our award for funniest lady of the evening.

But what's a Billy Masters column without a blind item? So, in the Emmy spirit, here's an award-related one:

Could it be that a certain Emmy winner was glad that a certain awards-show-a-holic was absent from the proceedings? That's what the surprise winner confided to me about her former oft-nominated co-star (who did win once, but not for their show together). She said, "Thank God that old lush isn't here — she'd be all over me claiming to love me like a sister. I'd probably need the jaws of life to pry my Emmy out of her bony hands!"

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The Dying Gaul

By Carl M. Szatmary

Leaving through *IN Step*'s Fine Arts preview a few weeks ago, it became clear that at least for the moment gay theatre in Milwaukee is alive and well. Besides Dale Gutzman's burgeoning "Off the Wall Productions," several other companies are offering a variety of works of particular interest to the LGBT community this autumn.

Opening Sept. 8 at the Village Church was Windfall Theatre's production of "The Dying Gaul," a play written by Craig Lucas, perhaps best known for his screenplay for the film, "Longtime Companion."

Those in the audience expecting the soft, sentimentality of "Longtime Companion" will in for quite a surprise. While AIDS is again the center of Lucas' focus, "The Dying Gaul" is a much darker work, one that engages and challenges but which offers no simple answers.

The setting is Hollywood. Robert (Larry Birkett) has written a screenplay, entitled "The Dying Gaul." Despite being the story of two gay men, it has nevertheless caught the eye of movie exec Jeffrey (Christopher Spott). The studio is interested. Noted film director Gus van Sant is interested. How could it get any better?

There is of course a hitch. For the movie to be made, Jeffrey tells Robert that the lovers can't be gay.

The screenplay's story is very close to Robert's heart. Not only is this Robert's first screenplay but the central characters of the gay lovers are based on he and his lover Malcolm, who has recently died of AIDS. Jeffrey wants the screenplay and wants Robert to do the necessary rewrites. Robert is naturally indignant and refuses to compromise his principles. The stalemate is broken as Jeffrey dangles a "million-dollar carrot" before Robert, just the sort of enticement that makes mincemeat of our loftier goals.

Another complication arises. Jeffrey, it seems, is bisexual and is attracted to Robert. Although his wife Elaine (Carol Zippel) knows that he is attracted to men and they've agreed to an open relationship, this new relationship disturbs her. She initially likes Robert, sensing that he is a good person. Knowing that Robert spends much time in internet chatrooms, Elaine attempts to establish a relationship with Robert but does so while impersonating



Christopher Spott and Carol Zippel in
"The Dying Gaul"

a gay man. Soon, however we must start to question her motives as she begins to lead Robert to believe that she is actually the spirit of Malcolm. Her obsession grows to such an extent that she steals information from the files of Robert's therapist to finally convince him.

Lucas has crafted a play with an intriguing premise but has left many of the emotional blanks to be filled in by the actors. Central to "The Dying Gaul" is Robert, and while Larry Birkett's Robert is likeable enough, he never fully conveys the character's dilemma over compromising his script, over his relationship with Jeffrey and especially over his guilt concerning Malcolm's death.

An even more difficult role is that of Elaine and Carol Zippel manages to create a believable portrait of a woman facing an emotional crisis that proves to be well beyond her. Christopher Spott too does a nice job with Jeffrey, relishing the character's slimier side without resorting to parody.

"The Dying Gaul" is a daunting challenge, and director Shawn Gulyas offers a crackling production, smartly staged on a simple, striking set. Yet when the play reaches its climax and the stage is left littered with vast amounts of emotional carnage, is anyone left wiser from the experience?

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Queer Films

By Ed Grover

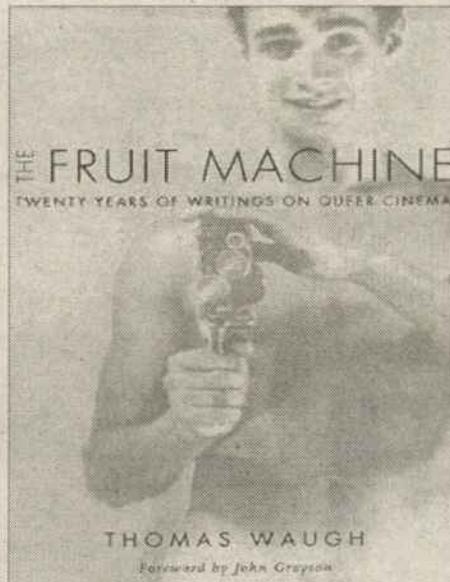
Earlier this year, with film festival buffs in mind, I saved out some of the books on queer films from the stacks of material we get to review. The Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival is gearing up for your viewing pleasure at the UWM School of the Arts from October 5 to 8 and from October 12 to 15. In Chicago, Reeling 2000, The Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival is getting things lined up for screenings. Keep your eye on *IN Step* for the latest on both of these spectacular LGBT film events.

