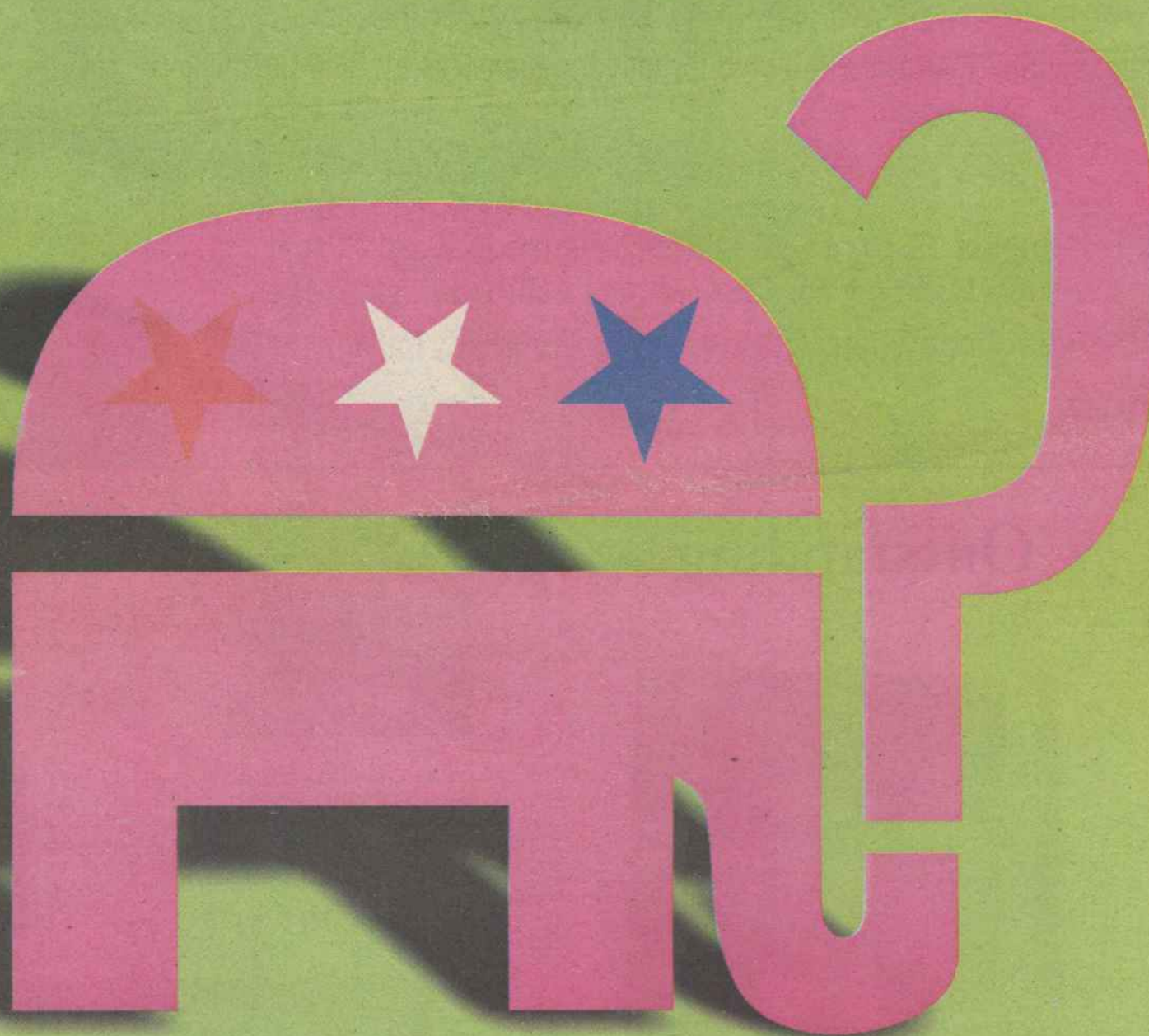




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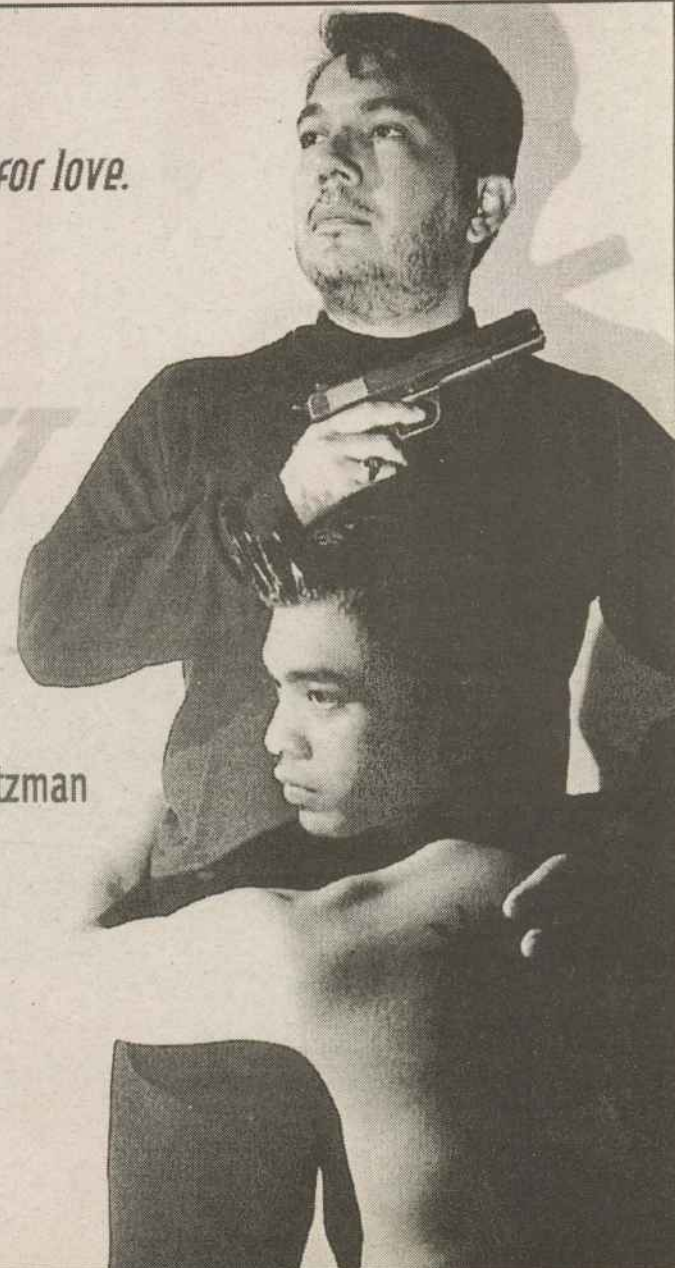
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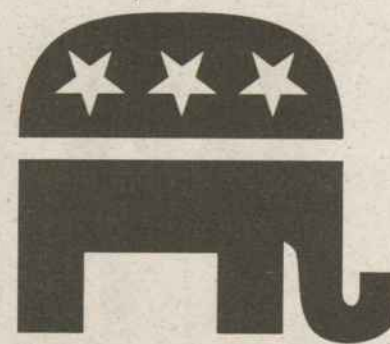
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# Oldest Living Transgender Delegate Tells All

By Mubarak Dahir

**W**hen 73-year-old Jane Fee works the floor of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles August 14 through 17, she will be pushing a political button as her calling card. In the world of political conventions, slogan-laden pins emblazoned with the faces of candidates have become common currency. But anyone who happens to get hold of one of the thousand buttons Fee had made up just for the occasion might want to hang onto it. It could well turn into an historical footnote as well as a collector's item.



In the middle of the white, two-and-a-quarter inch round button will be a one-inch photo of Fee. Her name will frame her headshot, with "Jane" to the left, "Fee" to the right. Words inked beneath her visage will tell onlookers she is part of the Minnesota delegation at the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

But what makes the button—and Jane Fee—so unusual and perhaps historic is the declaration printed above her picture. There, in a combination of red and black lettering, will be the message, "1st Transgender."

Jane Fee says she is the first openly transgender delegate to any national political convention.

Mark Spengler, director of gay and lesbian outreach for the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C., said he was unaware of any previous, openly transgender delegates. Spokespersons for the National Stonewall Democratic Foundation, the national organization of gay and lesbian Democrats, and the Victory Fund, a bipartisan organization that works to elect openly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to office, also said they knew of no former transgender delegates.

"I'm not going there to hide," Fee says of her inspiration to fashion the buttons. "And I thought this would be a unique way to broach the subject."

She has little doubt she will be well received by her peers there. "The Democratic party tries very hard to be representative of all the minorities," she says optimistically.

Many minorities, however, report difficulty working their way up through state party politics because of local discrimination. Accordingly, in the past few years the national Democratic party has made a practice of appointing to the Democratic National Committee numerous minorities, including gays and lesbians, who might otherwise be left behind at the state level. DNC appointees then become automatic "super-delegates" to the Democratic convention.

But no such massaging was necessary for Fee. She was elected by her fellow state Democrats. During the Minnesota Democratic convention held earlier this year, 1800 convention attendees cast votes for 16 at-large delegates who would join the state's contingent at the national convention. Out of a field of 94 candidates, Fee won one of the 16 at-large seats.

Fee says her victory is not surprising in a state with anti-discrimination laws so progressive they go the extra step to cover transgender people, rather than stopping at gays and lesbians, like many do.

But she acknowledges Minnesota's atmosphere of acceptance is the exception rather than the rule. That's one reason she wants to go to Los Angeles.

"I hope the contact I have with other people there will end up in a better understanding of [the transgender community]," she says. "Through the contact others may have with me, I hope they realize there are people just like me in their own states."

Despite her previous words of praise for the Democratic party's commitment to diversity, she admits transgender people sometimes have difficulty getting their issues taken seriously. The two most important transgender issues she will carry to the convention, she says, are the inclusion of transgender people in the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, and the need for laws to outlaw discrimination against transgender people seeking medical care.

Otherwise, however, she insists "most of my issues are just like the average person's. I'm interested in Social Security, Medicare, world trade, fair labor practices, good education, affordable housing. My issues aren't really different than anyone else's."

If her concerns are universal, her journey has been singular.

For the first 62 years of life, this World War II veteran lived life as a man, marrying and fathering two children. Through a second marriage, he raised two additional stepchildren, working hard as the vice president of a multinational industrial electronics corporation.

Though his body told others he was male, he knew by 17 his mind was that of a woman's. But it was a different era.

"I wanted a family, and to do that then, I had to live as a man," Fee says. "And in order to have a good job in those days, I had to work as a man. That's just the way it was."

In 1989, at age 62, Fee retired. "After thinking about what I was going to do with the rest of my life, I decided, 'Hey! You have always wanted to be this other person. What's to stop you now? This is the time to do it!'"

Divorced, with adult children living out-of-state, Fee felt "I'd fulfilled all my obligations as a male."

Though it might seem a difficult decision to make at such a late stage, Fee says her age was actually an asset. "It became easier because I was shed of those responsibilities I previously had. When I became responsible just for myself, some risk-taking became possible." Fee decided against surgery, but underwent female hormone therapy.

Fee says her four children and ten grandchildren (five biological, five step children, and ranging in age from younger than a year to 26 years old) "are OK with it. Of course, the grandchildren wish I wasn't [transgendered] so they could point to their grandfather as being like all the other kids'. And I'm a bit different," she laughs. "My children—well, they say they couldn't have any better role model as a parent, but they don't go around bragging about me [being transgender]."

Fee says her family's hesitation has "nothing to do with me, really. They're just worried what other people will think of them."

Lee shed those fears 11 years ago. Soon after her transition, she appeared on Sally Jesse Raphael in an episode titled, "Grandpa Wears Skirts."

"From the beginning of the transition I decided to be open because I'd hid it for 62 years," she explains. "I had created my own imprisonment, and it felt like I had suddenly been released. Now, I can be totally honest with others and myself."

In comparison, coming out on a political button seems rather easy.

# Plea Bargain in Barron Gay Murder Case

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Barron, Wis.** — One of the pair charged with the brutal murder of Michael J. Hatch last October pleaded guilty to first-degree intentional homicide in a surprise motion heard August 1 here.

Twenty one year-old Corey L. Krawlewski of Barron made the plea as part of a bargain made with Barron County district attorney James Babler. In exchange for Krawlewski's testimony against Raymond C. Walton, 33, Babler announced that he would not seek a parole eligibility date in Krawlewski's sentencing.

The plea bargain in effect allows that Krawlewski could be sentenced to life imprisonment but be eligible for parole after serving 13 years and four months of that sentence.

No sentencing date for Krawlewski was set by Judge James Eaton following the plea. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Krawlewski remains incarcerated in the Barron County jail.

Krawlewski had been scheduled to go on trial on August 7 with a jury from neighboring Polk County. The out of county jury request had been granted due to the large amount of pre-trial publicity in the case.

Krawlewski's testimony is seen as crucial in the case against Walton, who was also charged in late July with a hate crime enhancer in the Hatch murder. No trial date has yet been set for Walton on the enhanced charges. Walton remains incarcerated at the Dodge Correctional Institution on a parole supervision violation for an unrelated incident.

A third party in the murder, Mary C. Reed, 34, of Barron, was sentenced last March to 2 years in prison for destroying evidence in the crime. Reed had assisted the two men in washing blood from tire irons used in the murder.

According to the criminal complaint, Hatch was murdered in the early hours of October 20 following an evening of pub crawling in several Barron taverns with Krawlewski, Walton and Reed. The complaint charges Walton with being the master mind in the scheme to lure Hatch to an abandoned homestead near the Barron-Dunn County line. There the men argued and Hatch was beaten to death with tire irons.

Although the initial motive may have been to steal \$40 which Hatch had won in a tavern poker machine, the complaint alleges anti-gay slurs were voiced during the commission of the murder. Conflicting reports exist as to which of the men rendered the fatal blows.

The addition of the hate crime enhancer to Walton's charges has caught the attention of one of the state's largest papers. In a front page story published Sunday, August 6, Susan Lampert Smith of Madison's Wisconsin State Journal suggested that there were similarities between Hatch's death and that of Matthew Shepard. The story repeated information published in November, 1999 by *IN Step*.

# Illinois Man Sentenced in Slaying of Popular Milwaukee Gay Man

By William Attewell

**Chicago** — Patrick Baily, 35, of Des Plaines, Illinois was sentenced to 62 years in prison on July 21 for the brutal 1998 murder of Milwaukeean William "Billy" Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum had traveled to Chicago on July 24, 1998 and, according to press reports, was last seen at The Eagle, a popular Chicago night club on the city's north side. Rosenbaum later accompanied Baily to the Eden's Motel at 6020 N. Cicero Ave. where the murder took place in the early morning hours of July 25.

Police used information from the motel's register to arrest Baily. He was later charged with first degree murder. Baily initially confessed to the crime and

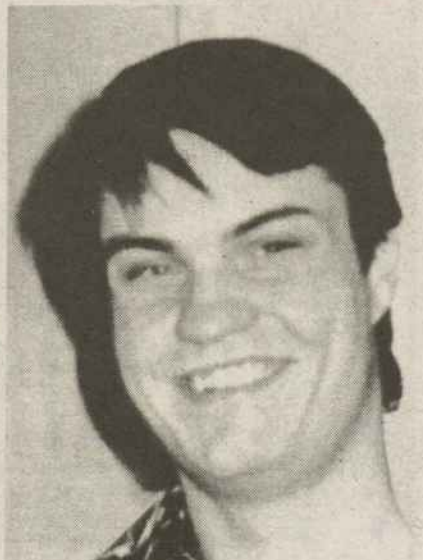
later recanted. He then requested a jury trial. After several months and a series of postponements, Baily finally plead guilty to the murder on June 19 of this year.

Prior to imposing sentence, courtroom reports indicate that Judge Evelyn Clay was especially disturbed by the brutal nature of the crime. Rosenbaum was strangled from behind with a belt, stabbed numerous times, bludgeoned and his body mutilated.

At sentencing, Baily did not apologize for his crime, but simply stated, "I never meant for this to happen."

Baily had no prior criminal history and could be released from prison in 31 years.

Born in 1965, Rosenbaum was well-known in Wisconsin's gay community. At the time of his death he lived in St. Francis



William "Billy" Rosenbaum

and was enrolled as a full-time student at UW-Milwaukee. Rosenbaum had hoped to become a medical researcher.



## Man Who Killed Two Lesbians Given Death Penalty

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — A jury has sentenced Eric Running, 49, to death for killing Jaqueline Anderson, his ex-girlfriend, and Barbara Gilpin, whom Anderson was having an affair with.

In front of more than a dozen witnesses, Running went to a club where the two women were playing pool in 1998 and shot first Gilpin, then Anderson twice each with a shotgun.

The jury had already rejected Running's defense of temporary insanity in the killings.

In an attempt to convince the jury not to hand down a death sentence, Running had told them "legalized murder is still murder" and read a poem he had written in jail eulogizing Anderson as "a princess of light."

But prosecutors also told the jury about Running's long criminal record on a variety of felonies and brought in several women Running had attacked or terrorized in the past, including his former wife.

## 'Dr Laura' Hit With Protest and More Pulled Ads

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.** — Some 300 people rallied outside KARE television in the Minneapolis suburb of Golden Valley to protest the station's decision to air the "Dr Laura Schlessinger Show" this September.

Schlessinger has for months been the subject of protests by gay rights activists because of her condemnations of homosexuality as "deviant" and a "biological error" on her syndicated radio program. But a spokesperson for KARE-TV said they purchased the show without knowing she held such "controversial views."

Meanwhile, Sears Roebuck & Company has announced it is pulling its ads on Schlessinger's talk show.

Sears was also joined in dropping its Schlessinger ads by the Ohio State Lottery where officials said they didn't want to be associated with the controversial program.

## Streisand & Shields to Do 'Family' Film

**TORONTO** — Brooke Shields will star in a made-for-television film as a lesbian mom fighting for the custody of her child after her partner dies, according to a report in Variety.

The film will be produced for cable's Lifetime Network by Barbra Streisand and will feature openly lesbian actress Cherry Jones as Shields' partner and Whoopi Goldberg in a supporting role.

The film, which is scheduled to begin shooting later in August, is titled "What Makes a Family."

## Armey Accused of Anti-Gay Joke

**Philadelphia** — House Majority Leader Dick Armey was accused in early August of making an anti-gay remark at a GOP national convention built around a message of tolerance and inclusion. Armey, (R-Irving), made a joke to six journalists at a late-night party at the expense of Rep. Barney Frank, (D-Mass.), who is openly gay, Cox News Service reported.

An Armey spokeswoman said that Armey's remarks were taken out of context and were not anti-gay. It was the second time

**"YES, I AM DICK ARMEY. AND IF THERE IS A DICK ARMY, BARNEY FRANK WOULD WANT TO JOIN UP."**

Armey has drawn notice for remarks involving Frank's sexual orientation.

According to one journalist who witnessed the latest remark, Miami Herald columnist Dave Barry asked, "Are you really Dick Armey?" the news service reported.

Armey replied: "Yes, I am Dick Armey. And if there is a dick army, Barney Frank would want to join up," the news service reported.

The report cited an eyewitness account from political cartoonist Mike Luckovich of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, which is owned by Cox Newspapers.

Michele Davis, the Armey spokeswoman, confirmed that the Texan made the remark about Frank, but she disputed the context.

Armey, irritated by persistent jokes about his name, simply wanted to beat the journalists to the pun, Davis said.

"There were six or seven people there, and they were talking all at once," she said. "He did not make a joke. They made the joke, and he completed the joke. He was just getting it over with because it was such a bad joke. It was like, 'Heard it all before, let's get it over with.'"

Frank could not be reached for comment.

Mindy Tucker, a spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, said that she was not aware of the remark.

A spokesman for Log Cabin Republicans, a national group of gay Republicans, also said he was unaware of it.

Log Cabin members and other gay Republicans have said there is a new willingness by the GOP presidential nominee to accept them.

Bush selected the party's only openly gay member of Congress, Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona, to speak at the GOP Convention.

In 1995, Armey said he accidentally pronounced Frank's name "Barney Fag" in a radio interview.

He apologized to Frank for the verbal "stumble."

In 1998, Mr. Armey said he believes homosexuality is a sin, a comment that drew fire from gay rights groups.

In Washington, leaders of the Human Rights Campaign, the country's largest gay and lesbian political organization accused Mr. Bush of giving "tacit approval" to convention behavior they termed anti-gay. Specifically, they objected to some Texas delegates who bowed their heads when Kolbe spoke.

Replied Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan: "We tolerate different opinions and different forms of speech, and we feel that makes our party stronger."

## Lesbian Mom Appeals N.J. Custody Ruling to Supreme Court

**Trenton, N.J.** — The lesbian mother of 5-year-old twins has filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court of a New Jersey state supreme court ruling in an effort to prevent her ex-partner from visitation rights with the children they helped rear together.

In April, the New Jersey high court unanimously ruled that the former partner, known in court records only as "VC," was essentially a "psychological parent" of the twins and gave her visiting rights. The court also ruled that the birth mother, known as "MJB," could not unilaterally break the bond the children have with VC. "VC and MJB are essentially equal," the court ruled. "Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins."

MJB has appealed that New Jersey ruling to the nation's high court in an effort to overturn the decision.

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# Did The GOP Reach Out To Gays?

By Rex Wockner



**Philadelphia** — It was a kinder, gentler, more inclusive Republican National Convention -- so polished that more than one commentator called it an "infomercial." In the media tents, everyone professed to be bored.

Did the GOP reach out to gays? Well, yes and no.

On the one hand, the party platform denounces gay rights, gay Boy Scouts, gay marriage and gay adoption. However, much of that language was re-inserted by hardline right-wingers after moderates had succeeded in removing it with George W. Bush's blessing.

