

Milwaukee Pride Parade Successful Despite Confusion



With only two months of planning, the Milwaukee Pride Parade was a great success. With great weather, colorful floats and lots of hard work, The Milwaukee Pride Parade went on without incident. An estimated 800 spectators lined south Second Street to show their support for the parade. Could the numbers have been greater? Yes, says James Kuchta of Outbound

Magazine. "There was some confusion surrounding the Parade due to the Pridefest website stating there was no Pride Parade. I received numerous emails and phone calls pointing out the comments on the PrideFest website." PrideFest did correct their website, only after it was pointed out to them but dragged their feet and made the change only a week prior to Pride Weekend. Another problem that caused confu-

sion was people (potential Parade spectators) at Pridefest were told by the shuttle bus driver and security that the parade had been delayed about an hour and a half due to lack of volunteers. NOT TRUE, the parade stepped off at exactly 2pm as advertised and lasted just over an hour. Could the Parade have lasted longer? Again, Yes, if the Pridefest website had been cleared up sooner we would have had more participants, thus a longer parade. Time is always a factor when planning an event. Next year will be better, with more time to prepare I am sure the Milwaukee Pride Parade will be even better.

With the efforts of the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian bars, the Great Lakes Riders, private sponsors and the help from Miller Brewing Company, we raised an estimated \$8000 dollars to fund the parade. The total cost of the parade is still being determined, but organizers say there will be money left to put towards next year's Pride Parade. We will start early to plan next year's parade says James Kuchta and Si Smits. We want to ensure that the Pride Parade is never again compromised, as we do support the efforts of PrideFest in putting on a festival that we can all be proud of. We would like to see more unity between Pridefest and the new Milwaukee Pride Parade. An organization meeting is scheduled for sometime in July—not yet fully determined as to the exact date and time. If you want to **GET INVOLVED**, please email getinvolved@prideparademke.com.

All in all, the Milwaukee Pride Parade accomplished it's goal, despite negative comments from Bill Attewell, editor of the now defunct InStep news.

What would Milwaukee's LGBT Community be without a town Jack-ass who tries to undermine the efforts of others to move the community forward!

Tobin, with Tazzbah



Yes, Bill Attewell is in true form finding the negative with people's good intentions. Yes Bill, it is about economics, just as it is for all those vendors at Pridefest. Bill Attewell is always busy grinding his axe to use on someone, it might as well be Outbound and Si Smits.

Parade Winners:

There were three judges walking the parade route looking at all the entries to come up with the winners in three categories: Best Float, Best Decorated Car and Best Marching Unit. They were judged on three things: Theme, Audience response and Spirit. Although all the floats were great, there were two that stood out. Those being Woody's and M&M Club. Both floats were extremely large and colorful, but there could only be one winner and the trophy went to **M&M Club**. The Riverwest Accordion was truly the highlight of their float. The Best Decorated Car went to **Allen Elsinger** with his patriotic tribute to America and the Best Marching Unit award went to **Q-Life News**.

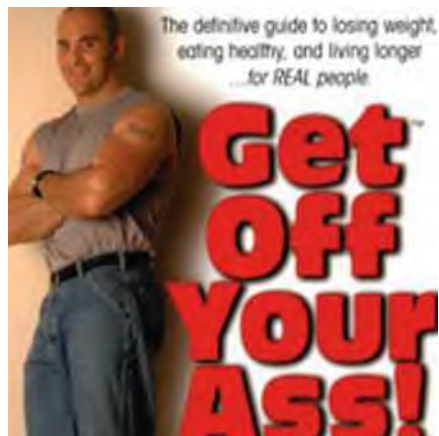
Let's all unite to ensure the success of Milwaukee's Pride Weekend. We are all in this together, so let's start working together.... **GET INVOLVED!**

Pridefest Hits New Record on Attendance

"The numbers are in!" Says Pridefest. Attendance hit a record high this past weekend topping off at 21,368 people. Although there were less vendors than previous years, Pridefest's success was largely due to great weather and a great line-up of entertainers.

Although the numbers are good, they could be better. Pridefest needs to plan an event on a more national scale for next year to attract more people to Milwaukee.

With the SummerFest grounds we should be able to attract enough people to utilize the full potential of the Facility available to us. Hopefully with the success of this year, PrideFest will start thinking on a more national scale for future events. This means being more inclusive of the whole community. Milwaukee has a lot to be proud of. We just need to work together as a whole community. Let's keep up the momentum and work together!



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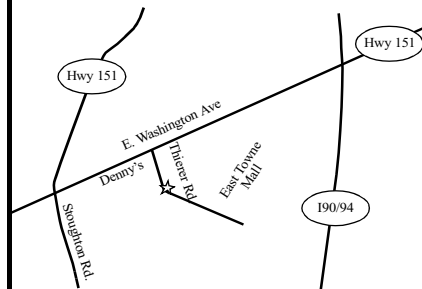
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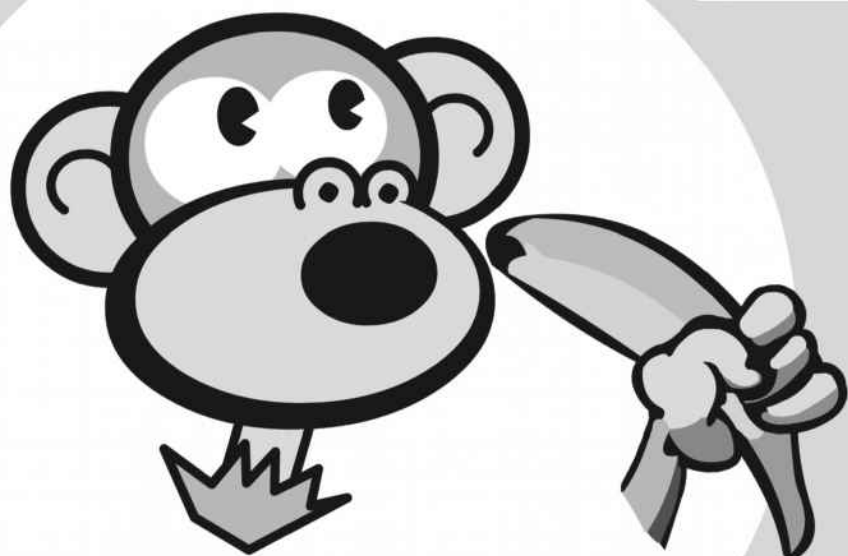


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Lesbian Entertainer Danielle Egnew Takes On a New Mission

Multi-Award winning lesbian media personality Danielle Egnew, best known for fronting the pop band Pope Jane and as an edgy actor/screenwriter, has a new mission. She recently announced that she is founding a non-denominational LGBT Christian organization, The Church of the Open Christ.

"I'm no bible banger," says Egnew, who is also a self-proclaimed Clairvoyant Channeler. Holding a passion for spirituality and traveling all over the country speaking on areas of what she terms Spiritual Physics, Danielle Egnew is branching out. One of the few publicly out lesbians in the Hollywood entertainment circle, Egnew speaks freely about human rights and spirituality through her nationally syndicated talk radio show, "The High Road".

"Sure, I'm an entertainer. But I'm also an ordained minister, and a lesbian," says Egnew, "and I guarantee you, God doesn't have a problem with any of that. It's time to readjust our sociology to reflect what the Bible really has to say about all people, not just an agenda-driven, fearful translation of an ancient text."

In spite of public criticism of Gays and Lesbians in the clergy, Egnew is not afraid to stand up for what she believes to be the right move. "There's been plenty of criticism toward The Church of the Open Christ already, from having a lesbian pastor to the fact that I do Psychic work," laughs Egnew, "but it's time that we let God out of the ignorance box."

The Church of the Open Christ is a non-denominational Christian organization welcoming all people, from all religious backgrounds. Egnew believes that an inclusive worship space is the most powerful. "I highly encourage Bud-

dhists, Jews, Mormons, everyone, to be part of our organization, and continue to worship God in their own way. It's not about converting people to become Christians. It's about demonstrating the Openness of Christ on earth, which is unconditional love and acceptance of one another. I may not be a Buddhist, but I do get a lot out of the teachings of Buddha."

