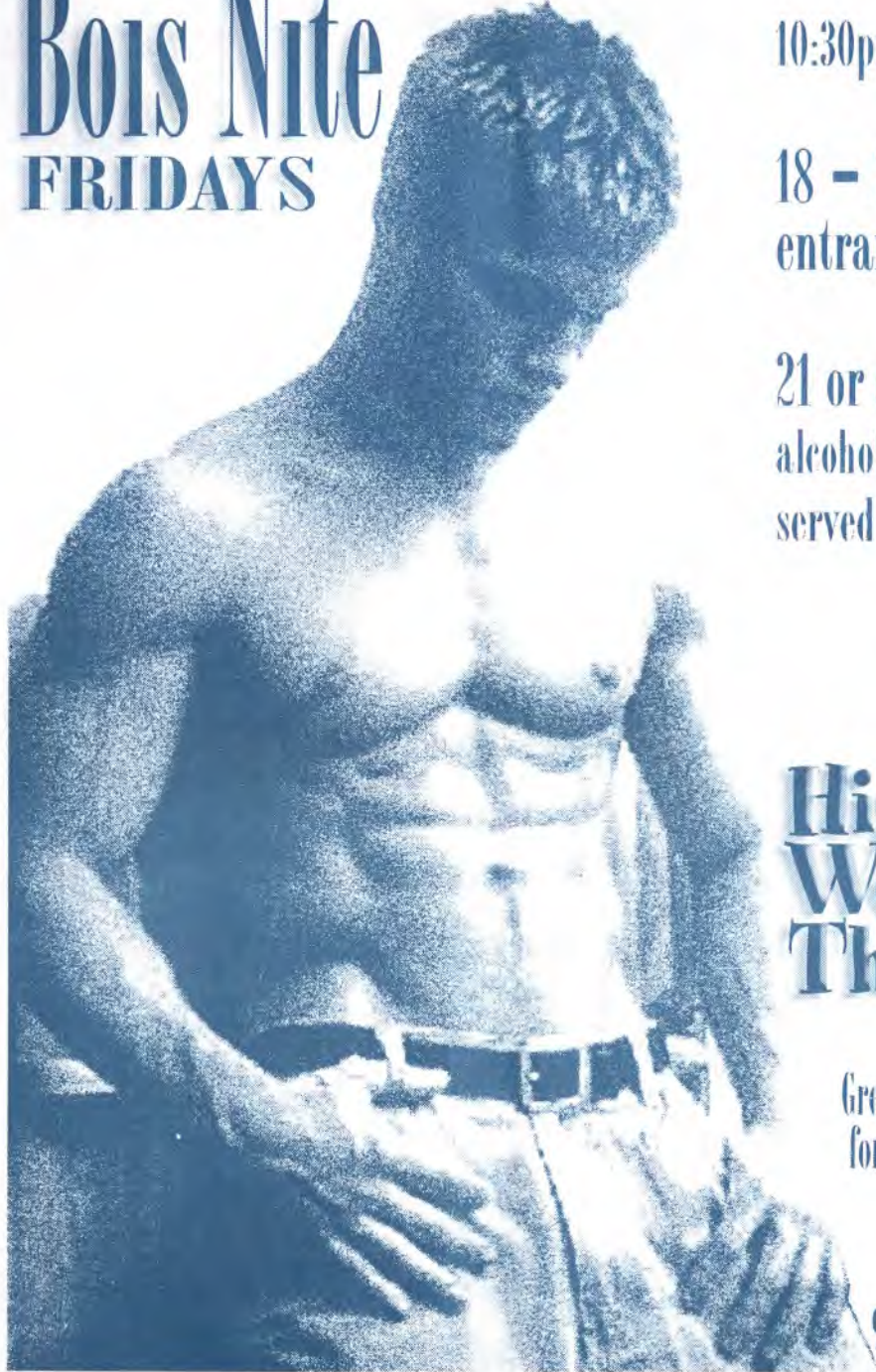


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The following is an e-mailed letter to the editor sent to OutBound Magazine and copied to Quest...

To give perspective, OutBound received a letter last month asking if they were going to follow Quest as we try to fill In Step's position of the LGBT News source in their absence.

Dear Editor (Jim and James),

As per the last letter to the editor, I would like to respond by saying that I am glad that you are doing your own thing. Your magazine has its own feel to it and it would not be the same if you tried changing to fill the void left by In Step. You really don't have to bring on Cordially Yours or Dear Ruthie. I like Outbound just the way it is.

Quest will have to make alot of changes if they want to be like Instep. First of all the owner needs to decide if he is in publishing or in the bar business. There is a serious conflict of interest. If I was a Bar owner I would not want to advertise in a publication that puts its own bar in all the prime spots in the magazine. The Edge is another publication that is at odds with it's own advertisers. What's up with that? anyway, You have my support as a reader. Thank you for bringing us a quality magazine.

Sincerely, Greg H

Well let me just say to start that Greg definitely ruffled my feathers. I responded with the following...

From Quest Editor:

Thanks for your comments concerning Outbound and Quest. I wish your comments had stayed positive concerning OutBound and not raised the question of conflict of interest with Mark Mariucci, (ZA), part owner of Historic West Theatre and Quest which I am the sole owner. Since I am unsure if OutBound will publish my response, I intend to publish your letter and this response in Quest.

I would comment, if you check carefully, I have gone out of my way the past 11 years not to over-promote my own club. Advertisers and non-advertisers alike get free publicity and photographs. I rarely use photos from my club. One might note that I favored several bars in Milwaukee that have not returned the favor with advertising in Quest. Chris and other Milwaukee based photographers send us pictures and we published them without regard to who advertises. This is hardly conflict of interest.

