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Boy Scouts Go to Camp Reality

by Bill Meunier

They are one of America's most enduring institutions. The very words "Boy Scouts" conjures up an image of freshly scrubbed young men, camping out in the woods and helping elderly ladies cross the street.

Some Americans see a different image. They see the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) as an organization dedicated to exclusion and bigotry. The battle over the Boy Scout policy on Gays is heating up. A landmark court decision, mounting pressure on the group, and changing public attitudes on homosexuality are having an impact on the Boy Scouts. Many observers say that soon one of the last bastions of public anti-Gay discrimination will crumble.

WHY CARE?

Why should the average citizen care about whom the Scouts allow in or exclude from their ranks? The BSA's critics say the answer is simple. They say that if the Congressionally chartered Boy Scouts can discriminate, then other groups supported in part by tax dollars may claim that right too.

Many Gays find the way the Scouts discriminates to be insulting. The Scouts do not have a rule prohibiting Gay participation. What they do have is a requirement that members be "morally straight." When the Boy Scouts say that Gays can't join them, they are also saying if you are Gay, you can't be a moral person.

Critics of the anti-Gay policy contend that young Gay scouts, many of whom struggle with their sexuality, shouldn't be told they are evil. Gay youth advocates say that given their higher than normal suicide and drug abuse rates, scouting can help Gay teens find the sense of acceptance and stability that often eludes them. They say that an expulsion from scouting can have a devastating impact on a Gay teen.

Critics also worry about the affect the Gay ban has on heterosexual scouts. In a *Newsday* Guest Column, Jeffery Reynolds wrote, "What's the message to heterosexual kids? That gays should be feared, loathed and excluded? It's no wonder most bias crimes these days are committed by adolescent boys."

For over a decade, LGBT activists have com-



Flanked by his lawyers, former Boy Scout James Dale speaks to the press following a New Jersey Supreme Court decision ordering his reinstatement as an Assistant Scout Master. The decision was one of several recent developments that put pressure on the Boy Scouts to drop their ban on Gays.

plained about the BSA and its ban on Gays. In some cities, including Milwaukee in the late 1980s, Gays and Lesbians organized boycotts of their local United Way campaigns to protest its support of local Boy Scout councils. Ousted scouts have sued the BSA demanding reinstatement. Those suits have met with little success, until now.

A LANDMARK CASE

James Dale was 8-years-old when he joined the Scouts in 1978. He earned more than 25 merit badges and Scouting's highest rank - Eagle Scout - before his appointment to assistant scoutmaster. In 1990, the New Jersey man found himself expelled after a picture identifying him as the leader of a Gay student group at Rutgers appeared in a local newspaper.

The Scouts admit that Dale had a stellar record of exemplary service to their organization. Dale's actions were not the issue. His homosexuality was. Dale sued.

Dale's Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorneys argued that the Scouts violated New Jersey's LGBT civil rights law by dismissing him. Its attorneys pointed out that the Scouts use schools as well as Police

and Fire Departments not only as meeting places, but for membership recruitment. That, said Lambda, makes the scouts a public accommodation.

The Scouts currently have 5.6 members. Yet, they claimed to be a private organization with the constitutional right to exclude Gays. According to the scouts, the Freedom of Association clause in the Bill of Rights gives them the option to exclude Dale and any other Gays they find in their ranks.

The New Jersey Supreme Court disagreed. On August 4, it handed the Scouts and their anti-Gay policy a stunning setback. In a unanimous decision, the Court ruled that the Boy Scouts are indeed a public accommodation and therefore covered by New Jersey's LGBT civil rights law. The Court ordered the Scouts to readmit Dale and told a lower court to consider his claim for compensatory and punitive damages.

The Justices also said that by accepting virtually everyone without regard to any other characteristic, the Scouts could not claim its blanket exclusion of Gays as anything other than discrimination.

In a scathing opinion, the Court derided the Scouts over their anti-Gay policy. Justice Alan

B. Handler wrote, "One particular stereotype that we renounce today is that homosexuals are inherently immoral.

That myth is repudiated by decades of social science data that convincingly establish that being homosexual does not, in itself, derogate from one's ability to participate in and contribute responsibly and positively to society."

"In short, a Lesbian and Gay person, merely because he or she is a homosexual, is no more or less likely to be moral than a person who is heterosexual."