On the other hand, Bush and the GOP alienated some right-wingers by sending the GOP's only openly gay congressman, Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona, to the convention podium in prime time to speak on trade issues. Several Texas delegates were so offended that they took off their cowboy hats, placed them over their hearts, bowed their heads and prayed.

"We were praying for Kolbe, for this nation, for Governor Bush," said Ernest Murry of San Marcos, Tex. "We made a firm stand in this party as far as lifestyles."

Fundamentalist Christian spokesman Pat Robertson refused to denounce Kolbe's appearance, however.

"We want to help gay people and encourage them to succeed," he said. "And so here's a man who succeeded as a congressman and ... I'm for free trade so I suppose that his message will resonate with the convention. Am I going to stand there with a placard to say keep him off the program? No way. It's just one of those things. This is a decision of the Bush campaign. They don't want anybody in the Democratic party to criticize them that they're not inclusive."

Fundamentalist Christian spokesman Jerry Falwell added: "This is a political party, not a church. ... Arizona Rep. Jim Kolbe, who is homosexual, gave an excellent speech on the GOP's trade efforts. It would be fruitless for conservative Christians to turn a deaf ear to his words simply because we disagree with his sexual predilection."

Earlier in the day at a gay reception, Kolbe joked to a throng of reporters: "I never knew there was such an interest in trade by the media. ... I think it sends a real message of inclusiveness that Governor Bush would select me since I have been a McCain supporter before."

After his convention address, Kolbe commented, "Including somebody like myself who is gay is just one more indication that the party is reaching out to everybody, and that's what it should be doing."

## Mary Matalin

The GOP also sent Republican strategist Mary Matalin of CNN's "Crossfire" program around town with a message of Republican gay inclusiveness.

Following a Log Cabin Republicans/Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund/Human Rights Campaign reception for 300 Republican politicians and gay delegates and activists, Matalin told this reporter: "The epiphany for me is that people have some objection to homosexuality. They say it somehow hurts the traditional family. How? I'm advocating

what I know to be the conservative philosophy. If you respect the individual, if you're about individual liberties and freedoms and all that stuff, you can't say, 'Except for that group or except for that person.' It's just so unjust and so unfair and so illogical. Illogic and unfairness offend me."

Matalin added that she favors gay marriage "because it's logical."

"You want to reduce promiscuity, you want to enhance stability — duh, marriage, OK?" she said.

Gays have felt unwelcome in the Republican party, Matalin said, because "we shut them out. We turned out our hearts. That can happen no more — that the loud voice of a few suffocates the big voice of the many," she said. "Our gathering here [at this reception] does mark, hopefully permanently, the end of the culture-wars rhetoric."

Several gay-friendly Republicans made stops at gay events during the week. U.S. Rep. Connie Morelia of Maryland told one gathering, "I'm a supporter of an inclusive Republican party."

U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell of California said, "It is easy to stand up for the principle that government should not discriminate on the basis of orientation."

U.S. Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont said: "I'm from Vermont so I don't really need to say anything more than that. Vermont has said, under our common-benefits provision, that everyone is entitled to the protection of the law that have a lasting relationship and want to enjoy life together."

Some delegates also did not hesitate to voice support for gays. Sharon Greenhouse of Boca Raton, Fla., told this reporter: "Only a few Republicans are right-wing extremists. I am a Republican because of my basic beliefs in the party. I'm a fiscal conservative and a social moderate. Being a Republican is also allowing everyone to come into the party. It's a big tent. I wish more would realize that."

Indeed, there were 19 openly gay delegates this year, up from six in 1996 and two in 1992.

"This convention makes it dramatically clear that we are inside the tent," said Log Cabin spokesman Kevin Ivers.

## Mary Cheney

One gay Republican who's certainly inside is vice-presidential nominee Dick Cheney's daughter Mary.

She attended the convention and appeared on stage with the candidates' families following Bush's acceptance

speech the final evening. It was not immediately clear if her life partner, Heather Poe, was present. Mary Cheney declined all requests for interviews.

On the convention's final day, there were a smattering of unconfirmed reports that Mary Cheney will formally join the Cheney campaign staff.

"We understand they [Dick and Mary Cheney] love each other very much," said Human Rights Campaign (HRC) spokesman David Smith. "She often times goes on trips with him and they're very close. Both her parents have known that she's gay since the early 90s. She lives with her partner and I understand her and her partner go over to the home quite often, they get along as a family. The parents are comfortable with it and so is she."

"The crux of it is, it's going to focus attention on Bush's anti-gay policy positions, and Cheney is going to look quite mean if he comes out and says: 'Yeah, I support a law that bans my daughter from adopting a child. I don't support a law that would protect my daughter from discrimination,'" Smith said.

HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch added: "Mary Cheney is a bright and articulate woman. She is highly impressive. The issue will be whether she is locked away in a vault in terms of her public-policy positions that are well-known."

Until recently, Cheney worked for the Coors brewery as the head of its gay and lesbian outreach efforts.

"I talked to her," Birch said. "I told her we wanted to be supportive and that I felt that merely directing all inquiries to the campaign was not going to work for very long because this is a radar-jamming moment where with someone with a record like Dick Cheney's, it is remarkable and interesting that he has such a dynamic daughter. She cut her teeth on advocating for gay Americans as consumers. She's a quasi-public figure. The press will want to write about that."

Dick Cheney's record on gay issues includes supporting the military gay ban and voting against the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in 1988 as a congressman. George W. Bush is on record opposing job protections for gay people and gay adoption. He scuttled hate-crime legislation in Texas and has vowed to abolish the position of White House liaison to the gay community.

In an interview with journalist Cokie Roberts, Dick Cheney's wife, Lynne, seemingly attempted to shove Mary back in the closet. When Roberts said Mary is an open

lesbian, Lynne shot back: "Mary has never declared such a thing. I would like to say that I'm appalled at the media interest in one of my daughters. I have two wonderful daughters. I love them very much. They are bright; they are hard-working; they are decent. And I simply am not going to talk about their personal lives. And I'm surprised, Cokie, that even you would want to bring it up on this program."

But Mary has declared such a thing, repeatedly. For instance, she told *Girlfriends* magazine, "The reason I came to work here [at Coors] is because I knew several other lesbians who were very happy here."

Strategist Matalin acknowledged Mary Cheney's sexual orientation and told this reporter: "Mary Cheney knows how to speak knowledgeably, reasonably, calmly and confidently on gay issues and [she] has. I hope she does. I don't know what her demands for privacy will be."

## The Grand Dichotomy

Despite the many gay firsts at this year's convention, HRC's Smith said gays still would be unwise to vote for Bush and Cheney.

"The Republican Party is changing slowly but somewhat surely," he said. "But we're definitely concerned about George Bush's anti-gay policy positions that he's articulated as governor of Texas and during the primaries. We feel that he obviously would not be a good choice for president. We're going to actively work against him."

HRC's Birch added: "The story for this convention is the grand dichotomy. Here you have a presidential candidate who finally has one meeting with a group of gay Republicans, and yet there's this restoration of mean-spirited, out-of-date, dinosaur [anti-gay] language in the platform. For an institution that is trying to argue that its edges are softening and that it is a larger, wider tent, it's looking more like a pup tent of exclusion, when you look only at the platform."

Following his April meeting with gays, Bush said: "The meeting was a wide-ranging discussion on issues. I'm a better person for the meeting. I enjoyed it. I welcome gay Americans into my campaign."

"I want the Republicans, conservative Republicans, to understand we judge people based upon their heart and soul, that's what the campaign is about," he said. "And while we disagree on gay marriage, for example, we agree on a lot of other issues and it's important for people to hear that. ... These are individuals who've got interesting stories to tell and it's important for the next president to listen to people's real-life stories. These are people from our neighborhoods, people with whom all of us went to school, people who generally care about America, and I appreciate them sharing their stories with me. And I'm mindful that we're all God's children."

In the final analysis, the ongoing assimilation of gays and lesbians into the American mainstream and the many pro-gay positions of the Democratic party clearly have steered the Republican party toward a less-hostile relationship with the gay and lesbian community. The advances this year have been real and tangible.

If the ball keeps bouncing in the same direction — as all indicators suggest — it should not be too terribly long before the Republicans throw in the towel and treat homosexuals the same as they do racial, ethnic and religious minorities. The signposts were many in Philly that this is exactly where the GOP is headed.



Mary Cheney, center, on stage at the Republican National Convention with the candidates' families following George W. Bush's acceptance speech. Her dad, Dick Cheney, the vice-presidential nominee, is to the left. Photo by Rex Wockner.



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## world briefs

Gay Day Held At  
Tokyo Disneyland

**Tokyo** — Some 3,000 homosexuals attended the first Lesbian & Gay Day at Tokyo Disneyland July 30, reported the Japan Times.

Many wore red T-shirts with the slogan "July Pride 2000."

The day was organized by gay journalist Shigenobu Umeki.

"I believe places like Disneyland, which is such a healthy, bright, family-oriented and commercial atmosphere, are the hardest ones for gays to become completely open about themselves," he said. "The event is an attempt to get away from the usual nightclub events into places under the bright sunshine without hiding their sexual identity."

Public Sex Is  
OK Sometimes

**Brisbane, Australia** — A man arrested for receiving oral sex from another man in a Brisbane, Australia, park got his case dismissed last week after a Magistrates Court ruled that the act did not take place in public since the public could not have seen it.

According to the Courier-Mail, Magistrate Elizabeth Hall ruled that, unlike the police, ordinary citizens do not customarily walk around darkened parks shining flashlights on other people.

"The police officers would not have seen the behavior before the torches were switched on," she said. "In my view, there is no case to answer because the prosecution did not produce any evidence to show that any member of the public could have seen it."

## ILGA Meets In Rome

**Rome** — The International Lesbian and Gay Association, a consortium of hundreds of gay organizations from around the globe, staged its annual conference in Rome in conjunction with the recent World Pride Rome 2000 celebration.

According to spokesman Harold Kooden, "Since the conference was only for three days, it focused primarily on maximizing ILGA's work in the regions, networking, and furthering its influence in world conferences."

New member groups attended from Latvia, Pakistan, Albania and the Philippines.

Kooden said ILGA is "progressing with our efforts for reinstatement as a non-governmental organization in the United Nations."

ILGA lost UN consultative status in the mid-1990s after anti-gay U.S. politicians revealed that not all of ILGA's member groups oppose sexual contact between adults and persons below the world's varying ages of consent, which range from 12 to 21.

The UN demanded that ILGA prove it

is pedophile-free, which the association has been unable to do because of the internal politics of some of its hundreds of member organizations.

Kooden said finances "are still a constant problem for ILGA."

"Our work is still being done by volunteers and only two staff people who are not paid full-time," he said.

For more information: [ilga@ilga.org](mailto:ilga@ilga.org).

Lesbians Edited From  
Japanese Cartoon

**Ottawa** — A lesbian relationship has been removed from the North American version of the Japanese television cartoon series "Sailor Moon," reported Ottawa, Canada's Capital Xtra!

Optimum Productions, the Ontario company in charge of the English-language version of the show, said it made the change in accord with guidelines of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission.

But a spokesman for the CRTC said the agency has no guidelines on gay content in children's programming.

In the third of "Sailor Moon's" five seasons on Japanese TV the lesbian couple Uranus and Neptune debuted. In the English version of the program, they have been dubbed and edited into cousins.

In addition, another character, Zoicite, has been changed from male to female by Optimum Productions due to broadcasters' fears that viewers would intuit a gay relationship between Zoicite and the character Malachite, Xtra! said.

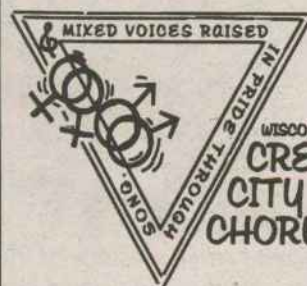
Airplane Targets  
Dr. Laura

**Vancouver** — The Stop Dr. Laura Vancouver Campaign hired an airplane to fly over the gay-pride parade for two hours Aug. 6. It pulled a banner reading "Shame on BCTV: Intolerance Kills."

"Dr. Laura, who is not a qualified medical doctor at all, says gays are 'biological errors,'" said Colin Brownlee, organizer of the flyover. "That kind of rhetoric gives free reign to homophobes and gay bashers — and it creates the kind of background environment of intolerance that causes gay kids to hate themselves and commit suicide."

Schlessinger also has called gays "abnormal," "aberrant," "deviant," "disordered" and "dysfunctional."

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## The Legacy of Abuse

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

I was shopping recently when I saw a woman hit her child with such force that he fell to the ground. I could see his physical and emotional pain, and I couldn't help but say something to her. Later wishing that I had said something different than what I did, I would have liked to be more compassionate to both of them. I wish I told her that she must be having a hard day and offered her my assistance. In other words, I should have realized that she is not only the abuser but also the abused.



Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

Unable to let the incident go, I pointed out to the person I was shopping with that I was never hit as a child and furthermore was never abused. He replied that I was abused, if not by my parents, then certainly by the people around me.

When I asked him what he meant, he asked me what were you taught to believe about being gay as a child? I thought about what I was subjected to as a child by classmates. And even before I knew what "gay" meant, I was called "fag" and was teased for being different.

I later realized that indeed I was abused by people who wanted me to be different than who I was. Were you also abused? Were you boys told not to act sissy? Were you told you should toughen up? Were you beaten or teased? Were you girls told to stop acting like your brother? Were you told to be more lady-like? Were you put down for being different?

One by-product of this is abuse is that as adults, we often become our own abusers. To compensate for feeling inferior, did you become a perfectionist? Have you tried to please others instead of yourself? Perhaps you have just given up trying altogether.

The purpose of identifying our past mistreatment as abuse is not to label ourselves victims. Just the opposite: giving it the name

Abuse frees us because you can recognize it, discover how it has affected you, and learn new tools to deal with it.

In order to recognize it and learn how it has affected you, any time you put another person down who is different from yourself — heterosexuals, gay men, different ethnicities, lesbians, bi's, transies, etc. — you are most likely acting out emotional pain by striking back. You are also most likely overcompensating for feeling less-than by making yourself feel superior.

Furthermore, if you abuse yourself by taking steroids to get bigger, excessively drink and drug, or are involved in violent or emotionally harmful relationships, you are also most likely self-abusing and crying for help.

To begin to deal with it, you can say: I was abused for being LGBT, and it my self-defeating behavior is a by-product of former abuse. You can also say: Given my former abuse for being LGBT, of course I've acted this way. Who wouldn't?

Part of our healing, as for the woman who struck her child, is to recognize that many of us have become our abusers not only of ourselves, but of others. I have counseled many LGBT people who replay the internalized messages that they learned as children. They embodied their former abusers by sabotaging success, subverting relationships, hurting other people, and taking on other signs of being abused for being LGBT.

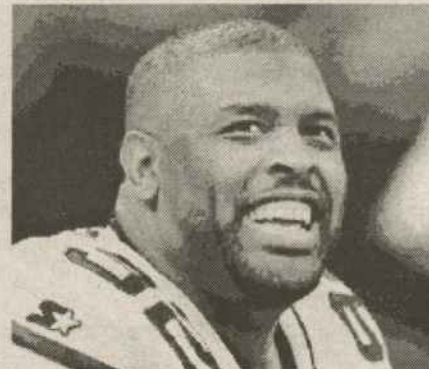
Other ways to deal with it include looking at the roots of current problems, gaining insight by linking the past with current circumstances in your life, and learning new ways to communicate your thoughts and feelings to others. In the meantime, you can put the label on our past abuse and empower yourself to call it what it is, taking good care of your body and mind, and refusing to willfully hurt others.

## Q health

## Reggie White Returns to Football — and Homophobia

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** — Former Green Bay Packers star Reggie White has ended the latest of his string of retirements from pro football by joining the Carolina Panthers according to the Charlotte [N.C.] Observer.

White quickly returned to his familiar anti-gay rhetoric by taking time out from the Panthers' training



Reggie White

camp to tell reporters he doesn't have anything personally against homosexuals — he just hates sin.

In 1998 White stunned Wisconsin legislators with a rambling, hourlong speech in which he said homosexuals shouldn't be given civil right protections because they aren't a race — embroidering his remarks with comments about Asians, Hispanics, blacks and whites that many said were offensive.

CBS later ended his contract as a sports commentator because of his anti-gay remarks, and he lost endorsement agreements with several national consumer goods companies for the same reason.

## Fla. Cities Consider Cutting Boy Scout Support

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — Tim Smith, vice mayor of Fort Lauderdale, says he will oppose city funding for the Boy Scouts because of the youth group's anti-gay policies.

"I don't think gays and lesbians are a danger to our children," Smith told the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel and called the scouting leadership's refusal to admit gays "mean spirited."

"It's divisive, and I don't think the city should be a part of it," Smith said. "It's prejudiced and it's discriminatory."

The city commission is slated to take up next fiscal year's budget — which includes a requested \$10,000 grant to the Boy Scouts — this September.

Earlier in the week, Wilton Manors council member Gary Resnick is reported to have asked the city attorney there to prepare an ordinance that would bar city funding of organizations that discriminate because of sexual orientation.

Resnick quickly agreed that the point of the proposed new law was mainly the Boy Scouts, following a recent Supreme Court decision that narrowly allowed the youth group the right to exclude any classes of people it wanted to.

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## group notes

### Riverwest Rainbow Assn. Picnic Aug. 12

**Milwaukee** — The Riverwest Rainbow Association (RRA) will hold its 5th annual potluck picnic on Saturday, August 12 from 2-4 p.m. at Kern Park (at Humboldt Blvd. and E. Keefe), Area #4 (rain location: Riverwest Art Center, Fratney and Auer).

All LGBTs, neighbors, friends and allies are welcome to attend. There is no need to be a member of the RRA. Because the picnic is a potluck, please bring your own creation plus a meat or vegetarian meal to share. Plans include playing bocci ball and volleyball, tossing water balloons at a hottie or your significant other, and playing other games you bring along.

People attending can also become official card-carrying members of the Riverwest Rainbow Association (\$10 per individual, \$15 per household) and elect steering committee members.

Enjoy and support the group that sponsors quarterly socials, a monthly book club, political clout, and neighborhood involvement in Milwaukee's Riverwest. For more information, call (414) 225-1645.

### "Le Bear Weekend" Set for Aug. 25-27

**Milwaukee** — The Brew City Bears is a men's social group whose purpose is to promote friendship and social acceptance of big men, bear men and their admirers within and outside the gay community.

The Brew City Bears sponsors monthly club events, bar related and non-bar related. Members are encouraged to be active in planning and implementation of club events to the extent each member feels comfortable in doing so.

The major event of Brew City Bears is "Le Bear Weekend," an opportunity for bears and their admirers from around the country to gather in Milwaukee to enjoy all that our city has to offer. Special events include river boat micro-brewery tours,

picnics, sightseeing, nightlife excursions and tours of Milwaukee's cultural hotspots.

"Le Bear - 2000" will be held August 25-27, with the Park East Hotel acting as the host hotel. Call the Bearline at (414) 299-0401 or consult the group's web site at [www.brewcitybears.org](http://www.brewcitybears.org) for further details.

### HIV Couples Support Group at Community Center

**Milwaukee** — The LGBT Community Center is sponsoring an eight-week discussion/support group, Embracing Our Truth, for gay men currently in a serodiscordant (one positive, one negative partner) relationship. Four to six couples are sought as participants for this group.

Facilitated by John Meier and Patrick Price, the group will meet Sundays from 4:30pm to 6pm beginning on September 10 and running through October 29.

The sessions will address:

How HIV status contributes to identity. Issues of fear and trust about a partner. How the difference in HIV status affects sexual intimacy and emotional stability. How HIV status detracts from as well as enhances the beauty of the relationship. How a couple can renew a sense of commitment to each other and to one's own life.

These important questions (and others) for a gay couple in a serodiscordant relationship will be explored throughout the eight weeks.

Couples interested in participating should contact the LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656 and ask for Kathy.

### ACHOICE Funding Federation Seeks New Members

**Milwaukee** — ACHOICE, a 19-year old federation of social and environmental change organizations, is now accepting applications for membership. Interested

groups must be current 501(c)3 organizations and registered with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ACHOICE was founded in 1981 and raises funds through workplace giving campaigns to support local social and environmental change groups. ACHOICE agencies actively work to solve serious social problems in Milwaukee by creating solutions through education, prevention, advocacy and the direct participation of those affected.

ACHOICE currently has 43 member agencies, among them the Wisconsin Humane Society, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Wisconsin Citizen Action, Hope House, Citizens for a Better Environment and the Special Needs Adoption Center.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the ACHOICE office at (414) 562-2238 or via email at [achoice@execpc.com](mailto:achoice@execpc.com). The deadline for submission is Friday, September 1.

### What's Coming Out? Upcoming Queer Films

**Milwaukee** — On Thursday, August 24, from 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Rainbow U Lecture Series presents, "What's Coming Out? Upcoming Queer Films."

Where is lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered film and video going? Join Carl Bogner, programmer of the Milwaukee LGBT Film and Video Festival for the past four years as he shares his point of view about the LGBT film scene. Bogner will facilitate a lively discussion on the identity of queer film today, the changing role of film festivals and how Milwaukee's long-running series compares to those in other cities.

Bogner will also offer a preview of the upcoming Festival which will run October 5-8 and October 12-15. Take this opportunity to learn more about this year's film offerings and to share your opinions and ideas on future festivals.

The Rainbow U Lecture series takes place the 4th Thursday of the month at the LGBT Community Center. For information on future topics, contact Kathy at (414) 271-2656.

### New Volunteers Orientation at LGBT Community Center

**Milwaukee** — The LGBT Community Center will be holding a volunteer orientation session on Saturday, August 19, 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 Q youth, 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.