Egnew plans on launching The Church of the Open Christ website in June. The site, which will have audio mpeg sermons, will also eventually include a video stream message and chat boards, where LGBT and other Christians can meet and exchange ideas and form community.

"I want to make it clear that I don't think I'm any modern day prophet," say Egnew. "I'm just someone called to make a church happen, in spite of how odd it may look. But it's not about me. The fact is, a few zealous organizations in this country have hijacked the term 'Christian', and I'm here to get it back."

Ironic to her sexy rock star image, Danielle Egnew is an ordained minister, pastoring in two Christian churches back in her home state of Montana. Her clergy background includes authoring sermons for others and acting in music ministry in a number of mainstream Christian organizations throughout the Northwest.

Egnew says on the true nature of Christianity: "To be Christian means to be like Christ. Jesus was the biggest peace-lovin' hippie of all time. I think it's time He's represented with Love, not judgment or anger. We need a little more of that Guy's perspective in this world, no matter what religion people choose to practice in order to experience that Love."

Lesbian Couple Wins Co-Parenting Rights on Birth Certificate

(Newark, NJ) - When Kimberly Robinson and Jeanne LoCicero signed documents in New York registering themselves as domestic partners, the couple considered themselves a family. Wednesday, they added a new member to the family - legally.

In a first-of-its kind ruling in New Jersey, a judge granted LoCicero full co-parenting rights to Robinson's baby, without having to go through lengthy adoption proceedings.

They will both be listed as parents on the birth certificate of Vivian Ryan LoCicero, who was born on April 30, once the document is issued.

"We're thrilled," LoCicero, who serves as a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, said Thursday. "We always felt like a family; now it's nice to know the court thinks we are one, too."

Robinson and LoCicero registered in New York as domestic partners in 2003 and got married in Canada last summer. They bought a house together and decided they wanted to have a child together. Robinson was impregnated using sperm from an anonymous donor.

The couple said they fought to have LoCicero's name included on the birth certificate because they wanted to know

the baby would be protected should something ever happen to one of them.

According to Ed Barocas, the ACLU's legal director for New Jersey, the case dealt with the state's artificial insemination law, which protects a child's relationship to a non-biological parent who consents to a spouse's artificial insemination.

"It definitely provides protection to the child based on the equal protection laws, that this child should be no less protected than a child of a heterosexual union," he said.

In ruling on the case, Superior Court Judge Patricia Medina Talbert in Newark used as support the many steps the couple has gone through to demonstrate their commitment to one another as proof that they formed a stable union in the child's best interest.

Because the question at issue was the relationship of LoCicero and the child, and not LoCicero's relationship with Robinson, the court did not need to rule on whether their marriage in Canada is legally valid in New Jersey, Barocas said.

Family Pride Will Honor 'Buster' Family at 10th Annual Family Week in Provincetown

(Washington, D.C.) - The Family Pride Coalition will honor the family of Gillian Pieper and Karen Pike with its fourth annual "Families of Courage" award at its 10th annual Family Week event in Provincetown, Mass. July 30-Aug. 6.

The Pieper/Pike family was featured in the Postcards from Buster episode that ignited a national debate after U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings strongly denounced the program because it featured children with two moms, saying that "Many parents would not want their young children exposed to the lifestyles portrayed in the episode."

"I am thrilled that Family Pride is honoring the Pieper/Pike family," said Jennifer Chrisler, executive director of Family Pride, the only national organization exclusively dedicated to securing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) parents and their families. "It is real families, sharing real facts about their lives that will dramatically reshape our civil rights battles. The Pieper/Pike family will long be remembered as heroes of our movement for doing just that -- sharing the real story of who their family is."

"We are deeply touched by this award from the Family Pride Coalition," Pieper and Pike said. "As parents, we feel fairly humble about such an honor because we simply did what any mother would deem necessary. When bullies come knocking, you stand up for your child's safety and rights. We acted on instinct. The real courage lies in our children who stood up along side us and fought for their family's right to be seen and loved by America. That's courage."

"Family Pride is a vital organization for America's LGBT families. We are so proud to be a part of their annual celebration and are grateful for the attention they gave the 'Postcards from Buster' controversy," Pieper and Pike said. "What Margaret Spellings and PBS took from us, Family Pride has returned tenfold. Thank you to everyone at Family Pride who believed in our kids and in their strength of character. Because of

Family Pride, our kids will look back on this controversy with pride and dignity."

A longtime activist for human rights and diversity in the workplace, Pieper is a nationally-renowned presenter, and is a founding member of the Vermont state-wide team known as Safe Harbors, a Department of Education-sponsored effort to maintain safe, civil schools for LGBT youth, families and staff.

An award-winning photojournalist, Pike's work has appeared in countless publications, including Time, Newsweek, The Washington Post, The New York Times and the best-selling book America 24/7. As an activist for human rights, Pike has provided a visual image of social justice throughout her career, donating her time to non-profit organizations, documenting poverty across the world and standing up for sexual minority/gender identity rights.

Pieper and Pike were united in a Vermont civil union in 2002. The family lives outside Burlington, Vermont with their three children, Emma (12), James (12) and David (10).

Family Week activities include workshops and social activities for parents and their children. The Family Pride Coalition has again invited COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) to offer social and educational programming for youth nine years and older. Some of the additional adventures include whale-watching tours, barbecues, beach parties, a family parade and a family dance. Advance registration for both events is \$150 per family. On-site registration will be \$175.

Registration forms are available online at www.familypride.org or by calling (202) 331-5015.

Family Week corporate sponsors include Capital One, Volvo Cars of North America, IBM, Crew Creative Advertising and Growing Generations. The Family Pride Coalition is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to securing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents and their families.

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Get Off Your Ass!

The Definitive Guide to Losing Weight, Eating Healthy, and Living Longer... for Real People

Veteran personal trainer, fitness expert and author Marty Tuley has no patience with people who wish they could lose weight, who would like to squeeze exercise time into their busy schedules, who cannot resist that fast-food meal. Those are simply people copping-out on their health and well-being he says.

To help motivate the unmotivated among us, Tuley has put together a no-frills, no-gimmicks, no-nonsense, not-so-subtle approach to health & fitness success called: Get Off Your Ass! The Definitive Guide to Losing Weight, Eating Healthy, and Living Longer... for Real People.

Tuley cuts through the myths, excuses, and wishes of unhealthy, overweight Americans. "Think habit, not instant results," he says. "Have more energy, feel better, look better, and be healthier." Tuley says the gimmicks, quick fixes and miracle solutions touted on so many infomercials do not deliver the results. Spot reducing is not realistic, working out at home is not convenient, pills are not the answer, and stomach stapling is no way to go.

Tuley's Get Off Your Ass! (GOYA) program is the result of his fifteen years of experience as a personal trainer and owner of a health club. It is designed for the "Average Joe and Jane," 30+ years of age, 20-150 (or more) pounds overweight, who have never effectively exercised. Simple, clear steps and a realistic timetable are presented in a straight forward, no-nonsense, tell-it-like-it-is coaching format that inspires frustrated dieters to say, "I can do that!"

This practical health and fitness program has three components:

* Exercise * Nutrition * Education

EXERCISE:

The GOYA exercise program is divided over four months-consider them "laps,"

Tuley suggests. Cardio conditioning and body-weight exercises are described and illustrated for each lap, including the amount of time to spend doing the exercise and the number of repetitions. Month one, for example, requires just 3 hours of exercise! Each succeeding month extends the workout. Consistency is the key to this program.

NUTRITION:

The nutrition element of GOYA focuses on healthy foods (no fad diets) and a few supplements. Tuley presents "20 simple steps to eating right," along with lists of foods and explanations of the supplements he recommends.

EDUCATION:

As part of the education element of his program, Tuley discusses if and how a personal trainer can help. He outlines and dispels exercise and diet myths. He anticipates questions and provides answers. He lays out a workout schedule and provides a chart that doubles as a worksheet. He presents sample daily menus and even offers recipes. He tolerates no excuses concerning busy schedules and exhaustion.

