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# THE LARRY CRAIG DEBACLE: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Analysis by Mike Fitzpatrick

By the time you read these words, the sad saga of toe-tapping Idaho Republican Senator Larry Craig's same-sex shenanigans in a Twin Cities airport toilet and its repercussions will be well into its third week.

For those who have been too preoccupied with Amy, Briteny and Lindsay's respective rehabs to notice, here's a quick recap: On August 27, Washington's political newspaper *Roll Call* publishes story of Craig's early August plea deal to a June 11 bust by a (very hunky) vice cop for soliciting sex in a men's room well-known by those seeking anonymous bathroom blow-jobs. Within a day, the *Idaho Statesman* publishes a lengthy investigative piece alleging Craig's homo-sex trysts date back to his college days in the 60's. Activist blogger Mike Rogers points out he published other allegations of Craig toilet sex on his Blogactive.com site nearly a year ago. The *Smoking Gun* tabloid website offers up the full police report and Craig's mugshot. Snaps of sexy Sgt. Ray Karnsia show up as well.

A day later with wife in tow, Craig tells the press "I'm not gay, never have been gay." Hours later the audio tape of the cop's interview with Craig reveals the senator at his Clintonesque best failing to remember the particulars of an incident that occurred literally just moments before. Also in the news: There were 41 busts during the month of the Senator's collar in the same bathroom, which is listed widely on sites such as [crusisingforsex.com](http://crusisingforsex.com) and - would you believe? - the Twin Cities version of Craig's List.

Virtuous Republicans from presidential hopeful John McCain to also-disgraced one-time Majority Leader Trent Lott call for Craig's resignation. His committee chairmanships are pulled. By the weekend, Craig indicates he'll quit at the end of September. Or maybe not. Craig hires the same defense attorney used by dog-killin' NFL quarterback Michael Vick and a new spin begins. Craig's adopted kids appear on *Good Morning America* to vouch that their daddy's not queer.

(One of them later gets in trouble for an outstanding arrest warrant). Craig announces that he's both reconsidering his resignation and going to get a lawyer and fight his own guilty plea. Almost immediately White House insiders spilled their lack of support for Craig's latest ploy.

Throughout the scandal radio and TV talkers, bloggers, pundits and political spokesmodels across the spectrum opined on the hypocrisy and humor of it all. Some questioned the effect on the GOP in the next election cycle, while others made note of Craig's "wide stance" on the issues. The only thing that seems



Sgt. Ray Karnsia

Senator Larry Craig's Mugshot



to be missing is the *Weekly World News* publishing a photo of Craig's toilet tête-à-tête with that ubiquitous space alien. I suspect the whole Craig affair likely will peter out shortly, so to speak. Once a tape of your misdialed voice mail detailing the whole reconsideration strategy hits the web, can you make a credible case for any part of your story? That said, here's a quick list of lessons learned from the whole sorry affair to date. I'm going to skip the obvious issues: hypocrisy of the Right (or the Left for that matter), sex stings, privacy issues, and so on. They've already been analyzed to death.

**1. Larry Craig Isn't Gay - Really.** If you believe that being gay means accepting your personal sexual self-discovery and integrating it into your total being just like your handedness, eye color or other trait, then Larry Craig is about as far from gay as you can get, at least without entering a monastery. Larry Craig is at best a member of that ubiquitous breed known as "bi-married-curious," the ones who research studies show overwhelmingly populate the restrooms, rest stops, park trails and other public places of the planet. The ones social scientists and disease prevention specialists like to refer to as "MSM" (men who have sex with men).

In a new century where gay teenagers are now coming to grip with their genetic affectional and sexual predisposition at the same time their straight peers, our community does not need to welcome Senator Craig to the family. He is the dinosaur from the Boomer generation whose heroes made Gay Liberation possible. Craig's species may still exist, but the comet of full gay visibility has already hit the culture - in a generation or two Larry and his fellow Craigosaruses will be but a memory.

But there is also a warning for you Gayactivosaurus: that same comet is wiping out your species as well. Check with the rank and file of today's twentysomethings who hang equally with their straight buddies, living fully integrated lives in the what-you-like-to-call the "mainstream" community. You got your wish gay is equal to blue eyes or left-handedness now. As such it will be "no big deal" in years to come. Your task? Polish up the leftover identity based politics now - time is short. Your other choice? Evolve and get involved with a new progressive movement such as Common Thread, that offers our community members a place at their diverse table as equals.

**2.GOP Stands For "Gag On Penis."** Since Craig's cruising crash, we've been inundated with jokes about the "Gay Old Party," or "God's Own Party," but my definition really explains it all. For those playing the counting game, the list of Republicans caught in the same-sex spotlight just keeps getting

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longer and longer: This last month alone Craig, Florida Rep. Bob Allen and Young Republican Federation chair Glenn Murphy, Jr. When you add the outed and semi-outed Mark Foley, Ted Haggard, Jim Kolbe, Ed Schrock, Ken Mehlman, David Dreier, Duke Cunningham, Rick Perry, etc. plus the RNC politicians' gay staffers (Rick Santorum's Robert Traynham, Trent Lott's Dirk Smith, etc.) to the still-not-completely-outed (at least according to outing blogger Rogers) Lindsey Graham, James McCrery and others, the list boggles the mind.

Why, it's even longer than faux White House "correspondent" Talon News' Jeff Gannon-Guckert's alleged, advertised, for-hire manhood. More importantly, with the exception of the Jim Kolbe, all handled their revelations poorly. You might even say they choked.

That list also is certainly longer than the one neo-con apologists a rattling off from their talking points du jour: Barney Frank, Gerry Studds and Bill Clinton. Bill Clinton? Now I understand: the Republican holier-than-thous weren't morally outraged over Monica's Oval Office oral efforts, they

were upset Bill didn't offer them sloppy seconds.

**3. Thanks For The Dance Lesson!** I can only speak for myself, but until I saw the tearoom tap dance played out on YouTube I had no clue that was how to get sex in the stalls. I asked a lot of friends. I also asked co-workers who do prevention outreach with the MSM community. Some talked about lingering glances and southward gazes. Only had heard of footsie frolicking. None were up on the toe tapping. Thanks, Larry for one more bit of useless information to store for the rest of my life.

