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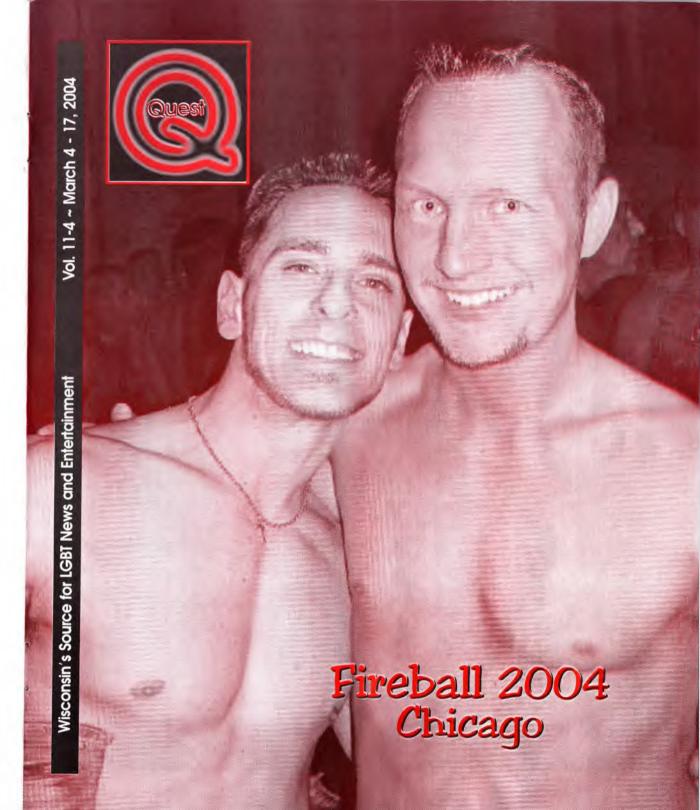


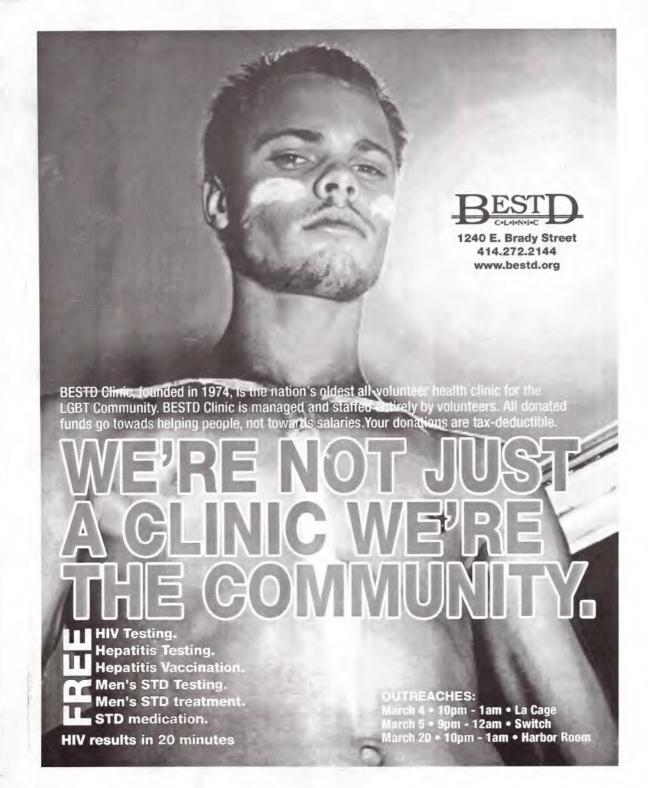


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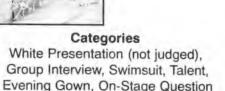
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Top Stories By Mike Fitzpatrick

Washington, DC - In a nationally televised speech on Tuesday, February 24, 2002, George W. Bush became the first sitting President in U. S. history to advocate that the founding document of the republic.

Claiming that "after more than two centuries of American jurisprudence and millennia of human experience, a few judges and local authorities are presuming to change the most fundamental institution of civilization," and that "their actions have created confusion on an issue that requires clarity," Bush requested that Congress "promptly pass and to send to the states for ratification an amendment to our Constitution defining and protecting marriage as a union of a man and woman as husband and

Bush cited the recent twin decisions by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and the issuance of marriage licenses to same-gender couples in San Francisco and New Mexico's Sandoval was necessary.

sponsored by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-Colorado), "meets his principles" in protecting the "sanctity of marriage" between men and women.

any specific piece of legislation in his noted that support for Musgrave's amend- comments made last summer hinting at his ment bill has been foundering in the Senate. support for the anti-gay amendment. Reaction to the Bush announcement from Republican Executive Director Patrick in one form or another. Guerriero said, after noting that the GOP

Constitution violates conservative and Michigan, Mississippi, weaken our nation," Guerriero added.

The NGLTF also blasted the Bush state- or planning to debate it.

Bush Backs Constitutional Gay Marriage Ban

enshrine our second-class citizenship in the sided, bipartisan 6-1 margin (see story



spree fueled his decision to back the amendspeech. White House officials recently had ment. Newsom pointed to Bush's multiple Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Arkansas, "I am deeply disturbed by the president's lack of

LGBT groups and politicians in both par-truthfulness regarding his decision." Newsom said. ties was swift. "As conservative Bush's announcement is the latest escala-Republicans, we are outraged that any tion in the anti-gay marriage backlash that party and this nation - would support any wide. As of Quest's press deadline, laweffort to use our sacred United States makers in more than 35 states are actively Constitution as a way of scoring political debating or planning to introduce legisla-

Twenty-one states so far seek to enshrine ment with all our resources," Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, "Writing discrimination into our Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Republican principles. This amendment Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin are considering such a move between two people of the same sex.

ment as a political ploy. "Today the The same day Bush announced his sup-President of the United States, solely for port the Assembly Judiciary Committee political gain, called upon Congress to passed the so-called Wisconsin Marriage the restriction of civil rights be written into amend the United States Constitution to Amendment to a full floor vote by a lop-

> below). Proposed constitutional amendments have died or been withdrawn in Arizona, Kentucky and Maine.