The Scouts are vowing to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which last year refused to hear an appeal on a similar case sent to it by California. The California ruling was the opposite of New Jersey's. Unlike the New Jersey ruling, the California case did not turn on a question of constitutional law, which may be part of the reason why the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal.

Faced with conflicting rulings from two state Supreme Courts, the highest court in the land may decide to consider the Boy Scout appeal. If it does, the BSA may find its exclusionary policy wiped away in every state with a Gay civil rights law including Wisconsin.

Some legal observers say that is likely to happen. They point to a 1988 Supreme Court decision ordering the Jaycees to open their ranks to women. That ruling is similar to the New Jersey court decision in that it said the Jaycee organization could not use the constitutional right of free association when its ranks are open to everyone except women.

The New Jersey ruling created a firestorm. Newspapers from coast to coast have praised and denounced it. While conservatives have predictably denounced the New Jersey Supreme Court, most newspapers have used the ruling to denounce the BSA's anti-Gay policy.

A CRACK IN THE POLICY

The Boy Scouts are feeling the pressure. Last week for the first time the Scouts showed a crack in its anti-Gay façade. The group announced a kind of Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy of its own.

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"I have been fortunate enough that as of this moment I have not lost a friend. I am able to walk and will continue to do what I can to help find a cure for HIV. We each have a role to play while we are here, mine is to help fight this disease as best as I can. Thank you for walking with me! See you there, I'll be the one in sneakers! :)"

Jeanne,
Fond du Lac

" This will be my second Walk. I walk (and cry and smile) in memory of Donald-David. He was my friend, my mentor, and now he's my angel. I miss him more than my heart can bear...

so I will walk until the pandemic is over. When you love someone, you tell them, right then... or the moment just passes you by. Hold a hand, hug a friend, lend an ear - and keep on walking. See YOU in September!"

" If I lose another friend I'll lose my mind!"

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" William,
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Bobbi, Milwaukee

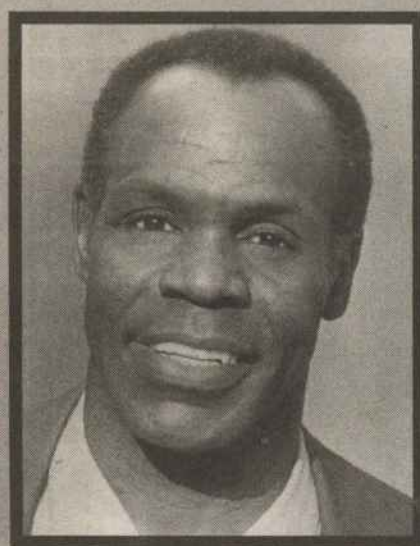
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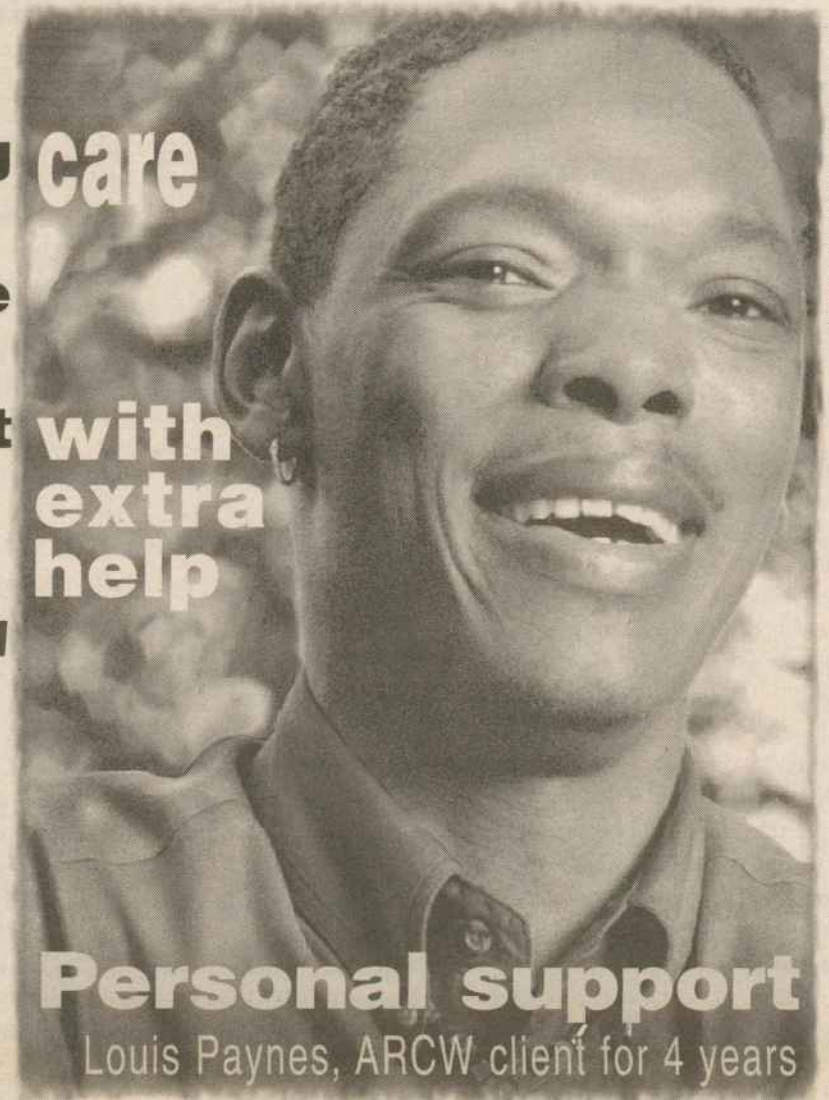