### Nominations Sought for Justice Awards

**Milwaukee** — ACHOICE, the workplace giving federation made up of 43 social change organizations, is accepting nominations for its 11th annual Commitment to Justice Awards.

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## Madison's OutReach Releases New Edition of "The Directory"

**Madison** — OutReach, Madison's LGBT Community Center, has just released the 2000-2001 edition of "The Directory: A Guide to Organizations and Businesses Serving Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community." This is the 12th annual edition of the resource guide.

The Directory features more than 100 non-profit organizations and community groups that serve LGBT people. The 170-page guide includes thorough group descriptions, contact numbers and accessibility information. It also contains a comprehensive LGBT-friendly business guide of about 250 businesses and professionals.

Now one of the most extensive guides of its kind in the nation, The Directory has grown substantially in recent years. "This year's Directory includes more than 60 new businesses," noted Joseph Bednarowski, OutReach Development Coordinator. "It clearly emphasizes how much our communities have grown."

A group of 30 volunteers along with OutReach staff produce The Directory, which is published every July. "Our volunteers dedicate tremendous time and effort to The Directory," said OutReach Executive Director Debra Weill. "Their work is really unparalleled in personal commitment and quality."

Free copies of The Directory can be picked up at dozens of Dane County businesses or at the OutReach LGBT Community Center, 600 Williamson St.

### For More Information:

An on-line version of The Directory can be accessed on OutReach's Web site at [www.outreachinc.com](http://www.outreachinc.com).

For more information on OutReach, please call (608) 255-8582.





The Commitment to Justice Awards were established to recognize local individuals who have made significant contributions to promoting and advancing social change in Milwaukee. Past recipients include Susan Mudd, Martha Love, Sam Johnson, Pastor Joseph and Joyce Ellwanger, Helen Johnson, Tony Baez and Verdell De Yarman.

Last year's Youth, Annual and Lifetime Achievement awards were presented to: the late Michael Kovnar, a fund-raiser for children with cancer; Julie Kerkick, an advocate for low income women and families; and Reuben Harpole, a co-founder of the 100 Black Men and the Community Brainstorming Conference.

This year's awards will be presented at the ACHOICE Commitment to Justice event on December 6 at Renaissance Place, 1451 N. Prospect Ave. Nomination forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the ACHOICE office at (414) 562-2238 or via email at [achoice@execpc.com](mailto:achoice@execpc.com).

## Milwaukee Celebrates Diversity with Urban Garden Party

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Community Center is gearing up for the 2nd Annual Family Reunion Saturday, August 26. This year's event, held at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, will take on an "urban garden party" theme with music, dancing and games bringing a festive flair to the dinner.

"This year's dinner is going to be a great event," said Neil Albrecht, Executive Director of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. "It will be quite a picture. Dinner and music under a big tent surrounded by flowers, friends and family

— now that's an urban garden party!"

Singer/songwriter Ronnie Nyles will be on hand to provide live entertainment and *IN Step's* Dear Ruthie brings her colorful commentary to the party as MC. Guests will also enjoy dancing, raffles and games including a dunk tank.

"This year's Family Reunion will be a party no one will want to miss," said Albrecht.

Sponsors including Miller Brewing Company, Potawatomi Bingo Casino and *IN Step* are making the event extra special. Last year's Family Reunion raised over \$7,000 benefiting the programs and services of Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center.

Ticket for the Family Reunion are \$35, \$50 and \$100. Call the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656 for tickets and more information.

## AIDS Walk Bar Competition in Full Swing

**Milwaukee** — The gay and lesbian bar competition benefiting AIDS Walk Wisconsin is heating up as new bars join the race to get members signed up for their teams.

Triangle Bar is in an early lead with 13 members already signed up. Several other bars are building momentum and many are getting started with a strong interest.

"The competition is starting and already indicates that there will be a playful contest between teams. New teams are signing up every day — creating even more excitement in the competition because throughout August and September, any team can take the lead and win!" said Renee Kirnberger, ARCW associate director of development for special events.

As of August 4, 17 bars have registered

teams. Seven new bars recently joined, including three outside of Milwaukee. JT's Bar and Grill of Superior, Rascal's Bar and Grill of Appleton and Za's Videobar of Green Bay join Milwaukee's four newcomers Ballgame, La Cage, C'est La Vie and This is It.

The new teams join Fluid, South Water Street Docks, 1100 Club, Switch, Club Boom, M&M, Boot Camp, Kathy's Nut Hut, Woody's and our leading team, Triangle Bar, as the competition gets rolling.

Bar teams are competing to acquire team members and to raise the most money for AIDS Walk Wisconsin to capture the traveling trophy.

"In the past, the bars have held some very fun and successful fund-raisers such as mud wrestling, pie in the face throwing, raffles and silent auctions.

"Fund-raisers can really boost the team's contribution. An event raising \$1,500 will provide a year's supply of formula, food and diapers to six children living with AIDS. For real ambitious teams, raising \$8,000 will provide housing for four homeless individuals with AIDS for one year at ARCW's Wisconsin House," said Kirnberger.

For AIDS Walk information or to be added to a team roster, please call (800) 348-WALK or online at [www.arcw.org](http://www.arcw.org). Buses in communities throughout the state will provide transportation to registered Walkers.

## New Harvest Awards Grants

**MADISON** — Continuing a 15-year tradition, New Harvest Foundation has announced its latest round of grant recipients. Six projects that benefit the LGBT community received funding.

Recipients are TAPIT/new works, \$2,000 for a "A Consequence of Truth," a new play about morality and gay issues; OutReach, Inc. \$2,000 for its education program; AIDS Network \$1,500 for Safe Sex Educationa and HIV Prevention for Gay Men of Color; GSLEN \$3,000 for Making Schools Safe for GLBT Youth through Partnerships with Gay/Straight Alliances, \$2000 for Teens Like Us; and Fraz/zled Productions, \$1,500 for "Lavendar Rose," an all-women coming out musical.

Since 1985, New Harvest has awarded nearly a quarter of a million dollars to almost 200 deserving projects from more than 90 individuals and organizations.

New Harvest Foundation pools contributions from hundreds of donors each year to provide grants to organizations working for social change, social service, public education, health, arts and culture, and the general well-being of the GLBT communities. For more information about grants and donations, call (608) 256-4204.

## Items Sought for On-Line Auction

**MADISON** — OutReach, Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community center, is teaming up with The Industry Connection, Inc. and WKOW-TV to hold an on-line auction.

The auction will run the entire month of October, and is accessible on-line through the Industry Connection, Inc. ([www.industryconnection.com](http://www.industryconnection.com)), WKOW-TV ([www.wkowtv.com](http://www.wkowtv.com)), or OutReach ([www.outreachinc.com](http://www.outreachinc.com)) Web sites. All proceeds from the fund-raising event will benefit OutReach's community organizing efforts.

OutReach is currently accepting donations of products and services for the auction. Specifically, OutReach is seeking artwork, furniture, books, home décor objects, electronics, celebrity articles, gift certificates, theatre or concert tickets, event passes, video rentals, movie passes, health club memberships, massage sessions, salon visits, restaurant gift certificates, professional services, antiques, artwork, or any unusual or unique items.

To donate, please contact Joseph Bednarowski at (608) 255-8582.

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

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

## New Advocacy/Education Program Merges HRL, Domestic Partnership Task Force

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has initiated a public policy advocacy program to give Milwaukee's LGBT community a greater voice in community affairs. The new program, called the LGBT Alliance for Equality, is led by an all-volunteer steering committee of established activists and new organizers and is co-chaired by Laurie Marks, a former lobbyist for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; and Patrick Flaherty, co-chair of the domestic partnership registry effort. The LGBT Alliance will include a grassroots action network to help interested citizens take action on current legislative issues that effect the community.

"The Milwaukee LGBT community has mounted many admirable advocacy efforts over the years, including building better relations with public officials and creating a domestic partnership registry," said Neil Albrecht, Milwaukee LGBT Center Executive Director. "But individual activists and issue coalitions come and go. The time has come to bring the organizational strength and stability of the Community Center behind lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered issues. For too long our community has had little organized strength to fight off discriminatory laws and advocate for fairer policies."

The LGBT Alliance will unify local advocacy efforts by merging with groups like the Domestic Partnership Task Force while carrying on the work of dissolved groups like the Human Rights League (HRL). For example, the LGBT Alliance for Equality will host the annual public officials reception for the LGBT community, which will be held this year at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, on National Coming Out Day, Wednesday, October 11.

"The Domestic Partnership Task Force looks forward to advancing the rights of gay and lesbian couples under the umbrella of the LGBT Community Center. It's a perfect match

between the Center's people power and our track record on this issue. Together we're stronger," said Patrick Flaherty, of the LGBT Alliance's Domestic Partnership Task Force.

Laurie Marks, LGBT Alliance for Equality Co-chair, was enthusiastic about the project's energetic startup. "Already we have set to work on four different task forces. First, we plan to hold a listening session town hall meeting to hear what the community feels are the most pressing issues. Second, we're creating an action network of hundreds of activists who volunteer to contact their legislators when an LGBT issue comes up. We'll keep them informed and teach them ways to be an effective advocate. Third, we're hosting a reception for public officials at the LGBT Center that will introduce government representatives to our community's diverse individuals and organizations. And fourth, we're continuing the work of the Domestic Partnership Task Force on winning benefits for city employees and fostering efforts at private companies."

"Now that we are all working together, the efficiency of our efforts should yield a greater success in obtaining our community-defined goals," said John 'Griff' Griffith, LGBT Alliance member and past co-chair of the Human Rights League.

The LGBT Alliance will not change the Center's 501 (c)(3) non profit status because it will not endorse candidates or referenda or engage in other activities that threaten the Center's charitable status. All who advocate equality are invited to get involved to make a difference in our community.

### For More Information:

To sign up for the LGBT Alliance Action Network or get involved on a specific project, call (414) 271-2656.



## memorial

### Bonnie Nedrow

On Wednesday, July 28, our friend Bonnie Nedrow died, at the age of 40, of heart failure.

Her dedication to Milwaukee's LGBT community included several years of managing client services at ARCW, participation as a found-



ing volunteer of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, and many, many other volunteer efforts. Her respect for and commitment to the LGBT and HIV communities was inspiring and is irreplaceable.

For over five years, I worked alongside Bonnie in many capacities. She was often painfully candid, shot from the hip and was both tireless and passionate in her beliefs. On occasion, our relationship was even combative — with drawn swords we duelled over issues and when the battle was over and our opinions expressed, there was an appreciative and respectful calm.

I sat next to Bonnie at the first town hall meeting held to discuss organizing a community center. Three years later, during my first week as the Center's Executive Director, Bonnie patiently tutored me on the complexities of databases. When our work was done, our conversations were complex, cathartic and meaningful.

Like the many people who were friends with Bonnie, it is not possible for me to accept that she is gone — that I will not hear again her hearty and almost mischievous laughter, or watch her eyes darken with anger over life's injustices, or hear the conviction in her voice when she presented a belief. Who will raise their sword now to challenge my own stubbornness? It is not yet possible to accept the void she has left behind in so many lives.

Bonnie was laid to rest in her home state of Indiana. At 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, a memorial service will be offered at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street, as tribute to Bonnie's friendship, compassion and dedication. All who knew Bonnie are invited to attend.

— Neil Albrecht

### Jones Milks Gay Guernsey Win

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Green Bay** — The Gay Guernsey Gala crowned a true winner Saturday, August 5. In taking the tiara, Diva (alias Napalese Lounge bartender and Steve Jones) set an all time fundraising record for the pageant by tallying \$7155. Jones' total was greater than all of the other candidates efforts combined. It also was higher than eight of the grand totals in the contest's 11 year history.

Jones' effort helped push the four week fundraising competition to its second best

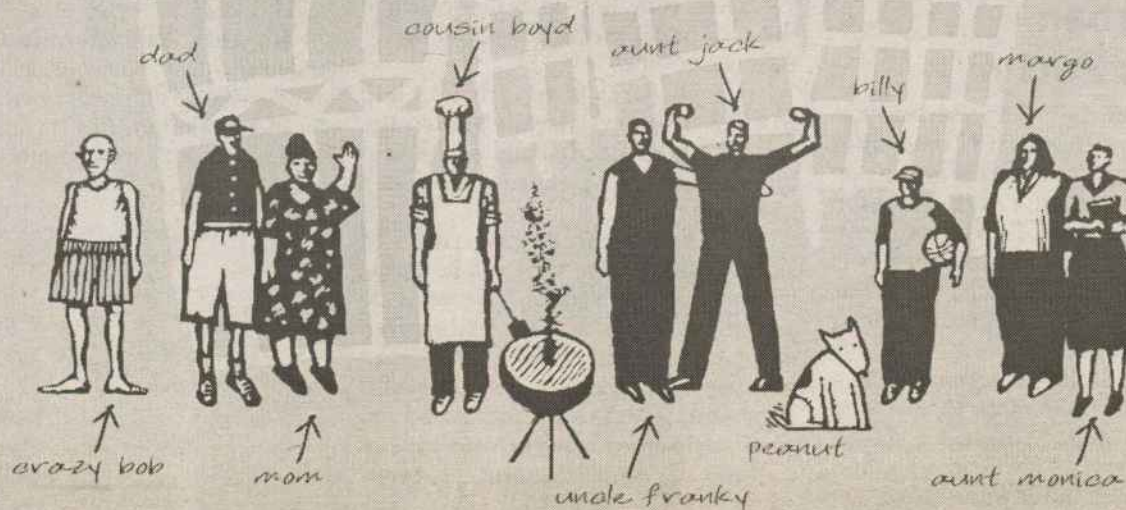
total ever: \$13,192. Jody, representing Buddies, claimed first runner up with slightly more than \$3000. Contestants Jay (Brandy's II), Corey (Sass) and Smiley (Za's) added nearly \$2000 more to the final figure. Additional money was collected at the pageant shows and annual softball tournament, which also was won by Napalese Lounge this year.

"All the contestants worked very hard," Guernsey organizer Elsie Bovine (aka Wayne Thiele) said. "But I have to credit Steve's efforts. He was tireless."

Jones was responsible for the debut of two events which will likely become Guernsey traditions: The "Pie in the Sky"

auction and Mud Wrestling competition. Patrons bid to throw cream pies in the faces of local celebrities and wagered on the winners of the wrestling bouts. "They've been playing the video of the mud wrestling almost non-stop (at the bar) since the matches," Jones said. "It's better and funnier than pro wrestling or the Republican convention!"

Proceeds from the Gay Guernsey Gala go to The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin for use in providing client services in the area. To date the contest has raised over \$55,000 for the AIDS service agency.



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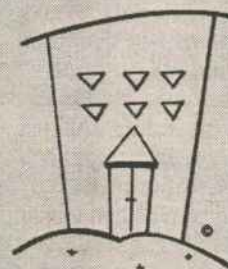
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## Central Wisconsin Rainbow Picnic Draws Large Crowd

**Wausau** — More than 175 turned out for the Central Wisconsin Rainbow Picnic held July 29 at the Nine Mile Recreational Area in the town of Rib Mountain, here. The picnic, co-sponsored by the Wausau office of ARCW and the Oz bar, featured drag races and drag shows, dancing, volleyball and a wide assortment of food and beverages. Vendors and non-profit groups from around the state added to the mix of sun and fun.

This was the first regional picnic held in the central Wisconsin area since the early '90s, according to Steve Korzinek, one of the organizers of the event. "We hope to make this an annual event," Korzinek said.

The event drew attendees from Appleton, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee in addition to those from the central Wisconsin area.

## GLSEN Seeks Board Nominations

**Madison** — GLSEN Wisconsin (The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network of Wisconsin) seeks nominations for its Board of Directors. The GLSEN Wisconsin Board of Directors is responsible for strategic and long-term planning, financial records and obligations, and maintenance of other duties of the organization.

Board members serve one year terms and are expected to prepare for and attend regular meetings. Stakeholder representation, diversity, and past experience are important criteria suggested by the nominating committee in identifying potential candidates. Board members need not have a background in education.

The mission of GLSEN Wisconsin is to make school environments safe for everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

To make a nomination, please send a brief biosketch of the nominee to GLSEN Wisconsin, P.O. Box 259502, Madison, Wisconsin 53725-9502. Be sure to include your name and contact information. Nominations may also be emailed to [jras-mussen@glsenwi.org](mailto:jras-mussen@glsenwi.org).

The members of the GLSEN Wisconsin Board of Directors are elected directly by GLSEN Wisconsin members. All members will receive ballots by U.S. mail and will be invited to vote for Board members. To inquire about becoming a member or renewing your membership, please give us a call at (608) 661-4141.

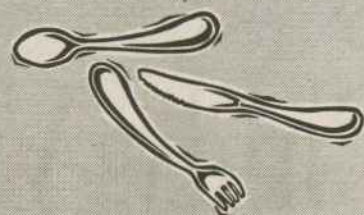
Elected members will be announced at the annual GLSEN Wisconsin membership meeting in September.

## Wednesday Bowling League Forming

**Milwaukee** — Come one, come all... shine those shoes and get those balls polished, it's time to bowl! This year, there will be two opportunities for "family bowling" at Landmark Lanes. Returning for another season, the Monday Night Irregulars League will hold their annual organizational/informational meeting on Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at Landmark Lanes located at 2220 N. Farwell Avenue. For more information, call (414) 278-8870.

This year, there is also a second option for fun ... the Wednesday Night Irregulars League will be holding their organizational/informational meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 7 p.m. also at Landmark Lanes.

This new league has openings for both men and women. Whether you are a tournament player or a novice, everyone is welcomed to join this fun, social oriented league. For more information, call league executives, Doug C. or Rick H. at (414) 527-0132.



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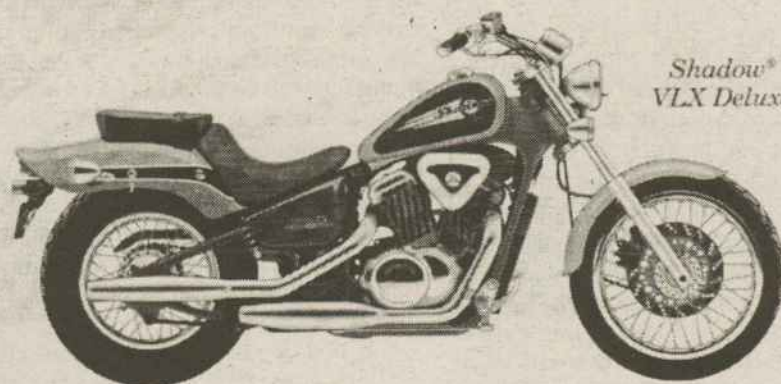
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# Cindy Van Vreede

## FIGHTING BREAST CANCER WITH ACTIVISM AND HUMOR

By Jamakaya

Cindy Van Vreede has been involved in Milwaukee's feminist and lesbian communities for almost 20 years. Many readers will recognize her as the friendly woman who has sold books and coffee at Afterwords Bookstore and Espresso Bar. She's been active in Milwaukee N.O.W. and the Lesbian Alliance. Cindy's professional career has included two decades at Channel 10, Milwaukee's PBS affiliate.

In the past year, Cindy, who is 43, has dealt with a health crisis brought on by breast cancer. In typically forthright fashion, Cindy agreed to be interviewed by IN Step to share what she has learned and to encourage other lesbians to take care of their health. Her actual words were: "Okay, I'm ready to be the poster child for lesbians with breast cancer!" Cindy's serious mission and her winning humor all come through in this interview.

### IN Step: Where were you born and raised?

I grew up in a small town in northern Wisconsin called Freedom, Freedom as in "freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose..." [laughs] I went to St. Nicholas grade school and Freedom High School. I was a Catholic girl, shiny patent leathers and everything. I didn't know any lesbians growing up. In fact I like to laugh and say I didn't even know how to spell lesbian much less know what one was until I got to college. That's the place where we all got our education, so to speak.

### IN Step: Where did you go to college?

I went to UW-Stevens Point. I went there because I liked the area. I came from a small

town, so I didn't want to go to a large school where I'd get lost. There was a Communications program there. I have a degree in communications with an emphasis in television production, and I have a minor in political science and women's studies. I think everybody should have at least a minor in political science so they understand the political system.

### IN Step: What was your coming out process like?

Well, it was slow and laborious! [laughter] Because in college I hung around with the lesbians but I wasn't one then. Then when I moved to Milwaukee, things started coming around. I remember going into Schwartz's bookstore. They'd have Women's Studies next to Gay Studies, so I would be right on the edge of the Women's Studies section so no one could see me looking over at the gay titles. Now, I work part-time at Afterwords! [laughter] I've come a long way! I came to my lesbianism through my feminism. I think a lot of lesbians of my generation did. I was involved with N.O.W. We worked on women's issues, we worked closely with other women, and it just seemed like a natural progression. My family's fine with it. They were okay from the get-go. When I told my one sister, she went to a lesbian bar and kissed a woman because she wondered what it was like. I asked "How was it?" She said, "Sort of like kissing a guy you're not really interested in." [laughter]

### IN Step: How did you end up coming to Milwaukee? Was it for the job with Channel 10?

Yeah, I came here for the job in 1980. I started as a Production Assistant. I'm now an Associate Producer. It's not a big jump. In fact, I'm taking them to federal court over the lack of promotion of women at the station. I've been there for 20 years, and not one single woman has been promoted to the position of Producer/Director.

### IN Step: Is this on the record?

You bet. We go to federal court this fall. It's me alone. I asked the other women at the station who are affected by this but they

were afraid. They were afraid of the retaliation and they were afraid of the cost. The cost has been a factor. But I have a good lawyer who's been giving me a break. On the plus side, I'm out on my job. They're even helping fund my trip to the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists conference in San Francisco in September.