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mote nightlife for the LGBT community and also as an affordable advertising vehicle for the smaller bars and businesses including those from outside Milwaukee. Today we are expanding to offer news and information vital to the LGBT community with or without support from Milwaukee bar businesses.

I make no secret that I own and publish Quest, the USofA Pageant System and I am part owner of Historic West Theatre (60%). Quest is a business like the others and relies on advertising wherever it can come from to stay in business. I serve on the same board for Rainbow Over Wisconsin that other Green Bay bar owners are involved with. Conflict of interest has never been brought up. We are all competitors but respect each other. Some of these people are also advertisers in Quest.

Finally I would comment it takes more than glossy paper and full color to be a quality magazine. Wisconsin still does not have a magazine that approaches the likes of Lavender in Minneapolis. This includes Quest, In Step, or Wisconsin Light the latter two, now gone. It takes support from the businesses in the LGBT community to allow Wisconsin to have a great paper.

I know the past eleven years, I have been up front and honest about everything that has appeared in print. I am proud of what has been done and I look forward to improving Quest as time goes on. OutBound serves as great competition and I wish them the best. There is room for more than one publication in Wisconsin.

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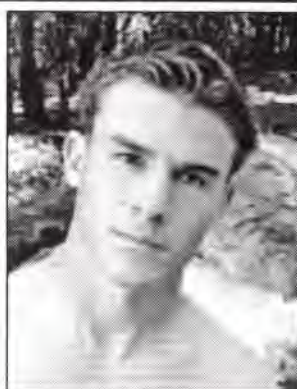
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Freedom To Marry Week In Wisconsin Brings Dueling Legislation, Contentious Testimony, License Protests & Town Hall Meeting A Quest News Team report by Andy Sampson, Dan Ross & Mike Fitzpatrick

LGBT Wisconsin's observance of the national "Freedom to Marry Week" saw multiple events occurring

equality bill to be introduced in the state legislature.

"Representative Pocan and Senator Risser are taking Wisconsin a huge step forward today," Action Wisconsin executive director Christopher Ott said at the press conference. "This bill may not pass immediately, but we have faith that with continuing conversation and public



(L-R) Rep. Mark Pocan, Sen. Fred Risser and Action Wisconsin Executive Director Chris Ott announced the introduction of legislation permitting same-sex couples to obtain civil marriages at the Capitol February 11
photo by Dan Ross

in Madison and five other cities.

Pro-gay events began with a February 11 news conference featuring Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison) and Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison), cosponsors of a bill to end marriage discrimination in Wisconsin, by replacing the current "husband and wife" language in the statutory definition with the word "spouse" throughout. The wording change would lift the state's ban on marriage for lesbian and gay people, allowing them access to civil marriage and the hundreds of rights and responsibilities that come with it. It is the first-ever marriage

debate, the people of Wisconsin will come to support it."

"Lesbian and gay couples take on the commitment and responsibilities of marriage, yet they're denied the rights and protections of marriage," Ott added. "This causes hardships every day for thousands of Wisconsin families."

A day earlier saw the formal introduction of AJR 62, the so-called "Wisconsin Marriage Amendment" that would deny same-sex couples from seeking civil marriage or any other type of "marriage equivalent" legal recognition of their unions by the state. 35 Assembly representatives and

8 state senators cosponsored the resolution, a significant decrease from last fall's "Defense of Marriage" bill. Wayne Woods (D-Janesville) was the sole non-Republican cosponsor.

The first hearing on the bill was held February 12 in the Assembly Judiciary Committee, chaired by AJR lead sponsor Mark Gundrum. Over 200 attended the hearing, equally divided between those supporting and opposing the bill. The committee heard almost eight hours of conflicting and sometimes acrimonious testimony. Supporters of the amendment alternately cited the Bible and pseudoscientific, right-wing "think tank" statistics to support their case. Opponents provided testimony of often harrowing personal examples that demonstrated how the inability to have their same-sex unions legally recognized had hurt their families. As part of his testimony, Action Wisconsin's Ott released the results of a poll that showed the electorate opposed the legislature's taking up the antigay amendment by a 3-1 margin. The poll was taken after the recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial



Madison - Thursday, February 12, 2004 State Reps. Mark Gundrum, Leah Vukmir (foreground), Ann Nischke (other side of Gundrum) testify in favor of the constitutional amendment. Nischke reported that 60% of her constituents contacts were in favor of the amendment.

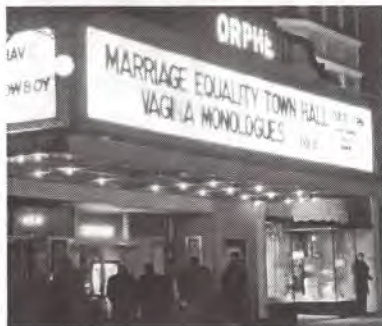
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Court decision clarifying that only full marriage equality was acceptable to satisfy the court's November 2003 decision. The poll also was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies, a firm regularly used by the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, the state's Republican Party and others.

Attorney Camilla Taylor of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund provided detailed testimony demonstrating that the



The Orpheum Theatre where the statewide town hall meeting was held.
photo by Dan Ross

passage of the amendment would actually trigger costly court cases for Wisconsin, not eliminate them - a key talking point used by amendment promoters. Citing the historic 1996 overturning of Colorado's Amendment 2 and the current federal case against a similar Nebraska marriage amendment Taylor explained

how the proposed amendment's language would violate the "equal protection" language of the US Constitution.