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Texas Gov. Bush Made "Amazing" Statement Says Lawmaker

Austin, TX – State Representative Glen Maxey (D-Austin) says that Governor George W. Bush told him that he should not take his remarks about homosexuality personally. Maxey says that Bush, the leading Republican candidate for President, made the comment during a nose-to-nose encounter last spring on the Texas House floor.

"He put his hands on my shoulders and he pulled me in where almost our noses were touching," said Maxey. "And he says to me, 'I value you as a human being, and I want you to know, Glen, that what I say publicly about Gay people doesn't pertain to you.'"

Maxey said the remark was "amazing" and that he replied, "When you say a Gay person's not fit to be a parent... that's real personal."

The Democrat said the encounter began with Bush congratulating him for expanding a children's health insurance program beyond what the Governor's office backed. He said the Governor told him "you crammed it down our throat."

A Bush spokesman denied Maxey's allegations. He said the Governor only congratulated the legislator on the health insurance program. State Representative Dawnna Dukes (D-Austin), who sits behind Maxey, said she

did hear the Governor's remark about cramming the health plan, but not the rest of the conversation.

"Bush's actions in the past year have been a hard thing for us to swallow," said Dianne Hardy Garcia, Executive Director of the state's Gay and Lesbian Lobby. "Many of us believed that George Bush was a decent man and that he was above this kind of anti-Gay prejudice. From what we know personally, he has Gay friends."

"What we now know about George Bush is he'll do whatever it takes to get elected. If that means hurting his Gay friends or allies, he'll do it. He stopped a hate crime bill, and we've had 30 Gay men killed in Texas... It really frightens me that someone like that would be leading our country."

Falwell Says He'll Soften Rhetoric

Lynchburg, VA – *The News and Advance* reports that Jerry Falwell agreed to tone down his anti-Gay statements after a meeting with his former aide, Rev. Mel White. White, who became a Gay activist after two decades of working with the Religious Right, called the meeting "historic."

According to the paper, White said he told Falwell that the purpose of the meeting was "not to stop you from preaching your conscience, but to lower the volume and shrillness

of the rhetoric."

Falwell seemed to blame Gays for violence associated with his statements about homosexuality. "I speak constantly around the country and almost invariably some of the radical activists... disrupt the meeting or commit violent acts," he said. "It has been getting more precarious with passing time... Mel sincerely wants to lower the rhetoric on both sides. That is exactly what we want."

White says he will select 200 people for training in non-violent discussion as a follow up to the meeting. Falwell denied that his rhetoric creates a climate of violence against Gays and Lesbians, but he agreed to look at what he is saying and writing.

In a recent fundraising letter about a Human Rights Campaign appearance by Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper, Falwell wrote, "I wonder how much of our tax funds were used to wine and dine these perverted homosexuals, who absolutely hate everything that you and I and most decent, God-fearing citizens stand for... Make no mistake. These deviants seek no less than total control and influence in society, politics, our schools and in our exercise of free speech and religious freedom."

