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RECENT RULING ON DOMA & UPCOMING PROP 8 DECISION WILL HAVE FAR REACHING IMPACT

by Mark Mariucci

At the heart of the battel for Gay Marriage is the question of whether the government has legitimate interest in denying same sex couples the right to marry which will deprive them of all the rights that has come to be associated with marriage. As soon as the Proposition 8 lawsuit is decided, it is expected to go on to the Supreme Court. Most people also expect the recent judges ruling on DOMA will end up there as well. If the Supreme Court decides to settle, once and for all, the issue of gay marriage in America, it's possible both issues could be part of the same review.

The two lawsuits are for distinctly different reasons; The Boston DOMA cases hinged on whether Congress has the right to limit federal marriage benefits to gay couples already legally married under state law. In the Prop 8 trial, U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker in California will decision by citizens of a state to change their own state constitution to forbid gay marriage.

Congress passed DOMA in 1996, in the middle of public outcry about the sanctity of marriage and the immorality of homosexuality. It was three years after Hawaii's Supreme Court was first to rule in favor of gay marriage. DOMA defined marriage — for federal purposes — as only between one man and one woman. States still had the right to decide on Gay Marriage, however DOMA insured the federal government wouldn't recognize those marriages. The law also said no state could be forced to recognize a gay marriage from another state. California voters passed Prop 8 in November 2008, just months after its Supreme Court had struck down a state law preventing gay marriage. It changed the state constitution to make gay marriage illegal in California. Many other states

rule on whether the U.S. Constitution forbids a have followed this path including Wisconsin with the marriage ammendment passed in 2006.

> The judge's decision on DOMA declaring a state law allowing same-sex marriage in Massachusetts should take precedence over a federal definition of marriage exposed weaknesses groups working to bolster states' rights will have to face. The Tea Party, 9/12 and Tenth Amendment movements, all argue the Sates authority should trump Washington most of the time. The DOMA ruling fits in with the ideology of these groups, but at the same time, many in these movements are for preserving marriage for one man and woman. The DOMA ruling worked against those goals.

> Some fear the ruling will be misinterpreted as affecting all states, giving a reason to toughen laws banning same-sex marriage in places where it is unpopular.

CITY PAYS MILWAUKEE GAY ARTS CENTER AND CLARIFIES THEATER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Milwaukee- July 14 The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center received a check for \$20,000 from the City of Milwaukee in settlement of a federal lawsuit filed on its behalf by the ACLU of Wisconsin. The suit alleged that the City violated the First Amendment by shutting down "Naked Boys Singing," a musical play with gay themes that has been produced around the country. after receiving complaints from a citizen who objected to its content.

Paul Masterson, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, said the settlement sends a message that the government should not interfere lightly with theatrical works, including works that express and celebrate gay identity. "Good theater sometimes challenges convention," he said. "The police should not shut down a play because some people find it offensive."

City officials told MGAC representatives that it could not stage the play because the Center had not obtained a theater license required by a local ordinance. The ordinance requires that the Common Council approve theater license applications, but the Common Council was not meeting until long after "Naked Boys Singing" was scheduled to run. After the play was shut down, the City determined that, because the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center was a non-profit organization, it was exempt from the license requirement. After the dispute over "Naked Boys Singing" emerged, the City changed its theater licensing forms to make clear that non-profits were not required to get a theater license. However, the city ordinance still requires for-profit theaters to obtain a license and puts no time limit on when the Common Council must de-

cide on the license application.

"Requiring any theater to get a license before putting on a play comes dangerously close to the kind of 'prior restraint' on speech the First Amendment was designed to prohibit," said ACLU of Wisconsin Legal Director Larry Dupuis. "We are pleased that the City has clarified the process so that non-profits will know they are not required to get a license. However, we continue to believe that the City should amend its ordinance to limit the time the City has to issue any theater license. It's too easy for the authorities to just delay giving the permit to performances they don't like."

MGAC was represented in the case by cooperating counsel Steve Porter and Jeff Scott Olson of Madison, Wisconsin, and ACLU of Wisconsin legal director Larry Dupuis.

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BARRETT CAMPAIGN FINDS RICH SUPPORT AT GAY PRIDE EVENT

Green Bay - Tom Barrett's campaign people came away from Green Bay on Saturday evening exhausted, but beaming. For nine hours the Barrett team worked the crowd in heat, humidity and a brief thundershower at the city's Pride Alive LGBT festival. By that evening, their diligence had added 470 signatures to the Milwaukee Mayor's gubernatorial nominating petitions.

As the Barrett people discovered over the weekend, Wisconsin's gay and lesbian community continues to be one of the party's richest troves of support. Still aware of the Democrat's bold inclusion of a domestic partners registry in the state's biennial budget, the crowd was largely affirming to the campaigns that made a presence to the festival.

Part of the reason for the crowd's warmth was the positive political messaging woven into the festival's entertainment. The organizers had produced short, radio-style messages from supportive office-holders--local, state and federal--and played them as commercial breaks between the music. That, plus the posed photos, smiles and handshakes by



Above: Sam Dunlop with friend Lauren Right: Jim Soletski w/ Pride Alive organizers Andrew DeBaker and Andrea Schultz

the candidates who attended built impressions of mutual loyalty with the gay community that may prove extremely valuable come this fall.