In Oregon, signatures are being gathered to place a gay marriage amendment on the ballot in November. Legislative approval in the other 21 states also would place the issue before the voters, in some cases, as soon as November, 2004.

At least 12 more states currently debate statutory legislation that would either prohibit same-sex marriage, strengthen preexisting gay marriage bans and/or prohibit granting marriage-like benefits to same-sex couples in lieu of marriage similar to those provided under Vermont's civil unions law.

The first "Super DOMA" like bill was nation's most revered document, This is a signed in late January by Ohio's County as the reason a Constitutional ban despicable new low," Executive Director Republican governor, Bob Taft. Ohio's new Matt Forman said. Similar sentiments were law is the nation's strictest ban on gay mar-In remarks made immediately prior to the echoed by the Human Rights Campaign, riage, exceeding previous same-sex bans address. Presidential spokesman Scott and top Democrat Presidential candidates by forbidding any public policy that McClellan said Bush believes that legisla- John Kerry and John Edwards, extends marriage-like benefits to same-sex tion for such an amendment as the one San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom cate-couples. Similar bills have been introduced gorized the President's support for a in Iowa, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Constitutional ban as both "cowardly" and Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South "shameful." Newsom essentially called Bush Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and a liar in disputing the President's assertion Washington. Bills introduced in South Dakota However, Bush did not directly embrace that San Francisco's recent same-sex wedding and Wyoming failed earlier this month.

Lastly, legislators in at least 14 states -Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia - have introduced resolutions urging Congress to pass a federal constitutional amendment.

According to the National Conference of Republican - particularly the leader of our has swept Congress and statehouses nation- State Legislatures. 39 states have adopted "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) types of legislation of their own since the federal passage of DOMA in 1996. Three states points in an election year," Log Cabin tion designed to limit same-gender unions Alaska, Nebraska and Nevada -also have adopted DOMA constitutional amendments.

Maryland, New Hampshire, Wisconsin gay group is "more determined than ever to a ban on marriage of same-sex couples in and Wyoming have had heterosexual defifight the anti-family Constitutional amend-their state constitution. Alabama, Georgia, nitions in their marriage laws effectively banning same-sex marriage that predate DOMA statutes. Only six states (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Rhode Island) would not strengthen marriage - it would Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Washington have laws directly addressing marriage



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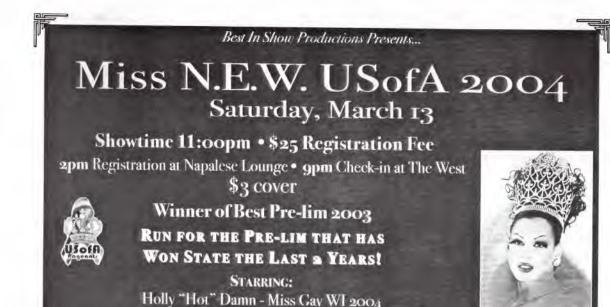
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Wisconsin's Anti-gay Amendment Moves Closer to Passage

vote. The committee vote had been delayed a ing" the group's press release, distributed the tion to he constitutional amendment. week due to a lack of quorum & the absence evening of the Panzer announcement, said. of lead sponsor & committee chair Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin).

insiders are speculating Panzer is trying to plabarded by email and phone calls from both know if it's the right time or not."

SJR-63, the Senate version of the marriage multiply-married cosponsors of AB 475/SB 233 amendment on March 1. Monday committee including the four times-wed Senate Judiciary hearings are highly unusual. Some Capitol Committee co-chair Dave Zien (R-Eau Claire). Despite the committee activity, there is some cate both sides on the issue after being bom- question as to whether floor votes on the amendment will be taken in either house prior Research Institute of Wisconsin (FRI). Panzer Assembly. However, both Panzer and has been quoted in recent Milwaukee Journal- Assembly Speaker John Gard (R-Peshtigo)

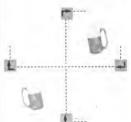
AW has called on LGBT citizens and straight the GOP and Democrat legislative rank-and-

Madison - Wisconsin's anti-gay marriage allies to meet in the Capitol rotunda at 9 AM file suggest Panzer and Gard may find the amendment moved forward in both houses of for a protest rally. AW is also encouraging its amendment bill losing by slim margin in one the state legislature here this week. Almost supporters to boycott the hearing. "We refuse or possibly both houses of the legislature if simultaneously with the Bush address on the to demean ourselves by continuing to justify regular session votes are held this March. federal marriage amendment February 24, the our love - and our very existence - to out of Former Republican DOMA backers Rep. Assembly Judiciary Committee voted 6-1 to touch, right wing legislators like Senator DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Eastman), Rep. Dean send AJR66, the so-called "Wisconsin Dave Zien, Cathy Stepp, and Scott Fitzgerald Kaufert (R-Neenah), and Rep. Jeffrey Wood Marriage Amendment" to the full body for a who sit on the committee holding the hear- (R-Chippewa Falls) have come out in opposi-

"To me, a different argument has to be made. AW President Tim O'Brien has hinted to not just that marriage is between a man and a Quest that "another bombshell press release" woman," Wood said in a interview published On February 26, Senate majority leader Mary may be in the offing as well. Last August prior in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. "There are Panzer (R-West Bend) announced the Senate to the joint hearings on the DOMA bill, the a lot of things that should be law in Wisconsin, Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on LGBT civil rights group "outed" many of the but that doesn't mean they should be in the