Actually I've learned a lot about the most bizarre sexual practices from homo-haters when I think about it. I have to thank Rantini' Ralph Ovdal and his *Pink Swastika* author buddy Scott Lively for getting me up to speed on something they called "mud dipping." Good luck finding it on Google. As I recall it involves a bath tub and feces. There are probably people out there in fetish communities who get into that sort of thing. But it ain't gay per se - it only homo if its two people of the same sex involved, you know.

**4. Next Time Hit The VIP Lounge.** The experi-

enced gay travelers in my social circle have little doubt about what Larry was up to in that Twin Cities toilet last June. They know that if you want to avoid the crowds, the mess, the smells and the damp spaces you have to drop your carry-ons in - not to mention any unwanted come-ons - the only place to go - in every sense of the word - is to and in the VIP lounges provided by every major airline in every major hub in the world. Even if Senator Craig wasn't a member of any frequent flyer clubs, my guess is that the same business card he dropped on the cop plus his boarding pass would have gotten him easy access to any VIP stall available from his flight provider. Of course, there aren't many productive peeks when you're accessing such perks.

**5. For The GOP, It Ain't Over Yet.** Even if Craig ups and goes away quietly by the time this piece hits the streets, the embarrassment not over for the Republican Party. Have you heard where the already-booked 2008 RNC national convention is going to be held? Welcome GOP Delegates To Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Would you prefer your stall to be sex or no-sex?

## CALIFORNIA GAY MARRIAGE BILL GOES TO GOV SCHWARZENEGGER VETO EXPECTED

**Sacramento** - The State Senate here sent Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger a bill allowing gay marriages on September 7, a measure he is expected to veto as *Quest* goes to press. The bill would redefine marriage as "a civil contract between two persons," but would retain the right of religious institutions to refuse to sanction the unions.

"There has been disparate treatment . . . and it's gone to the heart of our lives," openly lesbian Senator Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) said. Kuehl, a longtime gay activist who achieved 50's fame in the sitcom *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, sponsored the measure in the Senate. The Senate agreed to Assembly amendments on a 22-15 vote.

Schwarzenegger has not taken a specific position on this year's version of the gay marriage bill, although he vetoed a similar measure in 2005. Spokesman Aaron McLearn said the governor will abide by the results of nearly decade old Proposition 22 ballot initiative. At that time, 61.4% of voters said the state should restrict marriage to a union between a man and a woman.

## IOWA BRIEFLY OKAYS GAY MARRIAGE RULING FINDS STATE'S MARRIAGE BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL, STAY ISSUED ONE DAY LATER

**Des Moines** - The window of opportunity for gay and lesbian couples to marry in Iowa lasted just 22 1/2 hours. On August 31, the judge who struck down Iowa's gay marriage ban the day before issued a stay, halting the acceptance of marriage licenses. At least 25 same-sex couples had been permitted to file their request for marriage licenses with the Polk County recorder during the period between the rulings.

District Court Judge Robert Hanson's initial ruling had found the state's 1998 "definition of marriage" law, that limited marriage to only a man and a woman, was unconstitutional and must be nullified. He ruled that the marriage laws "must be read and applied in a gender neutral manner so as to permit same-sex couples to enter into a civil marriage..." The ruling came after six gay couples denied marriage licenses in 2005 had filed suit against the county.

On August 31, gay couples began lining up outside the Polk County Administrative Building, waiting for the recorder's office to open. Iowa State University students Katy Farlow and Larissa Boeck went to the county recorder's office at 5 AM, then sat in lawn chairs and ate snacks until the office opened at 7:30. They wanted to file an application early, fearing that a judge would grant a stay, stopping applications while Thursday's ruling is

appealed. "This might be our only chance," Farlow told the Associated Press. "We already knew we were spending the rest of our lives together."

Another couple - Sean Fritz and Tim McQuillan - took the historic step of getting a license, hurriedly found a judge to waive a three-day waiting period and had the pastor of a Unitarian Church marry them prior to Hanson's second ruling. They were married in the front yard of the Rev. Mark Stringer, pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines. "This is it. We're married. I love you," Fritz told McQuillan after the ceremony.

Stringer concluded the ceremony by saying, "This is a legal document and you are married." The men then kissed and hugged.

Polk County Attorney John Sarcone notified County Recorder Julie Haggerty to stop accepting license applications immediately after learning that Hanson was drafting a stay. Sarcone requested the stay shortly before he appealed Hanson's ruling to the Iowa Supreme Court.

However, Fritz and McQuillan are married and the county plans no action to change that, according to Sarcone.

Sarcone's motion said the judge's ruling striking down the same-sex marriage ban was far reaching and would likely be overturned by the Iowa Supreme Court. "In the likely event that the Supreme Court does reverse the district court, then a question will arise as to the validity of those marriage licenses issued in the interim," the motion read.

The Des Moines attorney representing the six gay couples who originally filed the lawsuit asked Hanson not to stay his decision.

The Iowa Supreme Court can refer the case to the Iowa Court of Appeals, consider the matter itself or decide not to hear the case.

The flurry of activity in the courts also prompted a quick response from some lawmakers. Republicans immediately called out Democrats, who hold a majority of seats in the Legislature, to act. "The Democrats should call a special session immediately to take up such issues and to introduce a marriage amendment for Iowa's constitution," said House Minority Leader Christopher Rants, (R-Sioux City) in a statement issued to the press. "House Democrats need to start leading or get out of the way."

Iowa's Defense of Marriage Act was passed overwhelmingly in 1998 with a vote of 89 to 10 in the House and 40 to 9 in the Senate.

Governor Chet Culver later issued a statement stating his opposition to gay marriage. "While some Iowans may disagree on this issue, I personally believe marriage is between a man and a woman," Culver said.

Gay marriage is legal in Massachusetts, and nine other states have approved spousal rights in some form for same-sex couples. Nearly all states have defined marriage as being solely between a man and a woman, and 27 states have such wording in their constitutions, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.



## BROTHERS FORCE BOY SCOUTS TO REVEAL 5,100 LEADERS' SEXUAL ABUSE

**Seattle** - Like many other boys who grew up in the early 1980s, Tom and Matt Stewart shared a childhood of hikes, campouts and fishing trips, most of it thanks to the Boy Scouts of America. However, after they became adults, each brother privately struggled with memories that neither wanted to talk about. They had been sexually abused by their Scoutmaster, Bruce Phelps.

After decades of living in silence, the Stewart brothers grew convinced they weren't alone. In 2003, they sued the Boy Scouts and their former Scoutmaster and won an out-of-court settlement.