### IN Step: What are some highlights of the work you've done at Channel 10?

I'm particularly proud of the "Smith & Company" program. It ran from 1987 to 1994. I was the producer and I really enjoyed working on it. As producer, you come up with the idea, you locate the guests, you do the research on the topic. I'd write up a bunch of questions for Joe [Joe Smith, the host] and I usually wrote the opening monologues. Whenever I could, I got people from the gay and lesbian community on the show. I think we did one of the first shows on AIDS at our station. When the gay and lesbian pride proclamation was rescinded by the county board, we did a show on that. We covered a lot of different topics. One of the things I don't like about "Belling & Co." or Charlie Sykes' show is that you have a bunch of pundits talking about what's going on in government as opposed to having the government person come on and talk about what they're doing. For instance, these pundits will talk about what they think [Milwaukee Mayor] John Norquist is doing and put their spin on it instead of having John Norquist talk about it himself. I think those kind of shows take the viewer one more step away from involvement in their community. We get spin, we get speculation, instead of the real word. People who watch these things are at least one step removed from the source and they don't know what to believe.

### IN Step: What are you currently working on?

I'm working on "Adelante," ["Forward"] which is our Spanish program. I do some studio directing and I help bring in the guests, do some research, write questions. Patricia Gomez, the host, re-writes them to her specifications and translates them into Spanish. I'm back working full time now. I was working just part-time from January through June 15 because of my illness.

### IN Step: How did you find out you had breast cancer?

I found a lump during a self-exam, and I went and had a mammogram which showed that there was a lump there. I had the lump biopsied and it came back as cancer. That was in November, 1999.

### IN Step: How did you react?

Well, I cried for that first weekend. I was very upset because I thought that my only option was mastectomy. I just didn't know what was going to happen, and I was very scared. I met my doctor on Monday to talk about my options. He suggested that I take the time to talk to the oncologist and the radiation oncologist and a plastic surgeon before I had anything done to make sure that I understood all my options. So I did. I took an extra two weeks to do that. My mom totally freaked out. She thought I should get in there right away and have a mastectomy. I said, "No, I want to talk to these doctors. The cancer's not going to spread any in two weeks." I talked to the radiation oncologist, Dr. Applegate at Columbia Hospital. I talked to the oncology doctor, Dr. Geimer, at Oncology of Wisconsin, and I talked with a plastic surgeon. I also did some reading but I'd get scared and stop. And then I'd pick it up and read a little more until I got through what I needed to know. My cancer was in one spot, and they are recommending that if your

cancer is in just one spot and it hasn't spread to the lymph nodes that a lumpectomy is the recommended course of treatment. You can always have a mastectomy later. I went to Dr. Susan Love's web site, and even Dr. Love is recommending that if you can, try breast conservation first. I decided not to have a mastectomy but to have a lumpectomy with chemotherapy and radiation. I'm glad I went the route I did.

### IN Step: When did you have the lumpectomy?

On December 2, 1999 I had a lumpectomy with what is known as an ancillary lymph node dissection. They take some of the lymph nodes out from under your arm and test to see if the cancer has spread. In my case, it had not, so that was a good thing.

### IN Step: What about the chemotherapy?

I started chemo on Dec. 16. It's in the form of an intravenous drug. I had to go through four chemo cycles about three weeks apart for a period of 12 weeks. First you're given anti-nausea medicine in the form of Zofran, Decadron and Pepcid. I called it my anti-nausea cocktail. Then they infuse the chemo drugs, adriamycin and cytoxan. The infusion process took about five hours each time. You just sit there with an IV tree next to you. You read or listen to music. Over the next three days you have to return for more anti-nausea medications. The first two times, I didn't get enough and I ended up going to the emergency room on the weekends really sick. I couldn't stop vomiting. For the third treatment, we finally had the right amount of adriamycin and cytoxan and the right kind of medicine to get me through the weekend.

After the first chemo treatment, my hair died. It loses its body. It feels drab, lifeless. So I cut my hair, and after the second treatment, the hair really started to fall out. So I went to my hairdresser and had him shave my head. I have a new appreciation for bald men and what they're going through! [laughter] It's very traumatic for women, I think, because so much of our appearance is based on hair, especially for lesbians. You know, lesbian hair, I mean that's how we identify Janet Reno and so many other lesbians. It's the hairdo, it lets us know first! [laughter] Anyway, I took the month of December off and when I went back to work part-time in January, I wore a hat to work.

### IN Step: Do you have health insurance?

I have good health insurance. I chose a plan that gave me greater flexibility in choosing my doctors. I have good prescription coverage too. Zofran, an anti-nausea medicine you take during chemo, costs \$800 for 30 pills. And let me tell you, when you throw up a pill, you go in after it! [laughter] That's the kind of price we're talking about with cancer medicines. The guys with AIDS go through the same thing — AZT, interferon, all that stuff.

### IN Step: How did you keep your spirits up?

Part of it is maintaining a sense of humor. You've got to find the humor in things, you just do — like fishing your anti-nausea meds out of the toilet! — otherwise you cry. My mom and sisters came when I had my surgery and my mom stayed with me for a couple of days. And I had my friends who would call or stop by to see how I was doing. I had one of my friends from Channel 10 go with me to my first chemo treatment. The interesting thing is there are a lot of women who are getting cancer treatment. And a lot of the women come alone, but the men never do. The men always have their wives with them, but the women usually come alone.

The hospital has a breast cancer person who comes up to your room after your sur-



gery and shows you how to do the exercises you need to do to get your arm mobility back. You have a drain under your arm from the lymph node surgery. They show you how to deal with that. Then they give you information about support groups. At that time I called the Counseling Center to look for a lesbian support group and they couldn't find any. I go to a psychotherapist so I just kind of stepped up my meetings with her to get through the cancer. I didn't join a support group because there were none for lesbians.

#### IN Step: I've always heard that chemo is the worst.

It is the worst. You feel sick to your stomach almost the whole time. I threw up for days after my first treatment but then just once after the other treatments. And it usually happens eight days later. Think about how powerful a drug it must be to make you throw up eight days after you take it – it's powerful stuff. February 16 was my last chemo treatment. You really remember these dates! I showed up for my last infusion an hour early. "Just get it over with!"

In early March, my breast turned red, and we weren't sure whether it was another form of breast cancer called inflammatory breast cancer or if it was an infection. That was really scary because I did my research and inflammatory breast cancer has a very poor survival rate. It meant mastectomy, more chemo, and that's what upset me the most. The thought of going through another 12 weeks of chemo made me cry. I had another full tissue biopsy done and it came back negative for cancer. So I went to an infectious disease specialist. She said it wasn't an infection; it was just irritated. I thought, well if I'd gone through what my breast had been through, I'd be irritated too! [laughter] That was kind of scary for awhile, and it delayed the start of the radiation.

#### IN Step: What did the radiation involve?

You know how you have an x-ray taken? It's sort of like that but the radiation lasts a little longer, like 20 seconds and it stops, then 20 seconds and it stops. It's like a long x-ray. I was in and out within 15 minutes. It goes very quickly. You have to go every day at the same time, five days a week for seven weeks. It's easier physically than the chemo because you don't get nauseated, but you get really tired.

#### IN Step: How long after that did they re-check you for cancer?

I had a mammogram July 10, and that was clear and showed no cancer. I don't go back to the oncologist until October, and I don't go back to the radiation oncologist until January. It will be every three months for a bit, then six months, then a year. I'm feeling great right now! My hair is back, lighter and curlier than it was before. Before I paid for a perm, now I don't have to!

#### IN Step: Do you feel like a new woman?

Yes, not only because of the physical change in my hair but because I'm taking this opportunity to reflect upon my life and make some changes. So I do feel like a new woman in that respect as well. I've changed my priorities as to what is important to me. My friends and my family are the most important to me. Work can go get chucked somewhere! [laughter]

#### IN Step: What's your message to other women?

My message, especially for lesbians, is that you've got to do breast self examinations on a regular basis. You have to make sure you take care of yourself. If you find something, get it checked out right away. Don't wait. If

you've already got a cancer diagnosis, start talking to all the doctors you'll be dealing with before treatment so that you can learn what your options are. And the same thing with any other kind of cancer treatment. The two weeks it takes to make those connections with those doctors is not going to change your diagnosis. Find out what your best course of action is. But don't make a decision in haste because you are scared. This is a decision that you have to live with the rest of your life and you don't want to make it uninformed or out of fear. Then if you can find another lesbian to talk to, hopefully she can give you some advice. You know, our community is aging. We're at the age now where we're hitting our 40s and 50s where these things are starting to happen to us – cervical cancer, breast cancer – we have to take care of ourselves.

#### IN Step: Tell me about the group you're starting.

Well, there's five of us on this task force. We want to start a support group for lesbians with cancer – not just breast cancer. We're going to start working with the Counseling Center on that. The other thing we talked about was setting up a support group for the partners of lesbians with cancer. There's issues that partners have to deal with too. So we're trying to get support groups started first. Then, we thought the support groups can lead into education, which can lead into advocacy. We'd like to talk to breast cancer specialists at area hospitals. In most cases, they're the first line of medical practitioners that a lesbian is going to run into when she has cancer surgery. That person will come in, and they always assume you're a married woman. "Is your husband here?" These folks need to be sensitized to the fact that there are lesbians coming through and they, in turn, would be able to send them to us, to our support group. We don't know yet the need, we don't know how many lesbians are out there with cancer and how many might benefit from lesbian-specific services.

#### IN Step: How can lesbians get involved?

They can call Kathy Herbst at the LGBT Community Center: (414) 271-2656. Our task force will probably go to Chicago to the Lesbian Community Cancer Project there. What they're doing in Chicago now is our dream of what we can do in Milwaukee, but we're at the very beginning. I think they started out with support groups first and an information and referral line. Those are the kinds of things we'd like to do. Our task force will meet again at the LGBT Center on October 5 at 6:30 p.m. We'll mention that at LAMM's Breast Health Seminar, which is taking place on Sept. 14. That way, any women attending that program who may want to do more in the area of lesbians with cancer can follow up by attending our meeting.

#### IN Step: In the midst of your illness, you had something of a windfall.

Yeah, it was incredible! In March, when things were looking their worst with my health, I got a call saying that the federal government had settled a class action lawsuit involving discrimination against women at the U.S. Information Agency/Voice of America. I had applied for a job there in 1984 and it turns out no one ever informed me that I had gotten the job. They had a long history of bias against women. More than 1,000 women were part of the lawsuit. At first, the feds insisted on trying each case separately. But after they lost 46 of the first 48 cases, they agreed to settle. Each of us will be getting \$460,000! One week I thought I was going to die and the next week I thought I'd died and gone to heaven! [laughter] I really needed a

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## letters

### Setting it Straight on Presbyterians

Dear Editor:

I am a retired Presbyterian pastor having served Parkside Presbyterian Church of Madison and it is a congregation committed to inclusiveness and equality. I am writing to correct a story (Vol. 17, #15, July 27) which had the headline "Presbyterians OK Ban of Same-Sex Unions." This has not been done but the possibility of adopting such a ban and adding the prohibition to the Constitution of the church will be voted on during this coming year.

Such a prohibition was considered when the Permanent Judicial Commission of the denomination ruled in May that there was no prohibition in the Constitution; therefore, the Dobbs Ferry (NY) congregation was within its rights when it made its building available for same-sex unions. As a result, an overture (a change in the Constitution) is being debated in the 173 presbyteries (regional governing bodies) this year. If a majority vote in favor, a ban will become the standard of the church a year from now.

The Presbyterian Church has debated and voted on this issue in the past and those who were promoting a prohibition were defeated. It is my hope that the same result will happen again. The vote for adopting the overture for consideration was extremely close and it is conceivable that those who understand same-sex love will work to defeat this proposed prohibition.

I would hope that somehow you would find a way to correct the misinformation in your publication. Those who seek to have a same-sex union in the Presbyterian Church need to know that it is possible!

E. Ellwood Carey

### Community Center Fall-Out

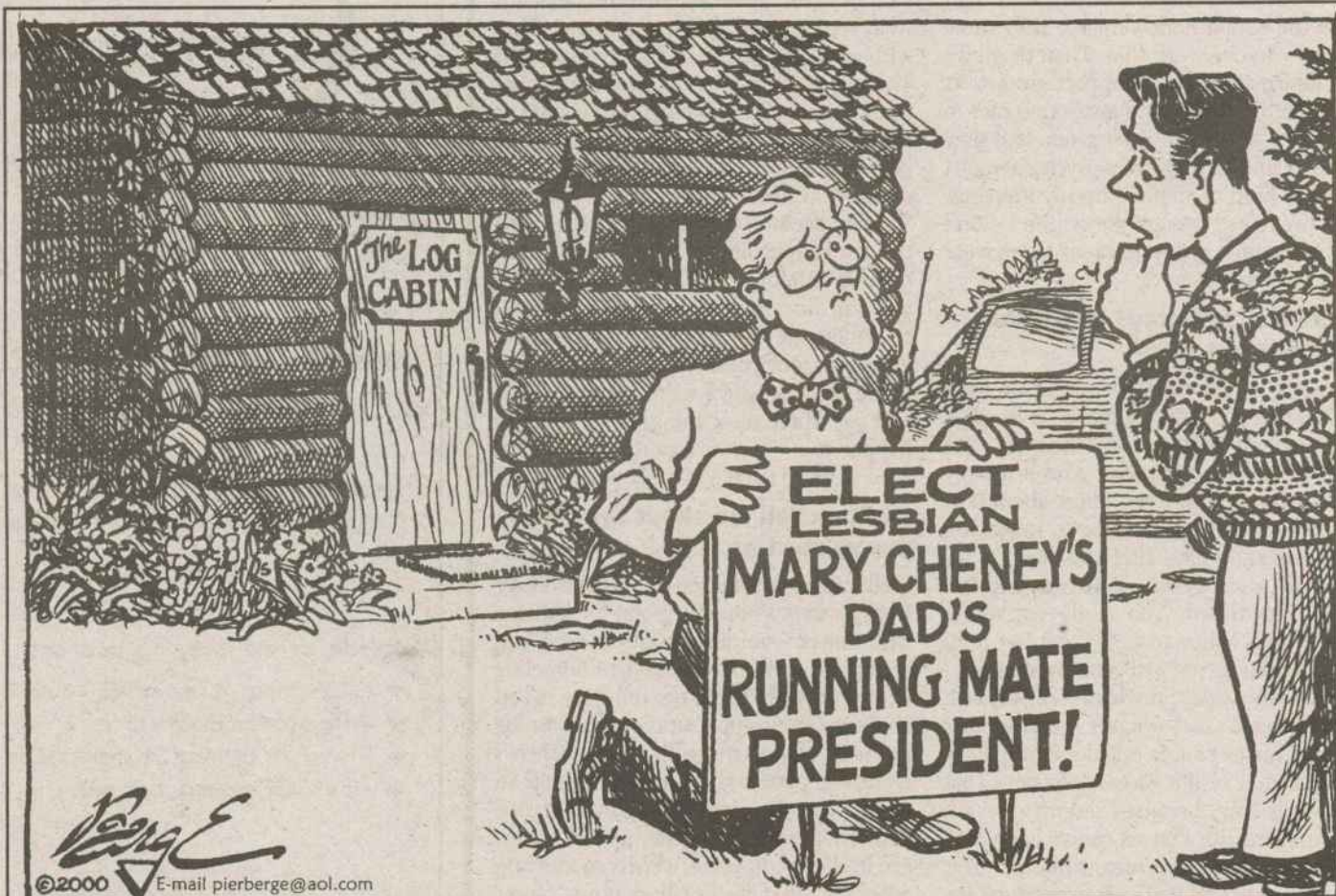
Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to your July 27th cover story titled, "Milwaukee's Battling Community Centers." Like lots of people, I've avoided public comment on this to preserve my creativity and energy for fighting our real enemies. (Wouldn't a cover story about the Republicans nominating a homophobic ticket be more timely?) But, what's done is done. The story is so troubling that I'm reluctantly coming out to encourage all of us to hold Si Smits accountable for his behavior and to express my hope for some resolution to all this.

I was very involved at the beginning of the LGBT Community Center and can testify that we were thrilled to have Si's early support. No one sought to exclude him. In fact, many of us had high regard for Si (speaking for myself, his club played an important part in my coming out, so I'm in debt to Si, but that's another story). Suffice to say that we had great hopes for a meaningful partnership, and had many meetings in which his input and decision-making was sought out and appreciated.

Those hopes were dashed when, to our dismay, Si launched an advertising campaign for his similarly titled Fund behind our backs, without ever disclosing his plans. He actively misled us and many donors. I continue to hear from a number of his donors who are surprised when they find out their donations aren't all going to the Center. The truth is that this kind of dysfunctional behavior is what drives people like me out of community activism.

Periodically I've seen his ads and mailings, but never spoken out, figuring that people would see through his charade. Now, we find out that he's got \$24,500 with \$18,600 in a so-called "Endowment Fund"



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while giving a measly \$300 to the real Community Center. And, he wants more money while shopping around for some dupes to front his phony Board — come on! Enough is enough.

Si, if you have any integrity, you will completely change the name of your fund and clearly and consistently distinguish it from the Community Center. Or, just give the money back — returning it either to the donors you deceived or to the Community Center where it rightfully belongs. I really believe that unless you take corrective action, your reputation will unnecessarily be damaged, which hardly does justice to the many years of good work that I know you have done for the community.

In addition, I hope *IN Step* will avoid any more exaggerations of this unfortunate situation by running Jerry Springer-style graphics and headlines about "battling community centers." There's only one Community Center — and it has a diverse, democratic and accountable Board. Its ongoing efforts to accommodate one cranky bar owner and his bizarre funding schemes hardly amounts to a battle between equals.

Again, my apologies for publicly airing all this dirty laundry, but, let's hope the light of day will bring this chapter to a close, before it burns out any more dedicated, talented activists. To be sure, our community is in dire need of mutually supportive efforts, rather than the dysfunction, drift and division that has characterized Si's Trust Fund.

Bill Dempsey

Dear Editor:

I was surprised by the implications of your last cover story "The Battling Community Centers." The title of the story

actually implies that Milwaukee has two community centers. It does not. It has one community center — the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center — and an after-bar club house.

What Si Smits does in his clubhouse after the Boot Camp closes is truly his own business. When he uses terms like "Community Center" and "Trust Fund" to raise funds for a project that does not exist, it becomes the community's business. The fact that he has exploited the name and good work of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to raise \$24,000 is, at best, unethical. More accurately, it is criminal.

I can only hope that the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and the Internal Revenue Service are among *IN Step's* readers.

Sam Mergesky

Dear Editor:

I found your cover story "The Battling Community Centers" informative. I have long questioned the differences and need for two community centers. With the heavy demand for contributions to worthy and needy causes, I for one cannot justify donating for a party space for after-hours parties, meetings, etc.

But that is not why I write.

About the large donation from the Possum Queen Campaign to the G/L Community Center Trust Fund: It has been my belief that all money raised by Possum Queen candidates goes to AIDS-related causes — and that the winner gets to establish which cause(s) get that money. I am left with the question, WHO diverted money from AIDS-related causes to the G/L Trust Fund?

I know there are no rules, but since its

inception, it has been common knowledge that the Possum Queen money went to AIDS-related causes. Now that tradition has been broken what is to prevent others from diverting part or all collections to questionable or pet projects? Or for that matter, their own pockets?

Further, the Possum Queen and other worthy fund-raising efforts can't help but be adversely affected for now we can not trust tradition. Maybe that is a good thing and maybe you need to ask more questions.

I and others would not have given of our time, money, services or merchandise had we known we were supporting someone's pet project. If we can't trust where these funds go, is it time for Possum Queen rules and/or restrictions?

Papa Joe

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, I would like to commend *IN Step* for the July 27 article "LGBT Center and G/L Trust Fund Clarify Their Differences."

As stated in the article, we believe it to be essential that members of Milwaukee's LGBT community — and our allies — make informed decisions when donating to community organizations. Both organizations were reported on fairly and accurately in the article. I am hopeful that this story may alleviate some of the longstanding confusion over the role and purpose of each organization.

Neil Albrecht

Executive Director,

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Dear Editor:

Finally! It is about time that *IN Step* started tackling some serious issues in our community. I found your recent story on the two Milwaukee Community Centers enlightening and disturbing.

It seems clear that Mr. Smits' "community center" has less to do with Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community and more to do with holding grudges and moving his own agenda forward. The fact that G/L Trust

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Fund Community Center's previous fund-raising efforts knowingly rode the coat tails of the LGBT Community Center is exceedingly odious.

And surely, Smits' and Rev. Lou Broyles must be ashamed by their 19th century attitude toward women in our community.

As distasteful as it might be to Neil Albrecht, Si Smits and the boards of the two centers, the time has come for the two organizations to begin a serious dialog about the future of both organizations.

Failure to forge an agreement between the two groups will further fragment our community and only embolden Smits and his board to further exploit the community for the benefit of a few.

If no arrangement can be made between the groups, I personally pledge to mail copies of your excellent article on this subject to every business and organization listed as beneficiaries or contributors to the G/L Trust Fund. Maybe they will be as disturbed and troubled by it as I was.

—David Nelson

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your enlightening and unbiased reporting on the two community centers. I am a member of one of the tenant organizations of the LGBT Community Center and have felt extremely welcome and comfortable there since January of 1999.

As a woman, I don't think I'd feel the same degree of comfortability at the G/L Trust Fund Community Center, even if they do have kitchen facilities. I'm wondering if Mr. Smits' description of the lesbians he knows as "just happy with their jobs and their lovers" is the gay equivalent of the heterosexual "barefoot and pregnant" philosophy.