Indeed, Tuley emphasizes, the key is to continue educating oneself about health and fitness. Our lives change, our lifestyles change, and our bodies change-so we need to continue learning all we can about health and fitness and apply it to the particular time of our lives. Weight loss and good health are a process; there is not an instant forever-solution.

Readers will feel they have their own personal coach pushing them every step of the way, doling out praise when they are disciplined and barking in their ears when they've strayed from the road to better health. "Take responsibility! Do it! Get off your ass! And you'll see it works," says Tuley

New Tool to Combat Tobacco Use Problems in Gay Community

(Washington, D.C.) - The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community now has a new tool in the fight against tobacco use. Baltimore-based Persephone Productions has produced and aired a program addressing tobacco control issues pertaining to the LGBT community. A video of the program, called "LGBT Community and Smoking", is now available for community groups to educate people about the disproportionate toll tobacco takes on the LGBT community.

In October of 2001, the American Legacy Foundation provided a \$396,000 grant to Persephone Productions for the

creation of a series of priority population videos, including "LGBT Community and Smoking". The program was part of a series that aired on PBS' To The Contrary over the past three years - reaching nearly one million viewers across the country.

Within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, tobacco use is a major health issue. According to the American Legacy Foundation, research indicates that up to half of LGBT adults smoke,¹ and smoking rates among LGBT youth are estimated to be considerably higher (38 percent to 59 percent)

than for all adolescents (28 percent to 35 percent).

"'To The Contrary' successfully raised awareness of this health crisis," said Dr. Barbara Warren, director of organizational development, planning and research for New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center. "This program brought national visibility to the critical need for LGBT-sensitive and inclusive tobacco prevention and cessation information. We need to continue to work together to ensure that LGBT persons across the country have access to affordable and affirmative tobacco-related services."

Since the American Legacy Foundation grant was given, Persephone Productions has produced two separate programs each year designed to reach a different racial or ethnic community each program has an accompanying VHS video for community use. The pilot year focused on the African-American and American Indian and Alaska Native communities; the second year focused on the Hispanic/Latino and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender communities; and the third year focused on the Asian American/Pacific Islander and Low Socio-Economic Status communities. Each program featured prominent expert spokespersons who were influential in each of the specific population groups. Highlights from the African-American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American programs can be found at www.pbs.org/ttc.

"Persephone Productions made a priority of telling the stories about tobacco use and prevention in each of these communities," said Persephone president, Cari Stein. "The information provided in the series can serve as a teaching tool for community groups hoping to reach very specific populations."

These programs allowed the foundation to communicate tobacco prevention messages to diverse populations through culturally appropriate programs. Each program aired on 240 stations nationwide and was viewed by more than 100,000 people. The foundation contin-

ues to receive requests for copies of the videos from numerous health departments, health educators, smoke-free coalitions, national leadership groups, high schools, colleges and universities, nurses associations, call centers for smoking cessation, medical centers, media outlets, social workers, churches, grantees and community leaders across the country. In addition, 600 outreach kits were distributed by Persephone Productions to small and large groups, including doctors, nurses and social workers.

"The American Legacy Foundation recognized the power of Persephone Productions and To the Contrary's ability to communicate important issues," said foundation President and CEO Cheryl Heaton, Dr. PH. "We hope to make information about tobacco available to as many people as possible and we're excited about the potential these videos have as they are distributed in communities across the country."

In 2003, the American Legacy Foundation received what is likely its final payment from the National Public Education Fund established by the Master Settlement Agreement, meaning a sharp decline in the foundation's funding resources. Without funding from the American Legacy Foundation, successful community-based grant initiatives like Persephone Productions, which work on tobacco prevention and cessation at the grassroots level, will be in jeopardy. Many of these initiatives serve underserved communities: low-income Americans, the less educated, and members of racial and ethnic minority groups. The foundation's financial situation not only impacts grantmaking, but also signature programs such as the highly successful truth® youth smoking prevention campaign, which has been cited as an important factor in recent declines in youth smoking rates.

Groups or organizations interested in using the video as part of their outreach efforts can visit www.pbs.org/ttc to purchase a tape.

5 Minutes = A Healthier Community

Just five minutes of your time can make a difference! You'll see this slogan, "5 Minutes = A Healthier Community" and the Wisconsin Men's Health Survey logo at a booth and on t-shirts of volunteer interviewers at PrideFest this year. A sample of men attending PrideFest will be asked to participate in a study to assess men's health and HIV prevention needs. To ensure validity of the study, interviewers will approach men based on a random sampling pattern. Not everyone will be asked to participate.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Brady Street Clinic, Center for AIDS Intervention and Research, and Milwaukee LGBT Community Center are teaming up with other LGBT and

HIV services agencies, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct a survey at Milwaukee PrideFest of men who have sex with men (MSM) ages 18 and older. The goal is to interview 500 men at PrideFest this year.

The survey provides a great opportunity to learn about the HIV prevention needs of men in our community. The results will help agencies tailor their prevention services and solicit additional funds. The recent increase in HIV infection rates among Wisconsin MSM makes the survey particularly relevant this year. Interviewers will wear t-shirts that identify them as being part of the survey project.



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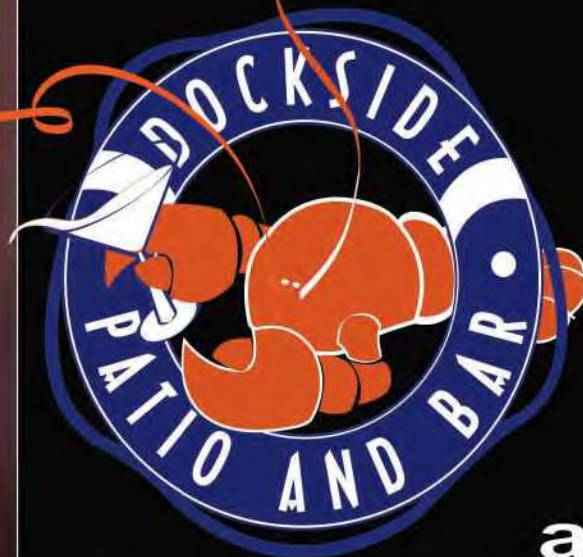


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Gay Characters Rule at the Box Office

We're here, we're queer apparently now translates to box office dollars - everywhere you turn, gay characters are popping up in big budget pictures.

While small, independent films like Saving Face, Mysterious Skin and Eating Out are getting raves from critics and packing the 10-20 theatres they're playing in cross-country, mainstream Hollywood is catching on, dropping gay anecdotes, gay best friends, gay couples and gay innuendo into films right and left.

In fact, three of the top five movies at this weekend's box office have something for gay audiences - and a handful of other movies just outside the top five pack quite a homo wallop too. Sure, some are better than others, but all are making an attempt to include us in the equation - a big step forward indeed.

Monster in Law (Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Wanda Sykes and Adam Scott) Box Office Gross: \$62,500,000

As if watching Jane Fonda and Wanda Sykes bitch back and forth weren't gay enough, we have two gay subplots to entertain us here. First, what's a good romantic comedy without a gay best friend? Here, JLo's sidekick is Remy (Adam Scott). He eats her food, comments on her high-fashion dress sketches and even parades around in designer duds he fished out of Fonda's closet. Sure he's a stereotype, but hell - all stereotypes are somewhat based in reality, so why not. Earlier in the film, JLo almost doesn't get a chance to meet her Monster in Law - some jealous Alpha female tries to convince Jenny from the block her potential suitor is gay. Turns out Michael Vartan is straight as they come (damn), but not before a depressed JLo mugs for the camera and sighs "I used to have such good gaydar."

The Longest Yard (Adam Sandler, Nelly and Burt Reynolds) Box Office Gross: \$58,200,000

OK, so maybe the gay references aren't so flattering here, but with this many jokes about balls, penises, inmate couplings, an inmate who dresses in women's clothing and another whose steroid pills have been replaced with estrogen, for a movie that tries so hard to come off as straight, you have to wonder how closet gay the folks who wrote it must have been.