Four years later, the case has become a landmark in the 97-year history of the Boy Scouts. For the first time, the Boy Scouts of America were forced to turn over to the Stewarts' attorneys the organization's entire archive on sexually abusive Scout leaders.

The file turned out to be huge. The records showed that the Boy Scouts have ejected at least 5,100 adult leaders nationwide for sexual abuse allegations since 1946. More disturbingly, the files revealed that - despite efforts to keep potential abusers from joining - the problems persist. In fact, since 1992 the Boy Scouts have kicked out alleged sexual abusers at a rate of one every other day.

The 45 boxes of files aren't public because the court order prohibits the Stewarts and their lawyers from disclosing specific cases. However, the attorneys' statistical summary shows the prob-

lem is larger than previously known.

Not unlike leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, Boy Scouts officials won't talk about the cases, but they note that ejected volunteers represent a small fraction of the 1.2 million adults who participate in Scouting every year. They also stress that they now have rules, including background checks and training, that didn't exist when Phelps was abusing Scouts.

Phelps has admitted to abusing the brothers and two other boys in sworn testimony. The abuse involving the Stewart brothers included oral and anal sex. The Brothers said the abuse persisted through high school, occurring at Scout outings and camps, at a drive-in movie theater, at Phelps' house and in the basement of the Stewarts' home while their parents were upstairs. He has never been convicted of a crime.

"The Boy Scouts is very unique because there is a very dangerous bond between Scout and Scoutmaster," Tom Stewart, now 44, said. "You are out in the middle of nowhere on an outing, and the Scoutmaster is God." "He would say, 'OK, that knot looks fine; you got your merit badge - now let's have sex,'" 42-year-old Matt Stewart added.

The Stewarts said they stayed quiet about the abuse because Phelps threatened to shoot their parents - or himself. They said they believed him because he often carried a revolver. "I was constantly scared," Matt Stewart said. Phelps denied

making the threats.

According to a police report investigating the Stewarts' complaint, Phelps admitted to a detective that he had abused the Stewarts and two other boys. The detective wrote that he called the regional Scouting office, but no one returned the call. Despite Phelps' confession, the case was closed without charges being filed because the statute of limitations had expired, the detective wrote. Phelps' name wasn't added to the Boy Scouts' secret Ineligible Volunteers Files until the Stewarts sued in 2003.

The Boy Scouts later claimed the lawsuit was the first time anyone had complained about him. But there have been complaints about thousands of other Scout leaders in the United States. In fact, since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has kept files on volunteers it considers to be unfit, including sexual abusers, criminals and homosexuals. The organization has periodically purged the files, according to depositions in other cases.

As early as 1935, the organization had files on about 1,000 so-called degenerates. The Stewarts' attorneys counted 732 files from 1946 to 1971.

Boy Scouts spokesperson Gregg Shields told Jonathan Martin of the *Seattle Times* that the files are intended to prevent ejected Scout leaders from bouncing into new leadership roles among the 300 councils nationwide. "It is merely a suspicion or belief, a question of fitness of an individual in the Boy Scouts," Shields said. "We are a private organization, and we can extend leadership positions to whomever we see fit."



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## IRISH PRESIDENT URGES END TO GAY BULLYING

**Dublin** - Irish President Mary McAleese called for a national change in attitudes to end the bullying of gay people here August 31. Addressing the International Association of Suicide Prevention Conference in Killarney, the President said the link between sexual identity and suicide had to be addressed.

"Ireland is making considerable progress in developing a culture of genuine equality, recognition and acceptance of gay men and women," she said. "But there is still an undercurrent of both bias and hostility which young gay people must find deeply hurtful and inhibiting."

"Homosexuality is a discovery, not a decision," McAleese said. "For many it is a discovery which is made against a backdrop where, within their immediate circle of family and friends as well as the wider society, they have long encountered anti-gay attitudes which will do little to help them deal openly and healthily with their own sexuality."

Ireland's suicide toll is around 500 every year. Young men make up 40% of the total, and elderly men comprise the second-highest at risk group. McAleese added that more discussion was needed on the link between sexual identity and suicide.

## AIDS WALK 2007: IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT WALK



**Milwaukee** - Wisconsin's largest annual fundraising event for HIV/AIDS has gotten a nearly complete makeover for its 2007 edition to be held here Saturday, September 29. Not only will the walk be shorter, it will follow a new route and offer several new incentives for participants.

As in the past AIDS Walk Wisconsin will kick off on the Henry B. Maier "Summerfest" Grounds, located at 200 N Harbor Drive on the city's lakefront. Free parking will be available this year for walkers in the lot just outside the main Summerfest gate, on the corner of Harbor Drive and Chicago. Each rest stop along the route will have portable lavatory facilities, refreshments, and entertainment.

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this year, and will follow a path taking it close to the McKinley Marina before ending up in the newly-opened Lakefront State Park.

A new team incentive this year is the 500 Club. Those that form an AIDS Walk Wisconsin team of at least 5 members and raises \$500 or more will receive several prizes. The team captain will receive a digital camera, the team will receive an invitation to the private 500 Club Party with complimentary beer and appetizers sponsored by Miller Brewing Company. The team captain will also receive two complimentary tickets to ARCW's Jolly Holly Folly winter event that features samples of food from metro Milwaukee's finest restaurants, an open bar and a special performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Pabst Theater.

Also new is the Raising The Bar competition.

Gay bars that form AIDS Walk teams with the bar's staff, patrons and friends and are among the top two bar teams to raising \$2,500 or more for the walk will have an additional \$2,500 added to their tallies through matching grants from the Johnson and Pabst LGBT Fund.

The top two gay bars that raise \$2,500 or more will also receive recognition from the stage at the AIDS Walk Wisconsin, the traveling Raising the Bar trophy, a free advertisement in a local gay publication, a spotlight article in ARCW's *Lifelines* newsletter, and acknowledgement in the agency's annual report.

There is still time to enroll in this year's walk: call 1-800-348-WALK, email at: [aidswalkwisconsin@arcw.org](mailto:aidswalkwisconsin@arcw.org) or register online at [www.aidswalkwis.org](http://www.aidswalkwis.org).