Partnership Registries Could Expand in Texas

San Antonio – The *San Antonio Express News* and other sources report that Bexar County officials are asking State Attorney General John Cornyn to rule on whether or not they must accept Domestic Partnership

Registrations from LGBT couples.

The question is a significant one because Texas law requires County Clerks to record deeds, mortgages and such other documents that are either required or allowed by State law. If Cornyn rules that Texas law does not forbid the registrations, all Texas County Clerks would be required to accept them.

Travis County is the only place in Texas where Domestic Partners can register. The registrants do not have to live in Travis County. They sign a statement that they are committed to each other and share financial responsibility for living expenses. Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said that over 1,000 couples, half of them heterosexual, have registered with her office since 1993. Only 31 of those couples have filed a notice that their partnership has dissolved.

State Rep. Robert Talton (R-Pasadena) vowed to sponsor legislative action to overturn Cornyn's ruling if the Attorney General says that Domestic Partners registrations are allowed. He told *The Wall Street Journal*, "We look at this as a sin. Those of us who believe in the Bible, we don't leave it at the church doors."

Judge Says Workers Can Read Bibles In Protest

Minneapolis – A Federal court ruled that the Minnesota Department of Corrections was wrong when it disciplined two employees who objected to Gay sensitivity training. Officials ordered the employees to participate in a training session on Gays in the workplace. The

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U.S. District Court Judge Ann Montgomery said the Federal and Minnesota constitutions guaranteed the worker's right to read their Bibles in silent protest.

Their elated attorney, Francis Manion of the American Center for Law and Justice, told Reuters, "This is a major victory for the rights of religious believers who are singled out and punished for their religious beliefs... There was never any reason for our clients to be forced to listen to state-sponsored indoctrination about the acceptability of the homosexual lifestyle."

Boy Scouts Lose Another Case

Chicago - Circuit Court Judge Stephen Schiller ordered the Boy Scouts not to consider sexual orientation when they make hiring decisions. The ruling upheld the City's Human Relations Commission finding reached in 1996. The Commission said the Chicago Area Council of Boy Scouts discriminated against Keith Richardson in 1992 when they refused to consider him for employment.

The mere sexual orientation of an employee... is not related to any non discriminatory basis for denying opportunities for employment," said Judge Schiller. The Boy Scouts said they will appeal the ruling. Schiller based his ruling on Chicago's LGBT civil rights law.

Dubuque Rejects LGBT Civil Rights Law

Dubuque - The Dubuque City Council voted against a proposed ordinance that would have prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation. Five council members voted against the measure while only two supported it during the Council's August 16 meeting.

The City's Human Rights Commission brought the ordinance before the Council. Its chairman, Thom Determan, told the Council, "The prevention of bigotry makes more sense than damage control after incidents."

Council members Dirk Voetberg and Ann Michalski voted in favor of the ordinance. Mayor Terry Duggan and council members

Dan Nicholson, Joe Robbins, Roy Buol and John Markham cast negative votes.

About 50 people, most of whom supported the law, attended the meeting. Ruth Scharnau, a member of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, "We're very disappointed. Our children have all moved away and would never move back to this community because of the intolerance."

Longtime Dubuque Hempstead High School football coach and Boy Scout leader Bob Timmerman agreed with the Council's decision. Timmerman told the *Gazette* that anyone wanting to supervise locker rooms and sleeping quarters used by young people should be asked about their sexual orientation. "If they couldn't do that, it would be like a fox guarding the hen house," he said.

Determan said the Dubuque Human Rights Commission would reconsider the ordinance and submit it again.

UN Workers Say They Want Equality

New York - The Inter-Press Service reports that LGBT employees at the UN are demanding to be treated equally with their heterosexual peers. The UN says it does not discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, but the Gay Lesbian or Bisexual Employees at the UN (GLOBE-UN) disagrees.

"The United Nations should take the lead internationally on setting the standards for the extension of human right guarantees in the workplace," said a statement from the group. GLOBE-UN says that LGBT staff members engaged in long standing relationships are not provided with benefits given to married employees.

Among the benefits the group cites are assistance with obtaining a visa for the partner of a Gay employee posted abroad, payment of travel expenses for those partners and the provision of survivor's benefits under the UN pension plan.

Special Assistant to the Secretary General, Kevin St. Louis, said that at the UN's founding, a family consisted of a married man and

woman. St. Louis acknowledged that over the years the definition of family has changed but said the UN cannot take the lead in defining families. He said the UN policies are "dictated by member states."