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (Sandra Bullock, Regina King, William Shatner and Diedrich Bader) Box Office Gross: \$47,615,000

Come on? You knew this movie was gonna be gay from the previews - Sandra Bullock and Regina King, in drag, dancing to "Proud Mary". It was enough to get me in line opening night. But Miss Congeniality 2 packs an added bonus. Diedrich Bader is Joel, Sandra Bullock's personal assistant who dresses her head to toe in Chanel, primps and teases her hair for talk show appearances and, in short, is like Carson Kressley taken to the extreme. That most of the laughs in this mediocre sequel are thanks to Bullock and Bader's quick banter is no surprise and it's just one more gay character to embrace this summer.

Kicking and Screaming (Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall, Mike Ditka, Rachael Harris and Laura Kightlinger) Box Office Gross: \$44,327,000

A film about a kid's soccer team might night seem the most likely place to find a gay subplot, but perhaps the most natural gay duo in theatres now can be found in Kicking & Screaming. Rachael Harris and Laura Kightlinger are Ann and Donna, moms to Byong Son (the adorable Elliot Cho). He's shy, they're gay and Will Ferrell is utterly confused. The couple pops in and out, good for a few laughs (mostly to play off Ferrell), but it's nice to see a gay couple simply be a part of the plot and not a never ending punchline.

BeautyShop (Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone, Kevin Bacon, Andie MacDowell and Bryce Wilson) Box Office Gross: \$39,800,000

Right off the bat, South African (at least that's where we're supposed to assume he's from) beauty shop owner Kevin Bacon is as gay as a \$2 bill. Decker out in Cavalli in Aguilerafied highlights, he prances and primps like he's looking to put the Queer Eye guys out of business. But the real fun is in figuring out if hairdresser James (Bryce Wilson) is or isn't. He talks the talk (one of the girls thinks he's "gayer than Peter Pan on ice skates") but does he walk the walk? The question lingers throughout the film until one of the characters finds out for certain, and when she does, they payoff is hilarious.

Occasionally, we may still be a punchline. And we may still have a ways to go before films like Boat Trip and Connie & Carla are but a distant memory. But increasingly, Hollywood is treating gay America exactly as it should - just like one of the family.

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The Shear Magic of "Shear Madness"

By Michael Johnston

Every night around 7:30 PM, the elegant Vogel Hall is transformed into a kinky east-side beauty salon - eight times a week!

This is the third visit "Madness" is making to the Cream City and the interest continues. Currently the show is scheduled through the end of July. (Sunday, July 31) Don't be surprised if yet another extension is granted to this all-time favorite.

The secret behind it's immense interest and success? Mr. "Shear Madness" himself - the man who brings the hair-brained hair stylist Tony Whitcomb to life - John McGivern.

This actor, comedian, boy next door type -- the only difference this guy's door is painted lavender! Talk about a spin on the same old, same old! The lift in Tony's loafers, bring a lift to capacity crowds keeping over 400 seats shaking in laughter nightly. He is the expert - he ought to be, after 20 years of being Tony, McGivern deserves a Tony!

I've had the pleasure of partaking in this play four times. It is NEVER predictable! The feeling of extemporaneous, play as you go seems to be at the base of this vehicle. But that is not the case - this show is not an experiment. This production is blessed with seasoned professionals that have a natural gift of trust and timing. They all work together like a fine Swiss clock.

Christopher Tarjan as Detective Nick Pulaski provides the ideal foil to McGivern's Tony. My favorite part of watching our town's version of Hope & Crosby is when McGivern seals the deal with a surprise smooch. Yes every time I saw this show, somewhere along the way - when you least expect it - John gives Christopher an unexpected smack! On the lips! It always brings the house down. These two actors have the comic timing down to a science. Tarjan even stays in character during the intermission, mixing and mingling with the audience. He solicits opinions on who the murderer is... There is a murder - but the circumstances around it are more important than the actual death. Sometimes Tarjan doesn't have to ask what the masses think. They are all soooo wrapped up in the "Who Done It" they freely offer up their view.

When the play resumes in the second half -- the fourth wall disappears and almost like a parlor game with the dedi-

cated deductive skills of the patrons the murderer is discovered.

Therefore because the audience is different every night, so is the outcome -- so is the play.

There are only six characters in this foliolic farce. Besides, Tony and Nick there are: Tony's assistant a gum chewing, cleavage revealing cover girl named Barbara DeMarco -- Mary MacDonald Kerr who has a field day with this part. Mondy Carter - the cute, charming, shucks boss, bumbling, Barney Fife-ish Officer Mikey Knudtson fascinating you with his never breaking character concentration. One of Brew Town's most respected thespians Norman Moses fleshes out the role of the suspicious, covert, somewhat smarmy Eddie Lawrence, Antique Wheeler-Dealer. Rounding out the cast is the wonderful Jenny Wanasek as the NORTH Lake Drive Society Matron - Mrs. Shubert. Think Mrs. Thurston Howell, III the toast of "Gilligan's Island".

"Shear Madness" is so subtle in places that I have had to see it as often as I have, to catch some of their delicate nuances. Case in point Mrs. Shubert - I thought this time out her part was increased, based on the tremendous talents of Ms. Wanasek. After asking, I was informed no -- it's the same structure. It's just that you don't get EVERYTHING in just one visit to the Shear Madness Hairstyling Salon on Milwaukee's East Side. Like an episode of "I Love Lucy", another highly successful ensemble piece - you can watch the same exact episode and view it through each character's eyes and each time it will be different.

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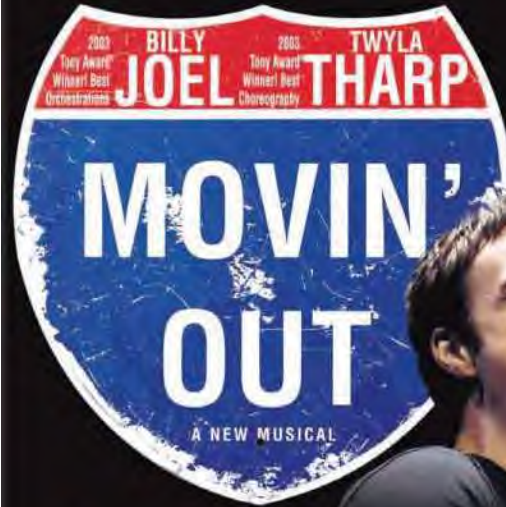
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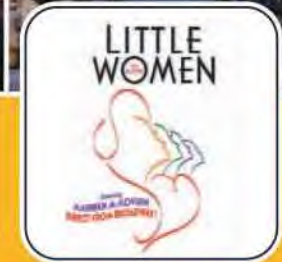
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Rough Riders Snuff Out Wiggies Flamethrowers in MSCR Grudge Match

The Rough Riders, Madison's men's competitive gay softball team, played finished their fourth week of MSCR ball with a victory over Wiggies, the team they beat twice for last year's championship.

The first inning came and went with Wiggies stranding two and the Riders going down 1-2-3.

Wiggies came out in the top of the third with a shot under the glove of Jeff at third. However, two fly balls, a single and another fly ball, that top half was over and the Riders came to bat.

The bottom of the third saw Jeff leading off with a single followed by Ryan with a deep fly out to left. Gary walked and then Sean got up and knocked off a single. Between the hit and two bad throws by Wiggies, two runs came in.

Lee hit a double. Todd nailed another single to score Lee before Wiggies could shut the Riders down with a fielder's choice and another strike out by Troy. Riders 7, Wiggies 2 after three.

The Riders were ready for some shutting down of their own. The top halves of the fourth and fifth innings saw Wiggies going down 1-2-3 with the Riders scoring two more runs in the bottom of the fourth after Gary unintentionally sent the Wiggies first baseman from the game with a line shot that nailed him on the side of the head and ear. He was taken away via ambulance but is expected to be fine.

The Riders threatened again in the bottom of the fifth but the Wiggies second baseman ended the inning with a spectacular back-hand snag, throwing out Troy at first.

The top of the sixth saw Wiggies get one hit but otherwise do nothing, while the

bottom of the six saw two more runs for the Riders off a Wayne D. single.