Brown County Supervisor Patrick Evans-whose eyeing a run for Green Bay Mayor--paid a visit to Pride Alive. So did current mayor Jim Schmitt. 88th Assembly District Rep. Jim Soletski shook hands as he circulated his nominating petitions. Sam Dunlop, the former De Pere Alderman who's making his second run for 4th Assembly District seat, passed out his pocket-sized campaign stickers.

The local candidates were joined by Henry Sanders, the only candidate for Lt. Governor who attended the event, and by field organizers for the Kagen For Congress campaign.



Henry Sanders with Jamie Shiner, Vice Chair, Wisconsin Democrats LGBT Caucus



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THUNDERSTORMS CAN'T STOP PRIDE ALIVE EVENT IN GREEN BAY



Green Bay - A little thunder, lightening and rain couldn't keep more than 3000 people away from the 3rd annual Pride Alive at Joannes Park on Saturday, July 10th. Those who braved the heat and stuck through the afternoon showers were rewarded with incredible performances by comedy duo Deven Green and Joel Bryant and Club Diva Ultra Nate. Deven and Joel had the audience rolling with laughter with their situational sketch comedy, dating game antics and crazy auctions. And for the first time ever, "America's Best Christian" Betty Bowers took the stage before a live audience and preached to the heathens the Good

Word. (Well, it was actually more than one: Gucci, Prada, Dolce & Gabana...) And thanks to Ms. Bowers, we all now know the true meaning of biblical marriage. Chicago-based bloggers Mark and Fausto from "Feast of Fun" came up to join their friends Deven and Joel on the stage as well. Check out show highlights at www.feastoffun.com.

The entertainment continued into the night as Ultra Nate performed some of the hottest singles from the past two decades including "Free", "Automatic" and "If You Could Read My Mind." After performances from the first ever Miss Pride Alive and

King of Pride Alive, Ultra stormed back, mixing a blend of deep house, pop and dance music to the appreciative crowd. Speaking with Ultra Nate afterwards, she commented how great it was to see such a diverse group of people energized and dancing to some of her favorite hits.

The day kicked off much earlier with several dozen dedicated souls hitting the streets in the 2nd annual Pride Alive Five 5k run/walk. During the opening ceremony, Andrea Schultz, NEW-Pride co-chair, welcomed everyone to the event and talked about the history and continuation of NEWPride as well as its parent organization,

> Rainbow Over Wisconsin. Bill Mc-Conkey, the UW-Oshkosh professor who brought a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of

rama kept the crowd entertained throughout the day. Although washed out by rain this year, look for Milwaukee-based group The Charles Walker Band to take the stage at next year's Pride Alive. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents this year, as well as our corporate and individual sponsors. Pride Alive truly is a community endeavor, completely funded by sponsorships, donations and day-of sales, and fully staffed by a core group of dedicated volunteers. As Andrew DeBaker, NEWPride co-chair exclaimed, "Let today recharge our batteries, rekindle the fire inside to keep fighting for our rights. Let today be a reminder of how far we've come and how far we have yet to go."









FORGE; SHEBA PRESENTS COMMUMNITY CARES II A presentation by Kent Lovern from the District Attorney's office

Milwaukee - In response to the Chanel Larkin murder, FORGE; SHEBA, a program of Diverse and Resilient; and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Anti-Violence Project are sponsoring a second Community Cares meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W. Court Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Kent Lovern from the Milwaukee District Attorney's office will explain what comes next in the prosecution of the person accused of Chanel's murder. Although he will not be able to talk about the case itself since it's still being prosecuted, he will take questions about how

the prosecution and sentencing process works, including what might happen if there is a plea bargain.

After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to revisit the previous meeting's suggestions of conducting a court watch and/or march and, if those are still desired, determine the next steps. We will make space at the end to talk about what other actions we as a community want to take to heal from this terrible crime.

Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Michael Munson @ tgwarrior@forge-forward.org or 414-559-2123

LEATHER, LEVIS AND LIFESTYLES CONFERENCE

Racine - The LGBT Center of Southeast Wisconsin will offer a conference on Leather, Levis and Lifestyles Saturday August 14. Guest speakers include Jack Rinella, Patrick, Ron Kosek and other prominent members of the greater Leather/Levi community of the Wisconsin/Illinois area.

The conference and talk, beginning at 1 p.m., will consist of a brief introduction of the participating speakers and their ideas as to alternatives within the Leather, Levis and similar lifestyles and their concerns about specific issues. Open to all on a first come, first serve basis. RSVP is recommended by July 30th given that the center has a limited capacity. Tel. 262-664-4100

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTREACH COMMUNITY AWARDS

Madison - OutReach, Madison & South Central Wisconsin's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Community Center, is seeking nominations of individuals, organizations and businesses that have made outstanding contributions to Madison's LGBT community in the past year. Awards will be presented at OutReach's 18th Annual Community Awards Banquet on Friday, September 17th, at the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