Following the hearing, Gundrum admitted that it's unclear if the Legislature's Republican leadership will schedule the proposal for a vote during this session, scheduled to end March 11. To amend the constitution, the measure



Orpheum Theatre management estimated 775 attended Action Wisconsin's statewide Town Hall Meeting on Civil Marriage Equality on February 12
photo by Dan Ross

must pass both houses in two consecutive legislative sessions and be approved in a statewide referendum. Quest has learned that the GOP leadership in both the Assembly and the Senate has heard requests from multiple major Republican financial supporters in the state's business community urging them to drop further progress on the bill this year.

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"If it were up to me, I would personally offer you a marriage license," Dane County clerk Joe Parisi said to the eleven couples who attempted to obtain licenses in Madison. "I look forward to the day when I can treat you equally."

AW reported that couples also sought licenses in Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, La Crosse, and Milwaukee. The Fond du Lac protest was the second largest, after Madison's, with nine couples attempting to marry. Following their denials, couples filed discrimination complaints with the clerks.

The marriage license protest gained nationwide coverage by CBS, CNN and other media outlets, overshadowing the committee hearings on the marriage amendment.

On the evening of February 12, hundreds turned out for what was billed as the first-ever statewide town hall meeting on civil marriage equality at the Orpheum Theatre in Madison. Theater management estimated about 775 participated in the 2 1/2 hour program sponsored by Action Wisconsin, GLAAD, NGLTF, HRC, and Lambda Legal and over 50 statewide and local groups.

In addition to seven formal presentations on the social, legal, financial and political impact of civil marriage equality for same-sex couples, dozens in the audience rose to cite personal examples of how the inability to obtain legal recognition of their relationships has impacted their lives. Yolande Chan and Diane Sater, who recently relocated to the Madison area, explained how they had to go back to Ohio to obtain appropriate health insurance for their 20-month old child.

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site include links to leather clubs in the Midwest, as well as this column and a very nice archive of photos from leather events. Usually, the column appears on the web site about a week before the print copy hits the racks, and you will see photos there that never make it into print. See it all at

<http://www.quest-online.com>.

In the next column, I'll run the entire official press release for International Mr. Leather 2004, including the schedule of events. As a leather event that occurs in our own area (the Midwest), it certainly warrants the space of one column. If you can't wait for

the next issue to get the information you want about IML, visit their updated web site at <http://www.iml.com>. Until then, enjoy the shot of Mr. Northwoods 2003, John Weiler. Yum. • *Keep those boots shined, boy!*



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RUFUS WAINWRIGHT TO PERFORM FEB. 21 AT THE PABST THEATER SINGER, SONGWRITER BRINGS HIS ORIGINAL ROCK/POP SOUND TO MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE (Jan. 7, 2004) – Singer / songwriter Rufus Wainwright will perform at the Pabst Theater on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 at 8 p.m. as part of the WUWM Performance Series.

Rufus, the son of folk singers Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle, distinguished himself as a major auteur after just one album, invoking breathless comparisons to hallowed names like Brian Wilson, Randy Newman and even Cole Porter. Nonetheless, Wainwright's legion of fans will recognize the careful execution of craft that made Rufus Wainwright (1998) and Poses (2001) indelible: the elegant orchestrations, some evoking at least two bygone centuries; the multi-tracked vocals, often stacked as high as a wedding cake; the thematic complexities inherent in all of the aforementioned four-letter words.

His third and latest CD, *Want One*, features contributions from esteemed composer and musicologist Van Dyke Parks; Poses bore the stamp of longtime Wainwright collaborator Pierre Marchand (also known for his work with Sarah McLachlan) and boasted arrangements by composer Damian Le Gassick.

For Wainwright, it seems, there is little separation between life and art, and that sense of making his private life public in his songs inevitably causes sharp pangs of vulnerability. To be sure, the unflinching self-examination of *Want One* leaves Wainwright open to all sorts of scrutiny. But so does his insistence on being a cultural maverick. Pop records like this one don't grow on trees; indeed, very few artists in any idiom possess the vocal, compositional or psychological wherewithal to create a work of this quality.

"Yeah, yeah," Wainwright says, dismissing any larger discussion of his gifts, "but sometimes I wish I could just make a dance record or something."

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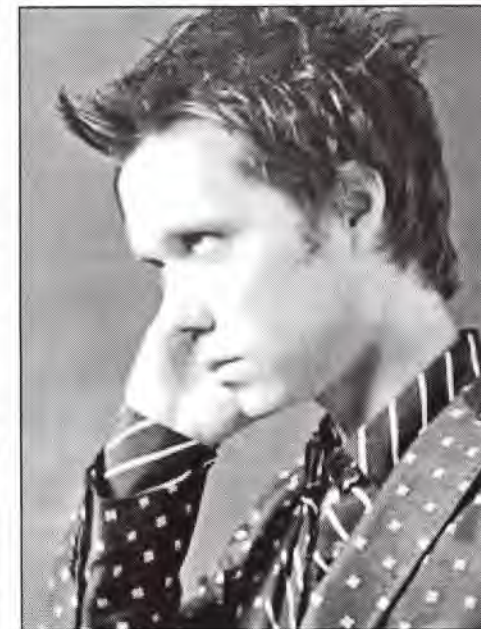
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the city, were added during a major renovation.

Philanthropist Michael Cudahy bought the Pabst Theater in 2002 to keep the once dark theater busy and offer Milwaukeeans and other residents from the upper Midwest a diverse array of cultural performances that cross all interests and musical genres.