Are you aware if there is any recourse for folks who may have contributed to one organization, thinking that it was the other? Thanks again for the clarification.

Donna Plaski

**Editor's Note:** Both the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the G/L Community Center Trust Fund indicated they would refund any donations which were given in error due to confusion between the two centers.

## Bar Noise

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter after talking with other friends and fellow bar-goers about the way things are done in our local hangouts. While we will admit we have been bar-hopping for over 30 years, we still know how to have a good time, and you don't have to have THE MUSIC CRANKED!! Why do bartenders have the music so loud that you can't hear the person on the stool next to you? And when you ask if they can turn it down, they look at you like you're crazy. I can see if there is a party going on, but when there are only eight or nine people in the bar (and three friends and I are included in that nine) it doesn't have to be that LOUD! The response from the bartenders was: "If it's too loud and you don't like it, you can leave." So we did.

I have been telling people to have one drink and go to bars where you can talk — M&M, This Is It, The Ball Game, etc. — which is one solution. But we like to experience different bars, and with out-of-town guests you like to show them all Milwaukee gay life has to offer. So much for the music problem.

Now, the price difference in drinks. I drink a mixed drink that is priced from \$2.25 to \$3.50 depending on which bar I'm at. The bottle of booze I drink retails for around \$12 a liter with about 25 shots to a bottle. That's \$93.50 a bottle! I feel the bar owners have a "captive" audience — where else do we feel as welcome? But the bars that have been around for years must have "made it" by now, and you can guess which ones they are.

I take out about \$40 a night when I go out, and I save quarters when I get home. I usually have about \$3-\$4 left. You do the math. I used to go out Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays but just can't afford it any longer. At \$3.25-\$3.50 per drink I feel I am being taken advantage of. At \$2.25-\$2.50 I'll stay longer and spend more.

I just wanted to get this out and see what others think.

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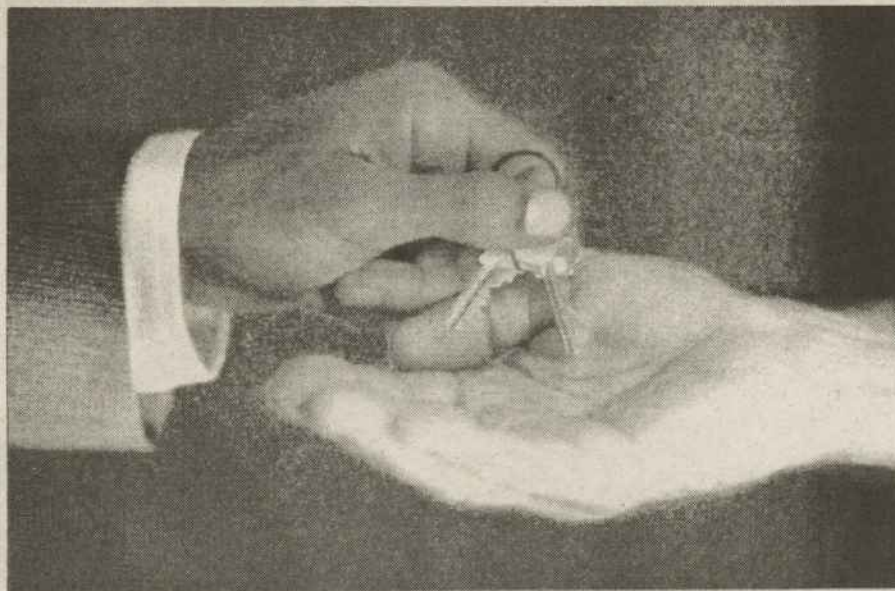
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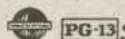
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## quips

**Judy Love**

"I do love her, but if a reporter were coming to my home, I wouldn't have Judy Garland playing. They'd think maybe upstairs I had a room devoted to her. A gay man loving Judy could almost be like a black person watching a minstrel show."

—Filmmaker John Waters to the *Atlantic Monthly*.

"In her last movie, *I Could Go On Singing* (1963), she [Judy Garland] even gave homosexuals in the audience a wink. 'I've already drunk enough coffee to float *Fire Island*,' she says in a throwaway line near the end of the film. To gay men in that closeted time the flicker of recognition must have seemed like a bolt of lightning."

—Michael Joseph Gross writing in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

**Great Sex**

"There are very few swear words, there's no nudity at all and I made the film for gay teens. The fact that it received an 'R' [rating] is really offensive to me. I'm tired of being told by these people that my sexuality is a bad thing. It's not. It's wonderful."

—Jamie Babbit, director of the film *But I'm A Cheerleader*, to *Ohio's Gay People's Chronicle*.

**Great Gay Bond(age)**

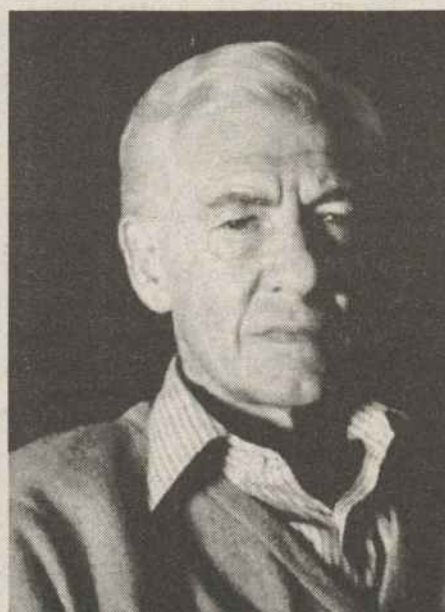
"We've always had a strong gay following, which is great. It's not something we ever thought of consciously. Because I just want anyone to get into the band, I've never differentiated at all. I think a certain amount of androgyny has always been a part of us. We sort of came out of the things we grew up with: glam-rock, which was a major influence, and then disco and punk rock somewhere along the way. We always had a very strong bond with the gay audience."

—Nick Rhodes of the band *Duran Duran* to *Florida's The Weekly News*.

**My Way or the Bi-Way**

"My personal belief is that we're all bisexual. A lot of that informs what Chuck & Buck is. In terms of myself, there's no shame. I could say I'm gay but that doesn't feel completely true either. ... Instead of saying we're different and should be treated equal, we should be saying sexuality is complicated."

—Mike White, writer and star of the film *Chuck & Buck*, to syndicated journalist Steve Warren in *Florida's*



—"Outing inventor" Michelangelo Signorile writing in the *Advocate*.

**Creepy Crawlers**

"I'm beginning to get creeped out by organizations like [U.S. media watchdog] GLAAD that start issuing the official party line on what a positive gay role model is and what isn't. That may have been useful ten years ago. I'm not so sure it is today. Gay people have nothing to prove [to bigots] in this world about themselves, nor should we be in the position to think we can do that by creating some glossy, rose-tinted version of ourselves."

—*Tales of the City* Author Armistead Maupin to *Montreal's Hour*.

**Power Brokers**

"Now it's like there are times when you look at the front-page meeting and ... literally three-quarters of the people deciding what's on the front page are not-so-closeted homosexuals."

—*New York Times* national political correspondent Richard Berke as quoted in the *JWashington Times*.

Quips Compiled by Rex Wockner

*The Weekly News*.

**Hello Daddy!**

"I'm not aware of myself as a sex symbol — I wouldn't object if I were. It's one of the functions of actors to let people fantasize."

—Gay actor Ian McKellen to *Chicago's Outlines*.

**On Outing**

"Most gay people may say they're opposed to outing, but ask them if it's right for a public figure's homosexuality to be reported on — or at least questioned — when it is relevant to a larger story, and most will probably agree. And that attitude is the real measure of how far equal reporting on gay public figures has come in the past ten years."

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## Toni Morrison to Speak at UWM on Aug. 25



Milwaukee – Nobel Literature laureate Toni Morrison will speak at UW-Milwaukee's Klotsche Center, 3409 N. Downer Ave. on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Morrison will discuss "Reflections in Black: A Retrospective of Black Self-Imaging." Her presentation opens the exhibition "Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography" at America's Black Holocaust Museum, 2233 N. Fourth St.

Morrison is the internationally acclaimed author of "The Bluest Eye," "Tar Baby," "Song of Solomon," "Beloved," "Jazz," and "Paradise." She won the Pulitzer Prize for "Beloved" in 1987 and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993. She is currently the Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Council of Humanities at Princeton.

The exhibition at the Black Holocaust Museum, which features a groundbreaking group of works by 120 photographers covering 160 years of black American history, is the first stop on a three-year national tour. It can be viewed at the Black Holocaust Museum through Oct. 15.

Morrison's opening presentation is open to the public. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for students and Museum members. They can be obtained through TicketMaster at (414) 276-4545 or at the UWM Bookstore, (414) 229-4201.

## Marlowe's "Edward II" at New Circlestage

Milwaukee – Dale Gutzman's Off the Wall Theatre Productions will present Christopher Marlowe's classic "Edward II" at the Circlestage Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Aug. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m.

Marlowe, a contemporary of Shakespeare, was an atheist, a homosexual, and a brilliant observer of mankind. His plays contain both the sweep of history and the intimacy of personal drama. They are entertaining, confrontational, even shocking.

A play of searing passion, "Edward II" tells the story of the life and death of an English king who dared to not just admit his homosexuality, but flaunted his lover before the court. British royalty may have allowed the king his dalliance, but when Gaveston, Edward's lover, threatened their brittle hypocritical social structure, they decided not only to exile him, but to have him murdered. Isabella, Edward's neglected wife decides to make a bid for control of the throne along with her secret lover, Mortimer. Open warfare divides the country, and Edward's son is used as a pawn in this bloody game of power and passion.

Gutzman has updated the style and period of the production to make it accessible to modern audiences and has given the play a fresh, cinematic feel. "Edward II" contains graphic scenes of nudity, sex and violence. Staged at the intimate New Circlestage Theatre, it will thrust the audience into the middle of perverse sexuality, greed and power.

David Flores plays Edward and Laura Neuser plays Isabella. The role of Gaveston will be performed by a young actor/singer/dancer from Guam –

Giovanni Ortega. The evil Mortimer is played by James Strange. The cast also includes Scott Sorensen, Trung Tieu, Lawrence Lukasavage, Monica Degnan-Hobler, Kevin Embrick and Alan Strudas.

Tickets for "Edward II" are \$15 and can be reserved by calling (414) 327-3552. Group rates are also available.

## Shauna Wells, Christy Snow at Room's Coffee House

Madison – The Coffee House at A Room of One's Own Bookstore will be filled with music on Saturdays Aug. 19 and 26 as entertainers Shauna Wells and Christy

Snow perform.

Shauna Wells, a lead singer/songwriter for the funky Madison dance band Verb until 1996, has gone solo. She plays folk-based finger-picking tunes, pop songs and jazzy ballads. Her instrumental repertoire includes guitar, bass walkabout dulcimer and hand drums. She also organizes the popular Sexy Divas showcase of Madison-based female singer-songwriters. Wells' show begins at 8 p.m. Christy Snow is making her Madison debut at the Coffee House. She will present her original music. Snow's show starts at 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (608) 257-7888.

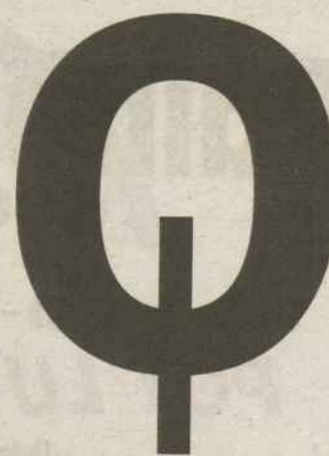
## Off the Wall, MSO Choristers Hold Auditions

Milwaukee – Two entertainment companies – one theatrical, one musical – will be holding auditions in the second half of August.

Off the Wall Productions, Milwaukee's only professional gay theatre troupe, will hold auditions for its upcoming production of Terrence McNally's "Corpus Christi." This play, which was greeted by pickets and bomb threats when performed in New York City, tells the story of Jesus Christ through the eyes of 13 gay men. Director Dale Gutzman is looking for 13 men between the ages of 16 and 45 who play hundreds of characters in this powerful play.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the Circlestage Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. Appointments can be made by calling (414) 873-1962.

The Milwaukee Choristers will hold auditions for new members on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church, 1529 Wauwatosa Ave., where the 80-voice chorus holds its rehearsals. Dr. James B. Kinchen Jr., who has been conductor for the Choristers since 1993, will conduct the private auditions. No prepared material is necessary and no appointment is required. Potential members must be high school graduates and at least 18 years old. Singers accepted will join the Choristers in weekly rehearsals from 7:15-9:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 6. For further information, call (414) 355-8030.



## "Sex Kittens from Mars" at Broom Street Theater

Madison – Broom Street Theater is currently presenting "Sex Kittens From Mars," a screwball sci-fi musical comedy that explores the nature of sex, love, and what it means to love and trust yourself.

Boasting ten original songs by Brian Wild and a cast of nineteen talented actors, the futuristic "Sex Kittens" asks the burning questions that plague today's society: Who are we? What is freedom? Can loving oneself be dangerous? Can someone determine whom you do or do not love? Weaving social and pop culture satire together with a wand of absurdity, "Sex Kittens From Mars," explores these issues with hilarious comedy and concludes that sometimes, no matter what the cost, we all must fight for what we believe in.

"Sex Kittens From Mars" is written and directed by Brian Wild. Choreography is by Mai Fujiwara. The cast includes Broom Street veterans Robert Moccero, John Gustafson, Buck Hakes, Scott Feinrer, John Harmon, Brad Knight, Callen Harty, Care Sorman, Liz Vickerman, and Raun Norby. Making their Broom Street debuts are Portia Adney, Sarah

Barasch, Jenny Bryers, John Eichelaub, Kelly Flemming, Chris Gavin, Carrie Gahin, Linda Hartay and Janelle Schroeder.

"Sex Kittens From Mars" plays Fridays-Sundays at 8 p.m. through Sept. 3 at the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. Tickets are \$7 at the door only. For more information, call (608) 244-8338.



Original movie poster for "Flaming Creatures."

## Jack Smith films to Screen at Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee – The Department of Film at UWM will present two films by legendary queer film artist and provocateur Jack Smith at Woodland Pattern Book Center on August 25 at 7 p.m. Woodland Pattern Book Center is at 720 E. Locust. Admission is \$2.

To be screened are the still notorious "Flaming Creatures" and the recently restored "I Was a Male Yvonne Decarlo."

Subjected to the harassment of police raids and obscenity trials, "Flaming Creatures" pushed the envelope of shock in its day with its semi-clad men and women romping in a would-be orgy. Commemorating the most overripe form of Hollywood glamor with its proudly thrift-store Ali Baba set, and all shot on out-dated US Army film stock, Flaming Creatures is an anarchic do-it-yourself carnival of a sweetly elaborated imagination, festooned with the delight of performance and of fantasies pursued. And "I Was a Male Yvonne Decarlo" is a rare opportunity to see

Smith in performance in this costumed free-for-all that essays the relationship between stars and their fans.

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## film

### "The Eyes of Tammy Faye"

By Kevin John

"The Eyes of Tammy Faye," a film which claims to document "the rise, fall and resurrection" of Tammy Faye Bakker, is a tour de force of archival footage. Its primary pleasure and ultimate usefulness inheres in the immediacy of the washed-out images of ancient UHF programs, the primitive set of the nascent "700 Club," the "Sabado Gigante" relentlessness of PTL and Heritage USA, Jessica Hahn's tacky Playboy video, countless new segments. Along with an in-depth excavation of Tammy Faye Bakker's extensive recording career, this pictorial overload represents a chaotic collision course that straddles the line between access and excess more breathtakingly than any documentary this year. Unfortunately, directors Randy Barbato and Fenton Bailey abuse the privileges that come with being granted access.

Jim and Tammy Bakker kicked off their career in televangelism with a wildly popular religious puppet show. To demonstrate their knowledge of this starting point to the audience, Barbato and Bailey use two puppets to introduce each "chapter" of Tammy's life. Milestones like "The Shit Hits The Fan" are delivered by the fuzzy wuzzy animal duo in a high-pitched, mocking tone. Perhaps one can make the argument that these annoying intrusions are perfectly in keeping with Tammy's permanently eye-lined campiness. But, at the very least, those sympathetic to this device must concede that it does drain a lot of the dramatic power from the moments where the shit really does hit the fan, i.e. when the PTL empire comes tumbling down amidst

allegations of financial misappropriation and infidelity. And by framing the entire film in this fashion, Barbato and Bailey unwittingly transform Tammy's tale into a joke or, in a more positive postulation, a weak sell to viewers who already find Tammy worthy of derision.

But this film isn't aiming to convert the general public. As the founders of World of Wonder Productions, the company responsible for AMC's "Hollywood Fashion Machine," "The RuPaul Show," documentaries on Ellen DeGeneres, gay comedians and the history of pop music video, and videos for Elton John, Ultra Naté and, yes, RuPaul, Barbato and Bailey already have a blandly self-conscious gay audience to which they can prescribe their work. All they allowed themselves to see in the hours upon hours of footage they uncovered and the interviews they managed to shoot, then, was how utterly all of it would be applauded by this demographic, not as impoverished a predicament as "But I'm A Cheerleader" but still cause for alarm. In the final analysis, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye" is little more than a series of winks between the gay viewing public and their two market-savvy media heroes. And just to make sure the circuit gets closed off as tightly as possible, RuPaul was enlisted to narrate.

As for any sense of resurrection, the film sputters out listlessly in the last half hour or so giving you the impression that Tammy has a rather bleak future. Ending the film with the return of current husband Roe Messner from two years of jail is not my idea of resurrection. You leave the film feeling as if the only thing she has going for her is the series of Sundance appearances to promote this film.

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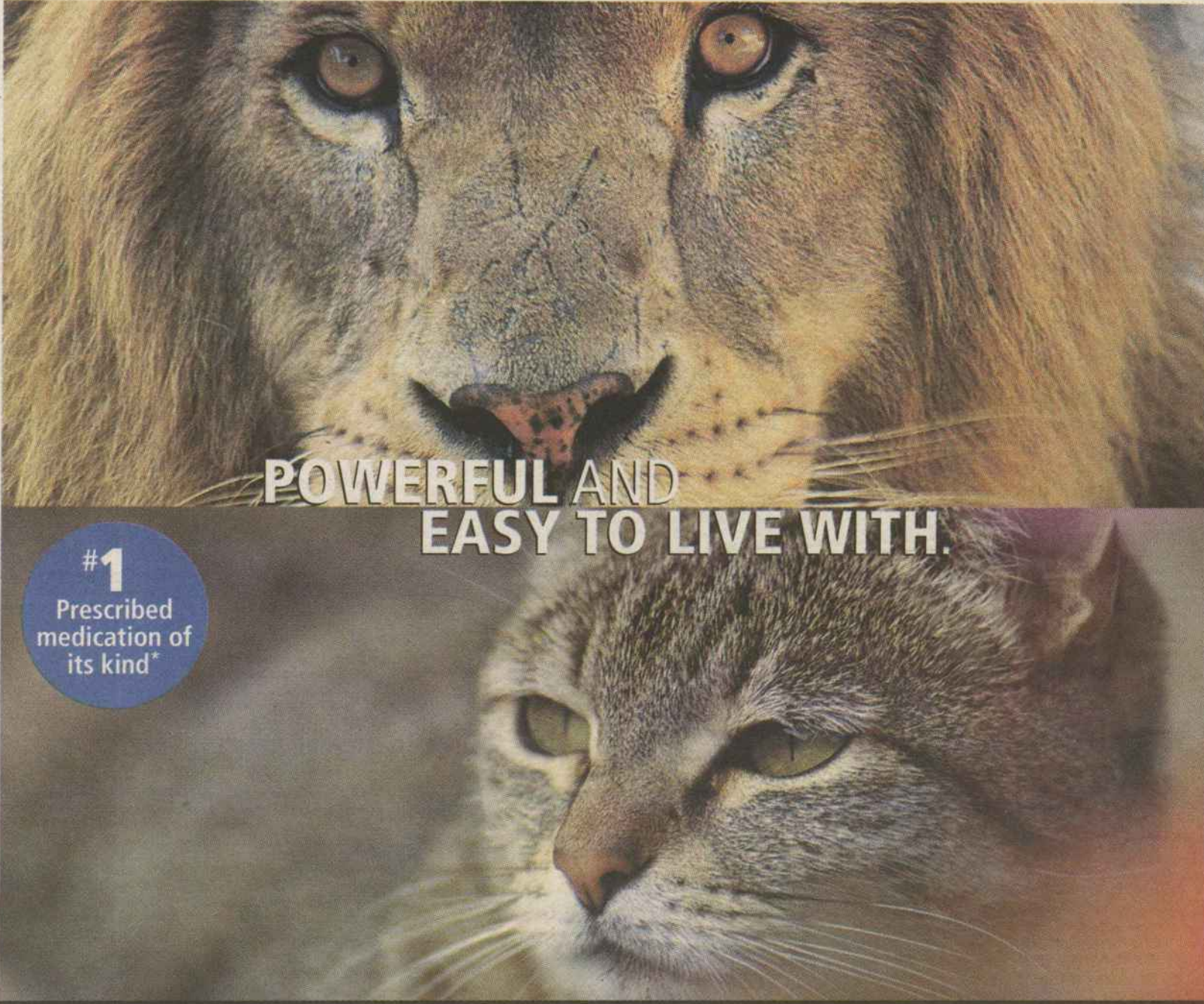
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**Things you should know about VIRACEPT** VIRACEPT is generally well tolerated. People treated with VIRACEPT may experience some side effects; the most common is diarrhea. Diarrhea of moderate or severe intensity occurred in about one out of five people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

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

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

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# VIRACEPT

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Information for Patients About VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept)  
Generic Name: nelfinavir (nel-FIN-na-veer) mesylate

**For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection**  
Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

## What is VIRACEPT and how does it work?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

**VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs** such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), EpiVir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

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

## Does VIRACEPT cure HIV or AIDS?

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

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

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

## Who should or should not take VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

**Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT.** You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

**If you are pregnant:** The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

**If you are breast-feeding:** You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

**Children:** VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

**If you have liver disease:** VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

**Other medical problems:** Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

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

## Can VIRACEPT be taken with other medications?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

## Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

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

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

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

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

## Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

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

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

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

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

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

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

## Special considerations

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

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

## How should VIRACEPT be taken with other anti-HIV drugs?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

**Nucleoside analogues:** No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
- EpiVir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

## If you are taking both Videx (ddi) and VIRACEPT:

Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

## Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Sustiva™ (efavirenz)

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

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

## Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Norvir™ (ritonavir)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

## What are the side effects of VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

## How should I take VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack.

**Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor.** Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

## Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

## Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

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

**Do not** mix the powder with any acidic foods or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. **Do not** heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

**Do not** add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

## How should VIRACEPT be stored?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and stored at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

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

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

## Call 1.888.VIRACEPT

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## cordially yours

By Michael Johnston

Is it just me, or have you noticed with all this rain lately your toes are starting to web?