Wiggies had one last shot in the top of the seventh, but it would be Rough coming back from an eight-point deficit.

The final toll was Riders 10 runs on 15 hits, two walks and 5 errors and Wiggies 3 runs on 8 hits, no walks by Riders pitcher Joe, and 3 errors.

With this win the Riders are now have 3 and 1 in MSCR league. Previous game scores include a 1-3 loss to Wilson's, a 17-7 win over the CBI Cardinals and a 10-9 squeaker over the Crystal Corner Barhounds.

A short history of the Madison Rough Riders:

The Rough Riders began in the summer of 2002 with team put together by Manager Doug Hindliter and Assistant Manager David Wilcox. That year they fought valiantly against all the straight boys but ended up 0-10.

They weren't deterred however, they were getting better and were ready for summer of 2003. That year the Rough Riders scored a couple of wins and confidence and team ability was building.

Summer of 2004 would see the Rough Riders explode onto the league, first being bumped up two leagues for taking their division in the first half of play and then taking their league in the end with back-to-back wins against Wiggies.

Many teams and players were stunned and amazed to be beaten by a bunch of bay guys - but that was why the Rough Riders were created to play in MSCR in the first place - to break down barriers and cull stereotypes.

Rough Rider action can be seen every Wednesday at Warner Park on Madison's north side.

Madison's "L" Team Ready to Take on the Women of Madison

Following the example of the Rough Riders, some Madison Lesbians have put together a solid softball team to play in Madison's City League - MSCR (Madison School-Community Recreation).

The "L" Team is off to an impressive start, finding their feet quickly and scoring some wins in this new endeavor. The "L" Team is 3-2 and improving each game.

The results from each game are:

May 10:"L" Team - 5 vs. Neuhauser Pharmacy - 6 (L)

May 17:"L" Team - 7 vs. Essen Haus Leibchens - 14 (L)

May 24:"L" Team - 8 vs. Taully's II - 3 (W)

May 31:"L" Team - 10 vs. Culver's - 2 (W)

June 7:"L" Team vs. Village Lanes (W)

(Scores for the June 7 game were not available before going to print)

Read the next issue to get "L" Team play by play action and up-to-date scores and standings as they begin second-round play. All "L" Team games are on Tuesday night and are located at Olbrich Park on the east shore of Lake Monona.

Milwaukee's SSBL Gets Off to a Strong Start

Milwaukee's Saturday Softball League began league play on Saturday, May 7 at Mitchell Park. Mother Nature has been trying her hardest to make life difficult, but with extra effort by SSBL players only one rainout has occurred to date.

With thirteen teams this year, and increase from last year, game day has been full of softball and excitement, not to mention spectacular refreshments.

SSBL has been busy off the field as well. Players have been volunteering for Brewer games at Miller Park. They show up looking fabulous and work the concession stands to raise funds for SSBL and the Dairyland Classic. One player commented, "At least fans will have something nice to look at when the Brewers are stinking up the field."

On June 4th, SSBL held a talent show in which all teams were required to provide contestants.

Meanwhile, softball is heating up. In the next issue of Outbound we'll do play-by-play from Milwaukee and show you what these players are made of.

The current standings are as follows:

Harbor Room Seamen	3 - 0
Madison Rough Riders	2 - 0
M&M Club	1 - 0
Fluid Twist	1 - 0
BestD Clinic	2 - 1

Switch	2 - 1
Madison Easy Riders	1 - 1
Walkers Pint	1 - 1
Woody's	1 - 1
Ballgame	0 - 1
Out n About	0 - 1
Q Life	0 - 2
Triangle	0 - 3

Next week's games include:

10:00 Fluid vs M&M Club

11:00 BestD Clinic vs Ballgame

12:00 Walker's Pint vs Easy Riders

1:00 Harbor Room vs M&M Club

2:00 Easy Riders vs Ballgame

3:00 Woody's vs Triangle

4:00 Switch vs Easy Riders

OFF Out 'N About, Q Life and Rough Riders

All games are at Mitchell Field every Saturday with the exception of July 23rd when all games are played in Madison.

Each day of games seven or eight games of ball. Food and beverages are available for players and fans to purchase - proceeds go to help the league.

Stayed tuned to Outbound for the most complete and up-to-date coverage of all SSBL games and events.

Ramrods are Tops in Madison Gay Darts

The Ramrods received top honors in the Madison Dart League by severely outdistancing all of their opponents. Ending the year with 64 wins, 18 more than the nearest competitor, the Ramrod cruised to an easy championship.

It was a hard-fought year. The Ramrods didn't get on top until week six, but once they got there, they didn't look back. The most excitement came from the three-way battle for second. But, the Token Lesbian and her charges held on to second place while the Studmuffins and the Sharp Shooters tied for third.

The week 9 results are as follows:

Team	Wins		Team	Wins
Sharp Shooters	2	at	Token Lesbian	7
Studmuffins	6	at	Dart Fairies	3
Ramrods	6	at	G-Spots	3

The week 10 results are as follows:

Team	Wins		Team	Wins
Token Lesbian	6	at	Ramrods	3
G-Spots	5	at	Studmuffins	4
Dart Fairies	6	at	Sharp Shooters	3

The final spring-2005 standings then are:

Place	Team	Wins
1	Ramrods	64
2	Token Lesbian	46
3	Studmuffins	44
3	Sharp Shooters	44
5	Dart Fairies	38
6	G-Spots	34

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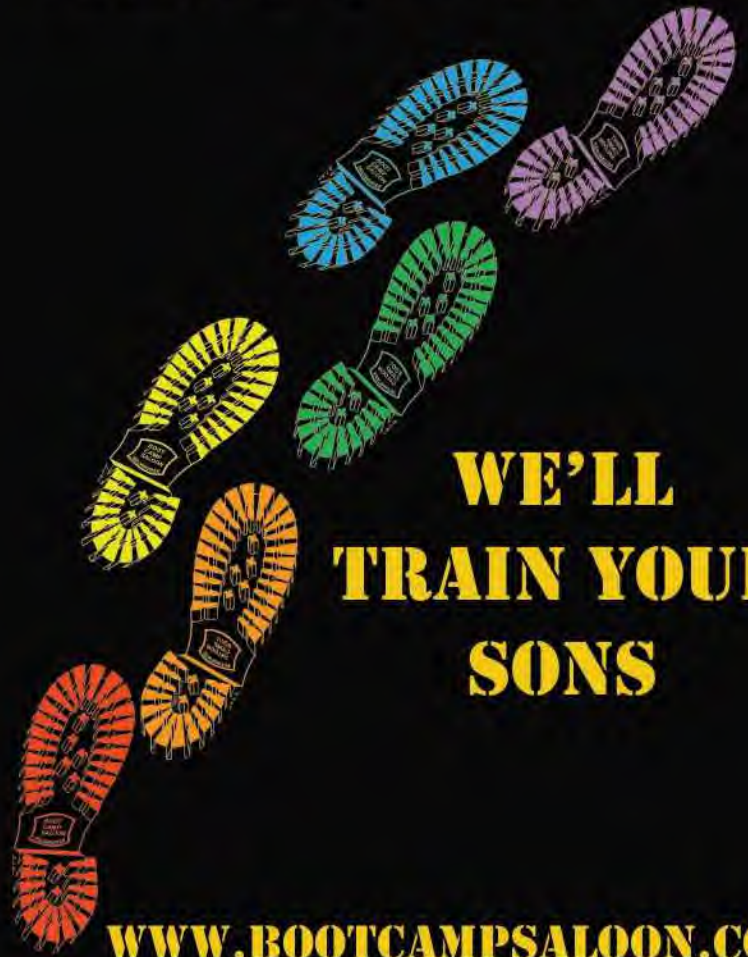
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Dear Ruthie



LISTEN UP, you kooky kids! If you are anything like me, you're probably still recovering from all of the wonderful Pridefest celebration, parades, beer drinking, corn dog eating and man-gawking you did earlier this month. So, let's just cut right to the chase and read a few e-mails I received recently, shall we?