The Fruit Machine: Twenty Years of Writings on Queer Films

By THOMAS WAUGH

Canadian author, Thomas Waugh, "surfaced in the late 1970s as a pioneer in gay film theory and criticism. Over the next two decades he solidified his reputation as one of the most important and influential gay film critics. Between the covers of this book you will find a twenty-year record of the emerging queer film movement and the changing language of queer movies. These pieces were written for Pink Triangle Press, Jump Cut and the Toronto-based gay newspaper *The Body Politic*.

The Forward is written by his close friend John Greyson, a prizewinning filmmaker whose work includes the film features "Urinal," "Zero Patience," "Lilies" and "Uncut." Greyson tells us that this book "took him back to his first tentative



steps out of the closet as a fag and an artist." He says, "The films and tapes that Tom describes on these pages burst open like ripe fruit." Let's take a look at some of these juicy works.

These think-pieces on the state of queer film making start with a chapter called "Films By Gays For Gays" written shortly after Stonewall, and continue on to his final piece titled "Archeology and Censorship," in which he talks about censorship and individual artistic freedom. At the beginning of each chapter Waugh has written (sometimes-lengthy) comments about his feelings on the following pieces. He is not above being critical about what he has written or that he has changed his mind about something.

Waugh discusses the importance of Rainer Werner Fassbender and such films as his 1975 gay film "Fox and His Friends." In

this story a young, rather unattractive carnival worker, Fox (played by Fassbender), after his lover is hauled off to jail, tricks with an elegant antique dealer. Fox is introduced to the dealer's circle of pretentious middle-class gays where he finds love and the attention he craves. Fox is a loser and his victimizers are vicious. Waugh says, "All the same, Fassbender orchestrates a pathos that is profound and direct."

Other chapters are titled "A Fag-Spotter's Guide to Eisenstein (1977); Medical Thrills: Born a Man... Let Me Die a Woman (1978-79); Montgomery Clift Biographies: Stars and Sex (1979-80); Caligula (1981); Patty Duke and Tasteful Dykes (1982); Sex Beyond Neon: Third-World Gay Films? (1985); Erotic Self-Images in the Gay Male AIDS Melodrama (1988, 1992); and In Memorium: Vito Russo (1990-91).

Although brilliantly and witty, I found these writings to be a bit scholarly for light reading. The book is loaded with end notes and has references galore. It's more suited to a night at home when you have nothing to put in the VCR. It's just the ticket for curling up on the couch with a pile of pillows under your weary head. Tom Waugh is a Professor of Film Studies at the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema at Concordia University. Anyone who is interested in the making of queer films will find this a very useful book. (Duke University Press, ISBN: 08223-2468-7, \$17.95)

Flaming Classics
By Alexander Doty

Doty is an Associate Professor in the English Department at Lehigh University.

He is the author of "Making Things Perfectly Queer: Interpreting Mass Culture." He is coeditor of "Out on Culture: Gay, Lesbian, and Queer Essays on Popular Culture." He finds it particularly interesting that resistance to understanding "mainstream" texts includes the possibility that queer readings often comes from academic and nonacademic gay, lesbians and other queers. He asks if they are not aware of certain queer codes, which he lists on page six.

Arguing against the assumption that only gay films are subject to queer readings, Doty proceeds to give gay meaning to six classics, starting with "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari." With an easygoing thoroughness he finds the lesbian fantasy in our all-time favorite, "The Wizard of Oz" (in which the Wicked Witch of the West is a butch dyke).

Doty says "when queens and comedy come together most people think 'bitchy' remarks (gays) and sociopolitical humor (lesbians)." "The Women," directed by George Cukor, who was gay, fills in for that chapter on humor. "The Red Shoes" discusses the Diva and her queer collaborators, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" gets a bisexual reading. The last film is Hitchcock's "Psycho" in which he asks if Norman Bates is a transvestite or . . . "not exactly." There's even a queer argument about Citizen Kane's dying word, "Rosebud."