I've already submitted my resume to "Live With Regis And \_\_\_\_\_ CORDIALLY YOURS" ?? I think it has a nice ring to it ... Who needs **Kathie Lee**, anyway — good bye, already!

I'm still in awe of the thirty foot Virgin (no, not Rona) I saw at **Festa Italiana**, not to mention that huge horse! And who knew **Frank Stallone** was our generation's Sinatra?

This just in: The Award-Winning **Charlotte Lorraine** informs me that The Possum Queen — 2000 Finale' will take place at The **Ball Game** Saturday, August 19th at 6 p.m. I can't encourage you enough to participate in this worthwhile event. It truly is the last "grass roots community contribution." Rumor has it, interest being expressed in this year's "Pageant" will directly affect the Contest's future.

The same weekend is IrishFest, August 17-20, truly a rollicking good time and one of the most authentic fests in the area.

The **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Annual Family Reunion** is set for Saturday, August 26, right outside the Center. What better way to enjoy your friends, your community and a street fair ambiance.

Sunday, August 27th — The Bradley Sculpture Garden Party Picnic.

Still getting mileage out of my birthday, the dynamic duo of The **M&M Club**, the divine **DeeDee** and the Delicious **David "BeeBee" Rogers** and Cordially Yours, had a virtual feast at Nola's — the new lakeside restaurant. The food and the view is totally tantalizing (not to mention the staff)!

A note of gratitude and best wishes to the "Leo Babies" who had a most pleasant picnic at Birch Lodge. Congratulations, **Ross, Tony, Scott** and **Juan** (wherever you were).

However, it seems the man of the hour was the delightful little **Tomas** who made his debut at eight weeks old. The beautiful bundle of baby boy is the son of The **Rev. Andrew Warner** of Plymouth Church and his beloved partner, **Jay**.

Have you all heard the buzz about **Blue**, the new club at the top of The Pfister Hotel? I haven't heard so many positives, since the old nights of The Crown Room.

Recently, my dear friend **Michael** of The Hunger Task Force S.O.S.-ed. Seems they were in need of the able-bodied (and me) to box up groceries to be distrib-

uted to the hungry. So one sunny Sunday afternoon I joined a group of like-minded volunteers. I forgot how much fun you can have — and still be "doing good." Besides Michael and me, the legendary Legs & Susan, **Miss Ross, Ginger, David, Tracy** and **Todd** sorted, stuffed, boxed and toted. Please, keep in mind they are always looking for contributions and volunteers. Their new building off Hawley Road is surely something to see.

Afterwards, a visit to **Club Boom** where we were thoroughly entertained with their vast video collection and darling host/owner, **David**. Broadway babies take note: Boom blooms on Thursday evenings with its salute to Show Tunes via video, with two-for-ones all night long!

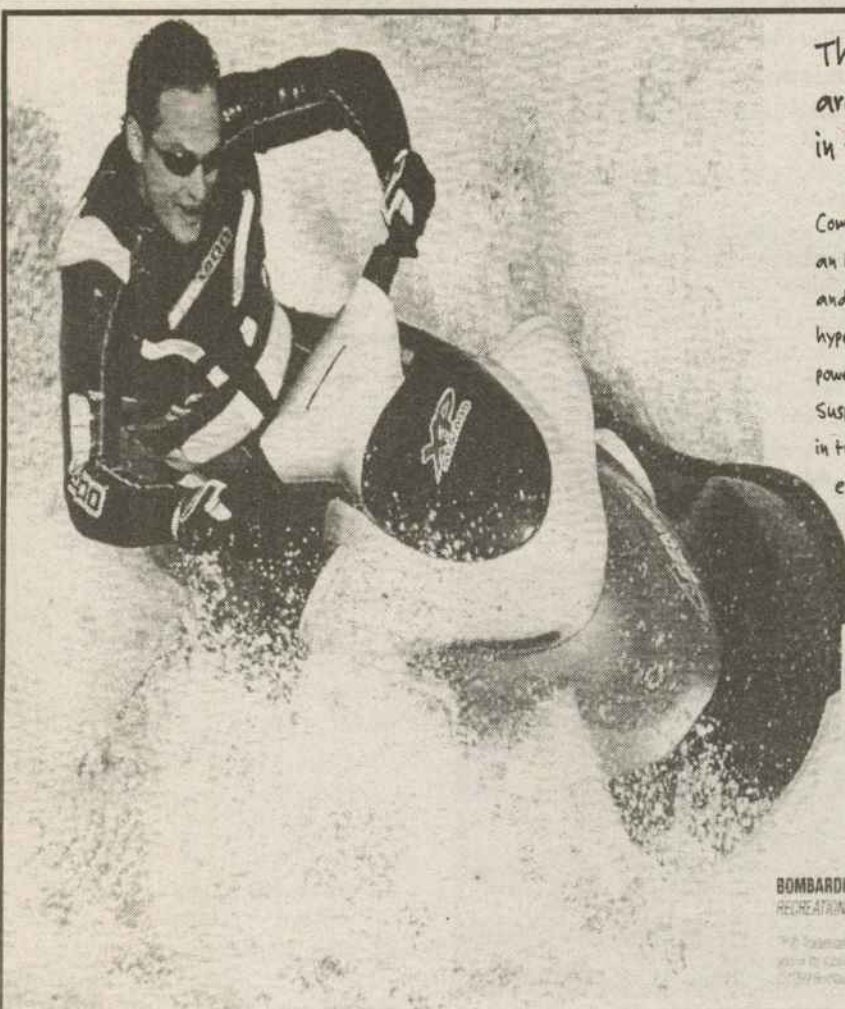
The Boom-room was full of localities singing, dancing and laughing the night away ... The Wisconsin **Cream City Chorus, Ltd.** was well represented as well as **ZsaZsa & Kyle, Roy & Jeff, Larry**, a special import from Illinois, **Miss Ross, Michael, David, Tim** and **Garland, Lucy, Liza, Evita** — more Stars than Leo can roar at.

Is there any truth to the gossip about town that the rights to **The Mr. & Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant** have been sold and will be back this November at The Hilton just like nights of yore?

You can be The Star at the **AIDS Walk Wisconsin-2000**: Sunday, October 1st. Go out and shine, Milwaukee!

And that about does it for yet another column. Thank you all for your warm wishes in regards to "our first anniversary" of this column. To the fairest of the fair... Have you tanned your hide yet this Summer? While you do — I shall remain, "Cordially Yours."

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## ACTIVITIES:

### Friday, August 11

Jazz Festival (Milw.): Historic Third Ward Jazz Fest: outdoor festival featuring two stages of great jazz musicians, through Sat., Aug. 12. FMI: (414) 273-1173.

### Saturday, August 12

Riverwest Rainbow Picnic (Milw.): 5th annual picnic, 2-4pm at Kern Park at N. Humboldt and E. Keefe, area #4 (Rain location: Riverwest Art Center). Bring a dish to share! FMI: (414) 225-1645.

Madison Bar Alliance Picnic (Madison): All LGBTs and friends welcome, 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Reindahl Park, one block north of 4000 E. Wash. Tickets: \$10, benefitting AIDS Network. FMI: (608) 252-6540.

### Sunday, August 13

"Sexual Addiction" (Milw.): Gay Men's Discussion Group, 6:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

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

Gay & Lesbian History Project (Madison): Meeting of Madison Area G/L History Project, 6 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 287-0807.

### Monday, August 14

People of Color (Madison): People of Color and Allies discussion, 7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

### Tuesday, August 15

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

### Wednesday, August 16

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

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., swing at 8 p.m., open dancing at 9 p.m. Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 255-9131.

### Thursday, August 17

Irish Fest (Milw.): Annual festival of Irish culture: entertainment, crafts and more. Through Sunday, Aug. 20 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park. FMI: (414) 476-3378.

### Friday, August 18

Transgender Group (Madison): Support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers and friends, 7 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 257-4297.

### Saturday, August 19

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

Shauna Wells (Madison): Singer/songwriter performs at 8 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. Free. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

### Sunday, August 20

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.

## BAR SPECIALS:

### Sundays:

Boom (Milw.): Margarita Mania! Corona, \$2. Shots of Cuervo, \$2.  
Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Sunday afternoon battle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$ .50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

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

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

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

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase plus "Superbust" - no cover.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Mondays:

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

Boom (Milw.): Closed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$7.5, rail drinks, \$1.50.

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

### Tuesdays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 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!

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.

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

### Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

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

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

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

to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Intra-Bar Dart League.

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

### Thursdays:

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

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

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

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

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

Dish (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

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

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

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!

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - \$2

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 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 Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

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

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

### Fridays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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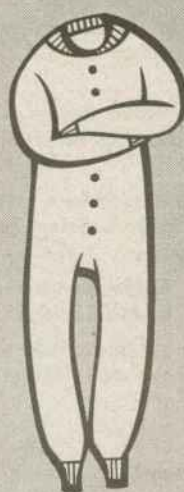
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Jo'Dees International (Racine): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse. \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

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

LoCage (Milw.): LoCage Showcase

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Toppers \$7.5, rail drinks, \$1.50.

### Saturdays:

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

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

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

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

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

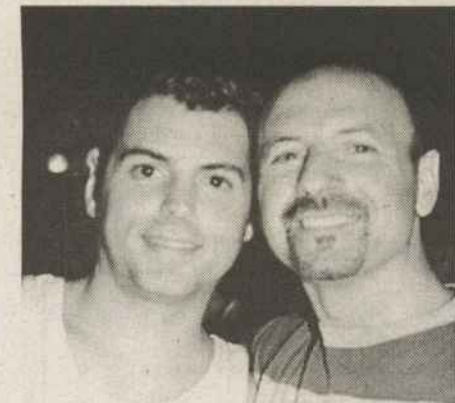
LoCage (Milw.): Where Milwaukee Dances!

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

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

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

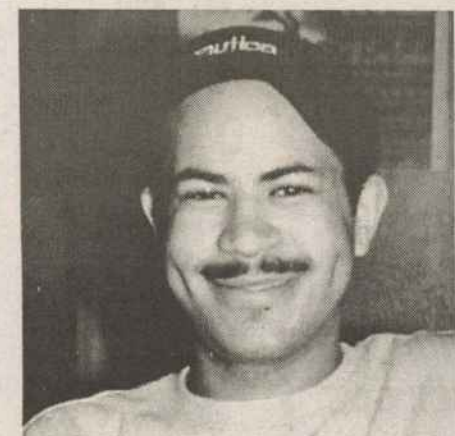
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room



Cutie Pies. Photo by Jamie @ M&M



Yum-Yum Boyz. Photo by Jamie @ Woody's



Evil Grin. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid

(Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### BAR EVENTS:

#### Friday, August 11

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

#### Fri. and Sat., August 11-12

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, August 12

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

#### Sunday, August 13

Boot Camp (Milw.): Patio Party for SAGE, 3-6 p.m., door prizes, food, drink specials, 209 E. National Ave. FMI: (414) 643-6900.

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

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

#### Wednesday, August 16

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

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

#### Friday, August 18

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

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Big Mama's Diner, 1106 S. First St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

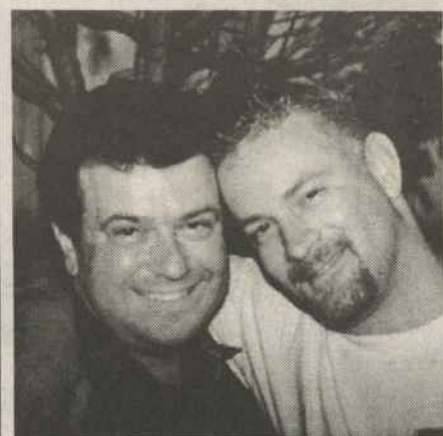
#### Sunday, August 20

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

Woody's (Milw.): AIDS Walk sign-up party, 2 p.m. to ? 1579 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 672-0806.



A Smile for You. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid



Birthday Boyz. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle

### Wednesday, August 23

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

Woody's (Milw.): Dart League meeting, 7 p.m. 1579 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 672-0806.

Thursday, August 24

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

### BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

#### Saturday, August 12

Dave Fox & Will Branch (Shorewood): Music in the Café, 8-10 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

#### Saturday, August 19

Shauna Wells (Madison): Singer/songwriter performs at 8 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. Free. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Brennan Cornwell (Shorewood): Music in the Café, 8-10 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

#### Tuesday, August 22

James Welch Reading (Shorewood): Author of "The Heartsong of Charging Elk" reads at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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

#### THURSDAYS:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m., 300 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 26.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Gobs of Glamour. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle

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 first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield): Every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

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

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

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chats (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings, 1208 E. Brady St. Back room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

### SATURDAYS:

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

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 midnight, last Saturdays of the month, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

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

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

### SUNDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MONDAYS:

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Cole





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man 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 Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

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

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

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

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): Meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support and 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 chorus 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:



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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.

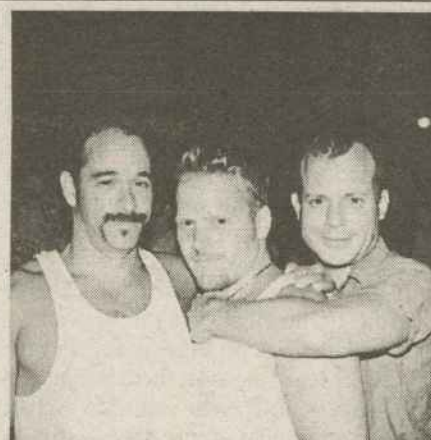
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LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison): This weekly group, open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the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



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p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI: (608) 265-3344.

#### FILM, TV AND RADIO:

##### Friday, August 11

Laurel & Hardy (Milw.): Double feature: "Blockheads" and "A Chump at Oxford." Through Aug. 17 at the Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

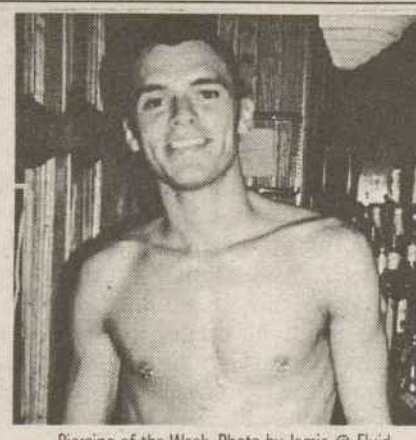
##### Sun., August 12 & Every Sunday

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

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

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

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM -



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Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001.

Monday, August 14

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "Liquid Sky" at 7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 825-7116.

Tuesday, August 15 & 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.

Wednesday, August 16 & Every Wednesday

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

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

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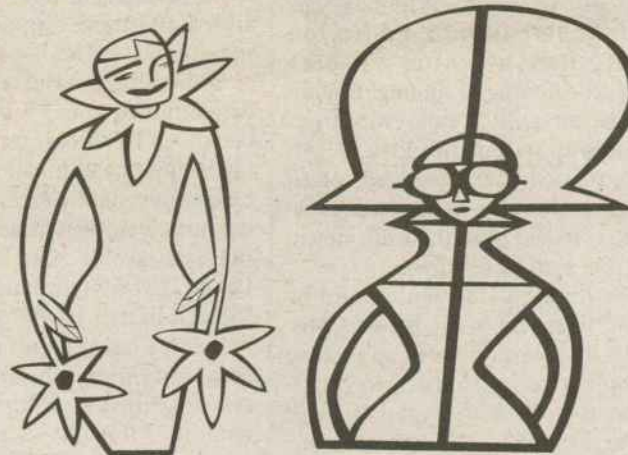
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By Billy Masters

People are constantly asking me, "Billy, how can I get a better body? How can I look like **Dean Cain**, **Eddie Cibrian**, or any of the guys on 'Baywatch'?" Aside from resorting to the Billy Masters Tuna Diet, I didn't have an answer — until now. I just came across a company that makes amazing promises, and because I'm a giver, I am going to share this information with you.

Solarscreens is in the UK and promises to "help you develop a more athletic, fitter and slimmer looking body, guaranteed". Note the word "looking" in the previous sentence. You won't get an athletic, fitter, or slimmer body, but Solarscreens promises to help your body "look" that way. How? It's all done with a piece of plastic and a tanning bed (which, I believe, is how **David Copperfield** achieves most of his illusions!). For \$37 (19 pounds in the UK), you get a piece of plastic embossed with drawings of pecs and abs. You place the plastic over your torso and then go to the tanning salon. After ten sessions, you will have a body that looks as if you spent hours in the gym instead of at Pizza Hut and a tanning salon. Solarscreen also offers a "full no quibble money back guarantee." What have you got to lose? Go to [www.solarscreens.co.uk](http://www.solarscreens.co.uk) for more info.

I suspect that there are limits even to what Solarscreens can accomplish. For instance, **Marlon Brando**. Now, I'm not talking about the buff and beautiful Brando of the '50s and '60s. I'm talking about the portly Brando in his 50s and 60s. Marlon just left Toronto, where he was filming "The Score" with **Robert DeNiro**, **Ed Norton** and **Angela Bassett**. After watching dailies at the beginning of filming, Brando implored the director to shoot him from the shoulders up to hide his girth. When the director refused, Marlon cleverly forced the close-ups on his face — he began arriving on the set naked from the waist down. Well, ain't that a pretty picture!

I suspect that Solarscreens would be more appropriate for actor **Dean Cain**. You see, abs have never been Dean's strong suit. He can flatten his stomach with fasting and hard work, but ripped abs will probably never happen. Nonetheless, this deficiency hasn't stopped Dean's career. The former Superman is now hosting TBS' "Ripley's Believe It or Not" (I know — I couldn't believe it either) and is also

co-starring in "The Broken Hearts Club," a film about a group of gay friends in West Hollywood who play together on a softball team. Geez, for someone who just had a kid, Dean plays gay an awful lot!

Next, someone who was once abdominally challenged — the delicious **Eddie Cibrian**. I remember Eddie from when he played Matt Clark on "The Young and the Restless." Mega-cute even then, but no real body to speak of. Then he segued to "Sunset Beach" and looked even better — still no abs, but he was developing into quite a hunk. Imagine my surprise when I saw him in his brief role (and I mean that in every sense) in "Living Out Loud." Eddie was not only as cute as always, but was quite buff — abs and all! Since then, he's relocated to the East Coast for his series "Third Watch" and has been seen frequently in New York's Chelsea neighborhood — a decidedly gay area. Don't read anything into that, however — his apartment is in Chelsea. Why he chooses to live there I'll leave to your imagination. I hasten to add that Eddie does have a fiancée — his second (his first, the lovely Julianne Morris, was a devout religious girl who was saving herself for marriage. Sorry, Jules!) You can see the humpy Eddie in this summer's film "But I'm a Cheerleader." His co-star **RuPaul** has admitted to being smitten with Cibrian, and you will be too.

Oh, one last thing about Eddie — back after **Debbie Matenopoulos** left "The View," I got a lovely e-mail from her. In it, she thanked me for my support, filled me in on what happened, and told me what her future plans were. After signing it "Your devoted fan and friend, Debbie," she added an interesting postscript that I'll share with you: "P.S. — What do you think of Eddie Cibrian? He's a babe, and I must date him!! Or could you suggest someone better. An East Coast girl can get lonely in Los Angeles ya know!" Ditto for us East Coast boys, doll! Next in our cavalcade of hot guys (yes, there is a trend this week) is the host of E!'s "Search Party" — **Scott Lasky**. To be totally honest, I've never seen "Search Party," but fans keep writing me telling me how gorgeous Scott is. I didn't think any more about him until Scott recently filled in as host of "Talk Soup." Hmm, I thought — I better do a little snooping. First, I found a lovely shirtless pic of Scooter (which I'm posting on [www.filth2go.com](http://www.filth2go.com)). Looking good. My appetite whetted, I looked for some per-



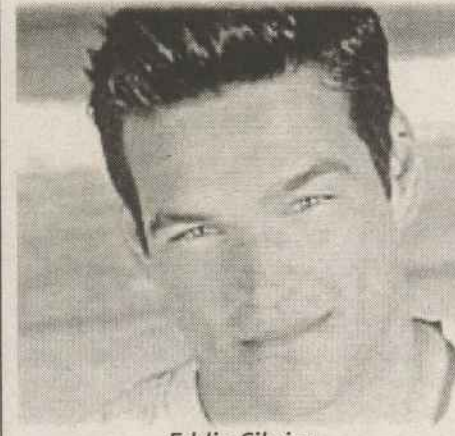
Ru Paul



Marlon Brando



Dean Cain



Eddie Cibrian

sonal information. DAMN! He proposed to some girl over Memorial Day weekend. If only I'd found him sooner!!