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On the weekend of March 5-7, the Argonauts of Wisconsin will be hosting their annual Daddy & Daddy's boy Contests weekend. This is a great opportunity for a hot Daddy and a hot boy to strut their stuff on the stage at the Napalese Lounge in Green Bay (1351 Cedar Street), and to carry off some very nice prizes. Those prizes would include a sash and a title that will open a lot of leather doors for them. Winners are immediately qualified to enter the International Mr. Leather contest coming up this May in Chicago. If they choose, they may also enter the Great Lakes Leather Alliance LeatherSir or Leatherboy contest this August down in Indianapolis.

Mr. Northwoods 2003 John Weiler will emcee the Daddy and Daddys boy contests this year! Once again there will be tons of exciting entertainment. This year's slate of entertainers includes the return of Milwaukee's Shoreline Dancers, Miss Gay Wisconsin U.S. of A. Holly Holdamn, Miss Wisconsin Classic Elsie Bovine, and a few very special surprise appearances.

In fact, the entertainment roster got so big that Argonauts V.P. and Daddy/Daddy's boy organizer Al Kamke decided to feature several of the entertainers on Friday night as well. That will be part of the fun at the "Meet and Greet" reception which will be Friday, March 5, starting at 9:00 p.m. at Cricket's Fox River Lounge on Broadway in Green Bay. I hear Cricket will be running some great drink specials! Don't miss the opportunity to start the weekend early, and meet the hot leathermen, including some of the contestants and judges.

The fun will continue on Saturday, March 6 starting with the "all-for-fun" Leather Granddaddy contest at the Napalese Lounge. The contest will be hosted by 2003 Leather Granddaddy Bob Hackl, and it should be a scream. The Granddaddy contest will start at 7:00 p.m. Granddaddy contestants are required to be present and registered by 6:00 p.m.

The main contests begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Napalese Lounge. Contestants for Daddy and Daddy's boy must be present and registered no later than 8:00 p.m. Contest registration forms (for all three contests) are available and downloadable at the Argonauts web site (<http://www.argonautsll.org/>). Contestants may also register online. There are no entry fees for any of the contests. There is plenty of additional information on the web site.

The Daddy/Daddy's boy weekend is always fun- like a weekend in gay leather hell (Now you know, that WOULD be fun), and there are sure to be a lot of surprises. You can usually count on a lot of add-on events at the other leather-friendly bars in town (Jeez, I guess that would be ALL of them except one). You do not want to miss the Daddy/Daddys boy weekend in Green Bay. Does this sound like an advertisement? Ok, I've been clocked.

A couple of weekends later- on Saturday, March 20, the Great Lakes Bikers group will be hosting a beer bust social at BOOM in Milwaukee. The fun will kick off around 10:00 p.m. BOOM is located at 635 South 2nd Street in Milwaukee. The theme for the evening will be "Think Spring and Get Your Motors Running." YES! Great Lakes Bikers is a non-structured group offering area bikers and friends a means to socialize, plan, and communicate events and rides. There are no dues or business meetings. You will find their web site at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/GreatLakeBikers/> It should be a blast!

The weekend after that, Mr. Northwoods John Weiler will be back in Green Bay, hosting a very special fundraising show at the Napalese Lounge. Saturday, March 27 is the date for Leatherwood Green Bay! John promises the show will be sexy and a little edgy. Im looking forward to it very much!

The show will also be a fund-raiser for John as he prepares for a visit to Chicago over Memorial Day weekend to represent the Argonauts and Wisconsin at the International Mr. Leather competition. Be sure to come out to the Napalese Lounge on March 27 to support John, and be sure to check out Johns Mr. Northwoods web site at <http://MrNW03.home.att.net>

Thanks to Papa Joe for sending a few photos from Great Lakes Bikers group bus trip to Chicago (January 24)! Somebody please remind me not to miss the next trip! I didnt hear a detailed report, but I did hear that the bus trip was a huge success and a ton of fun! Congratulations to the Great Lakes Bikers! Obviously you are meeting a need in the leather community shall we say, a gap that needed to be filled?

If you havent checked out the Quest web site lately, you really should. Bob S. in Milwaukee does a fantastic job of maintaining the leather pages there. The leather pages at the Quest web

to a G-string. Did I mention this was a big girl pageant?

Now for evening gown. All the girls looked really great. Some of my favorites was an orange beaded number with lots of flowage, the black ball gown and Lola in a red sequin and fringe gown. I want to know how much that dress weighs. It was huge.

I will get to the winners in a minute. But first some other stuff about that night. Stella and Neely did a great job keeping the show going although a bit winded at times. After a walk of former Continental winners Emir Illuzion who was giving up her title opened the show with a duet with Alexis St. James. Next came Victoria Parker who is the national title holder gotta a standing O for her Lil Kim diddy. Then came Ron Raymond from Vegas. She did a quick song and then got the crowd laughing with a few jokes. Jody Santana who was one of the judges did a little Beyonce' number but she had a hard time keeping all of her top in her top. She was still fabulous. Emir came back in a see thru teddy to do a little Milkshake for the crowd.

There were only a few problems that night. First during introductions, the mic went out leaving Stella to yell their names. Also that night, was the night of people falling down. At my count it was at five. Either off the side of the stage or down the back stage steps. Maybe they should have an assistant to help these poor girls up and down steps.

NOW FOR THE WINNERS.

Best interview: Trixie deluxe

Best talent: Trixie Deluxe

Best gown: Amaya

Best swimsuit: Lola Lush

Your second runner up: Tara F.

First runner up: Lola Lush

Winner: Trixie Deluxe.

All in all, it was one of the best state pageants I have ever seen. The place was packed. They had a waiter and the girls running really pulled out everything they had. Kudos to the owners for such a great job.

It is time for my "Bitch of the week" Now maybe it is just me but I thought it

quite rude for our current reigning Miss Wisconsin to be invited to this system for a walk of recognition but then leave shortly after. There is not to many state pageants in Wisconsin, but when there is one all current title holders should be present and not show up for a walk and then leave.