## THOMAS RESIGNS AS ANGELS OF HOPE MCC PASTOR

**Green Bay** - Rev. Elaine Thomas of Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will resign her position as pastor of Angels of Hope MCC, effective October 16. Thomas told the church's Board of Trustees August 14 that she wishes to devote more time to her work as a hospice chaplain. The congregation was told of her decision at Saturday and Sunday services the following weekend.

"This is in no way a result of any dissatisfaction with my job as pastor but, rather, a call to another ministry that I have felt developing for some time," Rev. Thomas told the congregation. "During this last spring, we had a visit from our Regional Elder and we discussed the situation. He agreed that calls to ministry can and do change over time and was supportive of my decision to draw this part of my ministry work to a conclusion."

"Many things have come together to convince me the time was right to follow the new path that God has opened to me" Rev. Thomas said. "The way the congregation has learned to work together to accomplish task that may have seemed beyond us just a few years ago, such as the amendment fight and especially our mortgage retirement campaign and the new ministries that have been started and sustained by the members such as our Kid's Club and our monthly contemporary services."



Thomas concluded her remarks by offering a message of hope. "I have the utmost faith in God's blessing and providence for the future of Angels of Hope, MCC," she said. "This church is about to move into an exciting time of growth and creative ministry. As never before, Angels of Hope will have an opportunity to discern its vision for the future and will be able then to call a pastor whom the congregation believes will best match its needs. It has been an honor serving as your pastor, and sharing in our spiritual journey these past five years. You are a wonderful people, and I shall long be grateful for the privilege of serving you."

Rev. Thomas came to Angels of Hope MCC from MCC-Milwaukee in 2002 to take the position as Associate Pastor under Rev. Ken Hull, under whose leadership the church obtained their present building at 3607 Libal Street in Green Bay and established a parish extension in Appleton in 1997. Rev. Thomas took over as sole pastor on January 1st, 2003.

Among the accomplishments that took place during Thomas' tenure were the beginning of a children's education program (Kid's Club), the holding of a forum educational issues surrounding the anti-marriage amendment referendum in 2006 and the relocation of the Appleton congregation, first to the Fox Valley UU Center and, presently, to the First Congregational UCC chapel at 724 East South River Street in Appleton.

Rev. Thomas will still maintain her affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in her new capacity.

## MILWAUKEE PRIDE PARADE ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE AND A THANK YOU PARTY

**Milwaukee** - The Milwaukee Pride Parade has moved and updated it's website. The new website is [www.prideparademke.org](http://www.prideparademke.org). The move was



completed to reflect the organization's not-for-profit community status. The Pride Parade board felt the the previous .com site may have suggested the parade was a commercial venture.

The parade now starting it's fourth year will hold a special "Thank you Party" at The Milwaukee Pumphouse on Saturday, September 29 starting at 7pm. The Milwaukee Pumphouse earned the right to host the party because they and thier customers purchased the largest number of Pride Parade Flag Cards. These are the colorfull squares the bars sell for \$1 to raise money for the parade and the Pride Banners that line the streets.

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## TOWN HALL MEETING SET FOR NEW PRIDE '08

**Green Bay** - The Green Bay Action Network (GBAN), a group originally founded to work with Fair Wisconsin during the the marriage amendment ballot battle last year, has taken on a new project for the coming year: organizing and promoting a revitalized pride event for northeast Wisconsin next year.

GBAN will sponsor a town hall meeting on what it is billing as NEWPride '08 at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 19 in the lower level of the Brown County Library, 515 Pine St. here. The event is open to any member of the community interested in getting involved with the project.

GBAN initially had a post-ballot listening session last May, re-grouped and have been doing the ground work needed to raise LGBT visibility in the area ever since. In addition to the recently organized kickball team, the group has looked into single event-based activities and possible projects such as caring for a section of right-of-way through the Adopt A Highway program.

The biggest task GBAN has taken on, however, is seeking to develop a more widely-publicized pride event for 2008 that will seek to include as many segments of the gay community as are interested. According to GBAN organizer Andrea Schultz, the group has identified nearly eighty groups, businesses and organizations as potential "stakeholders" in the pride event.

Schultz also made a presentation on NEWPride to the board of Rainbow Over Wisconsin at its August meeting in Appleton. ROW members have promised the financial support the group will need to become more formally organized. Schultz plans to present a formal application to access ROW's Community Enrichment Fund at either the foundation's September or October monthly meeting.

For more information about GBAN and NEWPride '08, visit the group's MySpace page at: [www.myspace.com/lgbtgban](http://www.myspace.com/lgbtgban).

## GUERNSEY GALA NIPS \$11,000



**Green Bay** - The 16th Annual Guernsey Gala held here August 18 saw long-time pageant winner Napalese Lounge re-take the crown from The Shelter. This year's Guernsey "queen" is Napalese's Jeff Nelson who raised \$6063.38 to best The Shelter's Clint "Smiley" Wiater's tally of \$4689. Nelson's winning total marked only the second time in Guernsey history that any single contestant raised more than \$6000, though it did not best the all-time single total of \$6,255 raised by The Shelter's Brandon Schmidt in 2006. However, with this year's win brought Napalese a different bragging right: it has now won the Guernsey competition more than all other area bars combined.

The \$10,939.38 final Guernsey tally, which also includes softball tournament proceeds, event admissions and other donations, represents a 7.7% decrease from 2006's total, though the tally is among the best in the pageant's history.

All Guernsey proceeds have been donated to the northeast region Social Services program at ARCW. As has been the case since the organization assumed sponsorship of the pageant in 2003, all Guernsey-related expenses are underwritten by Rainbow Over Wisconsin through its other, non-Guernsey fund-raising projects.

The 2007 Guernsey funds will augment ARCW's Emergency Financial Assistance program which helps those living with HIV/AIDS deal with disease-related budgetary crises. All money raised by the Guernsey Gala is distributed to clients and other PWAs working with the Green Bay office. According to a report provided to ROW by the agency nearly one client in three served by the Green Bay office was assisted by the money raised by the 2006 Guernsey Gala.

According to Rainbow Over Wisconsin Treasurer Ken Rohde, the 16th edition of the gala brought the fundraiser's lifetime total of funds raised to more than \$153,000. The Guernsey Gala is the longest continuing fundraiser for HIV/AIDS by any gay community in the state of Wisconsin.