Again, this it can be amusing reading, but I found it a bit school-teacherish with too many references and footnotes to pay attention to. If you keep that in mind and just ignore them, it can be a fun read. (Routledge, London, ISBN: 0415-92345-X, paperback).

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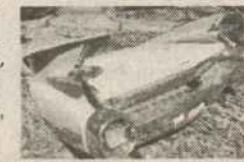
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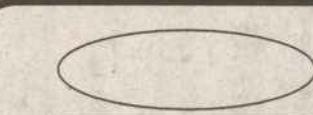
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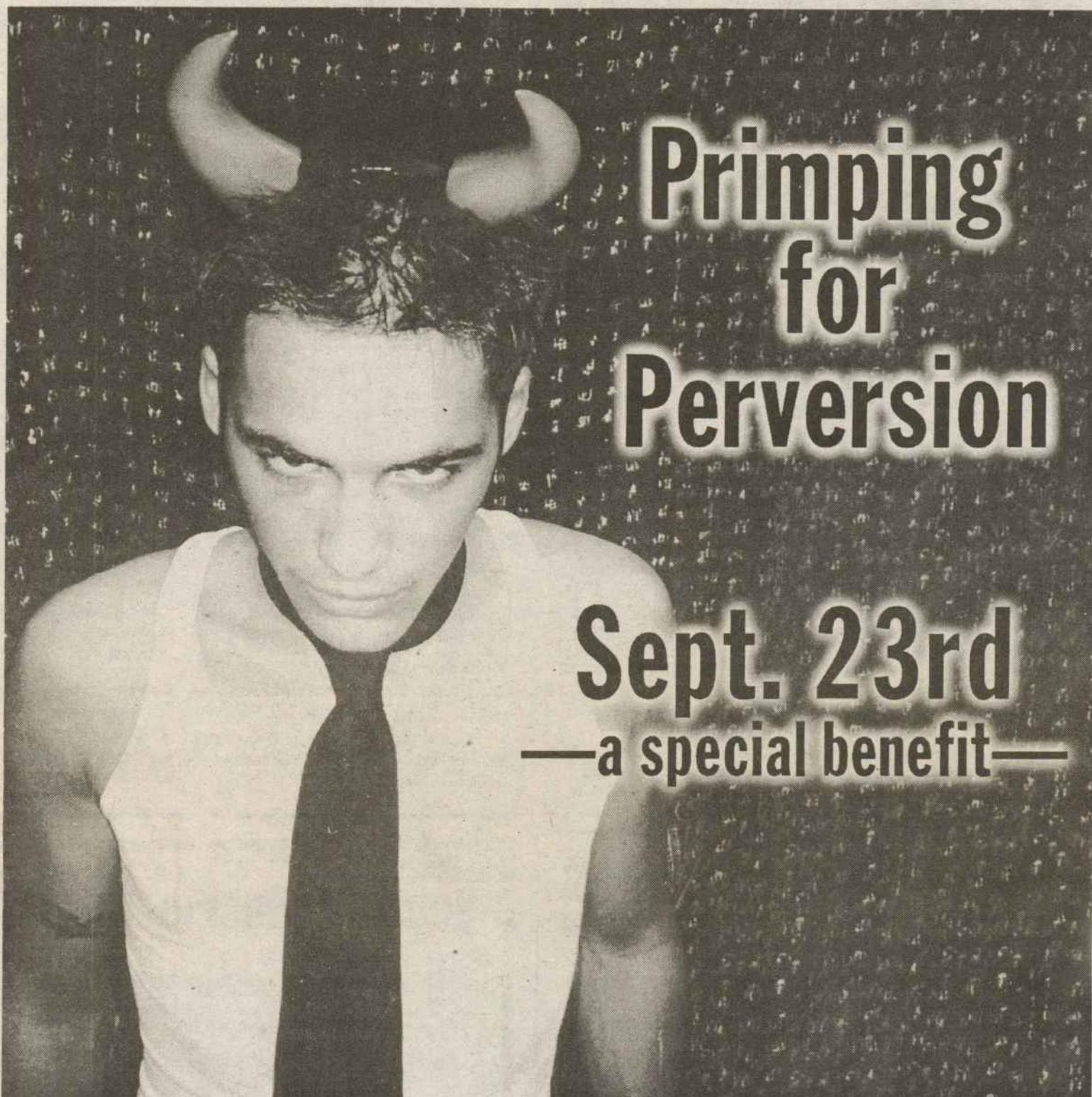
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Well Rounded

by Jamie



I told you in the last column about a new business I started. No, I won't shamelessly use this column as an advertisement but I've decided to start JME Services. Everyone I spoke to thought it was a great idea and that there was definitely a market for a handyman type service so I decided to give it a go. (I already have several jobs lined up.) I tossed around a few ideas and decided on something I have plenty of experience with. I have been doing this kind of work since I was 12 years old when my parents bought their home way up north in Wausauke.