Now for some gossip. Rumor has it that one Miss Britney Page Daniels was a little miffed at Sabrina D'Lite for some reason or other. Britney proceeded to Sabrina's house to rummage thru some close and burn them to teach her a lesson. From what I understand, things got a little out of hand and she ended up burning down her whole house. This brings new meaning to getting even.

I want to give a quick shout out to Emir Illuzion for a really great year of entertainment and a great final night. Love ya girl.

That's all for now • See ya at the shows!

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by Sebastian Grand

Raging Stallion Studios has teamed up with Pistol Media and has brought to us two hot movies. One is *Up The Stakes*, the other, *And The Winner Is*. Starring in these two movies are all Australian actors. These movies have a little bit of something for everyone. The men are all hot with great bodies, ass and of course good packages. Some are hairy daddy types with others being smooth and pretty. Both movies have a sports theme in them. They have scenes in locker rooms, work out rooms, boxing rings, soccer fields, steam rooms, and a boat. The action is quite hot toeing the line on a little forceful.

Whether it is two or three guys, it had my juices flowing. Both movies have a lot of kissing, ass eating and fucking. As I said the guys are very nice to look at and sure know how to make love to the camera. Every scene was really hot. Each one starts out with a little fore play and move on to some impressive sucking, on to great ass eating to hard penetration. These boys all have nice size cocks including one that you can sure see why he is in

porn. Better than that is the young man who jammed that huge piece of meat down his throat with out any type of gag reflex. Only to be out done by then impaling himself on it. Great cum shots and muscles to go around. The two scenes I seem to favor is in the steam room where two daddy types have a threesome with a well built smoothy and the boat scene which starts out with two guys doing it in shallow water with a man watching from a passing boat. As predicted a three some ensues. The only problem I had with these movies is there is no music or dialogue of any kind. Just dead silence. You can hear the shower going and stuff like that but nothing else.

Anyway, I think both movies are a must see especially if you are into sports or have any fantasy with sports in it. The Australian accents do not hurt either.

I give both these movies, *three hard cocks up way up!* This is on a scale of *one to five*.

Til next time, keep the lube out of the DVD player.



Hey kids,

I know it is not my week to write but I have some dirt. In case you were not there, the Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus pageant was held at the always fabulous Historic West Theater. This pageant is owned by Stella and Miss Neely O'hara. As with these two promoters, the prize package is quite extensive and is probably the largest around. Complete with cash, practically a free ticket to nationals and your choice between a computer or a trip is making me even think of running. Teehee. Trust me, after all I saw on stage that night, I would be way out of my league. I personally thought this one night pageant was better than the state USA pageant. Let me tell you why.

First of all the caliber of contestants was something I have not seen in a while. They had 4 girls from around the big continent and Kelli Jo Klein, every bodies favorite reigning most crowned girl. The contestants were: Tara Fahrenheit from Canada, Miss Amaya from North Carolina, Miss Trixie Deluxe from Detroit, Kelli Jo and Lola Lush from Miami. Some of these girls have been to nationals already and have made top ten. They all wanted another ticket to try and win.



First up was presentation. I could not figure out what the theme was but every girl was looking beautiful. Next up was swimsuit. Now remember, these are big girls, but they all pulled off this category and kept their dignity. One of my favorites was Lola Lush, she is about five foot five and four hundred pounds. She wore a suit of denim.

Off to talent. Tara did a number from Chicago, that ended with her jumping off a chair straight to the floor doing the splits. Did I mention this is a big girl pageant? Next was Amaya, she did a dance number with some comedy thrown in, very funny. She had the whole crowd in stitches. Then came Trixie. What can I say, she did a "no wire hangers" number with a puppet as Christina. Again the crowd was in stitches. She beat the living shit out of that poor thing but not before she pile dived that little blonde ragamuffin into the stage floor. I think I wet myself from laughing so hard. Kelli

Jo was next with another Mommie dearest number with Alexis st. James as Christina, I do not know what was better seeing the puppet getting the crap beat out of her or K.J. kicking Alexis' ass on stage. Finally it was Lola doing Gypsy Rose Lee with a this is my life mix. Again very entertaining and funny. After all bigger is better. Not to mention she stripped down

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The Mautner Project has partnered with GayHealth.com to help maximize the Heart Truth for Lesbians effectiveness on line.

Washington, DC: Bush Budget Flat Funds AIDS Programs - President Bush's a \$2.4 trillion fiscal 2005 budget proposes big increases for defense and homeland security but flat-funds Ryan White HIV/AIDS programs and includes only a modest increase in funding for state-run AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). Bush's proposed budget also doubles spending (to \$270 million) on abstinence-only sex education and HIV prevention programs as

part of the president's proposed Marriage and Healthy Family Development Initiative. Bush also requested \$2.8 billion for international AIDS efforts. The budget also includes a \$364 billion deficit, which could climb to more than \$410 billion when the costs of war in Iraq and Afghanistan are added in.

AIDS activists are alarmed both by the flat funding of Ryan White AIDS programs and an increase in spending on anti-HIV medications for low-income people that is more than \$280 million short of what is needed. The proposed \$35 million increase for the nation's ADAPs would bring the program's total appropriation to \$783 million, which is \$284 million short of the projected need, according to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. With 15 state ADAPs already closed to new enrollments and nearly 800 HIV-positive people on waiting lists for medications, activists are asking Congress to support \$180 in million emergency supplemental appropriations this fiscal year for ADAP. "ADAP is one of our country's most important and successful AIDS programs," said David Munar, AFC's associate director. "Thousands of HIV-positive people will be denied access to care, which will simply worsen our nation's AIDS crisis."