Could it be that a co-star of one of our subjects this week played a part a little too close to homo? Heaven knows there have been more than enough rumors regarding the sexuality of this ab-olicious actor. My spies tell me that his part could be described as a gay, closeted, athletic movie star. And, as my source said, "Only the movie star part was acting!" Touché!

Could it be that a major porn superstar has an Achilles heel — in his stomach? The comeback kid made quite a stink recently when he agreed to participate in an AIDS fund-raiser. When it came to selecting the right publicity photo for the ads, the problems began. You see, he liked one picture very much, but demanded that the organization send it out to a costly retoucher. The charity was perplexed — this guy was gorgeous, and so was the picture. What on earth would you retouch (other than his blond hair when the dark roots start to look a bit fuller)? Would ya believe he

wanted his abs drawn in? Who does he think he is — Dean Cain or Lois Lane?

When I give you two blind items and the second person clearly needs Solarscreens, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. Boys, boys, and more boys — my kinda column. But there is one boy still out there that I need to get ahold of (in more ways than one). The Supremes tour might be over, but I still have some lingering affection for a certain platinum blond dancer who performed with the group. Perhaps you know who this cutie is. Or maybe you're willing to dye your own hair and go-go dance for me while I sing "Baby Love." Either way, do get in touch with me via e-mail at [Billy@filth2go.com](mailto:Billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you once I finish tanning. Or come to Philadelphia from August 16th through the 27th when I'll be appearing (naked) in "Making Porn" with my two new best friends, **Blake Harper** and **Jason Branch**. So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

## Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

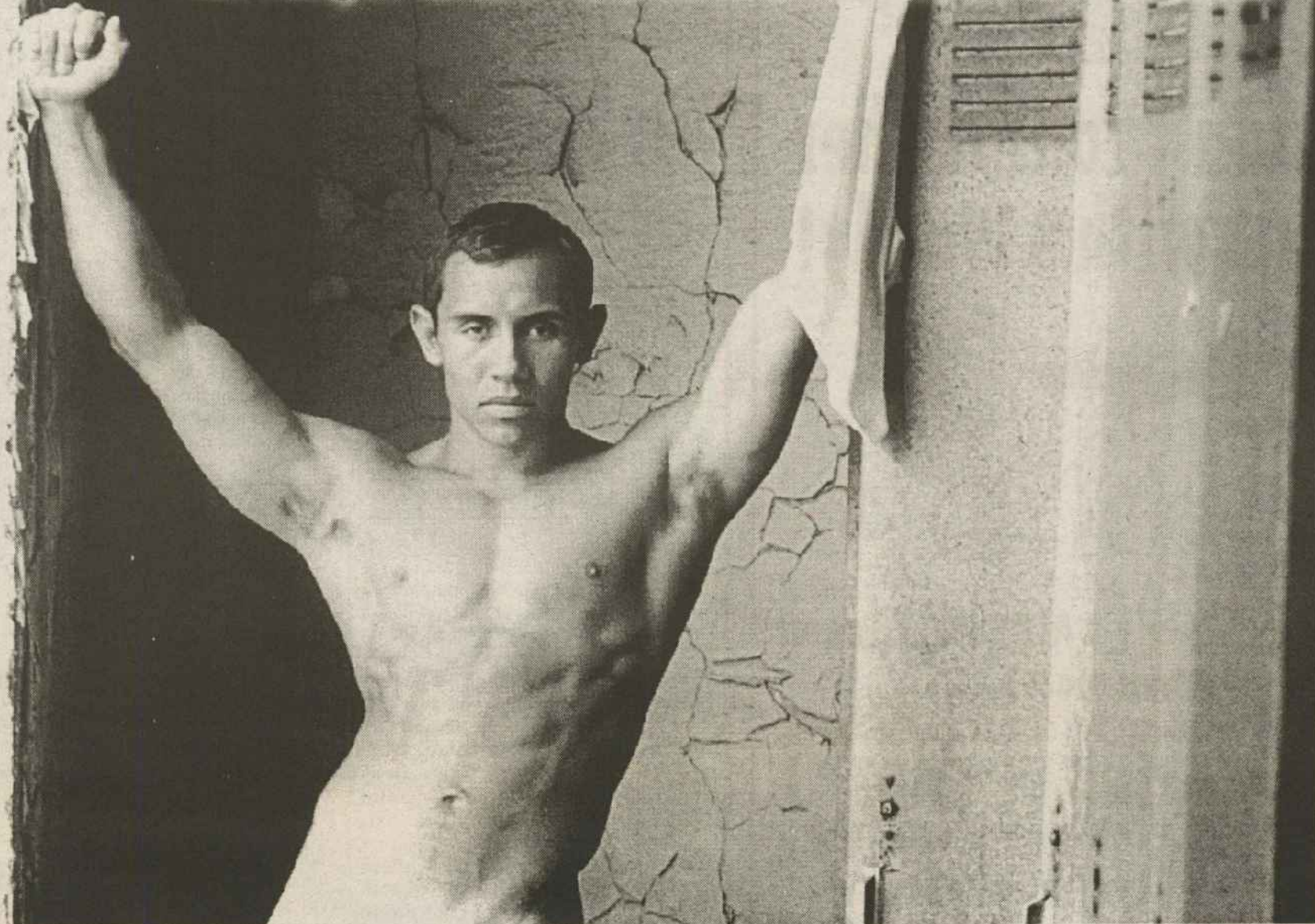




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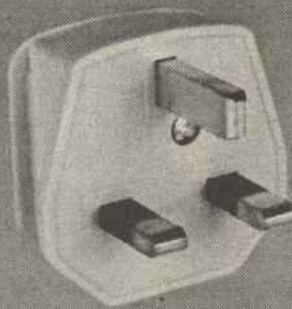
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## Marjorie Garber bisexuality & The Eroticism of Everyday Life

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### Bisexuality & The Eroticism Of Everyday Life By Marjorie Garber

By Ed Grover

The author tells us exactly what a bisexual is as opposed to a homosexual or a heterosexual. She re-evaluates what "normal" might mean and poses the question "Is bisexuality a 'third kind' of sexuality ... or is it something that puts in question the very concept of sexual identity in the first place?" She suggests that bisexuality is eroticism, an unpigeonholed sexuality — not a 'third choice', as some would have us believe.

Across the country more and more young people are declaring themselves to be bisexual. In an article in the New York Times, one student member of the 10 Percent Club at Hunter High School, located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan said, "[saying you are bisexual] just says you're not yet defined and gives you some freedom. ... no members of the 10 Percent Club have come out and said they are exclusively gay. ... Everyone's bisexual."

Well, I never had any serious questions as to what I liked; I liked men from the get go. But, for those of you who are bi-curious, this book will fill you in on just about everything you didn't know. Garber asks why sex has to be either or? She looks at bisexuality through many different glasses: cultural, scientific, literary and psychological.

The invisibility of bis can lead to cultural disregard—and worse — for any group society decides to overlook or look through. Bis travel under the umbrella of queer action groups that cluster lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered folks all together. Bisexuals are sometimes said to be guilty of getting "heterosexual privilege" whether they want it or not. They are also accused of having "their cake and eating it, too." While there are a lot of people who are in favor of bisexuality, there are those who are not.

"Biphobia," is a word created from the word "homophobia"; it suggests social prejudice. Straight people may stereotype bisexuals as closeted men who cheat on their wives with a series of randomly chosen male sex partners, spreading AIDS to an innocent heterosexual population, including unborn children. Some gays and lesbians also stereotype bisexuals as "fence

sitters" who dally with the affections of same-sex partners, breaking their hearts when they move on to a heterosexual relationship.

We find out who was bisexual in ancient history: Alexander the Great, most of the Romans, including Julius Caesar, Sappho and Socrates; who was bisexual in the not so distant past: Ernest Hemingway, Djuna Barnes, Tallulah, Janis Joplin, Marlon Brando, James Dean, Marlene Dietrich, Leonard Bernstein and writer, John Cheever; and, then there are well-known bisexual names among us in the year 2000 like, Sandra Bernhard, Madonna, Calvin Klein, Mick Jagger, Elton John and David Bowie just to mention a few.

Among the icons of so-called bisexual chic are the Calvin Klein ads photographed by Bruce Weber, which cross boundaries both ways in that the erotic pictures of (mostly) men are attractive to both men and women for different reasons. Klein also designed fly-front boxer shorts for women. They sold 80,000 pairs in just 90 days. The author says that designers have played with gender-bending statements in the 90s in ways that are both cautious and outrageous.

According to the Advocate, the magazine is quoted as saying, "After all, has the straight community ever developed an idea such as color-coded handkerchiefs that cue others to the wearer's sexual proclivities?" This brings us up to Garber's comments on how does a bisexual identify him- or herself? She says, "nothing short of a large sign with the word 'BI' inscribed in block letters would improve her 'visi-BI-lity'."

Among the pictures included are a picture of a man in drag with his arms around both a woman and a man. What is he classified as if he sleeps with the woman, what if he sleeps with the man? Susie Bright says, "Don't talk to me about gay pride or bi pride. Love has no pride — that's the banner the real world marches under." Even Sigmund Freud got in the bisexual discussion by saying, "I am accustoming myself to regard every sexual act as an event between four individuals."

The cover has a quote from Gore Vidal that says, "Bisexuality is about three centuries overdue ... nevertheless, here it is: a learned, witty study of how our curious culture has managed to get everything wrong about sex." It's a great read for the inquisitive and for the novices of sex and gender. Get with it and find out where you are. (Routledge, ISBN: 0-415-92661-0, \$21 USA, \$32 Canada).

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# The Girls of Summer

By Wayne Brasler

**T**is the summer of the lady singer, so let us touch on three of them. No, make that four. Actually, make that five or, if you're counting Supremes, 11 (they tend to multiply, ya know).

First, I guess I have to say something/anything about Miss Britney Spears' sophomore effort on Jive, "Oops... I Did It Again." Well, urn, has anyone noticed the title song is awfully close to "Woman in Love," the Barbra Streisand hit? The video for "Lucky" is clever, though not exactly coherent or as good as its own making-of video. But, to get more coherent myself, it's clear this little lady is very good at doing what she is told, though not very clear if she has much to say herself or if that even matters.

But there are some problems. Britney tends to sing in a speaking voice and, as far as I can tell, most or all of her concert consists of her lip synching to a prerecorded track with no sense of vocal presence. As a dancer she tends to lose her footing. She looks great – if you look at old photos of her there's been a lot of work at work here – but, every day she's getting older! Oops.

Next, I guess I have to say something about Miss Diana Ross's tour disaster. I've got to be careful here because I know exactly what went on, most of which hasn't been published yet, but I've promised various friends with roles in this crash-landing to be discreet. So let's put it this way. The \$25 program booklet for the tour tells the whole story. The only mention the original Supremes get is in one sentence, that Cindy Birdsong and Mary Wilson (in that order) went on as Supremes with Jean Terrell when Ross went solo. That's it. Florence Ballard, who founded the group with Wilson and Ross (in that order), isn't even mentioned.

Diana has been rewriting Supremes history ever since she got front billing in 1967. You'd never know originally all three ladies got equal billing, equal album cover and advertising space, equal placement on stage and that the distinctive backgrounds

provided by the gospel-soprano-ed Ballard and smooth alto-ed Wilson had as much to do with the group becoming historic stars as Ross's quick-as-lightning leads.

Or that Ballard and Wilson did some terrific leads on album tracks. In fact, when Motown began using its in-studio group the Adantes to do all its girl groups' backgrounds on records the Supremes' sales were never the same. At that point already



Britney Spears

Wilson and Ballard were being sent backstage so Diana could sit alone on the couch to talk to Johnny about how they had substitutes ready if they became ill, but of course no one could replace her, and how "I gotta go back to Detroit to make a new record."

I, I, I, yi, yi, yi. The Supremes became Diana Ross front and center, sequins blazing, with two shadowy figures way, way in back at turned-down microphones.

When Ross left the group, she distanced herself from having ever been part of it as fast as she could. She only came back to it when it looked to her benefit to do so, but by this point she'd lost any sense of reality about the group's place in history

and figured it really didn't matter who was up there on stage with her. Wrong.

Third, I guess we should mention that Miss Barbra Streisand's 2-CD live album, "Timeless," recorded last New Year's Eve, probably will be replaced by a 2-CD live album being recorded this fall at her so-called "farewell concerts" in New York City and Los Angeles. She doesn't need another live album (the song lineup for "Timeless" basically was the same old same old...are we really people who need another version of "People"?).

What Streisand should be doing at this point is remarkable collections of classic pop – an album of songs by her favorite writer, Harold Arlen, for starters – which employ her particular gifts significantly and establish her forever among the most important vocal artists of the past half-century.

Which brings us back to two. Did you know Miss Ross recorded a Harold Arlen album about a decade ago? Never came over the rainbow.

Fourth, the singing veteran of 30 years, Julie Budd, who seems irrelevantly always to have reminded people of Streisand, recently received a feature story in the New York Times that was nothing less than a Valentine. Her new album on After 9/Sin-Drome, "If You Could See Me Now" will have your heart happy.

As the Times rhapsodized, at this point Budd has the full goods, including a thrilling voice, keen interpretative powers and impeccable taste in songs – in this case the likes of "No Moon At All," "Being Alive" and "This Nearly Was Mine." (Incredibly, "If You Could See Me Now," the song, is credited in the album booklet to Carl Sigman and Tadd Dameron, but no, that's another song by the same title, introduced by Sarah Vaughan way back in her days with the Billy Eckstine Orchestra. There are at least five songs titled "If You Could See Me Now"; I wonder who wrote this one?)

I was invited to see Budd's spectacular holiday show a year ago in Atlantic City and meet her afterward. The show took my breath away. She is that good. The audience was beside itself with joy. Greeting visitors backstage, Budd was startlingly beautiful and looked about 20. She also is gracious and dignified – a true star.

Fifth, another true star, this one beyond her 60th year as a recording star – Miss Peggy Lee. In celebration of her 80th birthday, Capitol has released two fascinat-

ing CDs, one collecting work she did with small jazz groups (for Capitol's Radio Transcription division) and the other a collection of "rare gems and hidden treasures," including nine wonderful previously-unreleased recordings.

Lee's unique presence, unerring musicianship, sass and wit and eclectic taste are all in place here, and the notes by Will Friedwald and Gene Lees are terrific. The jazz collection includes a stunning echo of Billie Holiday's "Travelin' Light" and the pop collection offers several truly odd recordings, including a madhouse ditty titled "Blum, Blum, I Wonder Who I Am."

Which brings us again back to two, Miss Ross. After being a fan for nearly 40 years, and finding her most recent album the wisest and most significant of her career, I thought I knew who she was. But after this tour meltdown I wonder.

Motown is working on a multiple-CD box on the Supremes with numerous previously-unreleased tracks and in-concert recordings and it's to be titled "The Supremes."

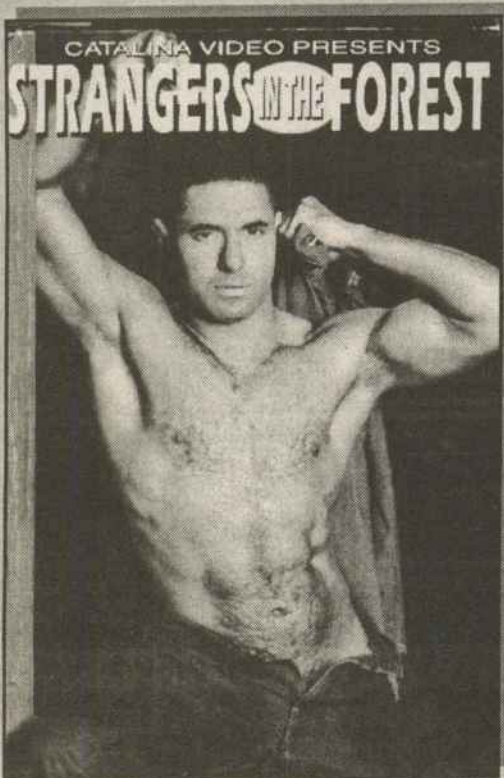
The cover will feature a small photo of the original trio. The words "Diana Ross and..." do not appear on the cover, the first time since the group's name was altered more than 30 years ago that Motown has restored the original equal billing.

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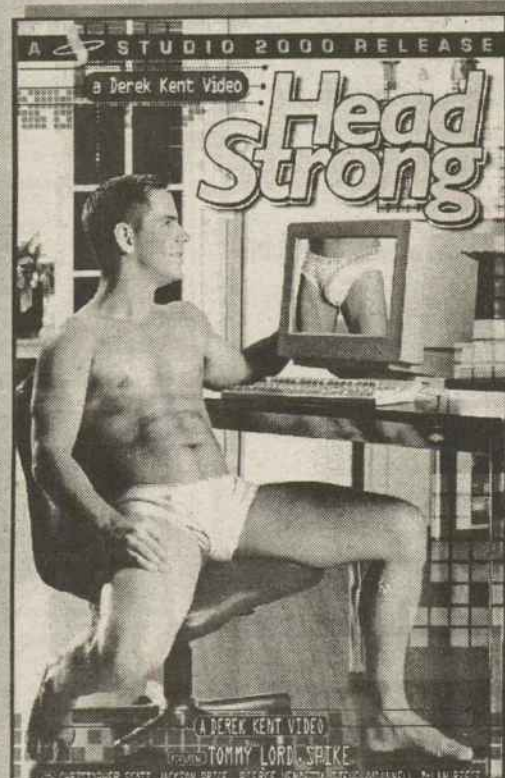
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Once again, I feel compelled to offer my opinion on a subject many of you have heard about via the gay press and this column a few years back. That subject is Dr. Laura. A couple of years ago I wrote a column backing Dr. Laura and her radio show. Shortly after that column, I went into a club to shoot pics and someone confronted (more like yelled at) me regarding my beliefs on Laura. Due to recent developments I have decided to visit this subject again.

To begin with, I am very disappointed with some in the gay community. Without singling anyone out, my disappointment is with many of the columnists for the nation's gay publications. These are publications that lead our gay community. For many in the gay community, it is their only source of news. For that reason, they tend to follow what they have been told. Now, before you start that letter to the editor blasting me, hear me out. We as writers have a responsibility to be as honest and fair as we can. This also means being well informed about what we write, especially if we are criticizing people.

As I read the Hate Dr. Laura columns, I've seen phrases like "Mean spirited, adulterous slut," "Get off the cross Laura, we need the wood" and my favorite, "She is a hypocrite who preaches about being a stay-at-home-mom and she's obviously working." Wow! Mean spirited? Hmmm, and the person who wrote those words is what ... not mean spirited? Those are some pretty strong words. I will take those three phrases and explain why I think they are way off base.

### Mean Spirited Adulterous Slut

First of all, Dr. Laura is far from being mean spirited. She is very compassionate while dealing with callers that are in a bad situation they didn't create on their own. So what if she chastises people for making babies without the stability of a loving family. And yes, I firmly believe that the best chance for a child to grow up mentally and physically healthy with little chance we will see them in and out of the juvenile court system, is with a mommy and a daddy. Yes, I'm talking about a married heterosexual couple. Don't get me wrong, there are people who have done a great job raising a child outside of the traditional nuclear family. I also realize that even in the nuclear family there are extenuating circumstances, but for the most part in my opinion it is best to have mom and dad influences. She has also not been proven to be an adulterous slut. Gimme a break, there are plenty adulterous sluts on our own community. If she chose to dig into some writers past, I'll bet she could come up with much more ammunition than some nude pictures that were supposed to be private. OK, maybe she had a couple of relationships but that does not make her a slut or adulterous.

### "Get off the Cross Laura, We Need the Wood"

I wish I knew exactly what was going through the person's head that came up with that one. She has never claimed to be god or even the pope. She simply wants to live a morally decent life and wants to convince people to do the same. If you listen to her you will notice that it doesn't matter what religion you are. She simply believes that you are on the right track if you follow a religion.

OK, this is starting to get lengthy, so I

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will cut to the chase. No, I don't "subscribe" to all of Dr. Laura's beliefs but I'm sure as hell not going to bash her for what she believes. She is not doing any real harm to the gay community. And for those of you who insist on bashing her, take the time to listen to her. Don't take sound bites as gospel, they are often slanted to fit one particular group's agenda. As far as being a "biological error," what's the big deal? Once again, her words were taken out of context.

Moving on ... I'm happy to announce a new club in town. The place is called **Harbor Room** and is located on Greenfield Ave., just east of 1st street. I stopped in this past weekend and met owner **Gregg** who gave me the tour. The place has gone through lots of renovations including ripping out the old concrete floor, removing the dropped ceiling and lots of paint. Stop in for the **Grand Opening Party** slated for August 25th through the 27th and check it out. Oh, I almost forgot, you get half price drinks if you take your shirt off.