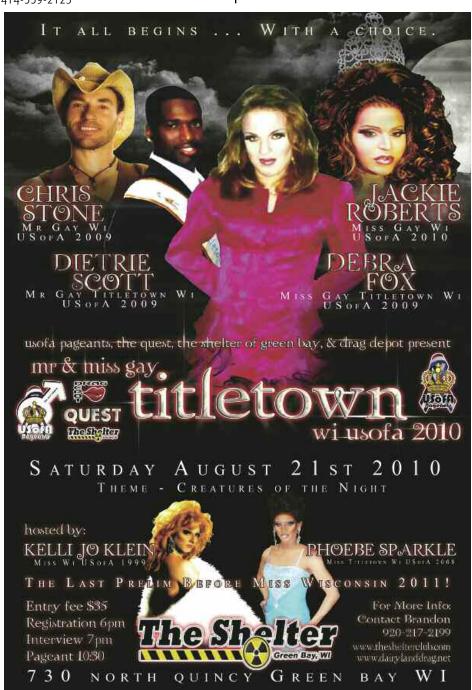
A committee of community members reviews the nominations and selects award recipients. Past award winners, OutReach staff and board members are not eligible. Award categories are David Runyon Memorial Man of the Year, Susan Green Memorial Woman of the Year, Business or Organization of the Year, Ally of the Year (non-LGBT individuals or groups that support the LGBT community) and OutReach Volunteer of the Year.

Nomination forms are available at OutReach (600 Williamson St, 255-8582) or on-line at our website www.lgbtoutreach.org. Nominations must be received by August 1, 2010.

OTHER UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Saturday, July 24th "The Kids Are All Right" Movie Matinee at Sundance, 1:25 p.m. matinee (meeting time, and details to follow). "The Kids Are All Right" is a critically-acclaimed film starring Annette Benning and Julianne Moore as a lesbian couple raising two teenage kids and what happens after the kids seek out their sperm donor father, Mark Ruffalo; coffee and/or dinner discussion to follow.

Saturday, August 28th Mark your calendars for the Second Annual W4W Summer Picnic and Party at Governor Nelson State Park for an afternoon of summer fun. We've reserved a shelter for the day which will feature a potluck and cookout, lively conversation, outdoor games, swimming and hiking. Help plan the event. Details will follow (time, directions, logistics, etc.)



THE VERY BEST IN BOOKS FOR THE BEACH!

For the Girls:

1. "Tropical Storm," Melissa Good

From bestselling author Melissa Good comes this classic tale of heartache, longing, family strife, lust for love, and redemption. "**Tropical Storm**" took the lesbian reading world by storm when it was released, the first in bestselling "Kerry & Dar" series.

2. "Sea Legs," K.G. MacGregor

The Emerald Duchess sets sail for the Caribbean; her passengers headed for the chaos of romance. Kelly Ridenour couldn't be happier leaving the bitter Rochester winter behind. Natalie Chatham has the opportunity to try to win her ex Didi back. Seasick and sunburned, Didi watches Kendell woo Natalie and wonders if she's finally missed the boat. Not even the captain knows where this ship is going to land!

3. "Returning Tides," Radclyffe

In the aftermath of a devastating natural disaster, Reese Conlon and Tory King must face the challenges of a community in turmoil while insurance investigator Ashley Walker faces more than a dangerous opponent when she returns both to the town and the woman, she left behind. "Returning Tides" is the sixth and latest in the Lambda Award winning Provincetown Tales.

"In Deep Waters: Cruising the Seas," Kallmaker and Radclyffe

Book passage on a deliciously sensual Mediterranean cruise with tour guides Radclyffe and Karin Kallmaker. Then grab a deck chair and feel the temperature climb. It's like no vacation you've ever experienced before when these two adventurous authors lure you into the deep waters where everyone gets wet.

5. "Whitewater Rendezvous," Kim Baldwin

A wilderness kayak adventure brings together two very different women and as they battle the forces of nature, they discover that true love may be nothing at all like they imagined.

For the Boys:

1. "Summer Cruising," Dave Benbow

The hunky passengers of the RMS Princess Diana, a rollicking all-gay cruise enjoy steamy sex and shipboard romance. Their idyllic holiday ends as a psychopath sets in motion a dastardly plan to send the luxurious liner to the bottom of the sea.

2. "Last Summer," Michael Thomas Ford

In Provincetown, that summertime gay Mecca, thirtysomething Josh, shocked by news of his long-

time partner's infidelity, is taking refuge just as blond, blue-eyed Toby has come seeking a new life. Also, Hollywood hunk Ty's secret summer love nest is verging on explosive publicity. These stories make a perfect made-for-the-beach page-turner.

3. "Call Me By Your Name," Andre Aciman

In this erotically charged coming-of-age story, Elio finds himself attracted to his father's latest visiting resident scholar: Oliver, who is 24, fun, sexy and handsome. A summertime trip to Rome, sanctioned by Elio's prescient father, will usher Elio fully into first love's joy and pain.