## PHOTO EXHIBIT PORTRAYS WISCONSIN SAME-SEX COUPLES

**Milwaukee** - *Shall Not Be Recognized*, an exhibit of portraits of 30 Milwaukee-area same-sex couples in long-term relationships, is the creation of photographer Jeff Percy and author Will Fellows. The premiere showing of *Shall Not Be Recognized* will be at the VP Gallery of Fine Photography, 320 E. Buffalo Street, Milwaukee, from Thursday, October 4, to Tuesday, October 9. VP Gallery hours are 10 - 5 Tuesday through Saturday and Noon- 4 PM on Sundays. An opening reception at VP Gallery will held Saturday, October 6, from 6 - 8 PM.

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This program will explore the unique concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered elders as they age. Using the landmark study, "Out and Aging," participants will examine the relationship, care-giving, financial, housing and end-of-life issues that are specific to LGBT elders. This workshop will assist LGBT people in identifying resources and strategies for their aging journey. Providers of services will acquire insights needed to extend culturally competent care to this large and under-recognized group of elders.

Instructors: Sara Sullivan, Ph.D., UWI-La Crosse Department of Psychology and Mary Faherty, M.S., consultant on aging and public policy, and former Director of La Crosse County's Long Term Care Management Organization.

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Constitution was approved, banning legal recognition of same-sex unions," Percy said. "My wife, Jerilyn, and I had given money to the effort to defeat the amendment, and she was also an active door-to-door canvasser on the issue. We considered getting a divorce as an act of civil disobedience, thinking that rights denied to some should not be enjoyed by any. Instead, I returned to my photojournalist roots. I have long known the power of pictures and words to precipitate change." "As a gay man, I know how it feels to be told that the committed relationship I've been in for many years is not worthy of legal recognition," Fellows added. "When Jeff asked me to create this portrait exhibit with him, I immediately agreed. I was struck by the particular significance of this project being a gay-straight collaboration. Most important to me was the chance to work with a sensitive photographer to create an exhibit that portrays the lives of marginalized families. The couples in this exhibit have been in committed relationships for periods ranging from seven years to 50 years."

From October 21 through December 1, *Shall Not Be Recognized* will be displayed at Leenhouts Gallery, First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street, Milwaukee. Information on future exhibitions, gallery hours and a video version of the exhibit will be available shortly at [www.ShallNotBeRecognized.org](http://www.ShallNotBeRecognized.org).

Funding for *Shall Not Be Recognized* has been provided by PFLAG Milwaukee, Cream City Foundation, The J. G. Clark Family Fund, and The Joseph R. Pabst LGBT Infrastructure Fund.

## 4TH ANNUAL ROW DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE



**Green Bay** - Tickets for the 4th Annual "An Evening With Rainbow Over Wisconsin" have gone on sale throughout northeast Wisconsin. ROW supporters and dinner attendees from previous years received invitations to the November 17 auction, dinner and show shortly after Labor Day.

Tickets for the event will be the same as last year, with a \$30 "early bird" fee available through October 10. After that time, tickets will be \$35. The event will also be held at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Kimberly, with cocktails and silent auction opening at 6 PM.

Menu items for this year's event include Smothered Breast Of Chicken, Medallions Of Roasted Tenderloin, Baby Red potatoes, Cajun Jambalaya, Stir-Fried Vegetables, Caesar & Spinach Salads, Tropical Fresh Fruit, homemade bakery roll mix, Southern Pecan Pie, and Double Chocolate Brownie Pie. The meal will served family style, allowing those wishing to enjoy only vegetarian items the opportunity to do so.

The annual ROW dinner is the foundation's signature fund-raising event, according to President Dean Dayton. "It's an opportunity for old friends to make new friends at a fun event that also advances the northeast Wisconsin community's 'gay agenda' by donating to Rainbow's Community Enrichment Fund," Dayton said.

Entertainment at this year's dinner will include former Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA titleholders Josie Lynn, Cass Marie Domino

## Letter To The Editor: Loved The Twin Ports Pride Coverage

Dear Quest,

I live in the Twin Ports area, and I just wanted to take the time to say thank you for the two articles you did about the Duluth/Superior Pride in issue 13 of your mag. I especially enjoyed seeing the cover photo and interview with Uncle Barbie. That bitch is crazy! But in a good way. We all love Barbie in the Northland. Thanks for the coverage.

Pam Murphy  
Superior, Wisconsin

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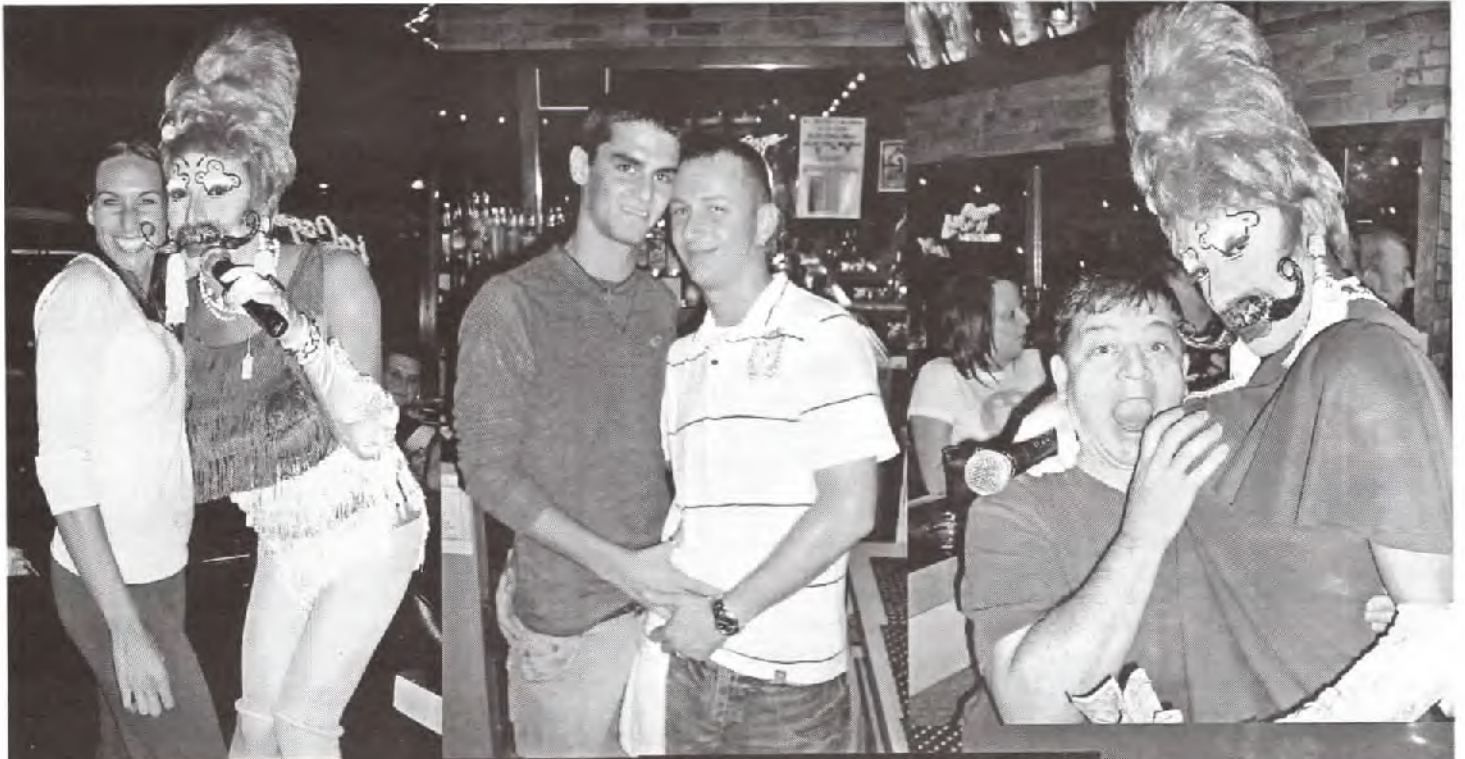
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**Friday, September 14th**