Activists also point out the flat funding comes at a time when reports are suggesting a second wave of new infections is already overwhelming HIV/AIDS service providers and programs.

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State News

Compiled and written by Andy Sampson & Mike Fitzpatrick

Appleton & Fox Cities: Speakers' Bureau Created - PFLAG Fox Cities and the newly created Education Committee of Positive Voice will come together to create one Speakers Bureau for the Fox Cities Area. This bureau, which will be available to any individual or group throughout the region, will work to educate the Fox Cities as a whole on the issues that face LGBT people. If you are a Fox Valley resident and are willing to help out with the bureau, please contact Andy Sampson at andy@prox.net or Kathy Leadley at kleadley@greenbay.k12.wi.us

Green Bay: Have A Heart Tops \$30,000 - The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's annual fundraiser in the Northeast Region, Have A Heart, touched down at Lambeau Field February 7. Over 300 people attended the event, held in the atrium of Lambeau Field. Guests were welcomed by Green Bay Packer Assistant Defensive Line Coach Brad Miller. The dinner and silent auction raised over \$30,000 for AIDS care, treatment and prevention in the greater Green Bay and Appleton area.



ARCW President and CEO Doug Nelson, ARCW Volunteer and Leadership Award Recipient Richard Thomas, ARCW Board Member Kevin Roeder, ARCW Positive Living Case Manager Melissa Kahl, Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region Vice President Tammy Williams, and WFRV Channel 5 Anchor Natalie Hurst, the event's emcee.

Green Bay: Northeast GLSEN Group Merges With Positive Voice - Teachers, activists and other community members have joined forces with Positive Voice to create the Positive Voice Education Committee. Dedicated to public education, the Education Committee plans to create an extensive listing of LGBT resources and to offer speaking opportunities for the communities in Northeast Wisconsin. If interested in helping with either speaking or compiling resources, please contact Kathy Leadley at kleadley@new.rr.com.

LaCrosse: Drag In The City The University of Wisconsin LaCrosse Student Activity board will present its 3rd Annual UW-L drag show "Drag in the City" on Friday, March 5 from 7-9 PM in the

student union. Tickets will be \$5 for all students (with ID) and \$10 for area community members. The show will be hosted by Ms. Ginger Snap and Mr. James Bondage. Tickets may be purchased at the Cartwright ticket office. For more information contact Katie Van Roosenbeek at the UW-L Students Activities and Centers, 1725 State St. in La Crosse, WI 54601, call 608-785-8887 or email her.vanroose.kath@uwlax.edu

Madison: New Group for LGBT People With Mental Illness History - A social group for people who have experienced mental illness will begin meeting Friday, February 13, 2004 at the OutReach community center here. Group meetings will be from 1-3 PM the second and fourth Friday monthly. Attendees will determine the social activities at each. Activities may include group discussions, movies or games. The group hopes to decrease isolation for this population and to increase opportunities to create lasting friendships.

For more information, contact Kathy Ziegert at OutReach at 608-255-8582 or email programs@outreachinc.com. The OutReach LGBT Community Center has served Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community since 1973.

Madison: Democrats Foster "Pride at the Polls" - The Democratic National Convention's (DNC) office of GLBT Outreach and the GLBT Caucus of the College Democrats of America this week announced the "Pride at the Polls" program - a nationwide effort designed to educate and register thousands of new LGBT voters.

LGBT pride festivals, which attract hundreds of thousands of gay issue-receptive voters each year, have proved to be one of the most effective venues for reaching LGBT voters. The DNC and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin hope to get volunteers from around the state to work at statewide pride celebrations, including Milwaukee's PrideFest, registering voters and educating people on the DNC's platform as it relates to GLBT issues. More information is available at the DNC website at <http://www.democrats.org/glbtpride/>.

Milwaukee: Senior Visibility Project Begun - A "Senior Visibility Project" to increase the visibility of people over 50 who are at risk for and/or living with HIV has begun soliciting information from older HIV+ citizens around the state. Project coordinators want to collect fifty stories from people over 50 who are living with HIV. The goal is to produce a book of

photographs and stories. Those interested in participating in the project are to contact Michael Lisowski by phone at 414-265-8500 or by email at mslisowski@aol.com, Beatrice Green at bhc-green@aol.com or Helen Hernandez at helenover50@hotmail.com.

Milwaukee: Make A Promise Dinner, Dance & Auction Set - ARCW's 18th Annual "Make A Promise" gala will be held on Saturday April 3, at the Midwest Airlines Center here. This year's theme is Carnivale! And will feature the colorful passions of food, music and life. Don't miss the fine food, hot music, spirited people, Milwaukee's best silent auction, the big 50/50 raffle, and the presentation of awards to leaders in the fight against AIDS. For online purchase, click here or click on the Make A Promise link at www.arcw.org. Or, by phone at (800) 359-9272 extension 1592. Or by e-mail to Dan.McBee@arcw.org. You will soon receive your official invitation to Carnivale! Make A Promise at Carnivale! benefits AIDS prevention, care and treatment services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Milwaukee: PrideFest Further Reduces Debt, Seeks Proud Crowd

Director - Two recent fundraisers held last Saturday helped PrideFest completely pay off its credit card debt, according to the festival's Interim Committee chair Jennifer Gryniwicz. Gryniwicz reported that Lisa Jack & the Women For Pride raised \$926 through their Out & About Wine Tasting event and Plymouth Church's cocktail party and silent auction raised just over \$3,000. Upcoming events include a Ronnie Niles concert, dance and silent auction at 8 PM on February 27 at the Hotel Metro, 411 E. Mason St.