The previous owners started to build a hunting lodge when the guy's health started to fail. So there it was: The "little house" that we lived in while we transformed the beginnings of a big hunting lodge into a home. We were willing to learn, we rarely hired anything out. The whole family helped in one way or the other. My job included running wire, blowing my first electrical circuit at 12 years old. I was afraid, but I learned a lesson on how to wire a circuit in a hurry. So here it is 20 years later with a lot more experience under my belt. I should really thank my parents for that experience 'cause it taught me how to be well rounded. Even if I decided to continue to work for someone else, being well rounded is more valuable than just knowing one particular field very well.

The reasons for this decision were many. To start with, I'm getting tired of punching someone else's time clock. Why am I going to work every day to make someone else more money? Why am I putting up with someone else's rules when I don't agree with all of them? Why am I not my own boss? Don't get me wrong, over the past eight years I have enjoyed my stay at my current 9-5.

Overall, they have been pretty good to me. I started out as an installer and now I'm the Operations Manager. As Operations Manager, I have reached the top of the ladder here. I'm sure as hell not going to get the VP title. That happens to be the president's ex-wife and I doubt she is going anywhere. (Actually, if she left I would probably leave as well. After all, she's the reason I didn't quit five years ago.) So the plan is to be well enough established on my own that by July 2001, I can clean out my desk and wish them the best. This date isn't set in stone, I'll just have to see how things go.

Have you heard the news? Za's has found a new home in Green Bay over at the historic **West Theatre**. They've got a lot of work to do to get the new place ready but **Mark** is hoping to have the place open for business by year's end. Until then, it's gonna be business as usual at their current Main Street location.

Speaking of Za's, the 1st annual **Mr. & Miss Teen Emerald City Pageant** was a great success. I hear, there were a bunch of young hotties there and I'm sure there were plenty of people drooling all over those boys. Speaking of drool, **Kandi Barr, Victoria Kelly, Shannon DuPree and Nannette Medved** competed recently for the **Miss Gay WI USofA At Large Pageant**. Pageant owners, **Dan E. Dance and Sean North** put together a fabulous pageant. Not bad

for being new owners. In the end, **Shannon DuPree** will hold the crown for the next 12 months. Congrats gurl!

Back here in Milwaukee, there have been **AIDS Walk** fund-raisers all over the place. **South Water Street Docks**, held theirs this past weekend with a motorcycle ride, raffles and of course drink specials. **Fluid** also held a fund-raiser that turned out to be lots of fun. (Like any party **Jim** and **Bill** have ever thrown isn't fun.) **Fluid** is also your Wednesday night home for \$2 shots of Cuervo and to wash it down, \$2 bottles of Corona. **Switch**'s fund-raiser included a \$7 food and beer bust that boasted a tasty BBQ. Nearly every gay bar in the state has been working hard to make this year's walk a big success. Kudos to all!

The **Boot Camp** celebrated their 16th anniversary with a big party on Sept. 16. Lots of people showed up to help **Si** celebrate and wish him well on the next 16 years.

I had a couple of friends tell me that they stopped over at the **Outpost Natural Foods WellnessFest 2000**. I'm told it was an "eclectic array of foods, fitness and fun." They run this event every year and from what I've heard, I think I'll make it a point to catch it next year.

Coming up ... September 23rd brings a few events for you to check out. The **Midtown Spa** is throwing a **Primping for Perversion Party**. **Club Boom** put together yet another **Underwear Party** that if you've been to them before, you know they're lots of fun. Out in Madison, the **Rainbow Room** will be hosting the **Shoosheena Comedy Carousel**. Sounds like a blast. Up in Green Bay the **Miss N.E.W.-USofA Pageant** will be held at **Za's**. This is the final preliminary before going to state.