Recent swings in public opinion suggest opposition to legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples may be softening as well. Though early January polling suggested a 2-1 opposition to same-gender unions, a February opponents and supporters energized respective- to the end of the regular sessions. As of Quest's 20 Newsweek poll showed combined support ly by Action Wisconsin (AW) and the Family deadline no vote had been scheduled in the for gay marriages or civil unions edging out those opposed by 47-45 margin. Action Wisconsin's February 12 poll by GOP-friend-Sentinel stories as claiming the Senate has not have gone on record as being willing to hold by pollster Public Opinion Research agreed to vote on the measure, adding "I don't special sessions on the amendment if necessary. Associates found 75% on Wisconsin resi-Openly anti-amendment rumblings in both dents want the legislature to focus on something other than same-sex marriage.





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Treasurer Susan Leal, one of the 24. city's most widely known lesbian "We were both inspired to come elected officials, married the pair. here after the sitting president The newlyweds then walked hand made the vile and hateful comin hand down the grand marble ments he made," O'Donnell said. staircase in the rotunda to thunder-

partner here February 26, taking spectators who came to witness the what she claimed is a proud stand city's first celebrity same-sex wed-

same-sex couples have tied the really did. We got married," as the San Francisco Gay Men's chorus "I want to thank the city of San sang the 60's girl-group chestnut

> O'Donnell and Carpenter have and currently raise four children. banning same-sex marriage Feb.



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California: Gav Marriage Supporters Sending Flowers -

Associated press reporter Mielikki Org reported February 26 that San Francisco's florists have been overwhelmed by orders from people as far away as Australia who are paying for flowers to be delivered randomly to the gay and lesbian couples getting married at City Hall. The requests from same-sex marriage supporters have come from some surprising places -Minneapolis, Atlanta, Kalamazoo, - even Hong Kong.

"It has just exploded, skyrocketed, spread like wildfire," Him Phan, owner of Flowers By the Bay, said. Phan's shop has processed more than 200 orders. "We've been bombarded with phone calls, and we knew we couldn't handle it alone, so I've been calling other florists in San Francisco like, "Please guys, help!" Phan said he has processed orders from almost every state since the city began allowing gay marriages.

Michael Ritz, co-owner of Church Street Flowers in the city's Castro district, has taken many requests by email for bundles of red roses, hyacinths, irises and daffodils, and delivered them to City Hall, where more than 3,200 same-sex couples have wed so far.

"To the Happy Couple," read cards from "The Church of Minnehaha" in Minnesota. "Straight but not narrow-minded." said one from Atlanta, "Love you in Norway," wrote one distant well-wisher. "There's been lots of crying," said Ritz, whose shop in the center of the city's gay community has been busy since the wedding spree began. "It's amazing to be a part of this kind of history."

The flower deliveries seem to have started last week after two gay co-workers in Minneapolis, Greg Scanlan and Timothy Holtz, each decided to send a bouquet to a random couple as a way of supporting the same-sex unions. They telephoned Phan's shop, which has a Rainbow Flag on its Web site, and asked that the flowers be delivered to any of the couples waiting for their marriage licenses.

"I wish I was there," Scanlan said. "That's the only hard part being this far away. I'd love to be there delivering flowers." The men then sent an e-mail to friends and family encouraging others to send flowers to the happy couples in San Francisco, and their message was quickly forwarded and written up in Web logs around the globe

San Francisco florists were so deluged that a Canadian man enlisted a group of San Francisco-based volunteers to join the flower campaign. Darren Barefoot of Vancouver, British Columbia, created the site Flowers for Al & Don, which allows people to contribute anywhere from \$2 to \$150 to an online PayPal account. The volunteers then pay for the flowers and bring them to City Hall, avoiding florist delivery fees. In about a week, Barefoot said the site raised more than \$9,000 from more than 600 people - so much cash that he was considering donating a portion to a gay rights legal defense fund.

"I'm certainly no gay activist," said Barefoot, who is straight. "But I support that a couple, regardless of gender or sexual preference, should be able to get married.""

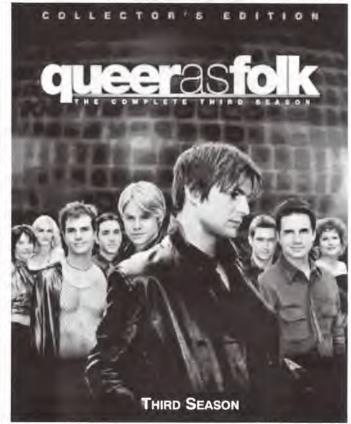
Massachusetts: Front Runner Kerry Endorses Bay State Gay Marriage Ban Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry announced February 26 that he supports amending the Massachusetts constitution to ban gay marriage. Kerry qualified his support noting he would support the legislation as long as such an amendment would provide for civil unions for same-sex couples.

Kerry also stressed that he was referring only to the state, and not the federal, constitution. The Massachusetts senator has criticized President Bush's support for an amendment that would change the US Constitution to define marriage as a heterosexual institution.

"If the Massachusetts legislature crafts an appropriate amendment that provides for partnership and civil unions, then I would support it, and it would advance the goal of equal protection," Kerry said in an interview published in *The Boston Globe*.

Washington, DC: Federal Agency Nixes Gay Data From Website - Federal workers who want to complain about discrimination on the job because of their sexual orientation won't be able to get the information they need from the agency charged with protecting government whistleblowers. Scott J. Bloch, head of the Office of Special Council (OSC), removed all references regarding sexual orientation discrimination from both the complaint form and educational pamphlet on the agency's website. According to a February 20 report in the Washington Post, Bloch said that he is not sure if federal workers are protected from discrimination claims based on their sexuality. Pulling such references "is no way a statement that this office is retreating from any employee rights, or enforcement of employee rights." Bloch claimed.