Dear Ruthie,

Last weekend I heard someone call you a drag queen. I'm sorry dear, but you aren't a queen! Not really, anyhow. What titles do you THINK you have? What tiaras have YOU won? You need a tiara to be a true queen, and I don't believe you have one hiding in that trailer of yours.

(Signed)

A TRUE Queen

Dear Bitch,

As a matter of fact, I have quite a few titles under my chastity belt.

In 1958 I was crowned Miss Walleye in Lake Fartanickel's "Fish Boil Fiesta." Two years later, I was named the Pork Princess (HRH) of the Cudahy Sow Fest.

I became Queen of the Throne during the 1963 Sewer Celebration, and I received the key to the city as 1965's Swiss Miss Swedish Massage (Full-Release category).

And if you don't remember any of this (which I'd find hard to believe), I was officially Miss AIDS Walk Wisconsin, 1999. So there!

Dear Ruthie,

The other night on "Queer as Folk," a character said that "the couple who plays together, stays together." He was talking about a foursome he and his partner just had with two other guys.

What's your take on this? I see so many male couples break up, and monogamy seems to be a trouble spot for them. Yes or no? Are group scenes the way for a couple to go? (Hey, I just made that up!)

(Signed)

Curiously-Strong Couple

Dear Curious,

If I had a dollar every time I received this question, I'd be able to fly Fabio in for my pedicures.

From your letter, I'm assuming (yes, I know what they say about assuming things) that you and/or your lover are considering bringing another person into the bedroom. (If I'm wrong, forgive me.)

I'll tell you what I tell every Tom, Dick and Horny - I mean Harry.

Talk it about it, talk about it, talk about it, talk about it. And when you're sick and tired of talking about, talk about it some more.

It's hard for me to answer your question because I don't know you or what your relationship is like. Are either of you jealous people? Will that be an issue? Is there a history of infidelity between you that could cause one to mistrust the other if you pursue such an interest? Is your relationship extremely strong right now?

Troubled couples often think that "playing" with a third mate or two (or 37) will help them with their issues. While it may act as a temporary bandage, it's no way to solve marital issues. What I'm saying is that if you're having problems in your relationship right now, doing something like this could put the nail in your marital coffin right quick.

Many couples, however, have no issue with these sorts of pillow games.

Gay and straight twosomes that have strong relationships, have discussed what they want out of a group encounter and have agreed on rule or boundaries don't have issues with an occasional tryst with a third partner.

Other couples can't even talk about "playing together" without jealousy and insecurity getting in the way. Which type of couple are you? If you don't know, talk about it and find out before you let your groin lead the way to troubles-ville.

It's also important to remember that if your relationship is no longer monogamous, you'll have to deal with protecting yourself from all of the STDs out there...the ones you so careful avoided when you were single.

Make sure that you and your partner cover safe sex options when you discuss the possibility of a bringing someone home with you.

Again, talk this over with your partner for a long time before you blindly act on it. Then, if you do decide this is something you'd like to try, give me a call so I can capture the moment on video for you.

Got a question for Ruthie? E-mail her at ruthie@dearruthie.com. And be sure to "swing" by her cyber trailer home www.dearruthie.com. Hopefully, the old girl will have some Pride weekend photos up by then if she ever gets her fat keester in gear.



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New Pope Makes Official His Condemnation of Gay Marriage

By Ross von Metzke

(Rome, Italy) - Pope Benedict has made official his first clear pronouncement on gay marriages since his election, and as expected, his opinions weren't positive.

Monday evening, Rome time, Pope Benedict condemned same-sex unions as fake and expressions of "anarchic freedom" that threatened the future of the family. The Pope, who was elected in April, also condemned divorce, artificial birth control, trial marriages and free-style unions, saying all of these practices were dangerous for the family.

"Today's various forms of dissolution of marriage, free unions, trial marriages as well as the pseudo-matrimonies between people of the same sex are instead expressions of anarchic freedom which falsely tries to pass itself off as the true liberation of man," he said, according to Reuters.

The Pope spoke to families at Rome's St. John's Cathedral on the issue following pressure from Catholic leaders worldwide for an official stance on the subject of gay relationships. The issue has become highly controversial around the world, particularly in Europe and the United States.

In April, parliament in the historically Catholic Spain gave initial approval to a law legalizing gay marriage. It is widely

expected to be approved by the Senate and to become law in the coming months.

Gay marriages are already legal in several European countries and in Massachusetts stateside.

However, just last week, California's Assembly killed off a bill that would have allowed gay marriage in California. President Bush has said he favors a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages.

The Pope, who as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger headed the Vatican's doctrinal department for more than two decades, said "pseudo freedoms" such as gay marriages were based on what he called the "banalisation of the human body" and of man himself.

In a clear reference to contraception, the Pope said couples went against the nature of love itself when they "systematically shut off" the possibility of "the gift of life."

FYI

By Ross von Metzke

Bowing to pressure from the state Democratic Party, a Wisconsin based conservative group has pulled a series of

television ads which insinuate that Governor Jim Doyle is raising hunting and fishing fees "to give partners of gay state employees free health insurance."

The Coalition for America's Families told TV stations on Wednesday that it was canceling its ads for next week because it couldn't raise the needed cash, but the Democratic Party said the announcement directly followed threats to file suit against the group, which is headed by former state Republican Part Chairman Steve King.

"Political issue advertising is always at the mercy of fundraising, and we did not raise the funds for next week's schedule," the group's media director, Ginny Stuesser, wrote in an e-mail received by the Democratic Party.

According to representatives for the Democratic Party, they invoked a seldom-used state law that allows for criminal prosecution of anyone who makes false, misleading and deceptive statements in order to affect the outcome of an election.

Texas Governor Tells Gay Veterans to Move

By Ross von Metzke

(Austin, TX) - Just days after signing a new amendment banning same-sex marriage in the state of Texas, Governor Rick Perry insinuated that the state's lesbian, gay and bisexual war veterans should move out of the state if they are unhappy.

During a news conference held in a Fort Worth church, Perry was asked what he would tell Texas gay and lesbian war veterans returning home from war about the law.

Gov. Perry responded, according to the Fort Worth Star Telegram, by saying that "Texans made a decision about marriage and if there's a state that has more lenient views than Texas, then maybe that's a better place for them to live."

Wednesday, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) teamed with the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas to formally request an apology from the Governor.

"More than 66,000 lesbian and gay veterans make their home in Texas," said Sharra E. Greer, SLDN's director of law and policy. "Their service has defended

UAT: No, no. What it is is they own the Hot Network, which is a hardcore pornography channel... They also give millions of dollars to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance group.

While gay activists across the United States are discussing options for a response, organizations including the ACLU and Lambda Legal say they are considering legal action

The law was used last year to prevent a candidate from accusing her opponent of not paying state taxes.

In a letter to TV stations, Milwaukee attorney Michael Maistelman said the party believes the ads falsely implied that "domestic partnership benefits are being paid for by higher fishing license fees, as well as other revenue sources mentioned in the ad such as nursing and HMO fees."

Last month, Doyle had proposed spending \$1 million in his budget to provide health insurance coverage for partners of gay and lesbian University of Wisconsin employees, but the plan was rejected by the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee earlier this month.

Gay and lesbian employees of the University of Wisconsin filed a discrimination suit last month when the university failed to extend medical benefits to domestic partners. That case was overturned earlier this week.

Under Doyle's plan, gay and lesbian employees would have paid the same insurance rates as other state workers; the state's share of those benefits would have come from general state taxes.

The party also claimed the ads are not legitimate commentary on the state budget, which is now before the Legislature.

The Coalition for America's Families has also sponsored TV ads criticizing Doyle's proposal to grant in-state tuition to Wisconsin high school students whose parents are illegal immigrants.

Telemarketing Company Profiting from Anti-Gay Calls

By Ross von Metzke

As the battle of the culture wars continues, telemarketers are stepping into the game. In a departure from the standard telemarketing calls aimed at selling long distance service, United American Technology has taken telemarketing to a whole new level - gay bashing for dollars.