The Packers finally won one against the Eagles recently. Winning makes it a lot easier to enjoy those **Packer Parties**. **Woody's, The Ball Game, The Rainbow Room, Club Boom** and others are all great places to catch the games.

If you're looking for something a little different, try joining **Wednesday Night Dart League** team... lots of fun.

The **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center** will be hosting an Out and Proud Celebration October 11th (National Coming Out Day) at the center. The celebration starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 8:00 p.m.

A variety show to benefit **AIDS Network, One Night Stand** will be in Madison at the Historic Orpheum Theatre, October 23rd. Tickets are only \$25, not a bad deal for an entire night of entertainment.

That's about it for this issue. I wanted to mention that with the presidential campaign heating up, I encourage you to vote ONLY if you know what your voting for. Take some time to find out what all candidates are about. Don't let someone else make that decision for you. Once again, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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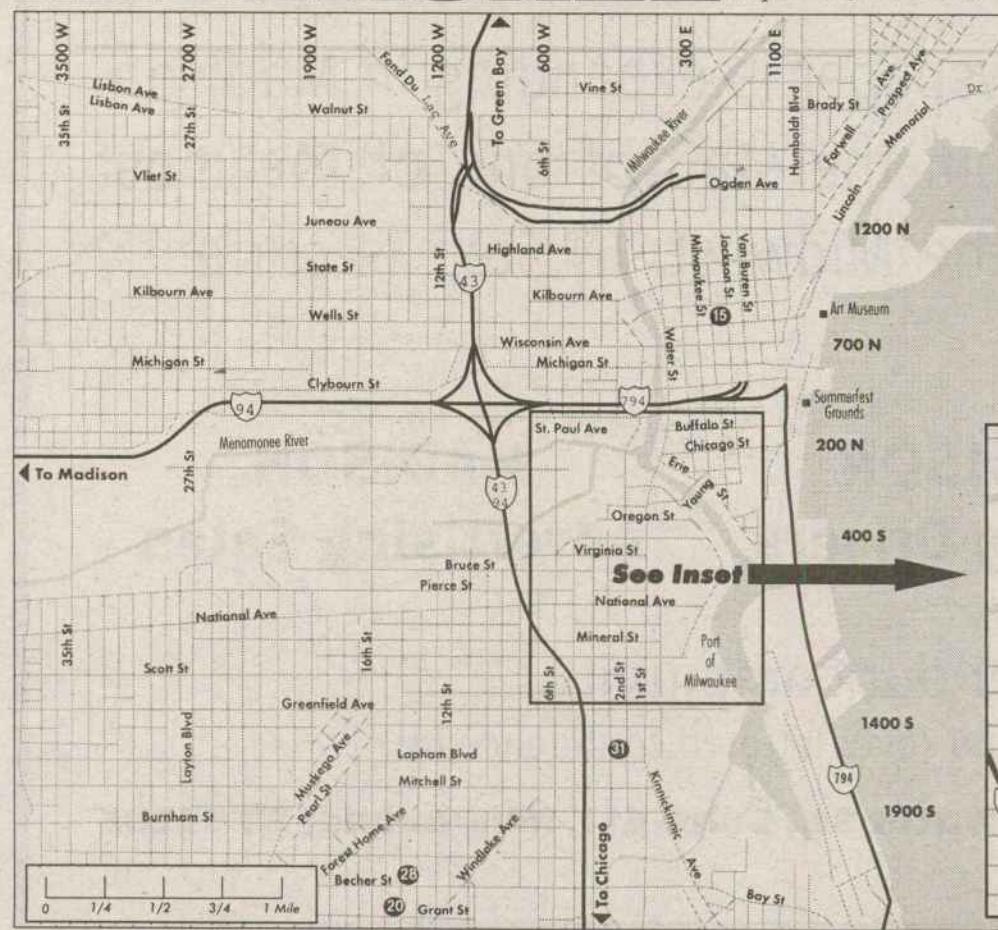
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207 E. Buffalo, 53202	964-9799	

Spa/Health Clubs

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

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	(715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200	
Joseph T. Choinacki, 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)		
P.O. 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		
Gay/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 C & I-94)		

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Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143
Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer)	657-5667
Hwy 20 Racine 53403	886-5111
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	2139 Racine St. (Hwy 32) Racine 53403
What About Me? (WM)	634-9804
600 6th St. Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	625 College, Racine 54303
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)	
201 80th St., Kenosha 53143	658-3555
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