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(503) 245-0290). Weekend Packages should be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Chicago beginning Thursday, May 27 in the afternoon through Sunday, May 30.

Tickets to individual IML 2004 events will be available soon at www.boxofficetickets.com/ and will be sold at The Hyatt Regency Chicago throughout IML Weekend. Single ticket prices are as follows: International Mr. Leather Competition (\$40), IML Opening Ceremonies Chicago, 151 E Wacker Dr. in Airlines is the Official Airline (\$25), Pecs & Personality (\$25) and Black and Blue Ball Celebration Party are only available through the House of 1234 2000. Admission to Salute! is s.asp. for package holders only.



Chicago, is the host hotel for of IML. For fare discounts, International Mr. Leather 2004. travelers should contact (\$25). Please note: Single Reservations can be made by American Airlines at (800) tickets to the IML Victory calling the hotel directly at 433-1790 and identify them-(312) 565-1234 or (800) 233- selves as IML attendees with or online at Star File #A2654AB. Blues, by calling (312) 923- www.imrl.com/eventinfo/hotel Leather 2004 is sponsored by log on to the official IML web-The Hyatt Regency Miller Lite and Wet. American site, www.imrl.com/

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Texas: Gay Activists Encourage Governor Perry To "Come Out"

A small group of local LGBT activists demonstrated at the Governor's Mansion in Austin February 24 with signs reading "It's OK to be gay, Guv" & "legalize gav marriage."

The demonstration was in response to nearly a month of widespread rumors that have swirled around the Texas capitol and the internet that Governor Rick Perry was caught by his wife with another man. Protesters pointed to the fact that Perry, a Republican, has championed anti-gay legislation such as Texas sodomy laws and the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The event was covered by several local TV news units.

Since the initial stories were first posted online in early February, several significant political news websites such as Counterspin, The Data Lounge and Buzzflash - the left-wing version of the Drudge



Report - have addressed the rapidly growing

Perry's alleged paramour is Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey Connor. Rumors about Connor's same-sex attractions predate his appointment as Secretary of State by Perry last year.

Though the rumor mill had Perry's wife Anita hiring a high profile divorce lawyer, the Texas first couple spent the weekend in Washington, DC where Perry attended the National Governor's Conference and the couple slept over with former coworker George Bush at the White House. Perry served under Bush as Lieutenant Governor.



Dont miss our next deadline! Tuesday, March 9 for Volume 11, Issue 5 Runs from March 18 - 31





Please Sir, May I Have Another?

Release for International Mr. Leather judged on their appearance and stage pres-2004, in its entirety. I'll be back in the next ence. Saturday, May 29 at 9 p.m. (door issue with my own views and news.

CHICAGO (January 20, 2004) -Following last year's unprecedented 25th Anniversary Celebration, the world's hottest leathermen will once again come together to compete for the title of International Mr. Leather, Thursday, May 27 through Monday, May 31, 2004 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Chicago. The Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive, is the official host hotel for IML 2004. Weekend event packages & hotel packages for International Mr. Leather 2004 are currently on sale.

About 400 gay leathermen gathered in Chicago in 1979 for the first International Mr. Leather contest. Today, the event has grown to be an annual tradition for tens of thousands in the leather community - drawing contestants and attendees from around the globe. Once an event for "hardcore" leathermen, IML has expanded in recent years to Salute! include a more diverse crowd - from the experienced to the curious. Last year's 25th Anniversary Celebration drew more than 10,000 leatherfolk from around the globe.

International Mr. Leather 2004 will include the following events:

26th Annual International Mr. Leather Competition presented by Miller Lite Sunday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Black and Blue Ball - The traditional IML Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

12th Annual International Mr. Bootblack Competition Friday, May 28 through Sunday, May 30 Leather Market, Hyatt International Mr. Leather contestants are Regency Chicago

The Leather Market - the world's best collection of leather/fetish vendors. Friday, May 28 from 12 - 7 p.m., Saturday, May 29 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday, May 30 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday, May 31 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hyatt Regency Chicago, Lower Level

IML Opening Ceremonies - Introduction of contestants and judges: drawing for contestant numbers. Thursday, May 27 at 9 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.) Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom

Pecs & Personality

As promised, here is the official Press Competition) - IML Contestants are open at 8 p.m.) Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom



(Post-Contest Celebration) - The IML family welcomes its newest members. Sunday, May 30 after the IML Contest. Hvatt Regency Chicago

IML Victory Celebration Party Sunday, May 30 after the IML Contest until 4 a.m. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn, Chicago

final blowout celebration. Monday, May 31 from 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. Excalibur, 632 N. Dearborn St., Chicago

judged on a variety of criteria, including community involvement, speech, presentation and overall presence. The winner of the IML 2004 Contest will receive a prize package consisting of donations from businesses and organizations supporting the leather community. Complete contestant information, including contestant applications, can be found at www.imrl.com/.

John Pendal (Mr. Hoist 2003) was named International Mr. Leather 2003, winning over a field of 58 contestants from 5 countries. Donald Dotson (Mr. Suncoast Eagle (Physique 2003) was named First Runner-up. or via facsimile at (800) FAX-TIXS (Intl.

Stephen Blackwell (Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2003) was the Second Runner-up.

The 2004 International Mr. Leather Judges include: John Penda (London, UK), David Allen (Abbotsford, Australia), Andy Andersen (Toronto, Canada), Mary Elizabeth Boyd (Arlington, VA), George Hester (New Orleans, LA), Randie Smith (Baltimore, MD), Slawek Starosta (Warsaw, Poland), John Weis (New York, "Y) and George Wong (Montebello, CA). The 2004 IML Tally Masters include: Mel Austin (Chicago, IL) and Dan Hughes (San Jose, CA).