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# QUEST'S OFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY 2007 MILWAU'KEE LGBT FILM/VIDEO FESTIVAL FINAL WEEK

Friday, September 14- UWM Union Cinema

\* (7:00pm) **"The Gymnast"**  
(Ned Farr, USA, 35mm, 99 min., 2006)

Fans of classic lesbian flicks like **"Desert Hearts," "Personal Best"** and even the excruciatingly awful **"Claire of the Moon"** should respond best to Farr's **"The Gymnast."**

Jane Hawkins (Dreya Weber) is a fortysomething former Olympic gymnast desperately seeking something to fill her otherwise empty life. She thinks the answer is a baby but inattentive hubby David (David de Simone) thinks a baby is just too gosh-dam expensive. One day, while Jane wistfully watches young gymnasts practicing, she is spotted by Nicole (Mam Smith) who encourages Jane to join her Cirque du Soleil-like aerial group. There Jane meets Serena, a dancer with a surreal fascination with knives. A family crisis means that Nicole leaves Jane and Serena to soldier on alone. And soldier on they do. Soon sexing up the act begins to take on new meaning. Will Jane and Serena make it to Vegas? Can Serena step out of the closet? Will there be a happily-ever-after ending? **(Recommended)**



\* (9:00pm) **"At the End of Our Ropes: An Evening of Men's Shorts"**

Always a popular program - so get there early! This evening of Boy Shorts is a fabulous mix of some of the best new films about gay men - gay men on the brink of discovery, of identity, of calling it quits. Includes **Cowboy Forever** (Jean-Baptiste Errecia, France, video, 26 min., 2006), a **Brokeback Mountain** homage from the world of Brazilian gauchos, and the exquisitely designed dark comedy **The Saddest Boy in the World** (Jamie Travis, Canada, 35mm, 13 min., 2006). Also to screen: **41 Sekunden** (Tobias Martin & Rodney Sewell, Germany, 35mm, 4 min., 2006); **Benny's Gym** (Lisa Marie Gamlen, Norway, video, 25 min., 2007); **(Not Screened)**

Saturday, September 15- UWM Union Cinema

\* (3:00pm) **"Black White + Gray: A Portrait of Sam Wagstaff and Robert Mapplethorpe"**

(James Crump, USA, video, 71 min., 2007)  
Less about Mapplethorpe than a portrait of Sam Wagstaff, a prominent curator and art collector who would become a patron and sex partner to famed photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. Originally in advertising, Wagstaff



quickly became disheartened and turned his attentions elsewhere. First, Wagstaff turned the art world around as he championed minimalism. Then, after becoming involved with Mapplethorpe, he turned his attention to photography eventually forming an extraordinarily influential collection which he would later sell to the Getty Museum for the then outrageous sum of \$5 million. A veritable "who's who" of those art world talking heads still around offers a unique perspective on Wagstaff, Mapplethorpe and the tumultuous New York art world of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

\* (5:00pm) **"Red Without Blue"**  
(Brooke Sebold, Benita Sills & Todd Sills, USA, video, 74 min., 2006)

**Red Without Blue** is a fascinating if often difficult documentary about a pair of identical twins - Alex and Mark Farley - as Alex transitions from male to female. The Farley family must have at one point seemed to encompass the American Dream. Mom describes the adorable blond boys as perfect. Yet all too soon the cracks in their domestic façade become apparent. Dad loses his job but pretends to go to work for months. Mom forms a curious, platonic relationship with another

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woman who shares her bed. Mom and dad divorce. Along the way Alex and Mark, sensing they were different, fall in with a pedophile and later turn to drugs. Following a failed suicide attempt, the boys are separated, leading to more trauma as each tries to understand their lives, their sexuality and most importantly, their relationship with each other. Often brutally candid, **"Red Without Blue"** reveals Mark and Alex/Clair's life in an exceedingly fragmentary fashion, leaving the audience with too many questions frustratingly left unanswered. —with—

#### Whatever Suits You

(Ashley Altadonna, USA, video, 7 min., 2007)  
Local filmmaker Altadonna crafts a new outfit as she recounts her transition.