4. "The Spell," Alan Hollinghurst

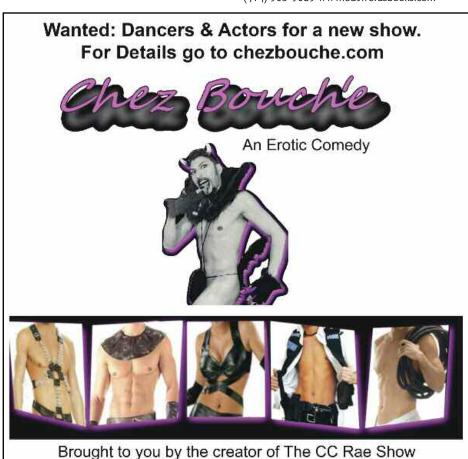
Here are the interlocking affairs of four men over the course of one summer: Robin Woodfield, is an architect trying to build an idyllic life in Dorset with his young lover, Justin, a would-be actor disenchanted with

the countryside; Robin's volatile twenty-two-year-old son Danny; and Justin's former boyfriend Alex, whose life is transformed by house music and a tab of ecstasy. As each falls under the spell of romance or drugs, they experience the fear of commitment, the need for permanence and the continual disruptions of sex.

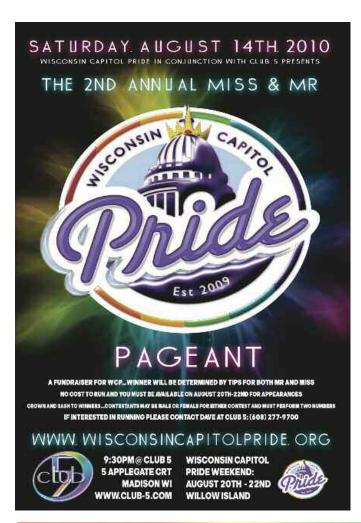
5. "Beach Reading," Mark Abramson

Gay tourists are arriving in San Francisco by the planeload for the party of the decade at the Moscone Center. On the same night, a infamous evangelist plans to bring his nationwide crusade against gay rights to the Civic Auditorium. For Tim, the fun and the intrigue are about to begin.

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The DATING DIET by Anthony Pauli

The T & A-Team

I'd like to report otherwise, but I'm finding a lack of maturity on the dating scene. In fact, I don't see much dating happening at all; rather, I spy a lot of game-playing with men bored to pieces if sex doesn't come before a hello. Is this common?

They say the fastest way to kill a love life is to have a kid. But tell me: In order to have a love life, must you act like one?

The truth is I had been going out quite often, but I discovered that if I'm not ready to be a slut, there's not much out there for me. Therefore, I've been sacrificing any form of intimacy in the name of charity. Yes, I'm so giving when it comes to everything except my asshole. Consider me a swell guy except nothing swells on me and if it dares, I swat it away as if an offer of water to a barfly; tonight, I can relate because I've been around the sort, 'celebrity' bartending at a local watering hole, where afterward, I'm invited for a dip in a friend's condo pool. Mind you, it's a million minutes after midnight, and I've fed my fellow party people enough beer to fill the pool, but no matter. I'm half-drunk, and I'm up for an aquatic adventure. Being newly single, it beats sailing home to bob on a sea of bad thoughts. Or so I think.

Now, you know how a plethora of petite stars on a clear night can trick any poor soul into a sudden case of the 'sexies'? Well, it's *that* night. Therefore clothes are off and vodka's on the menu as I settle in the pool, surrounded by a small selection of barely clad sex sharks.

I must admit; feeling sultry in my see-through briefs, I fall under a moon spell too. Then slowly, I lock on to the people's faces around me. Supposedly, the majority of them are straight, so I don't flirt. Instead, I cling to a circle of females without a care, until one guy — a firm, foxy man named Jay — swims at me. His slurred speech tells me he's drunk. "Hey man, why won't you kiss me?" he asks. Honestly, I hadn't known it was an option, specifically after an earlier chat where he boasted about his 'girl'.

"Uh, because you have a girlfriend," I say.

He flinches as if punched. "Dude, she's not here. Besides, she'd think it's hot," he insists. Then, twisting his tongue ring, it catches the magic of the moon as he opens his mouth for a kiss. Still, I push him away. Can you believe that? I'm barely able to contain my boner, but somewhere in my maxed-out mind, I'm not at a point where I can settle for less or want more. Does that make sense? I can't tell. I left a relationship behind because my boyfriend started kissing the dog before he found me barking for the same attention in the next room, and now I can't say what I want, but I know I want something sexier than a sloppy kiss from a straight guy who slides up to me in the heat of my confusion. To top it off, as the president of the condo association comes down in her pink cotton 'nighty' to scream at us for swimming after permitted hours, one of Jay's female cohorts takes a chance at turning the chaos into a competition.

Drifting toward me, tits above the water, her chest reminds me of alligator humps. Threatening, so threatening. "I know. I have tits," she says, pointing them like torpedoes. "BUT they deflate. Come on, pretend I'm a guy and kiss me. Jay and I are in a fight to see who can kiss the most people tonight."

It seems Jay wins. His strategy: cornering gay men who label the entire bit 'cute'. One such gentleman, I later find slugging from the vodka bottle while no one is looking. "What are you doing?" I ask him.

"Killing the germs!" he hollers. "Did you see how many queens that boy kissed?"

Honestly no, I stopped counting after I refused to count myself in. Looking back, I wonder if I was being a sore sport. Had I lost my humor or had I gained a new sense of self since leaving my ex? Funny, when I was younger, I'd fling myself around so freely; I would never weigh the consequence. Now, it's different; my ex had me set the bar higher. Our love – when it was great – taught me what I want from a winning kiss. Still, I wonder if it was 'great' because now I expect too much even when I'm not ready for it. What gets me through troubled water is I know others are in the same boat. So I swim without a life raft, afraid to kiss because it'll likely set me further adrift from him. True, I know that's what I need to find my feet. But lately, I'm caught in a tow, and my toe can't find a place to touch. So here, I think of my ex – the only way to get his attention – and I keep from drowning with a doggy paddle.