Gryniwicz also noted that PrideFest 2004 still needs a Proud Crowd Director and a Secretary. Interested volunteers should contact her at the Cream City Foundation 414-225-0244.

In the three months since town hall meeting to address the 2003 PrideFest loss, the Milwaukee LGBT community and its allies have raised more \$68,372. Funds were used to pay immediate financial obligations to permit the festival to return to the Henry Maier "Summerfest" grounds this June.

The remaining \$78,000 owed by PrideFest is debt is now on an extended payment plan, according to Gryniwicz.

Milwaukee: Speaker To Focus On Transgender HIV Prevention - Psychologist Walter Bocking will give two free presentations on HIV prevention outreach to the transgender community on March 26-26 here. Dr. Bocking is psychologist, assistant professor, and coordinator of transgender services in the University of Minnesota's program in human sexuality. The talks will focus on Dr. Bocking's experience of HIV prevention efforts with transgender people. The March 25 event is scheduled at the city's LGBT Center and March 26 at the CAIR Center.

The talks are sponsored by a coalition of groups, including the

Center for AIDS Intervention Research, Diverse and Resilient, the House of Inifinti, the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, and Madison's OutReach Inc. Madison OutReach will offer transportation to the events. Reservation deadline is March 19. Call 608-255-8582 or e-mail at programs@outreachinc.com to for further information.

MADISON TO HOST MILMAIDS '04

Madison "Plans are underway for the annual MILMAIDS Bowling Tournament, which will be held in Madison on Saturday, April 17, 2004 at the Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 East Springs Drive. Co-directors of this year's event are Dan Dietzel and Bret Dougherty. They are currently seeking Madison area men and women to volunteer their time to help organize this year's event. "In the grand tradition of MILMAIDS, we are looking for more volunteers who can help us carry on this great volunteer effort to help people living with HIV/AIDS," said Dougherty.

This year's beneficiary will be AIDS Network, the State of Wisconsin designated AIDS Service Organization for south central Wisconsin. With offices in Madison, Janesville and Beloit, AIDS Network provides comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention education and care and support services throughout the southern region of Wisconsin. "MILMAIDS is an event that the staff, volunteers and donors of AIDS Network look forward to each year," said Bob Power, Executive Director. "We are deeply grateful for the volunteers who work hard to create a really fun day of bowling and camaraderie to benefit those in need."

Interested volunteers or those interested in registration information may contact Dan at dand@earthlink.net, (608) 273-8275 or Bret at bddougherty@webtv.net, (608) 223-0488. More information can also be found at the AIDS Network website, www.aidsnetwork.org.

Church, which administers the church's programs and policies, was told revenues now will be about \$45.1 million. Parishioners and their local leaders have moved to withhold or limit contributions to the national church in protest over the appointment of openly gay New Hampshire bishop V. Gene Robinson. Robinson was first confirmed in August by the Episcopal General Convention.

The 7,364 congregations of the Episcopal Church receive \$2.14 billion in offerings a year and forward a portion to the national church. Individual dioceses are asked to send 21% of their income, but about half of those who have already made their financial pledges to the national church fall below that threshold. Two dioceses, Pittsburgh and Dallas, have refused to send any money to the national church in protest.

North Carolina: AIDS Group Goes Belly Up - Winston-Salem's HIV Outreach Programs and Education, or HOPE, closed at the end of January and recently filed for bankruptcy, leaving hundreds of HIV-positive people in the region without case management, financial, and emotional support services, the Winston-Salem Journal reports. HOPE board chair Bernard Davis did not provide details about the organization's finances but confirmed that its debt was greater than its income and that the agency is seeking bankruptcy protection from its creditors.

The agency, which had reduced its staff last year due to financial problems, had received less funding for the current fiscal year than expected due to cutbacks at the Northwest Care Consortium, which allocates state and federal AIDS funds to local service groups. HOPE is one of only two AIDS agencies serving HIV-positive people in Forsyth County.

Ohio: Taft Inks Super-DOMA - Governor Bob Taft approved one of the country's most far-reaching same-sex marriage bans February 6, saying it was urgent because the nation's first legally sanctioned gay weddings could take place as early as May in Massachusetts. The bill also prohibits state employees from getting marital benefits spelled out in state law for their unmarried partners, whether gay or straight.

The new law, which takes effect in 90

days, makes Ohio the 38th state with a ban on the recognition of same-sex marriages performed elsewhere. Gay rights groups consider Ohio's legislation, dubbed a "super DOMA," particularly restrictive because of the benefits ban. After signing the bill in private, Taft issued a rare statement to explain his reasons. "This is not a law of intolerance," he said. "I do not endorse, nor does this law provide for, discrimination against any Ohio citizen." But, he said, it was necessary to safeguard Ohio's marriage laws because the Massachusetts supreme judicial court, by a 4-3 vote, decided to redefine marriage in that state, holding that a denial of marriage licenses to same-sex couples is a violation of the Massachusetts constitution. "Ohio could have same-sex couples who were married in Massachusetts taking legal action in Ohio to recognize that marriage and to obtain the resulting benefits," he said, adding that families and parents are under attack from "our social culture" and the new law would send a strong affirmative message to children. "Marriage is an essential building block of our society, an institution we must reaffirm," Taft said.

Texas: ABA To Add Gay Marriage Views - The American Bar Association, the nation's largest lawyers' group, is not ready to consider endorsing same-sex marriage but will debate whether to urge Washington to stay out of the issue.

Same-sex marriage is expected to be the most contested issue to come up during the ABA's winter meeting in San Antonio. The plan coming up for a vote Monday would encourage states to write their own marriage rules, without interference from Congress.