#### \* (7:00pm) "Glue" (Historia Adolescente en Medio de la Nada)

(Alexis Dos Santos, Argentina/United Kingdom, in Spanish with English subtitles, video & Super8 on video, 110 min., 2006)

Perhaps best short-handed as an Argentinean **"Rebels Without a Cause."** Dos Santos' film manages the extraordinary combination of urgency and languidness in its tale of young Lucas (Nahuel Perez Biscayart). At home, it is just Lucas's mom and his siblings. Dad's on his own after rather too many extracurricular



affairs. Lucas's life is decidedly, almost joyfully, aimless. He sleeps late, puffs up his hair endlessly, masturbates — endlessly — and occasionally practices with a truly dreadful band. Most of all, Lucas obsesses over his hot best pal Nacho (Nahuel Viale). The two lads spend their days together goofing around in time-honored adolescent fashion, yet their roughhousing and wrestling manage to take on an increasingly sexual element. In response, they feel the need to add in the buffering female presence of Andrea (Ines Efron), who is often left on the outside looking on as the two boys make out. (Recommended)

#### \* (9:00pm) "Itty Bitty Titty Committee"

(Jamie Babbit, USA, video, 90 min., 2007)  
Shy Anna has been dumped by her girlfriend and rejected from college. Leaving work one night, she encounters the spray paint nozzle of Sadie, the charismatic leader of *Clits in Action*, who recruits her for the radical Guerilla Girls-esque group — and perhaps for more. Anna is introduced to other CIA members including Meat, the artist responsible for engineering the CIA's protests; and the

gentle FTM Aggie. With the CIA agents, there is plenty of record shopping, dancing, sex and, inevitably, fighting, with the CIA threatening to implode over Sadie's treatment of Anna. Eventually, Sadie's disloyalty brings the group close to fracture, until Anna comes up with a fierce public act that will unite the group — and maybe even her and Sadie. (Not Screened)

\* (9:00pm) **"Funeral Parade of Roses"** (Bara No Soretsu) FREE (Toshio Matsumoto, Japan, Japanese w/ English subtitles, 16mm, 105 min., 1969)  
A wild, mayhem-laden drag queen free-for-all and a retelling of the Oedipus legend, reputed to be an influence on Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange*. A pioneering, influential Molotov cocktail of the Japanese New Wave, Toshio Matsumoto's provocative assemblage uses a cross-dressed love-triangle melodrama (set in a gay bar named after Jean Genet) as a springboard for a daring, experimental look at economics, sexuality and gender politics in late-'60s Tokyo. (Not Screened)

#### Saturday, September 15—UWM Union Cinema

##### \* (9:00pm) LISTEN UP! A Screening with the Center Advocates Free

Festival director Carl Bognar promises a town hall meeting of sorts, showcasing true stories from "elsewhere—and maybe from down the street" **Freeheld** (Cynthia Wade, USA, video, 38 min., 2007)

Cynthia Wade's award-winning **"Freeheld"** follows the struggles of police lieutenant Laurel Hester as she fights a losing battle with cancer while attempting to secure pension benefits for her life partner Stacie. While the residents of the freehold of Ocean County, NJ, community overwhelmingly support Laurel's cause, the five who compose the "Board of Chosen Freeholders" remain steadfast in stony opposition. Or continue to do so until national attention on Laurel's plight causes some behind-the-scenes intervention by New Jersey's governor. While Laurel Hester's battle is truly heroic, Wade's film proves ultimately grim and unsatisfying rather than uplifting. This is not, however, an opinion apparently shared as **"Freeheld"** has won an extraordinary number of awards.

(Recommended)

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**Out Running: Stories from the Campaign Trail** (Dave O'Brien, Samantha Reynolds, & Borge Dorte, USA, video, 22 min., 2007) profiles three openly LGBT candidates from Oklahoma, Iowa and Oregon as they run for office.

**Gender Skirmish: Milwaukee's Struggle for Transgender Nondiscrimination** (Dena Aronson

& Patrick Flaherty, USA, video, 10 min., 2007) explores how local activists set out to add (successfully!) gender identity and expression to one Midwestern city's nondiscrimination ordinance.

#### \* (5:00pm) "Tick Tock Lullaby"

(Lisa Gornick, UK, video, 73 min., 2006)  
Sasha and Maya want a baby. Or so they think.

Sasha, a cartoonist who drafts strips about human foibles, contextualizes all the baby/pillow talk by imagining some other characters:



she conjures Gillian and Fiona, a pair of sisters, both straight. (Sasha thinks: straight women must have it easier, right? Like, wouldn't it save a lot of trouble if she just got Maya pregnant accidentally?) But the imagined sisters are no help: they are struggling to have babies of their own and are similarly and desperately trying to find cooperative male partners. Proving that there is nothing straightforward about conception, **Tick Tock Lullaby** is a comedy about intimacy and its attendant strategizing. (Not Screened)

(7:00pm) **"Times Have Been Better"** (La Ciel Sur la Tete) (Régis Musset, France, in French with English subtitles, video, 90 min., 2006)

(See adjacent review)

## Times Have Been Better

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

The 20th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival wraps up with **"Time Have Been Better,"** a genial "coming-out" comedy. Originally made for French television, **"Time Have Been Better,"** offers a peek at a pleasant, rather complacent, upper middle-class family about to come apart at the seams.

Thirtysomething Parisian Jeremy (Arnaud Binard) has always been the perfect son, yet another in a long line of "best little boys in the world." He is the apple in the eyes of his parents Rosine (Charlotte de Turckheim) and Guy (Bernard Le Coq). So much so, his cute, oh-so worldly little brother Robin (Olivier Guéritée) tells him, "You're their robot programmed for success." And so he is. Handsome, athletic and having just received an extraordinary promotion at the big investment bank he works at, Jeremy certainly appears to have it all.

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Plus just one more thing: a hunky if somewhat older boyfriend.

As if taking a page from the Hepburn/Tracy classic, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," Nicolas Mercier's screenplay has Jeremy making a surprise visit for a family Sunday brunch. He means to finally come out, to tell his parents about his life with new boyfriend Marc (Pierre Deny). Initially he weenies out, their idyllic suburban existence remaining in tact for another hour or so. Then, just as he is about to flee, Jeremy drops his bombshell. From the stunned expressions on his parents' faces, you'd have thought that he confessed to being a mass murderer. Or a terrorist. Perhaps even an alien from another planet. But surely you get the drift.

And that pretty much sets the tone for the rest of the movie. Hunky Jeremy and the supportive Marc (Pierre Deny) virtually disappear as Rosine and Guy take center stage, each seeking to pick up the pieces of a life that once seemed so very perfect.

Charlotte de Turckheim's Rosine fares best. In a luminous performance, Turckheim's Rosine is resolute to be/become the warm, compassionate mother willing to love her son unconditionally. And if, along the way, she has her eyes opened a bit to those people around her, especially hubby Guy, all the better.

Although Guy is initially portrayed as an open-minded left-winger, Mercier's screenplay's mercilessly exposes this as a sham. Guy's responses to his son's sexuality become progressively hysterical, not to mention increasingly tiresome. If Guy is indeed no worse than Spencer Tracy's racist father, at least "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" has the excuse of having been made nearly 40 years ago.