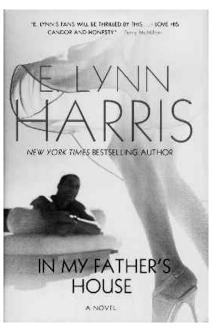
The BookWorm Sez Review by Terri Schlichenmeyer

"In My Father's House" by E. Lynn Harris

c.2010, St. Martin's Press \$24.99 / \$29.99 Canada 297 pages

Once you've left home, can you ever go back again? Oh, yes, you can spend a night or even a week at the old homestead. You can sleep in your childhood bed with your Steve Urkel posters on the wall and a sixth-grade basketball trophy on the shelf. Everything remains the same – except you. And you can't go back again.

Neither could Bentley Dean III. In the new book "In My Father's House" by E. Lynn Harris, Bentley can't go home again because his father won't let him.



If Bentley Dean III was willing to live a lie, he could have everything a man could ever want. His legacy as the only son of Bentley Dean II would have included money, leisure, houses, travel, and more money.

But Bentley was gay and in love with another man, and he couldn't pretend to be someone he wasn't. So when Bentley broke up with Kim, his beautiful fiancée, to be with Warren, Bentley's father disowned his son.

That happened years ago, though, and Bentley was now the co-owner of a successful modeling agency in Miami.

Successful, more or less. Money was tight for everybody in this economy, so when an older man dropped by the agency and asked for fifteen gorgeous "gay-friendly" male models for a party, it was like a lifeline. Even though the party sounded sleazy, and though Bentley was a legitimate businessman whose internal alarms were screaming, he needed the cash. He agreed to the job.

But just as he feared, the party turned out to be anything but tame, and the nondisclosure statement each boi had signed made perfect sense: Seth Sinclair, one of the best-known, most powerful men in the world was the host of this soiree and if word got out, his empire would topple. There was nothing Sinclair wouldn't do to keep that from happening.

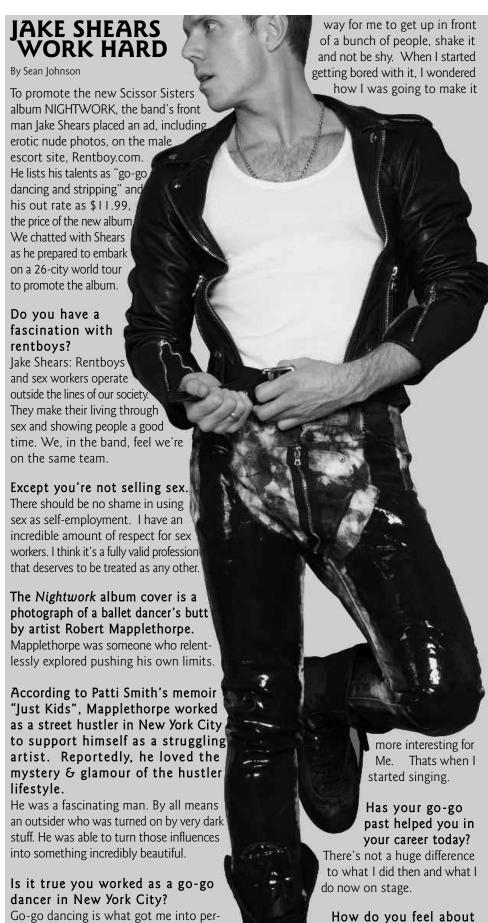
Bentley Dean III was horrified. Because one of his models backed out at the last minute, he'd had no choice but to hire his naïve young friend, Jahron, to fill in. Jah was just eighteen and as green as they get, and when Seth Sinclair flashed real green and spoke of the future, he practically owned Jah for good.

And Sinclair wasn't about to let the boi go.

Got a pair of those long oven mitts hanging on your grill? Go get 'em. You'll need them when you start "In My Father's House" because this book is *hot*.

More than many of his other works, the late author E. Lynn Harris got a little nasty in this novel of money and intrigue but those scenes, though definitely on fire, aren't the least bit gratuitous. Harris always had a way of making you care about the characters in his books, too, and Bentley is no exception. Trust me, that care will have you burning through the pages quick as flames.

If you're looking for something a little down and dirty, this is the novel to find. For you, "In My Father's House" will blow the roof off.



forming in the first place. It was a great

I think it's a great time right now for dance music. There's so much good stuff coming out, and I feel like it's a great time for people to really dive in.

Invisible Light is a particular standout on the album. It's a magic, mystical dance song with overtones of Gandalf, Lord of the Rings and Pink Floyd.

It's about tripping the light fantastic. I wanted to make a song that brought you to the edge of a void. It really takes you to Mars. It's like just staring into a storable light.

Has your singing style changed with this third album? I hear less falsetto—which you are known for—and more passionate mid-range singing.

I wanted to rely less on the falsetto, to give people an idea of what kind of range I can really do. I wanted to sound a bit sexier this time around.