GLOBE-UN disagrees. It says the UN has the right to set its employment policies.

Anti-Harassment Policy Attacked

Baltimore - A proposed policy that promises to protect all students - including Gays and Lesbians - from harassment is creating controversy for the Maryland Board of Education. Conservatives are criticizing the proposal saying that it will force the schools to teach about "the Gay lifestyle."

The proposal says that Maryland's schools

will be "safe, optimal for academic achievement, and free from harassment regardless of but not limited to race, ethnicity, region, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language, socioeconomic status, age, and disability."



Skip Sanders, the Deputy Superintendent of Education, says the proposal will not require Maryland's schools to do anything "they aren't already doing." Conservatives say it will force the schools to teach about homosexuality and hire homosexuals.


One lawmaker, State Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Hartford), said that the policy would mean that teachers could not stop students from displaying affection for each other whether they are Gay or straight.

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Domestic Partnership Plan Advances

Madison - A City Committee has recommended a proposal to extend domestic partners health insurance to Madison's City Council. The plan will be introduced to the Council next month.

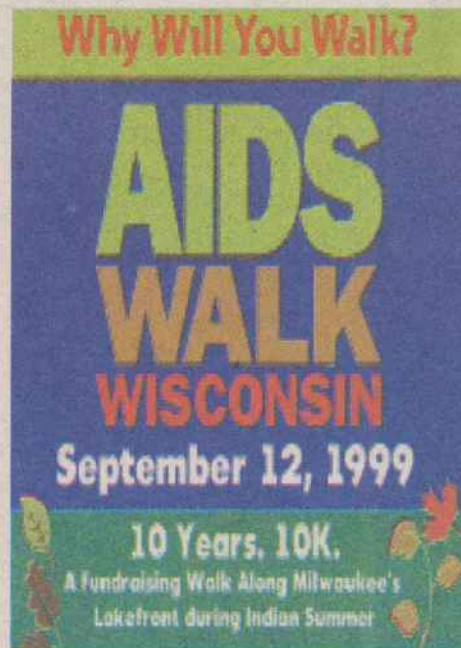
If approved, the proposal would reimburse domestic partners for what would have been covered if the City's health insurer, the Wisconsin Group Insurance Board, had provided coverage. The Board does not offer domestic partnership benefits. Its health plans provide coverage for 210,000 state, municipal and county employees, retirees and their dependents.

Preliminary estimates say the plan could cost the City up to \$532,000. The estimates are based on the 148 domestic partners registered with the City, who may decide to take advantage of the coverage. Of those couples, 100 are in opposite sex relationships, while 48 are same-sex partners.

In order to qualify for the coverage, the couples must be in committed long-term relationships, with both partners sharing financial responsibilities.

The Madison Metropolitan School District offers domestic partner health insurance. That coverage is the target of a court challenge.

The battle over the School Board's decision to offer it has reached into the State Capitol. A Republican sponsored amendment to the State Budget would prohibit the use of State funds to pay for domestic part-



nership coverage. The Republican majority in the State Assembly passed the amendment, introduced by State Representative Stephen Nass (R-Whitewater) over the objections of its Democratic members.

The proposal is the subject of debate in a Conference Committee called to iron out the differences between the State Assembly and the State Senate versions of the budget. The Democratic leadership of the State Senate is resisting the Nass proposal.

Gay & Lesbian Bars are Walking Toward a Heated Competition

Milwaukee - Gay and Lesbian bars throughout Wisconsin are competing to raise the most money to win the AIDS Walk Wisconsin traveling trophy. Now is the time to sign up and become a member of your favorite bar's Walk team to help them win the fifth annual bar competition, say staff members at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. ARCW coordinates the annual walk.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin will take place on Sunday, September 12. This year's honorary Chairperson is legendary film star Danny Glover.

"The Gay and Lesbian bar team competition has been part of AIDS Walk Wisconsin for five years. They walk to support their friends and loved ones affected by AIDS, to prevent the spread of HIV and to advance research to hopefully find a cure," said Renee Kirnberger, Associate Director of Development - Special Events.

The AIDS Walk Wisconsin traveling trophy, now in its second year, was inaugurated to reward the Gay or Lesbian bar that brought in the most funds to AIDS Walk Wisconsin. The trophy will be engraved and awarded to the top fundraising bar, continuing its travels to AIDS Walk team winners.