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

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

## BARS

Brandys II (Mw, L/L)  
1126 Main Street, Green Bay, 54304 ..... 1-800-311-3197

Buddies (MW)  
1264 Main Street, Green Bay, 54304 ..... 437-9256

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

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

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

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

## MEDICAL

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

HIV+ Support Support  
Green Bay ..... 437-4325

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

HIV+ Support Support  
Green Bay ..... 437-4325

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

## ORGANIZATIONS

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

Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)  
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305 ..... 465-2343

Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB ..... 499-7080  
Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay ..... 435-4404  
Positive Voice (Gay and Lesbian Support)  
P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305

## MADISON (608)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Prairie Garden B&B  
W13172 Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 ..... (800) 380-8427

## MEDICAL

AIDS Network  
HIV/AIDS Service Organization  
600 Williamson St, 53701 ..... 252-6540  
FAX ..... 252-6559

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin ([www.arcw.org](http://www.arcw.org))  
222 State St., 53701 ..... 258-9103  
..... 800/518-9910

Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)  
1552 University Avenue 53705 ..... 262-7330

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital (HIV Counseling/Testing)  
80 1st St., Prairie du Sac, 53578 ..... 643-7583

## BARS

CE's (Wm)  
2415 Winnebago St., 53704 ..... 241-5042

Club 5 (MW, Food)  
5 Applegate Court, 53713 ..... 277-9700

Fox Hole (W)  
5 Applegate Ct., 53713 ..... 277-9700

3 Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)  
117 W. Main St. 53703 ..... 255-5029

5 Ray's (MW, DJ)  
3052 E Washington, 53704 ..... 241-9335

Greenbush (G/S, M/W, F)  
914 Regent, 53715 ..... 257-BUSH

3 Rainbow Room (MW)  
121 West Main St., 53703 ..... 251-1030

Planet Q (MW, D, V)  
5 Applegate Court, 53713 ..... 277-9700

The Barracks (Mw, L/L)  
5 Applegate Court, 53713 ..... 277-8700

## ORGANIZATIONS

Brew City Bears  
P.O. Box 8815, 53708-8815, Milw. .... 299-0401  
E-mail: [bcbeats@aol.com](mailto:bcbeats@aol.com)

Campus Womens Center

710 University Ave., #202, 53715 ..... 262-8093

Different Spokes G/L/B Bicycling Club ..... 241-8184

18-21 Yr Old Social Group ..... 256-2667

Frontiers (Gay/Bi Mens Activities Organ.)  
600 Williamson St, 53703 ..... 255-8582

Gay/Bi Father's Group  
600 Williamson St, 53703 ..... 255-8582

Gay/Lesbian Information Recording  
(ask for tape #3333) ..... 263-3100

Gay Mens Video Club  
PO Box 8234, 53708 ..... 244-8675

GALVANize (Madison LesBiGay Pride)  
PO Box 1403, 53701 ..... 256-4289

GLBT Phone Line (Outreach's Out-line) ..... 255-4297

Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)  
PO Box 6091, 53716

Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence  
Support Group) ..... 255-7447

LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)  
Dean of Students Office  
75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 ..... 263-5700

LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge,  
Resource Center) UW Union ..... 265-3344

LesBiGay Teen Support Group ..... 251-1126  
(Briarpatch & Picada) or ..... 246-7606

Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union  
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) ..... 251-8716

Madison Wrestling Club  
PO Box 8234, 53708 ..... 244-8675

MAGIC Picnic Committee c/o Outreach ..... 255-8582

Mens Alanon ..... 255-8582

New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)  
PO Box 1786, 53701

Nothing to Hide (gay cable) ..... 241-2500

OutReach, Inc.  
600 Williamson St, 53703 ..... 255-8582  
email: [outreachinc.com](mailto:outreachinc.com), web: [www.outreachinc.com](http://www.outreachinc.com)

Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians  
PO Box 1722, 53701

Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)  
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
953 Jennifer Street (Lira) ..... 608/238-9150

Rainbow Friends (Quaker Worship Group) ..... 250-9789

Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org)  
<http://www.mailbag.com/users/dkr/shake.html>  
4701 Judy Lane, 53704-1723 ..... 241-2500

10% Society (student organization)  
<http://tps.storg.wisc.edu>, e-mail: [execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu](mailto:execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu)  
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 ..... 262-7365

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

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council ..... 262-2551

Womansong (Woman's Choral Group) ..... 246-2681

## RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity  
Box 730, 53701 ..... 836-8886

Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)  
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 ..... 256-2353

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church  
2146 E Johnson, 53704 ..... 242-8887

## Services

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

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

## RETAIL

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

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

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

**MILWAUKEE (414)**

**ORGANIZATIONS**

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

Alcoholics Anonymous  
(Request gay meetings) ..... 771-9119

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

Bi Definition (Bisexual community events)  
170 S. 2nd St., 53204, ..... Nikki 774-5055  
E-mail: [bidef@hotmail.com](mailto:bidef@hotmail.com)

BWMT-Milwaukee ..... 461-4585, ext 3  
P.O. Box 100608, Milwaukee, 53210

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

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

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

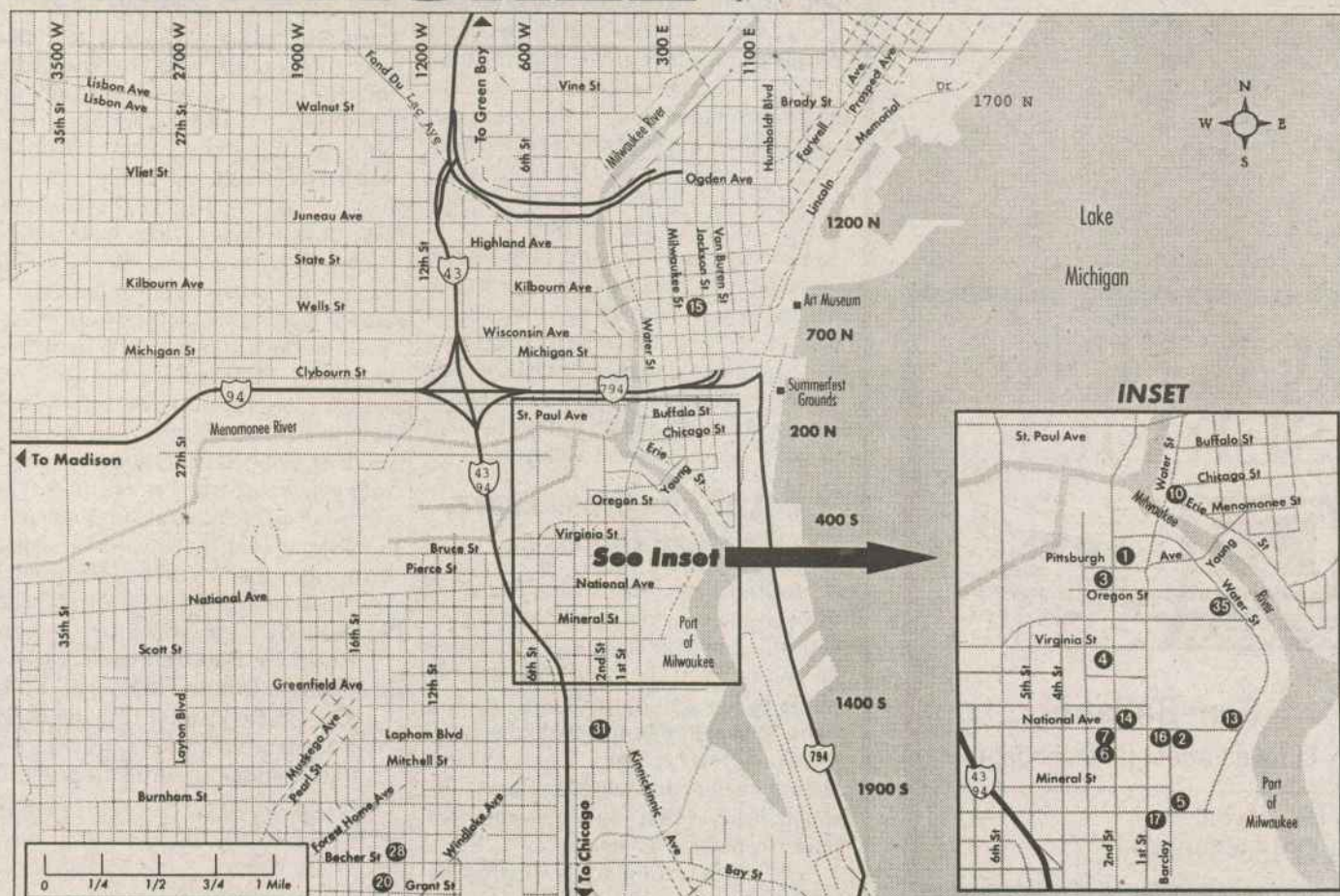
Cream City Foundation (CCF)  
170 S. 2nd St, 53204-1409 ..... 225-0244

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

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

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

## MILWAUKEE (Updated June 2000)





**Firebirds** (L/L group), P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159  
**Front Runners** (running group) .....332-1527  
**Galano Club** (chemical free recovery club)  
 2408 N. Farwell Ave., 53211 .....276-6936  
**GAMMA** (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)  
 E-mail: mkegama@execpc.com  
 Web: www.execpc.com/~mkegama  
 P.O. Box 1900, 53201 .....365-3453  
 Membership Info .....264-9180  
**Gay Father's Group**  
 1240 E. Brady St., 53202 .....372-8008  
**Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.**  
 (GLEEMM), Larry .....462-8404  
**Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM** .....229-6402  
**Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild**  
 209 E. National Ave., 53204  
**Gay People's Union**  
 P.O. Box 208, 53201 .....645-0585  
**Gay Youth Milwaukee** (peer group meetings)  
 P.O. Box 090441, 53209 .....265-8500  
**Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group**  
 (Bill) .....276-7626  
**Gemini Gender Group** (TV/TS/TG support/social)  
 P.O. Box 44211, 53214 .....297-9328  
**Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee**  
 P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862  
**GLEAM/SPECTRUM** (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)  
 P.O. Box 254, 53201 .....482-4310  
**G/L Community Center Trust Fund**  
 P.O. Box 1686, 53201 .....643-1652  
**Great Lakes Harley Riders**, P.O. Box 341611, 53234-1611  
**Holiday Invitational Tournament** (G/L bowling event)  
 P.O. Box 899, 53201  
**Keep Hope Alive** (HIV Holistic Support)  
 P.O. Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 .....548-4344  
**LAMM** (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)  
 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....272-9442  
**LOC/Women of Color**  
 P.O. Box 93594, 53203 .....263-1631  
**Log Cabin Republicans** (Gay Republicans)  
 P.O. Box 199, 53201 .....299-9443  
**MGALA** (Marquette U. GL Alumni)  
 P.O. Box 92722, 53202  
**Marquette Gay/Straight Alliance**  
 Campus Ministry, 617 N. 14th St., 53233 .....288-6873  
**Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club** (Scott) .....543-9643  
**Metro Milwaukee LGBT Community Center**  
 170 S. 2nd St., 53204  
 Web: www.mkelgblt.org .....271-2656  
**Narcotics Anonymous** (request gay mtgs.) .....800-711-6375  
**Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride**  
 (c/o Murguia) 1532 N. Astor St., 53202 .....276-8546  
**Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group** .....963-9833  
**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)**  
 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....299-9198  
**Pathfinders** (youth counseling, shelter)  
 1614 E. Kane Place, 53202 .....271-1560  
**PrideFest** (annual Pride festival)  
 907 S. 1st St., 53204  
 Web: www.pridefest.com .....645-FEST  
**The Queer Program** (Cable TV Show)  
 PO Box 090441, 53209 .....265-8500  
**Rainbow Alliance at UWM**  
 Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 .....229-6555  
**Riverwest Rainbow Association**  
 1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 .....225-1645  
**SAGE Milwaukee** (for older LGBTs)  
 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 after 4pm .....271-0378  
**Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)**  
 P.O. Box 92605, 53203-0091 .....454-9204  
**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)** .....299-0755  
**Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.**  
 P.O. Box 76115, 53216 .....873-1849  
**Shoreline** (country dancing, instruction)  
 P.O. Box 510283, 53203-0051 .....747-0388  
**Silver Space** (for older lesbians)  
 c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett .....271-2565  
**Wisconsin Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 897, 53201-0897  
**Wisconsin Outdoor Women** (outdoor sporting events)  
 P.O. Box 94, Hales Corners, 53130 .....427-2082

**RELIGIOUS**

**ARCW Spiritual Care**  
 P.O. Box 92487, 53202 .....225-1565  
**Cross Lutheran Church** (Reconciled in Christ)  
 1821 N. 16th St., 53205 .....344-1746  
**Dignity** (G/L Catholic Church)  
 P.O. Box 597, 53201 .....444-7177  
**First Unitarian Society** (Unitarian Universalist)  
 1342 N. Astor St., 53202 .....273-5257  
**Lake Park Lutheran Church**  
 2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211 .....962-9190  
**Lutherans Concerned**  
 P.O. Box 1676, 53201 .....372-9663  
**Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church**  
 (U/MCC) 1239 W. Mineral St., 53204  
 Adm. Office: 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....383-1100  
**Pentecost Lutheran Church** (Reconciled in Christ)  
 5226 W. Burleigh St., 53210 .....445-2696  
**Plymouth Church-UCC** (Open & Affirming)  
 2717 E. Hampshire St., 53211 .....964-1513  
**The Sanctuary** (Ecumenical, nondenominational)  
 1636 W. National Ave., 53204 .....647-9199  
**St. Ann's Church**  
 5933 W. National Ave., 53214 .....259-1229  
**St. James Episcopal Church**  
 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53233 .....271-1340  
**Village Church** (Reconciled in Christ)

130 E. Juneau Ave., 53202 .....273-7617

**MEDICAL**

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

**BARS**

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

**COFFEE HOUSES and RESTAURANTS**

**Annex** (10am-after hours)  
 1106 S. 1st St. 53204 .....384-7999  
**Azteca**  
 816 South 5th St., 53204 .....383-8816  
**Bear Brew** (Coffee House)  
 708 N. Milwaukee St., 53202 .....224-8877  
**Cafe Knickerbocker**  
 1030 East Juneau, 53202 .....272-0011  
**Cempazuchi**  
 1205 E. Brady St., 53202 .....291-5233  
**Chip and Pys**  
 1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon, .....241-9589  
**Cielito Lindo**  
 733 South 2nd St., 53204 .....649-0401  
**Fitzpatrick's**  
 W2596 Hwy E.S., East Troy, 53120 .....642-7999  
**Harry's Bar and Grill**  
 3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211 .....694-6800  
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 625 South 5th St., 53204 .....271-8595  
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 124 N. Water 53202 .....347-1962  
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 831 South 16th Street, 53204 .....645-8860

**HELP LINES**

**The Force**  
 (referrals to GLBT counselors) .....276-8487  
**Gay Information Svcs.**  
 (referrals) .....444-7331  
**Gay Bash Hotline** (confidential) .....444-7331  
**Gay People's Union** .....645-0585  
**Gay Youth WI Hotline** .....272-TEEN  
 .....888-GAY-TEEN  
**Helpline** (Crisis Counseling) .....271-3123  
**Pathfinders** (24-hour youth counseling) .....271-1560  
**Wisconsin AIDSline** (free/anonymous) .....(414) 273-AIDS

.....(800) 334-AIDS

**SERVICES**

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 2433 N. Mayfair Rd., Suite 320, .....258-5404  
**Able Amazon** (Home Repair) .....447-0251  
**Affiliated Mortgage** .....453-6700  
 1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218  
**Barney H. Moore Agency** (Insurance) .....536-7575  
 7655 W. Luscher Ave., 53218  
**Bay Tax Service**, Paul Rathjen .....332-9584  
**B&G Construction** .....405-7843  
**Sean Buckley** (Individual Psychotherapy) .....562-2403  
**Bill Buresh** (Real Estate) .....529-0500  
**Carnival Travel**, 611 E. Wells St. ....276-3388  
**Clarity** (Writing and Research) .....276-6935  
**Creative Home Concepts** (Home/Remodel) .....766-1066  
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 3425 N. Holton Ave. ....964-7170  
**Roland E. Daneau, CPA** (Accountant) .....962-1400  
**Discovery & Recovery Clinic** (Counseling)  
 6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215 .....282-6160  
**Kathryn M. Dobrtaz** (Financial Planning)  
 330 Executive Dr., Suite 305, Brookfield .....782-8914  
**Dykeman Family Heating** (heating/cooling)  
 1023 E. Brady St., 53202 .....273-7500  
**Insigna Sales** (Printing) .....783-7456  
**Theodore I. Friedman, PhD** (Psychotherapist)  
 2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 .....272-2427  
**Financial Planning Services** (Investment/Insurance)  
 .....445-5552  
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 N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010  
**The Garden Room** (Garden Design)  
 Michael Davis .....963-1657  
**GLINN Network One** (Internet Access, www.gnl.net)  
 1618 N. Jackson, 53202 .....289-8640  
**Hairys Hair Bar**  
 2385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. ....486-9299  
**Rollie Hanson** (Attorney)  
 600 E. Mason St., #100, 53202 .....273-0899  
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 N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 .....255-0704  
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 5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners, 53130 .....529-2129  
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**Denis Jackson, PhD** (Relational training,  
 hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling) .....276-8669  
**Klaus & Meyers** (attorneys)  
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**Landmark Plumbing** .....224-8008  
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**Third Coast Courier** (delivery) .....562-0935  
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 515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213 .....774-2174  
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 by appointment only .....383-0740  
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**Adambomb Gallerie** (tattoos, jewelry)  
 524 S. 2nd St., 53204 .....276-BOMB  
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 2710 N. Murray, 53211 .....963-9089  
**Argosy** (Gifts & Decorative Accessories)  
 18900 W. Bluemound Rd., Brookfield, 53045 .....821-6900  
**Avante Garde** (Body Piercing, Tattoos)  
 7219 W. Greenfield Ave., .....607-4068  
**Back Pages** (Bookstore)  
 1425 W. Oklahoma Ave., .....383-6464  
**Body Inspired** (Health Club)  
 2009 E. Kenilworth Place .....272-8622  
**Body Ritual** (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)  
 2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202 .....273-3777  
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 1110 South First Street .....647-1773  
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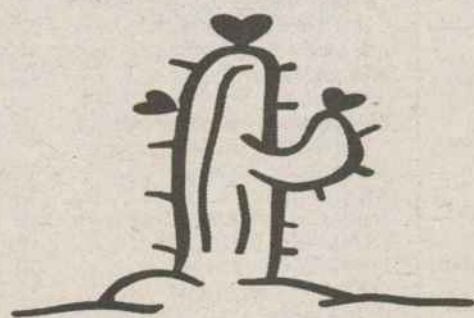
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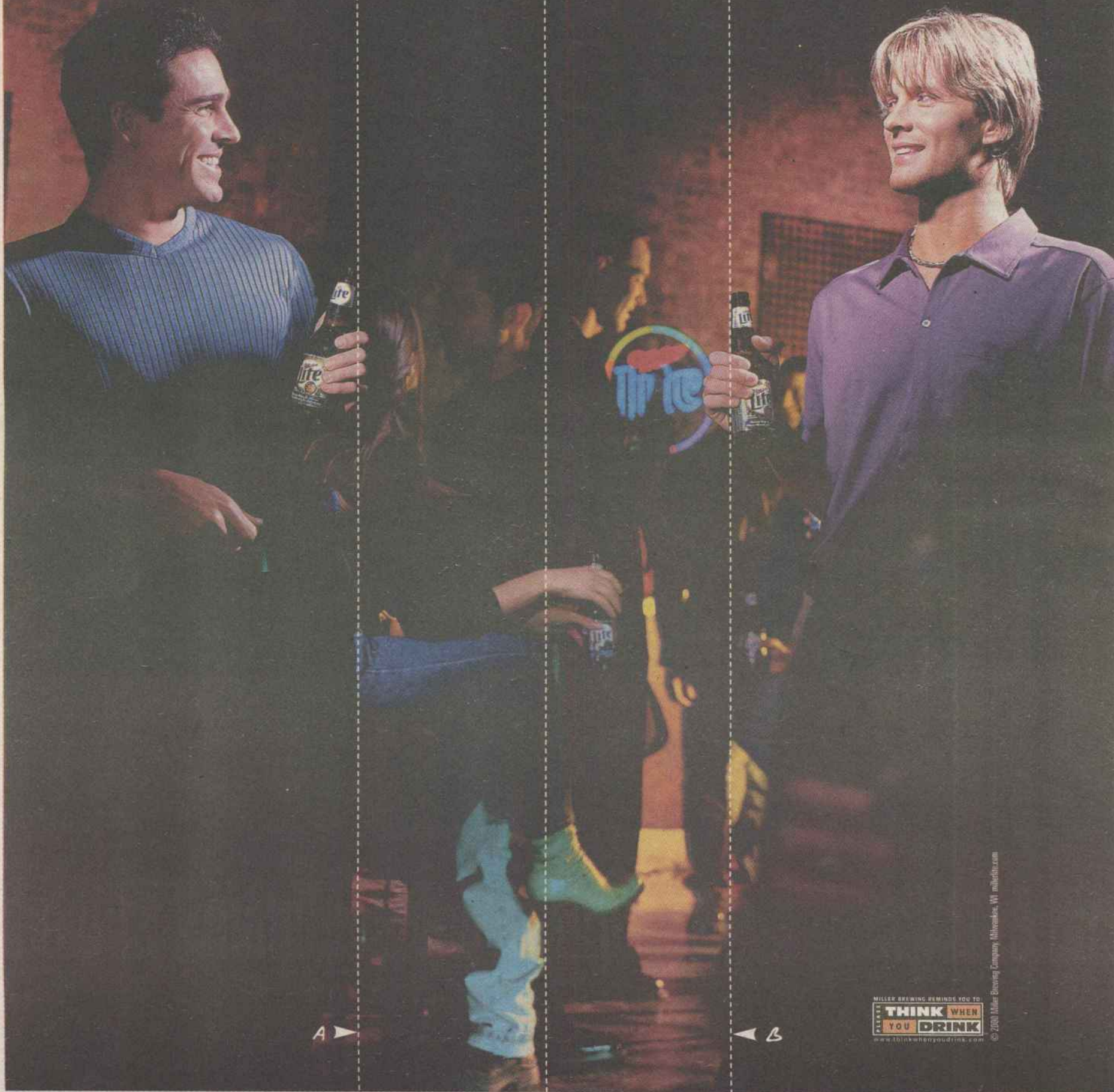
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