And Ana Matronic appears more on the new album.

Ana's on this record more than ever and has also co written more tracks than ever before.

Tell us about your new musical based on Amistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

Everybody's a ho in Tales! No, really. It's a very sex-positive show, and there is plenty of gay action. In a lot of ways it's a really queer musical, though I think it will accessible to just about anybody. It's co-written with Jeff Whitty of Avenue O fame.

Do you have a final message you'd like to relay to the thousands of rentboys around the world?

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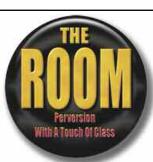
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Thursday, July 22

Fluid Room (Milwaukee) Meet the Stoli Boys 8-9:30

TEMPT (Milwaukee) The Jazz After Party Live Jazz Band \$4 house wines.

Friday, July 23

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) Jerry Grillo with Historical Mystery Band entertains during the meet and greet judges and contestants. Part of Harbor Room's 10th Anniversary. 9-midnite

Saturday, July 24

BOOM (Milwaukee) Chance to win a Stoli VIP Package incl Travel & Lodging to Chicago and an exclusive VIP Boat Party Starts 11pm (Also on August 7)

Club ICON (Kenosha) Myah Love Presents "The Book of Love"

Harbor Room (Milw.) Mr Harbor Room 2010 Contest-11pm part of Harbor Room's 10th Ann Madison Gay Video Club "Raging Sun, Raging Sky" (TLA Rel., dir. Julian Hernandez, 2008) "Tropical Adventure – Part 2" (Kristen Bjorn, "09) 8PM, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8690 (eve) Napalese (Green Bay) Foam Party 9pm

Sunday, July 25

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) 10th Anniversary Patio Cookout and Beer Bust 2pm Triangle (Milwaukee) Mr & Miss Night Star Milwaukee Pageant 2010 Showtime 9 pm

Saturday, July 31

BOOM (Milwaukee) Falcon Film Star Exclusive Landon Conrad

Fluid Room (Milwaukee) DJ Kelly 9 pm, Stoli Boys 9:30 - 11pm with Stoli Cocktail Specials Off The Wagon (Janesville) International LeatherSIR Leatherboy Regional Prelim Contest 4pm

Thursday, August 5

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) Jerry Grillo with Historical Mystery Band 8pm-12am

Saturday, August 7
BOOM (Milwaukee) Chance to win a Stoli VIP Package (see July 24 above)

Harbor Room (Milwaukee) BEAR BASH! Bear Club 4 Men and Brew City Bears present a cookout 6pm Free food, raffle and drink specials.

Madison Gay Video Club "A Single Man" (Weinstein, dir, Tom Ford, '09) also "Michael Lucas Double Feature: Lust/Rush" (2010/2009) 8PM, www.mgvc.org , 608-244-8690 (evenings)

Monday, August 9

Outwords Books (Milwaukee) Outwords Men's Book Club: Tom Mendicino's searing debut novel, Probation, will be discussed 7 pm Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, August 10

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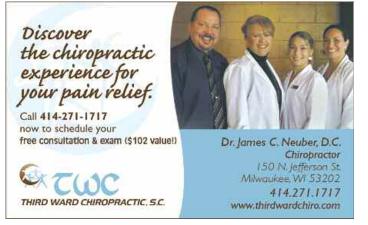












ASK THE IRREVERENT UNCLE BARBIE Your Intellectual Whore

(An effervescently gay advice columnist) Disclaimer: Although the author of this column holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, the tongue-in-cheek advice given is for entertainment only and is not a substitute for therapy. Barbie responds to all emails...whether you deserve it or not. Send questions to askunclebarbie@aol.com

Swimming in Lake Celibacy

Dear Uncle Barbie,

I cannot seem to get over my feelings of guilt every time I even think about having sex. I only had sex once in the past 10 months. Before that, I had gone a couple of years without any. I do not know why. I guess, I was just raised to think that sex is wrong. I remember my parents telling me that every married couples are not supposed to have sex unless they are trying to have a child. And, since I am not trying to have a kid, it is wrong for me to have any kind of sex. So, here is the problem; I am 26-years-old and single and feel guilty all the time for even thinking about sex. What can I do to stop having sexual feelings? Is there any medication I can take? I talked to my doctor, but she refused to give me anything? She said it was a morality issue, not a medical issue. --Signed, Paul N.

Hello P.N.,

It is no wonder you are still single. Keeping your sexual feelings to yourself is similar to winking at someone in the dark; you know you are doing it but no one else does. Your right hand is just supposed to be a source of nightly amusement—not an entire relationship. But, hey, who am I to judge someone else's sexuality? My head has rested on more hotel pillows than chocolate mints. Personally, I believe that an idol crotch is the Devil's workshop. (But, do not tell your mom I said that.)

Your physician is correct; if there is nothing physically wrong with you, then your morality would be a likely suspect as the root cause of your emotional disturbance. Many of us were taught to feel guilty about our sexuality and, consequently, feel bad about ourselves. We all battle with issues of morality nearly everyday of our lives in one form or another.