"The South Water Street Docks team won the first annual traveling trophy. But really, everyone won from the friendly competition," said Kirnberger. "Last year, 22 teams brought \$15,971 to the AIDS Walk. That's just astonishing. We're looking for the teams to bring in even more this year!"

As of mid-August, 11 teams are registered. Milwaukee's Ballgame is the leading team with 13 members, followed by Fluid with 9 teammates. The competition is not limited to Milwaukee bars. Sheboygan's Blue Lite Bar, Green Bay's Sass' and Ray's Bar & Grill of Madison are also in on the competition.

In addition to the bar competition, team members earn individual prizes. New this year is the denim shirt at the \$250 level and a commemorative sports watch for bringing \$500 to the Walk.

For Walk information or to join a team roster, call (800) 348-WALK ext. 299 or visit the Walk online by pointing your web browser to www.arcw.org

Agencies from throughout Wisconsin benefit from AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Benefiting agencies include: AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, AIDS Network, Camp Heartland, Central WI HIV/AIDS Ministry Project, Coulee Region YMCA-GALAXY Program, Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Horizons, Inc., Manitowoc County AIDS Task Force, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Positive Health Clinic/Aurora, Rodney Scheel House Foundation, Sawyer County AIDS Task Force - Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, Sheboygan County AIDS Task Force, Saint Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches.



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Protect Social Security and Medicare First

"The last thing, of course, an economy that's already very strong needs is a tax cut." You might think that quote came from some partisan Democrat, hoping to rally opposition to the \$792 billion tax cut recently passed by Congress. But those words were uttered by Bruce Steinberg, chief economist for Merrill Lynch.

The debate over the \$792 billion tax bill has left a lot of people scratching their heads. Why would the Republican Congress push through a tax cut that even the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, opposed? While I am new to Congress and suppose there are many things that will make some sense to me in time, this isn't one of them.

Don't get me wrong, there are times when I believe it is important to pass tax cuts. And, I am very hopeful that this nation can continue its economic expansion and have enough of a budget surplus in the coming years to develop a sensible tax cut plan.

However, the plan passed by Congress, which locks in revenue and spending for an entire decade, could have severe repercussions for two of the most important federal commitments made to Americans: Medicare and Social Security. It will also negatively impact our ability to pay down the national debt.

During the past few months, I've had conversations about Medicare and Social Security with hundreds of senior citizens. At "Senior Speak Out" sessions throughout the Second Congressional District, seniors have expressed grave concerns over the future of these two vital programs, and about the need to provide prescription drug benefits to Medicare beneficiaries.

While this may sound strange, I've had people tell me they're mad at Congress for passing this tax cut. The public remembers the huge deficits created in the 1980s after Congress passed tax cuts without simultaneously cutting spending. They see one of two things happening this time: either we again see skyrocketing deficits, or we'll see massive cuts to important programs and a failure to extend the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

It is irresponsible to lock in a massive tax cut that will mostly benefit the wealthiest in our society without shoring up those commitments that all Americans depend upon. By taking the entire projected surplus and ignoring our promise to stabilize Social Security and Medicare, we will be turn-

ing our backs on millions of seniors (and those near retirement) who rely on these programs to remain out of poverty.

When I ask senior citizens what they think we should do with any projected surplus after prioritizing debt reduction and protecting the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, the near universal response is to do something about the high cost of prescription drugs. Seniors now pay on average \$1,200 a year for their prescription drugs, often out of their own pocket.

I have cosponsored legislation, the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act, which would reduce the cost of prescription drugs to seniors by using the buying power of Medicare to get the same low prices that large pharmaceutical companies offer to their favored customer (such as hospitals, the government, insurance companies and HMOs). Currently, seniors in our area pay on average more than twice as much for their prescriptions as would one of the favored customers.

While this will help, it will not solve the problem for millions of Americans who can't afford prescription drugs at all. This is even more of a problem in rural areas, where nearly half of all Medicare beneficiaries have no supplemental insurance and therefore no prescription drug coverage.

The high cost of these drugs has forced many seniors to make horrible choices: pay for drugs to maintain their health or the food they need for adequate nutrition. Seniors should not be forced to make such choices. The Medicare program was created precisely to keep America's elderly from spending their way into poverty just to survive. A quarter of a century ago, President Lyndon Johnson promoted Medicare to protect seniors, so that "no longer will illness crush and destroy savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime so that they might enjoy dignity in their later years."