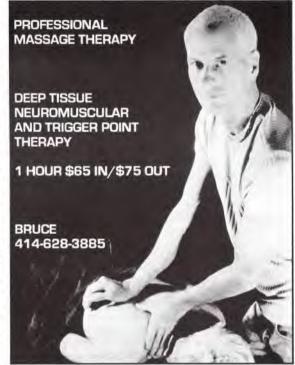
The 12th Annual International Mr. Bootblack Competition will be held Friday, May 28 through Sunday, May 30 in the Leather Market at The Hyatt Regency Chicago. The winner will be selected by the vote of IML Weekend Package-holders. Each paid weekend package includes a ballot for the competition that can be cast for the bootolack of the holder's choice. The nner will be announced at the ational Mr. Leather Competition day, May 30. Richie Chamerov 's Bar/Powerhouse Bar of San sco, CA) was awarded International vu. Bootblack 2003.

The Leather Market, located at Hvatt Regency Chicago, will feature the world's biggest collection of leather/fetish vendors. More than 15,000 people visited the Market in 2003. Admission to the Leather Market is included with all Weekend Packages. For all other visitors, a suggested donation of \$2.00 will benefit The Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago. The \$2.00 Day Pass can be purchased at the Hyatt Regency throughout the weekend. A complete list of 2003 vendors, as well as vendor applications can be found at http://www.imrl.com/.

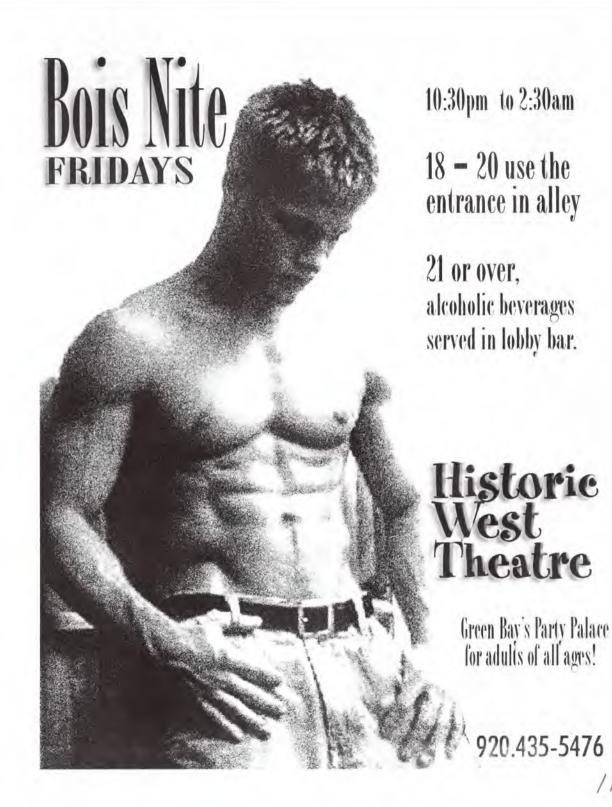
IML Weekend Event Packages cost \$140 and include: admission to the International Mr. Leather 2004 competition, admission to all other official IML events (Opening Ceremonies, Physique Competition, Salute!, IML Victory Celebration Party and the Black and Blue Ball), free admission to the Leather Market, free shuttle bus service, an official IML 2004 t-shirt and poster plus special yearly giveaways.

Purchase IML Weekend Packages online at www.boxofficetickets.com/ by calling (800) 494-TIXS (Intl. (503) 245-0288);

For non pageant events surrounding the weekend we will start with Katrina K. and her favorite stripper, Austin. My question is, where did you go Katrina for about thirty minutes that night? Hmmmm. And for more stripper news, it was reported that Nancy from Naps had one of the strippers assess right in her face for a few minutes. Bars down there on weekends are open until eight in the morning. This it turns out, is a little late for this aging queen. But kudos to me for trying. Faces is a another bar that we would frequent. They had a tragic little drag show. The bar was three levels. The upper floor was a show bar. The middle floor was the dance club and the bottom floor was a game type room with a pitch black back room located in one of it's corners. I do not know what this room was for, I thought it was a bathroom because everyone coming out of the room was zipping up their pants. Turns out the bathrooms were on the other side of the bar. Hmmmmmmm. Another bar we went to is J.J.'s, it is a nice leather bar that from talking to the patrons sure knows about the boys from Green Bay that make frequent trips to the parties down there. We were there for Mardi Gras and no matter where I stood I kept getting hit in the head with beads being thrown from the balcony. I will have more details next time as more facts come in from others. Til next time. Be sure to watch quest for all the upcoming events, especially prelims, the next month is going to be packed full of competitions all over the state. Remember girls, the race for state has gotten harder as there are no longer as many prelims as before. Get your ticket now! Before it is to late. See ya at the shows! Safonda Boys -- Safondaboys@aol.com







Green Bay: Vandeveer Seeks To years. If both women stay in the race, they Unseat 8th District Rep. Mark Green - will face off in a September 14 primary.

Openly lesbian Tracey Vandeveer has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for representative in the 8th Congressional District here February 23.

Vandeveer cites incumbent Green's acceptance of corporate campaign donations and other special interest money as a primary reason for running. "This nation was founded of the people, by the people and for the people' not 'of the corporations, by the corporations and for the corporations," Vandeveer said. "For too long, the voices of the people of the 8th Congressional District of Wisconsin have not been heard in Washington. And that's why I'm running for Congress as a citizen legislator with no corporate strings attached." Vandeveer claims that her campaign will not accept money from corporate PACs. corporate lobbyists, or corporate special interests.