Based on the information you shared with me, it sounds like you are grappling with your conscience. However, have you stopped to consider the origins of your guilt? What exactly is guilt anyway, and is it a universal emotion? Where did your morality come from? How much morality is inborn and how much is learned? How did you develop your conscience? Do moral and ethical principles constitute the cognitive components of your conscience? Does everybody have a conscience? These questions peaked my interest, so I decided to explore and research this topic to gather more information.

According to Carroll Izard's book, Human Emotions, guilt is the emotion most essential in the development of an affective cognitive conscience and moral behavior. In the Differential Emotions Theory, guilt is considered a fundamental emotion, which, like other fundamental emotions, emerged through evolutionary and biological processes. Therefore, the experience of guilt is unlearned, similar to the experience of some biologically based fears.

Here is how guilt compares to fear. Similar to fear, there are some innate activators or natural cues for guilt that operate under socio-cultural conditions. Dissimilar to fear, however, the experience of guilt binds the person to the source of guilt and does not subside without reconciliation, which tends to restore social harmony. Fear, on the other hand, motivates escape from the source and subsides at a safe distance from the threat of harm.

Another researcher, Eibesfeldt, believes that there is a biological basis for the development of ethical norms and a genetic basis for the subsequent development of a sense of personal responsibility and guilt. Nevertheless, not everyone agrees with the biological approach. Dr. Ausubel, for example, does not endorse a biogenetic mechanism for guilt, although he does believe that it is so basically human and fundamental to the development and maintenance of social norms that it will develop naturally in all cultures. Izard ascer-

tained that in the development of conscience and morality, all of our emotions play some part, either directly or indirectly.

You mentioned your parents, and that brings up a whole other side to this issue. Parents can inadvertently cause a great deal of emotional harm to their children in the form of excessive guilt. For instance, if harsh physical punishment is used in teaching right from wrong, it can result in emotions of fear, anger, shame, and,

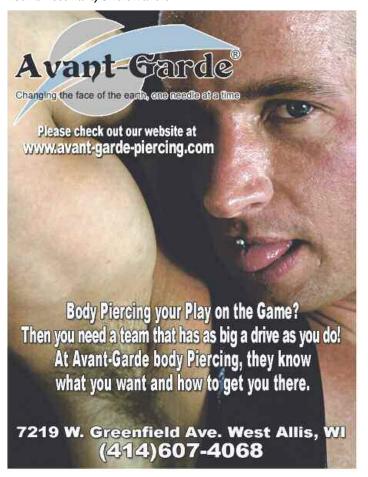


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of course, guilt. How moral is that? I think it is immoral for parents to cause their children to feel guilty about having sexual desires.

You are an adult, now, so you have the power to form your own morals and ethics for guiding your life. Izard concluded his research by saying, "The highest form of moral behavior is when you feel excitement and joy in caring for and helping others." If your conscience is struggling with morality issues regarding sex, perhaps you can alleviate some of those negative feelings by being kind-hearted and merciful to others--starting, of course, by being loving to ourselves. You do not need any medication to take away your sexual feelings. What you do need is to make a conscious decision to accept yourself, that includes your sexual feelings.

Your Sweet Tart, Uncle Barbie



NEW LGBT FILMS ON DUD by Glenn Bishop

"8: The Mormon Proposition"

At the best of times Glenn is, politically speaking, impossibly clueless. Yet even Glenn still has somehow managed to observe the deeply bewildering love/hate relationship many gay men have with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Mormons for short. To blame, quite simply, is "Latter Days," C. Jay Cox's extraordinarily popular gay love story.

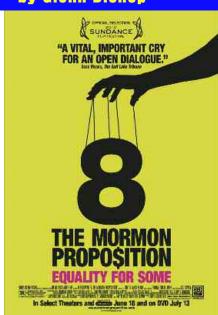
Not before "Latter Days" had the quintessential Mormon missionary: the invariably fit and attractive young men, in their late teens to mid-20s, conservatively but oh-so sexily dressed in crisp white dress shirts, ties, dark trousers and suit coats, so caught and captivated gay awareness.

In preparing to review "8: The Mormon Proposition," Glenn thought to do some research. Who are the Mormons, mused Glenn?

In haste, a dear friend's "Men on a Mission 2010" calendar was secured and closely examined. Glenn hosted a delightful impromptu BYOM cocktail party, followed by a screening of "Latter Days." Glenn even went so far as to contact the official website: Mormon.org; a request for a pair of bright young missionaries proving both absurdly convoluted and exceedingly time consuming.

Not that Glenn has entirely given up hope! Reed Cowan and Steven Greenstreet's scathing documentary proves nothing short of an indictment of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for their role in the 2008 campaign to pass the infamous California ballot measure that defined marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

Placed squarely at the heart of "8: The Mormon Proposition" is the cuddliest gay Mormon couple that you loyal *Quest* readers could possibly imagine: Tyler Barrick and



Spencer Jones. Barrick-Jones as this adorable couple shall consequently be referred, were living their dream in San Francisco: they were among the first to be wed in California even without an appointment, Barrick-Jones snagging a marriage ceremony on the very first day.

Barrick-Jones would quickly learn that the thrill of victory, their joyous union, would just as quickly be followed by the agony of defeat: thanks to the bucketsful of cash the Mormon Church poured into the campaign. Once the dust had cleared, the measure was defeated 52% to 48%.