My first few months in Congress, combined with my many opportunities to listen to the input of my constituents, have convinced me that what most of you are saying is correct. We should use our projected surplus to bolster Social Security and Medicare, while paying down the publicly held national debt. In the long run, this will return more money to the American taxpayers and is likely to lead to even greater economic stability and growth than the tax plan being pushed through Congress right now.

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Are they Prepared . . . for Us?

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That crack came about because of an incident that occurred in another Gay rights state, Rhode Island, home of Camp Yawgoog.

A 16-year-old Gay scout working at the camp quit his full time job there, but continued to work on a part time basis. A month later he decided to return to his full time position in the camp office and was allowed to do so.

Two days after resuming his position, the Camp Director called in the teen and asked about his sexual orientation. Immediately afterwards he was fired.

What followed can only be described as a PR disaster. The next day more than 90 camp staff members staged a sit-in strike to protest the firing. Camp Yawgoog closed for the first time in its 86 year history.

The local Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America quickly backpedaled. A joint statement issued by the Council and the young man's family said that he is "a scout in good standing." It also promised that he could return to his job if chooses to do so.

National scout spokesman Gregg Shields was furious. He said that if the Rhode Island Scouts refused to obey the dictate on banning Gays, the national organization was prepared to pull their charter. Shield's comments engendered an even bigger public outcry.

The scouts responded with what many see as a retreat from their hard line policy on Gays. The Narragansett Council issued another statement. It said the Council would exclude known Gays, but that it would not ask scouts about their sexual orientation. The Council insisted the statement is not a change in local or national scout policy and that the national Scout office helped to write it.

Others see things differently. Steven Brown, Executive Director of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, told the

<New York Times> that that the announcement amounts to a policy change. "What has happened in this case is that a Gay teenager has been allowed to remain in the Boy Scouts," he said. "And the Boy Scouts know he's Gay."

On August 16, the Scouts announced that they will launch a national study on the "the scientific and medical basis for the determination of sexual orientation." They said they will use the study to determine whether their admission policy should be based on sexual orientation or behavior. Some doubt that the study will turn up anything other than what is already known, but others say it could be used to justify a change in the Scout's policy toward Gays.

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The pressure on the Scouts is by no means a one-sided affair. Some local leaders say they will continue to question scouts and scout leaders about their sexual orientation no matter what the national office says.

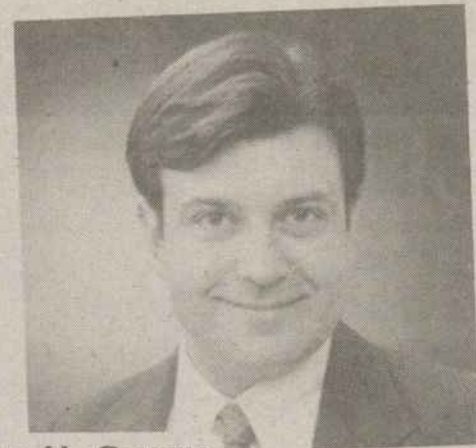
Six days after the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" announcement, a group of churches said that they would consider withdrawing sponsorship of their troops if the scouts permit Gays in their ranks. Churches sponsor more than half of the scout troops nationwide. The United Methodists alone sponsor over 400,000 scouts.

Boy Scout leaders may feel trapped. On the one hand, they face with mounting evidence that the public, and at least some courts, disagree with their ban on Gays. On the other hand, many of their stalwart supporters are resisting any relaxation of that ban.

If the Boy Scouts refuse to change their policy, they risk alienating most of the public. If they do change it, they risk losing many of their remaining supporters. Caught in the middle of the conflict are 5.6 million young men and scout masters whose motto is "Be Prepared."