Vandeveer, 42, was born and raised in the area. She lives in Ashwaubenon with Peggy, her partner of 19 years, and their daughter Sigourney, age 13. Vandeveer is a graduate of Ashwaubenon High School and holds a Bachelor's degree from UW-Green Bay in Humanistic Studies. She worked at Humana for nearly 8 years, gaining valuable experience in the health insurance industry. She briefly worked at Georgia Pacific until forced to leave due to complications from Multiple Sclerosis.

Vandeveer characterizes herself as a fighter who is not afraid to take on big business. She has battled Multiple Sclerosis and discrimination of all forms for most of her adult life. "While I might be considered legally blind," Vandeveer said. "I still have my vision for the future."

Vandeveer is the second announced candibackgrounds such as African American, date to challenge Green. She joins Latino, Native American, Indian, Arabic and Outagamie County Democratic Party chair Asian descent. The group will address the Dottie LeClair of Appleton in running for issues LGBT racial and ethnic minorities face

LaCrosse: Black Tie Event Set For



Compiled and written by Mike Fitzpatrick

March 9 - An LGBT community social Chameleon Club, 54 Copeland Avenue here. The night's theme is "Black Tie" to both celebrate our community and to celebrate all future weddings. Club DJ Libby bringing out her tux with her cowboy hat. Cover charge for the evening will be \$2. For more information, contact Michelle at Immillin9150@yahoo.com. Dress up in your best and welcome our diversity!

Madison: Outreach Announces New Groups - Madison's LGBT Center has announced a number of new support group and activity event for people of color, bisexuals, rubberstampers, & lesbian gamers.

The LGBT People of Color group is a discussion, social and support group for people of all

group is scheduled to meet biweekly on Saturdays at 3:00 PM. Starting date will be announced shortly.

For more information, please write LGBT People of Color; c/o OutReach; 600 Williamson St., Suite P1, Madison, WI 53703. You may also call OutReach 608-255-8582 to leave a message for Brian, Amber or Andre. Or call Amber directly at 608-347-9599 or email Brian at knightshadow1@yahoo.com.

Sexuality Bi Design is a new discussion group open to anyone interested in exploring bisexual issues or is questioning their sexual orientation. We will discuss the related issues of self image, societal labels and the emotional frustration associated with "not knowing." The discussion format and planning of social events will be tailored to the needs of the participants.

Sexuality Bi Design's primary goal is to offer a "safe space" where participants are free to share their experiences in a nonjudgmental, confidential is set for Tuesday, March 9 at the Participants will be encouraged to openly express their thoughts and feelings. By doing so, will discover that they are not alone on their journey of self exploration and acceptance. For information. email claims that she is especially forward to sexualitybidesign@hotmail.com or call OutReach.

> A queer rubber stamping group is also set to begin. If you love to rubber stamp, but just don't want to deal with the overtly conservative religious atmosphere of the mostly straight stamp clubs/groups, please meet with us on Friday March, 5 at 6:30 PM for an organizational meeting with like minded crafters After the first get-together at OutReach and the group will decide how to proceed. For more information contact Cris Derrick at 608-345-6787 or crismoon@tds.net.

Round two of the lesbian game night has also been announced. The second "Lesbians' Night Out" game night will be held on Friday. March 12. at OutReach. Games will commence at 8:00 PM. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but participants are encouraged to the seat Green has held for the last five every day. Social outings are also planned. The bring a beverage of their choice. OutReach





Safonda Says All

Hello kids, Since the last article, not much has been going on but two things. One being the fake Valentines show at The Historic West Theater. It was advertised as a love show, however it was actually a surprise birthday show put on by friends of Miss C.C. Domino for her thirtieth birthday. And what a show it was. It was the only show to be at that night. Many were invited, however only Domino's true friends came out to celebrate this once in a lifetime, "girl she is thirty" celebration. Domino was completely surprised that we were able to pull this off with out her knowing. It was months of planning and secrets that really paid off for one of the best regular shows to be put on in this part of the state. The bar was packed with patrons waiting to see her reaction when our lovely emcee T.C. Hammond took the mic and announced she had been duped. What a look of surprise and amazement with a little bit of embarrassment. Performers that came out to show their love for the aging queen were: Kelli Jo, Dee Dee Winters, Lucinda Andrews, Mercede Andrews, (no relation) Alexis St. James, Brandon from Superstar productions, Tammy Faye, Justine and Emir Illusion. One of the biggest surprises of the night was a special guest brought in from Madison. She was C.C.'s best friend form long ago. She opened the show with a behind the curtain "This Is Your Life" beginning. Again C.C. was floored that she was there to help her celebrate her deteriorating life. If you have not guessed yet, I am talking about Miss Cass Marie Domino, C.C.'s very first drag mother. Practically in tears, C.C. tipped her and gave her a huge hug and kiss for coming to do the show. On to the rest of the crew. Each performer was dressed in one of C.C.'s well known outfits or dresses all doing a few of her signature numbers. Afer each performer

orable moment with her. This was quite time to time a stripper would hop in and the hilarious part of the show as you can get all lathered up for the crowd to imagine all the dirt being talked about watch. The only thing I thought that was for all to hear. All the while pictures old really tacky was during the competition, and new, good and completely embar- the strippers kept stripping. Wrong! rassing, sober and drunk were being displayed on all the large screens through- ever. They had fourteen contestants



C.C. impersonators it was time for the is, for any queen looking to run fore a real thing to close the show.

her state title. Girl, see, I told you some- to mention all the gowns were at least a one out there must still like you. I just few thousand a piece including one Bob wanted to give out another "thanks Mackie. again" to all of those who helped make Miss Elsie Bovine and Miss Tina Renea for quite some time.