The Oklahoma-based long distance carrier, a self-described Christian conservative company, is seeking out like-minded customers by bad-mouthing larger rivals in the marketplace for their "sinful" behavior.

"Our base, which would be a conservative base, really does not like the same-sex marriage that has been pushed down our throat," UAT consultant Carl Thompson told ABC News.

UAT niche markets its services to call recipients by rallying against Internet pornography, homosexuality and same-sex marriage and then criticizing competing phone companies it claims promote both.

Many major corporations - ranging from huge hotel chains to telecommunications firms that carry cable television and Internet services - have profited, in one form or another, from adult entertainment. Several corporations have either contributed to politicians or organizations that support gay rights, or have implemented diversity programs.

"Lots of marketers - from these people to Pepsi - are trying to create a reason to choose their commodity brand over another, and I guess the culture wars are as good a reason as any," said Bob Garfield, advertising critic for advertising Age magazine.

An increasing number of corporations are taking political positions that cater to a specific clientele. The San Francisco-based Working Assets Long Distance, for instance, markets itself as a liberal

long distance phone company and says it has raised more than \$47 million for progressive causes.

Other corporations change policies when they smell profit. Coors Brewing Company, once a major supporter of conservative causes, even went so far as to hire Mary Cheney, daughter of the vice president, to market specifically to gay and lesbian customers.

But some say UAT takes its politics too far. New York City comedian Eugene Mirman was so shocked by a UAT call, he recorded it.

"I got a phone call," Mirman said. "It was a recording and it said: 'Hi, I'm the mother of three, and I don't support gay marriage. If you don't support gay marriage press one.' I have something hooked up to my phone to record phone calls, and so I scrambled and found it... Every time they would call, I would record it because it was crazy."

In one of the exchanges obtained by ABC News, the telemarketer starts her sales pitch by asking about Mirman's stance on same-sex marriage:

UAT: OK. Eugene, did you press 1 to oppose same sex marriages?

MIRMAN: Oh, I pressed it, yes.

UAT: OK, that's great to hear. Now are you against same-sex marriages?

MIRMAN: Well I want to destroy it, yes.

UAT: OK, that's great to hear. And Eugene -

MIRMAN: With the fist of God, we will smash them!

UAT: Exactly. Uh, Mr. Mirman, our organization is dedicated to people such as yourself who want to stop same-sex marriages and to quit doing business with companies that promote and profit from the homosexual lifestyle.

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The Importance of Pride

By Josh Aterovis

June is Gay Pride Month. The month of June was chosen to honor the Stonewall Riots that occurred in 1969, the first time gay people fought back physically against police harassment and entrapment. The riots involved 300 gay men, lesbians, and drag queens. This historic event sparked the modern LGBT equality movement throughout the world, bringing LGBT people together like never before. The following year, on the anniversary of the Riots, the newly organized gay community held a march to commemorate the event. More than 30 years later, this small but significant gathering has evolved into Gay Pride Month, a celebration of freedom and support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.

Chances are you won't be hearing any proclamations or statements in honor of this event from the White House. However, you probably will hear someone saying that gay pride celebrations are a passé concept. That it's silly to be proud of being gay because it's like being proud to have brown eyes -- it's something you have no control over. Maybe you've even said or thought the same thing yourself. Now I'm the first to insist that everyone has the right to their own opinions, but I don't necessarily agree with that idea.

Pride is important.

I understand the concept that we should be proud of who we are rather than what we are. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to do that right away. I think it's great when people are secure enough to simply be proud of accepting themselves, but I do think "gay pride" has its place -- especially for young gay kids or people first coming out. It's a need of many oppressed minorities (think Black Pride, or Girl Power). It takes something that is traditionally demeaned and makes it something powerful. It makes it easier to accept being gay if it's something to be proud of versus something to be ashamed of.

When I was first coming out, I wore rainbow Pride necklaces all the time.

I never left home without one. I grew up in an extremely conservative religious family, never knowing a single openly gay person. For me, as it is for many from rural areas or religious upbringings, being gay wasn't something to be proud of. These necklaces were a physical link to a community to which I didn't feel I fully belonged yet. I wanted to belong, but I was still searching for my identity, which at the time was almost consumed by the fact that I was gay. Wearing that necklace, that symbol of pride, of belonging, allowed me to be proud of something I was still coming to terms with. It helped me to be proud of what I was: a gay man.

As I became more comfortable with who I was, I found I didn't need to constantly

announce the fact that I was gay. Being gay no longer defined me as a person. It was merely a part of my sum total. My pride shifted from what I was to who I was -- but I needed that first step. I had to accept being gay before I could become a whole person.

That's why I think gay pride is still extremely important -- maybe now more than ever.

The LGBT community is under attack. We've gained visibility, but with visibility comes increased attention, and the attention has led to increased persecution. We've been hit with a barrage of antigay messages from the president to Congress to our churches in recent years. There is an abundance of negative information floating around out there these days. What messages are gay kids receiving? If they're relying on the mainstream media, the messages are coming through loud and clear. Gay people are sinners. Gay people do not deserve the same rights as others. Gay families are less valid than "traditional families." It's okay to discriminate against minorities. Hate is acceptable when it's targeted at those without rights.

We need to counter those messages with the truth, and one of the ways we can do that is through Pride.

Imagine, for a minute, a young gay child. Maybe he doesn't even know he's gay yet, or maybe he's just starting to realize his attraction for other boys. Maybe he only understands that he is different. He's being inundated with negative information on a daily basis: from the government, from school, from church, and maybe even from his parents. Where are the positive messages?

Now imagine a closeted young lesbian in the rural South. Maybe she's trapped in an unhappy marriage, maybe she's maintaining that she hasn't met the "right man" yet, or maybe she fears the rejection of her family. She's just hoping desperately to escape, but doesn't feel she has any options. Where is her hope?

The Far Right would like us to live in shame, fear, and silence. Pride celebrations defy them in a powerful and positive way. By making ourselves visible and celebrating who we are, we're sending a clear message to both our critics and impressionable minds. We're here, we're queer, and we're not going anywhere!

To me, Gay Pride Month is less about those of us who are already out and more about those who have yet to make that step. It's a powerful statement, but the best part is, we get to have fun while making it! Gay

Pride events are being planned all across the country and world, but you don't have to join one of the large planned galas. You can make a statement right where you are. Richard D. Mohr, author of *The Long Arc of Justice: Lesbian and Gay Marriage, Equality, and Rights*, relates this story in his book. "The town I live in is girded by cornfields and good ol' boys. It's nowhere near large enough to support a gay pride parade the last weekend in June, when cities across America commemorate with parades the so-called Stonewall Riots that launched the modern lesbian and gay rights movement in 1969. The town's gay men and lesbians do something at once more radical and more ordinary than that. We have a gay contingent in the town's all-American Fourth of July parade. The parade draws in crowds from all of the county and much of the rest of east-central Illinois. Last year, a purple parade banner streamed by the crowds reading 'Lesbian and Gay Pride.' I saw a little girl, maybe five, lean over to her father and ask, 'Daddy, what does pride mean?' Apparently she knew what lesbian and gay meant."

Whether you do it in the city or in the country, in a Red state or Blue state, as part of a large celebration or a small act of defiance, get out there and show your pride! It's important.