## Full Price, Matinee or wait 'til the Budgets

Director Musset and screenwriter Mercier mine familiar territory in this generally entertaining comedy. Yet it is hard not to think this an opportunity missed, perhaps take their story beyond the realm of the sit-com. As is often the case in films such as this one, the gay characters are mere ciphers. Jeremy and Marc never transcend their labels of "perfect son" and "supportive boyfriend." The only other gay character, Rosine's co-worker Yvan (Franck de la Personne) is relegated to sidekick role of "bitchy queen with a heart of gold." Well intentioned, doggedly didactic and often painfully PC, "Times Have Been Better" is nonetheless a wonderful flick for gay men and lesbians everywhere to watch with parents.

## Just the Facts

"Times Have Been Better" has a running time of 90 minutes and is in French with English subtitles. "Time Have Been Better" is due out on DVD on September 25 with a SRP of \$26.95. Charlotte de Turckheim was in the excellent "A Love to Hide," a highlight of last year's Fest.

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# Thank You Sir:

by Jeff Hicks



## Fetishes.

**Similar to puppy play is the fetish known as pony play.**

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In recent years I have been aware of incidents wherein an experienced submissives have arranged to be taken in and trained as a pony, with complete horse tack and equipment being used to control, restrain, and manipulate all movements, actions and reactions of the newly acquired 'pony'. This degree of submission is usually entered into with a predetermined time limit. Usually at least one month but some for a year or more at a time. During that the pony would be the sole property of And the total Responsibility of, the handler / trainer. Most often during ALL of that time, use of verbal communication by the pony would be denied. This is especially true in the initial 'taking' of the animal. Yes, the 'animal' is the intended reference! For the duration of the training/ownership, the person in the pony role will be treated only as an 'animal' ! The establishment of those parameters at the outset is essential to the success of the intense role 'living' that is involved in this type of "play". Very serious pre

arrangement's absolutely must be made prior to such a commitment.

Such an animal can be of use and service to the owner in around the home or if possible the farm. If the physical attributes are adequate, it could be put to service moving and/or carrying heavy loads in what ever manner the owner wishes. It can also be trained to be a show animal. This will, at Leather pony play events, allow the owner much satisfaction in showing his animal's trained behavior and capabilities to other pony handlers. There are some annual events in the genre of "Animae" that will be in this realm. Such events are limited and not open to anyone of the general public. Access to such events is by known references only. So if this fetish has any appeal for you, pursue your interest and you will find many others who can and/or do live this life.

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## Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

### Your Intellectual Whore

(An effervescently gay advice columnist)

*Disclaimer: Although the author of this syndicated column holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, the tongue-in-cheek advice given is for entertainment only and is not a substitute for therapy. Send your questions to Uncle Barbie: AskUncleBarbie@aol.com. Barbie responds to all emails... whether you deserve it or not.*

### Defining Love

Dear Uncle Barbie,

What is love? A feeling or unconditional commitment? Maybe it's both? **Unsigned**

Hello Unsigned,

From a psycho-dynamic perspective, the feeling of love stems from the unconscious mind (were our primal desires lie). Since this desire is unconscious, many people do not know where these deep feelings of love are coming from (as may be the case with you). They wonder why they feel so passionately in love with a person for no apparent reason.

Additionally, love is more than just a feeling. It is a need, as well--a physical need for intimacy and touch. (You may have heard about the studies that were done in orphanages where the babies who were not touched had a much higher mortality rate than the babies who were touched.) People need to be touched in a nurturing way—at any age.

Love can also be qualified as a biological need to reproduce (although some of us have learned to control our reproductive urges—thank goodness). Which reminds me, although experiencing the emotion of love is not a conscious choice, the expression of love as an action is within our control. This is where different cultures vary regarding courting rules, ethics, and morals. You asked about unconditional commitment. This, of course, would fall under the heading of "love as a CHOICE." Commitment is a firm decision you consciously choose.

Before I end, I need to say that love is not always sexual. Family, friends, and pets are all examples of living things that we love (romance not needed). But I don't think that's the type of love that your question was referring to, now was it? No, I didn't think so.

**Love Whom You Please, but Please Whom You Love, Barbie**

### A Complex Computation of Confusion

Dear Uncle Barbie,

It's Waterloo. Last night at the group home, we watched some reality TV with my close friends. I think these reality shows are like traveling down a paved road; of course it has potholes, but it also has more. But no problem, I don't mind. Believe it or not, I kind of like it. I'm permitted outside. I can be found at the park where I read your column over and over again; I'm still loose though. Sometimes, I feel that I want to, but then, I don't. Again Uncle Barbie remodeled my psyche (which is a cousin to my brain). After Saturday, my family took me out for a bite; it's worth it though. I'm getting some cool stuff out of them, huh? Looking back, I lucked out--I got a permanent welfare account! I thought about it and went back to where I met up with another friend (which makes it a good day). Yeah baby! A couple times it was possible to go all the way with my friend, but it didn't happen. What an interesting life I have. Haven't had anything to eat and a few times I wished a belated birthday so many times just for cake. Speaking of food, I can smell what the staff is cooking for dinner tonight...mmmm. Gotta go! **Signed, Waterloo**



Uncle Barbie: offering a glimmer of acceptance to those barely tolerated.

Hello Waterloo,

Mr. Waterloo, you are a never ending source of astonishment. Your psyche is like a gold mine--the deeper I dig, the more I find. However, you didn't ask me a question. You were rambling so much I started wondering if you were trying to work through a brain blockage? Your every commentary is a complex computation of confusion. Let me try my hand at it, and see how you like it; here's a quote from Marilyn Manson, from the song, "Cryptorchid," off the album, Antichrist

Superstar, "When a boy is still a worm, it's hard to learn the number seven." Try to figure that one out. Confused? Good; now you know how it feels to read one of your letters.

Perhaps you need a referral. Let me direct your psychotic mumblings to your local, neighborhood psychic chums. I'm sure they could find something capricious to say about your whimsical perspective on life. Furthermore, Mr. Waterloo, you should consider undergoing regressive, false memory therapy, so you can uncover some erroneous, memory fabrications to write me about in my next issue. You're a real piece of work!

**Sniffing the Daffodils, Barbie**

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