graced the stage, they were handed a mic bodies that could not get hard to save up her title.

their life, this was the bar for you. The one thing that was kinda neat was in the middle of the main bar, behind the barto talk with C.C. about their most mem-tenders, was a full size shower that from

It was the very first Miss Classic held

out the entire vying for the title. First night was half bar. Finally good half bad. Most all of the talent peran formed first night was enough to put entire anyone to sleep. But evening gown was a different story. Except for one, each girl was wearing Co Co Vega. One was wearing Versace. Second night was a completely different story. All the talents were great but the evening gowns were not that good. Finale night was quite the spectacle. I was expecting to see tired drag being that each girl was over forty. Was I wrong. Huge production numbers, lots of back up dancers. one girl had ten and gowns gowns gowns! The top five girls spent a ton of money for this pageant. This was like nothing I have ever seen. These girls pulled out all the stops. All I know national title, it takes lots of money! Do All I can say is she must be loved by not plan on going down with just normal more than one person as previously state stuff and expect to get anywhere. thought, because she made more cab- The winner must have spent close to five bage that night than when she gave up thousand dollars alone on her talent. Not

that a night not to be missed or forgotten our two representatives from Wisconsin, both did very nice jobs. Elsie who creat-Now it is time for a road trip, Myself ed her entire talent came in eighth. Not along with T.C. Hammond Mark bad for her first time ever at a national Madison, Bradley, Steven Lloyd, pageant. Tina did a wedding number for Katrina K. And Nancy form Naps all talent and wore her beautiful black headed to St. Louis to cheer on Miss evening gown. She came in eleventh, Elsie Bovine in her run for the title of Elsie did her "picture" talent with back Miss Classic USA. What a trip. First, it ups and wore a Co Co Vega. Miss was held at Boxers and Briefs. This bar Ginger Manchester was the queen to has male strippers, and I mean complete- walk away with the title. I am looking forly nude. If you are in to twinks with no ward to her coming here when Elsie gives

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Milwaukee: Foundations Seek Projects Serving State's Southeast LGBT Community - The Greater

Milwaukee Foundation and Cream City Foundation are soliciting applications for funding through the Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership. Created through a match funding opportunity offered by the National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership, the mission of the new fund is to expand awareness & funding of programs that benefit the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

As a community foundation, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation promotes philanthropy for all sectors of the community with the goal of making the area a better place to live and work. Recognizing that there are significant issues confronting the LGBT community in Southeastern Wisconsin — including discrimination, harassment, hate crimes, and inadequate resources—the foundation linked up with the local LGBT Foundation for a joint venture that would serve the entire region.

"We believe that as a community foundation it is our responsibility to address the needs of the entire community," Greater Milwaukee Foundation President Doug Jansson said, "Diversity enriches a community. Our purpose in developing the Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership is to promote diversity by strengthening the city's LGBT community, a significant group whose contributions often go unnoticed and whose needs are still great."

The goals of the fund are to fund projects that foster acceptance and ensure the equal rights of and opportunities for all LGBT people; to increase awareness and understanding of the LGBT community; to expand resources & programs available to serve the unique needs of the LGBT people; and to build capacity & collaboration between LGBT groups and the community at large.

To accomplish these goals, the fund is promoting its first annual funding cycle and will be accepting proposals from three groups: LGBT/Mainstream community collaborations; established LGBT organizations; and emerging LGBT groups. Funds for this cycle have been contributed from individuals in southeastern Wisconsin, the Brico Fund, and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

The Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership mailed its request for proposals to over onehundred and fifty LGBT and mainstream social service agencies in southeastern Wisconsin. Applications for funding are due on April 23. Funding announcements for this inaugural year will be made by June 30. If interested in receiving the proposal electronically or in hard copy please contact Cream City Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Gryniewicz by phone at 414-225-0244 or email her at creamcityfnd@voyager.net

Completed applications should be sent to Jim Marks at the LGBT Funding Partnership, 1020 North Broadway - Suite 112, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Parties interested in learning more about the Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership are encouraged to attend one of the free information and grant writing sessions that will be held on March 11 from 8 - 9:30 AM or from 5:30 - 7 PM. The information sessions will be held at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 West Court Street, Milwaukee 53212.

Cream City Foundation's mission is to build a strong foundation and infrastructure in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community by distributing funds to emerging groups and programs that enhance the quality of life for LGBT people. To achieve their mission, Cream City Foundation: acts as a catalyst working to promote charitable giving within the LGBT community; grants funds for projects and programs; and offers assistance

and education sessions to LGBT-serving organizations

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is a family of individual charitable funds, each created by donors to serve the local charitable causes of their choice. Grants from its more than 800 funds serve people throughout Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties. Started in 1915, the Foundation is one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the U.S.

Superior: Gay Rodeo Night Set - The Main Club, 1217 Tower Avenue, will sponsor the night club's annual gay rodeo night here on Saturday, March 6. For more information, contact the club at 715-392-1766.

Superior: Speed Dating For Men - Spring isn't yet here so when a young man's fancy turns to a fancy young man, he'd better keep moving. It's too cold to stand still! JT's Bar and Grill, 1506 North 3rd St., has the perfect answer for the restless romeo: speed dating. Participants will have the chance to "interview" and woo several potential lotharios in the course of one evening. The next speed dating night for men will be March 11. For more information, call 715-394-2580 or email jtsbar@lycos.com.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, March 3
Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Book club ("Embers") @ 6 pm followed by Natural Red, local jazz duo @7
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duo @/ STD Specialists FREE HIV testing clinic - at Harbor Room, 10pm-1am

Thursday, March 4 BESTD free HIV testing, La Cage, 10pm-1am

Friday, March 5 BESTD free HIV testing, Switch, 9-mid.

Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Drumming Circle @ 7, followed by singer/guitarist Bob Larson (songs from the 50s & 60s) @ 9

Saturday, March 6 Madison Gay Video Club: Wonderland: John Holmes Story and The Bouncer . 8 pm. www.mgvc.org or (608) 244-8675 (evenings)

Sunday, March 7 Club 5 (Madison) Miss Club 5 Pageant this evening; \$5 cover, \$5 table reservations; show time 10 pm

Wednesday, March 10
94 North (Kenosha) STD
Specialists free syphilis & HIV
testing, 10pm,-1am
Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Dinne:
& discussion - "Militarism & its
effect on the environment" - w/
Bob Poeschl, founder of the
Winnebago Peace & Justice
Center, 6 pm

Friday, March 12
Harmony Cafe (Appleton) 4
bands (live music) - Save it for
Later, Still No Name, All But
Ordinary and Gwalls, 7 pm
Lesbians Night Out Game Nite
at OutReach (Madison), 8 pm.
FMO Nikki (608) 345-5790 or email

imalablover@tds.net Saturday, March 13 Office (Rockford, IL) 5th Annual Mr. Gay Great Lakes USA 2004 Pageant, 10:30 pm Wednesday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Harmony Cafe (Appleton) St.
Patrick's Day Family Celebration,

6 pm, + a free 20-min. magic performance by Chris Cochran STD Specialists free syphilis & HIV testing, Fluid, Milwaukee, 10pm-1am

Thursday, March 18
Boulevard Theatre (Milwaukee)
Adam & Eve (On a Raft) opens
this evening, runs through April
10. Tickets/info (414) 744-5757

Friday, March 19
Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Barry
Weber (political folk singer/songwriter) back by popular demand!
Also, Larry LaFontsee will be
doing caricature art w/ proceeds
benefitting Harmony Cafe nonprofit programming

Saturday, March 20 BESTD free HIV testing, Harbor Room (Milwaukee), 10pm-1am STD Specialists free syphilis & HIV testing, Club 219 (Milwaukee), 10pm-1am

Sunday, March 21 Movie Collectible Show (Milwaukee) 10am-4pm at Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham, \$2 admission

Wednesday, March 24
Harmony Cafe (Appleton)
Women's History Month
Celebration - 3 historical interpretors from Heritage Hill State Park
will be doing an in-character
presentation of famous women
STD Specialists free syphilis &
HIV testing, Woody's (Milw),
10pm-1am

Thursday, March 25 HIV/AIDS Info Session on transgender research! The session will be held at the LBGT Center, Milwaukee.

Friday, March 26 Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Gary Hill's Elvis Today Tribute Show, 7:30

Wednesday, March 31 Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Native American storyteller Jackie Red Woman Lindow, 7 pm, sponsored by the Intertribal Community Center

Wednesday, April 7

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Late Breaking News...

California's Top Court Won't Stop Gay Marriages

San Fransisco - The California told the justices it was a matter for the Supreme Court declined a request by the courts, rahtrer than Newsom, to decide. state attorney general February 27 either The Attorney General failed to reveal his to immediately shut down San Francisco's gay weddings or to nullify the nearly 3,500 marriages already performed. The court's decision dealt orderly way our laws can be changed, by another setback to conservatives in their the Legislature or by a vote of the peofight to stem the now internationally- ple through the initiative process, to publicized rush to the altar by gay cou- reflect current wisdom or societal valples in San Francisco. Following Mayor ues," Lockyer wrote. Regardless of the Gavin Newsom's directive to issue February 27 order, the San Franciscolicesnes two weeks ago, over 3,400 cou- based court did not indicate whether it ples have said their "I do's." After pres- would decide the issue. Typically the sure from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, justices are reluctant to decide cases Attorney General Bill Lockyer peti- unless they work their way up through tioned the court to intervene in the emo- the lower courts. "It's a matter of tionally charged debate while they con-statewide concern and voters want to sider the legality of the marriages. But know, Californians want to know and the justices said "no." The justices couples that participated in ceremonies advised the city and a conservative need to know the status of their relationgroup that opposes gay marriages to file ship," Lockyer said during the hearing. new legal briefs by March 5. Lockyer

opinion as to whether same-sex marriages should be ruled constitutional, "The genius of our legal system is in the Washington, DC: Bush Sneaks In Another Anti-Gay Judge

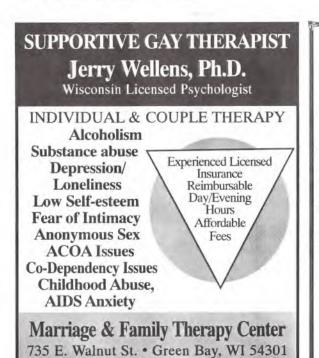
"Today, I exercised my constitutional authority to appoint William H. Pryor Jr. to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit." President George Bush announced as he made his second recess appointment the federal bench February 20.

"Bill Pryor has served as the Attorney General of Alabama since 1997 and has had a distinguished career as a public servant and practicing attorney. His impressive record demonstrates his devotion to the rule of law and to treating all people equally under the law." Bush added.

Among Pryor's most recent "devotions" was an amicus brief supporting Texas' sodomy law in last June's Lawrence vs. Texas Supreme Court case. Prvor's current official website also contains links to numerous anti-gay organizations while avoiding offering a single pro-gay link.

Reaction to Bush's back-door appointment was scathing. Senior Judiciary Committee member Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) tagged Bush's second end run around the Senate in five weeks "a flagrant abuse of presidential power."

"This is an outrageous appointment, of a nominee who has questionable commitment to the authority of the Supreme Court and the rule of law," Kennedy said.



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