The ABA has been criticized in the past for advocating a moratorium on the death penalty and endorsing women's right to abortion, positions that angered conservative members.

"We're not raising it to be controversial. We're raising it because we think it's good policy," Mark Agrast, a Washington, DC attorney who worked on the recommendation, said.

Washington, DC: Mautner Project Offers Lesbian Heart Health Program - In conjunction with National Heart Month, the Mautner Project for Lesbian Health has released "The Heart Truth for Lesbians," the

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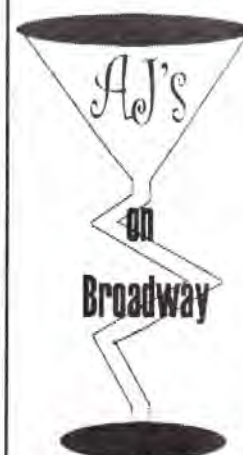
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National News

Compiled and written by Mike Fitzpatrick

California: First Same-Sex Couple Officially Married In The United States - Longtime lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, who were married February 12 by a city official at City Hall here. Martin and Lyon's ceremony came two days after San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced he wanted his city to take the lead in bestowing equal marriage to same-sex couples who wished to marry.

The wedding - a legal challenge to California law by the Freedom to Marry project - was coordinated by the Mayor. Newsom was quoted as saying he is duty-bound to fight discrimination. The couple was wed by San Francisco Assessor Mabel Teng in a closed-door ceremony.

"Del and Phyllis have been together for more than 50 years. They (will) celebrate their 51st anniversary this Valentine's Day. How dare the government say they are not entitled to the legal protections and responsibilities of marriage?" Freedom to Marry's Evan Wolfson said. "Couples like Phyllis and Dell have shown the personal commitment to one another that makes a marriage. Why would anyone think they'd be any less committed to securing full equality under the law, including the freedom to marry? Pressure groups and politicians should stop their divisive efforts to deny these committed couples the marriage equality that would strengthen their families."

As news of the wedding spread, 95 other couples rushed to city hall to pay the \$82 license fee. 87 were subsequently wed on the spot.

Freedom to Marry is the gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality for same-sex couple) nationwide. Prior to joining Freedom to Marry, Wolfson was marriage project director for Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. He has participated in a number of landmark marriage, human rights and HIV/AIDS cases. The

National Law Journal has named him one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America.

California: Cross-Country Rainbow Ride Planned - A couple of lesbian grandmas are quietly preparing to embark on a cross-country bicycle ride, the 2004 Rainbow Ride Across America, to educate and inform Americans about the injustice and harm caused to gay and lesbian families when they are denied equal protections under the law.

Carrie & Elisia Ross-Stone are civil rights activists and lesbian life partners with three children and a grandson. On May 1, 2004, in San Francisco California, they will begin their second Rainbow Ride, cycling 3800 miles to Rehoboth Beach Delaware. As they ride across the central US, the couple will stop in towns and cities to talk about equal civil marriage rights and weed out fact from fiction. The currently plan to visit the following cities: San Francisco, CA (April 31 & May 1), Reno, NV (May 8), Salt Lake City, UT (May 15), Colorado Springs & Denver, CO (May 22), Kansas City or Topeka, KS (May 29), St. Louis, MO (June 5), Springfield, IL (June 12), Indianapolis, IN (June 19), Cleveland or Columbus, OH (June 26), Wheeling, WV and Pittsburgh, PA (July 4 & 5), New York City NY (July 12), Rehoboth Beach, DE (July 17), and Washington DC (July 26)

The purpose of the ride is twofold. First, a couple of grandmothers riding bicycles across the country gets attention and provides an opportunity to talk about why we need marriage equality. Second, Carrie & Elisia represent a true example of a "traditional American Family" who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect as does every other gay and lesbian family in the US.

To learn more about the 2004 Rainbow Ride Across America, visit www.RainbowLaw.com or contact Carrie & Elisia Ross-Stone at info@RainbowLaw.com or (800) 891-8189.

Massachusetts: Court Says "Marriage or Bust" - The Massachusetts high court ruled February 4 that only full, equal marriage rights for gay couples--rather than civil unions--would meet the edict of its November 2003 decision, erasing any doubts that the nation's first same-sex marriages would take place in the state beginning in mid May. "The history of our nation has demonstrated that separate is seldom, if ever, equal," the four justices who ruled in favor of gay marriage wrote in the advisory opinion. A bill that would allow for civil unions in place of marriage makes for "unconstitutional, inferior, and discriminatory status for same-sex couples," the court said.

The court issued the opinion in response to a request from the state senate about whether Vermont-style civil unions that would convey the benefits, but not the title, of marriage would meet constitutional muster. The much-anticipated opinion sets the stage for next Wednesday's constitutional convention, at which the legislature will consider an amendment that would legally define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Without Wednesday's opinion, senate president Robert Travaglini had said that vote would be delayed.

The supreme judicial court ruled in November that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, and it gave the legislature six months to change state laws to make that happen. But almost immediately the vague wording of the ruling left lawmakers--and advocates on both side of the issue--uncertain as to whether Vermont-style civil unions would satisfy the court's decision. The state senate asked for more guidance from the court and sought the advisory opinion, which was made public Wednesday morning when it was read into the senate record.

Massachusetts: Episcopal Giving Dips - The Episcopal Church has projected that a financial protest by conservative members over the appointment of an openly gay bishop will cause revenues to drop by \$3 million this year but won't significantly hurt church operations. The church had anticipated bringing in about \$48 million in donations from local dioceses and parishioners when the budget was first crafted in August. But the executive council of the Episcopal

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