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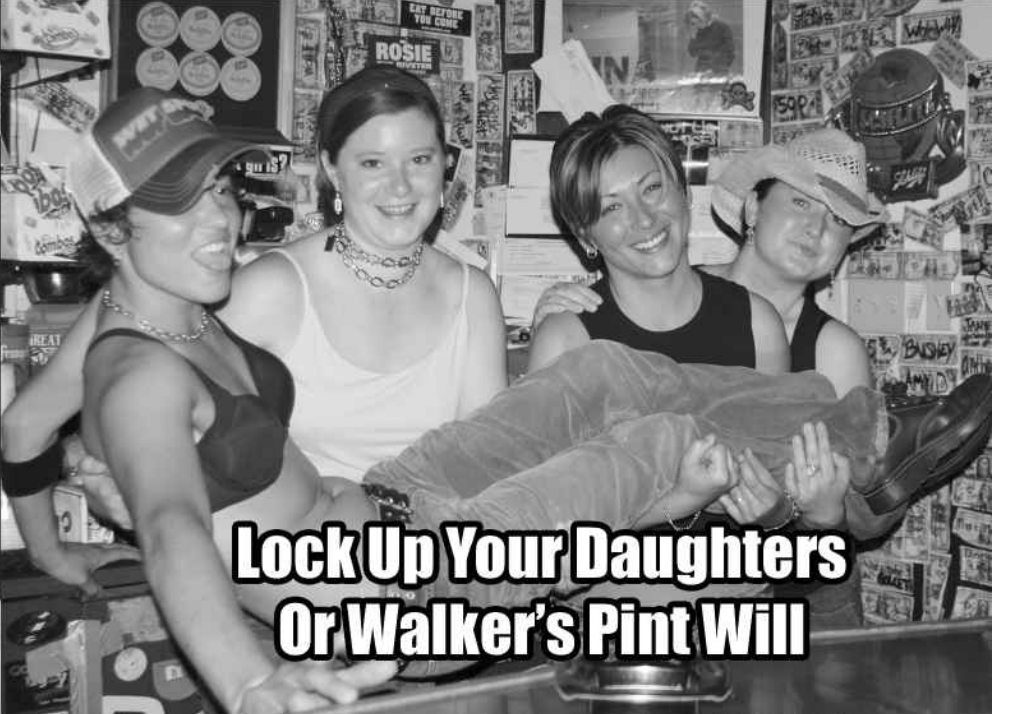
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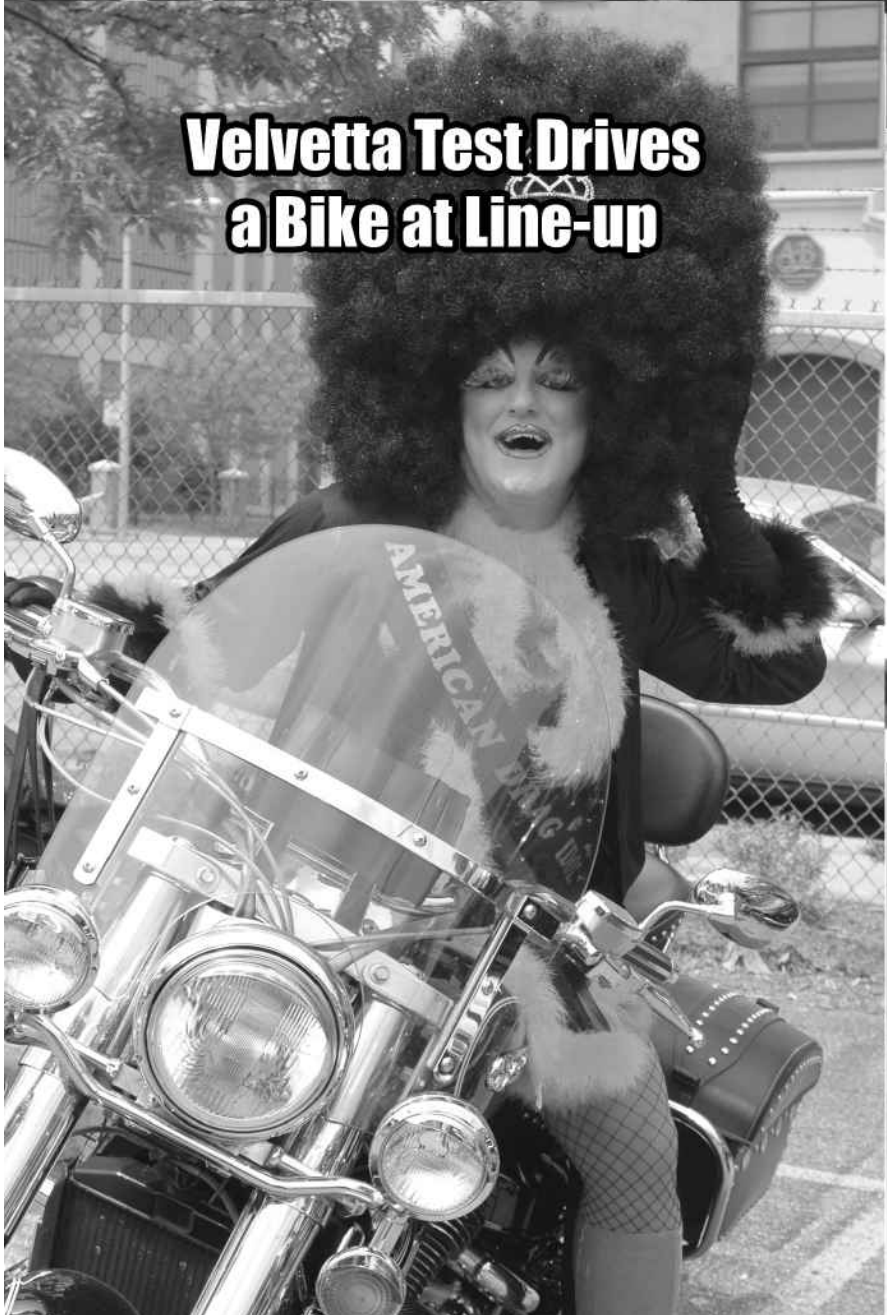
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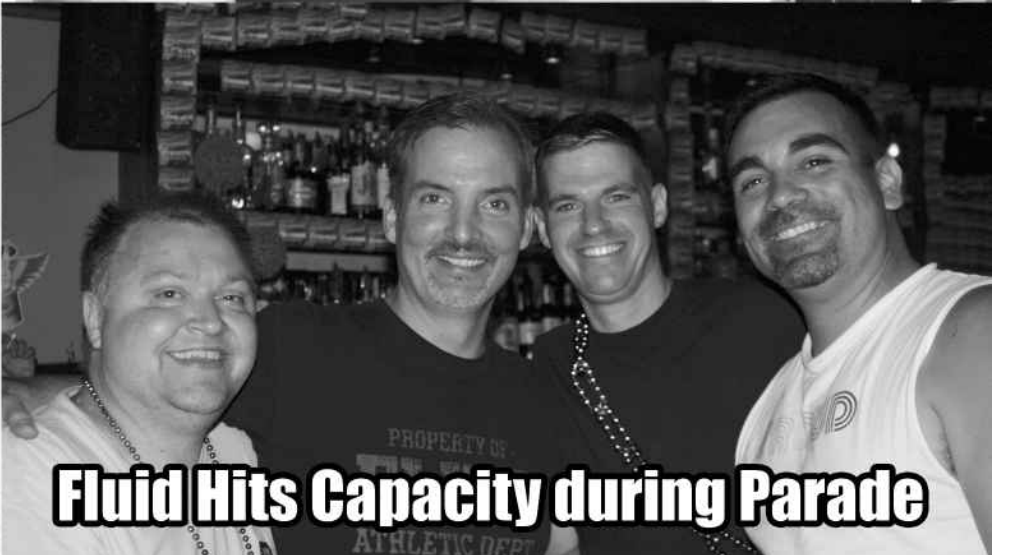
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brc/binet.html](http://norm.org/pub/other-orgs/brc/binet.html), (202) 882-4384

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bers.aol.com/bwmtmilwaukee/](http://members.aol.com/bwmtmilwaukee/), (414) 540-
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Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline, [http://
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LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Mil-
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New Beginnings PENPALS (Mo. news-
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Pathfinders (youth counseling, shelter),
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pride/](http://my.execpc.com/%7edross/pride/), (608) 255-8582

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www.pridefest.com/](http://www.pridefest.com/), (414) 645-FEST

Project Q (Youth Program of the Milwau-
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ties.com/rainbowfamilieswisconsin/](http://www.geocities.com/rainbowfamilieswisconsin/), (608)
270-1024

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SAGE Milwaukee (for older LGBTs),
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0091, <http://www.sagemilwaukee.org/>, (414)
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Sexual Compulsives Anonymous
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SSBL (Saturday Softball League), P.O. Box
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