As is often the case in documentaries such as this, co-directors Reed Cowan and Steven Greenstreet make scant effort to present a balanced assessment of the campaign and the subsequent heartbreaking defeat. In fact, turning up the volume and adjusting the stereo settings a tad, Glenn could barely dis-



Buy it, rent it or forget it...

"8: The Mormon Proposition" has something for all LGBT moviegoers, although the documentary is unlikely to preach to anyone other than the choir. Barrick-Jones add heart, Tyler's mom sobs copiously and on cue plus there are some wonderful clips of Mormon training films and examples of the Mormon-inspired commercials televised during the battle. At its best, "8: The Mormon Propo**sition**" is a searing, not to mention well-researched indictment of how the Mormon Church, a religious entity and thus rewarded with tax-exempt status, has learned to play our American political system like a fiddle. Unfortunately Cowan and Greenstreet greatly diminish much of the impact of their argument thanks to adopting the sort of cheap cinematic techniques usually experienced in lowbudget thrillers. Dustin Lance Black, whose screenplay for "Milk" won an Oscar in 2009, provides suitably earnest narration.

Just the facts...

"8: The Mormon Proposition" has a running time of a scant 80 minutes "8: The Mormon Proposition" is available on DVD with an SRP of \$24.98 The DVD "extras" consists merely of a trailer and Close Captioning.

cern, echoing faintly just beneath the soundtrack: "Mormon Church bad! Gay marriage good. Mormon Church bad! Gay marriage good."

In fact, "8: The Mormon Proposition" clearly illustrates that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to be politically savvy, extremely resourceful and downright tenacious. Cowan and Greenstreet, too, have proved similarly resourceful and tenacious; they highlight clandestine meetings which resulted in the exposure of internal church documents and videos of a very damning nature. Hawaii had proved to be an effective Mormon test-case. There in the late 1990s Mormon Church leaders cleverly worked behind the scenes, establishing a Christian coalition which they would fund while maintaining a low profile.

California's Proposition 8 was definitely within their grasp, if only they could (and would) squeeze their devoted flock until nary a Mormon lad's college fund was left intact.

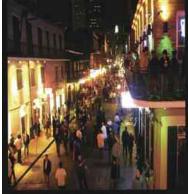
Against the Mormon millions, organization and commitment were Barrick-Jones, their mom and a few friends all armed with the sort of cute, homemade signs Glenn recalls, admittedly ever so faintly, from his earliest Gay Pride expeditions to Chicago back in the 1980s.

Where were the gay-supportive PACs such as the Human Rights Campaign as the debate raged is anybody's guess. Co—directors Reed Cowan and Steven Greenstreet certainly offer no ideas.

After dangling, oh-so briefly, the tantalizing notion that perhaps after further such political activities, the Mormon Church's tax-exempt status should be revoked, Cowan and Greenstreet decide to head into another direction entirely: the woeful plight of homeless gay Mormon teens.

"Mormon Church bad! Gay teens good. Mormon Church bad! Gay teens good."





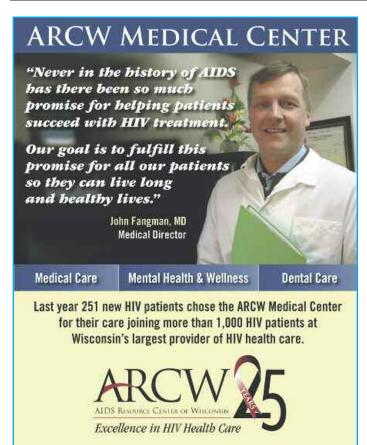






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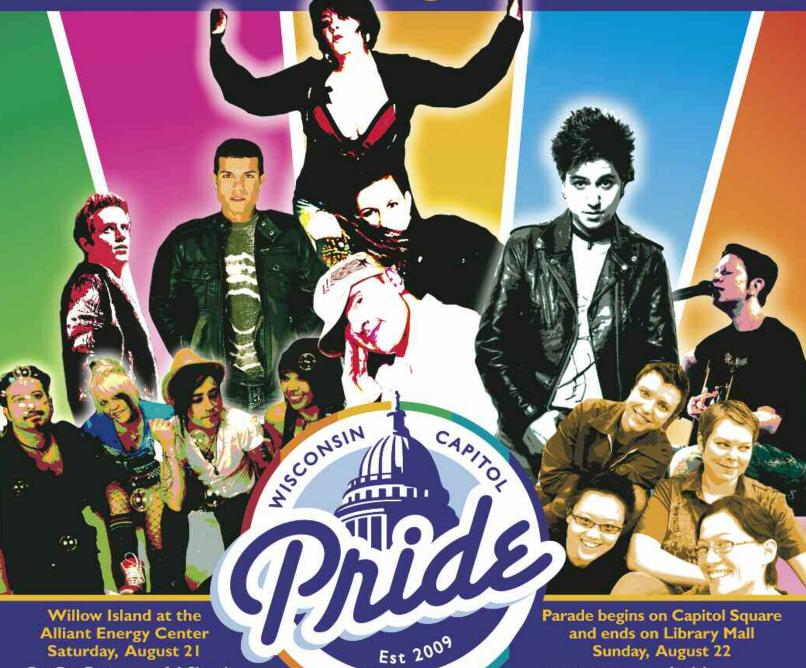
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