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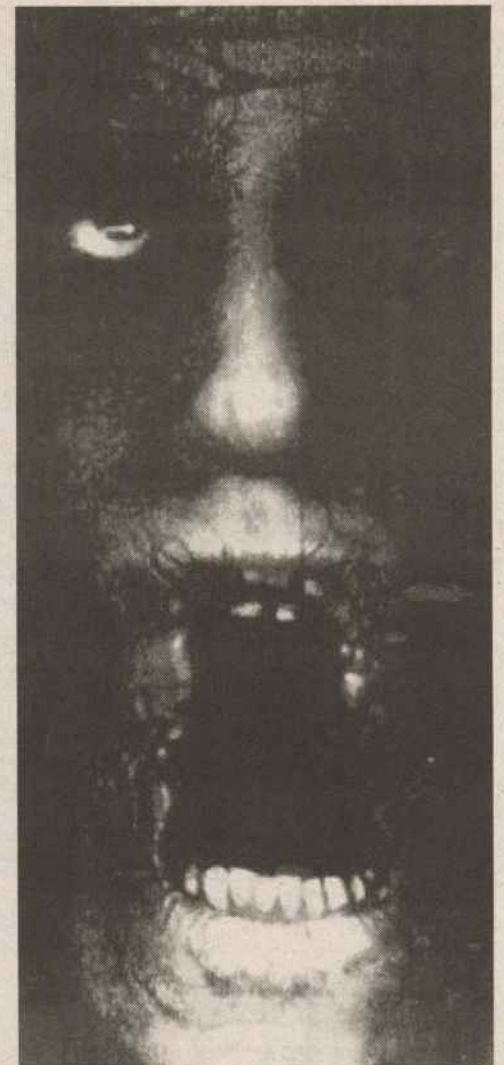


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DON'T FEDERALIZE HATE CRIMES

by Jim McFarland

Many people are applauding the Republican controlled U.S. Senate for its on a voice vote approval of an amendment adding the Hate Crimes Protection Act (HCPA) to an appropriations bill. The HCPA would, among other things, expand current Federal hate crime laws to include sexual orientation. While Lesbian/Gay Republicans are correct to laud the Senate's Republican leadership for putting aside its bigotry and allowing a voice vote on this provision, they should not celebrate the adoption of this bill.

I will only deal with the first argument against the HCPA in this column, leaving the second for the next. The fact is that Congress has no business getting into the crime business. Despite years of activist judicial rulings to the contrary, the Constitution simply does not give Congress the power to enact laws against crimes in general.

I decided to read the text of the U.S. Constitution again before writing this column. Many people do not understand that the authors of the Constitution drafted it so that it would grant the Federal government only specific powers, all of which are enumerated in the Constitution. To make it clear that the Federal government would have no powers beyond those enumerated, the Tenth Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights.

The Tenth Amendment states that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The founding fathers wanted to give the Federal government only those minimal powers it needed to maintain a cohesive nation made up of states. Having witnessed the disastrous effects of concentrating power in a national government, they wanted to prevent the Federal government from gaining too much power (i.e. the government of Great Britain).

The U.S. Constitution does not grant the federal government any right to make laws against crimes except for a specific right to provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and currency of the United States. The Tenth Amendment should make it clear that the Federal government thus has no right to adopt laws against crime generally.

Sadly, since the 1930s the U.S. Supreme

Court has generally acted as if the Tenth Amendment does not exist. It has focused on one of the enumerated powers, the power to "lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

The Court seized on the words "general welfare." Essentially, it has concluded that any law, which promotes the general welfare, is constitutional. Thus, the Court chose to read the Constitution as if it gave the Federal government the power to do anything it wants, which is clearly not what the founding fathers intended.

So instead of limiting the powers of the Federal government, the powers have significantly expanded in many areas, not the least of which is in the area of crime prevention. The Republicans are guiltier of this than the Democrats are. The Democrats only seem to care about crime when their political lives are at stake or the crime affects important constituencies such as minorities.

During the '80s and early '90s, crime has been a big issue with the public. Instead of leaving this political issue to their Republican colleagues in state legislatures, Republicans in Congress have chosen to pass law after law in areas they have no business meddling in. It does not seem to matter to them that every state already has laws on the books to deal with those crimes.

All of this is dangerous because it concentrates too much power within the Federal government. Anyone who is concerned about the ubiquitous power of the FBI (e.g. the fact that it until only in recent years monitored Gay groups and kept files on them) need only look to the efforts to Federalize crime as the culprit.

Those who are concerned about Federal efforts to censor the Internet would not have to worry if the courts would uphold the Constitution. Similarly, there would be no need to worry, if the fundamentalist Christian movement ever decided to seek a national anti-sodomy law in response to the more than half the states, which have repealed their sodomy laws.

The time is long past when Congress should stop falling over itself to look like it is concerned with crime. Congress has already put too much power in the Federal government with respect to crime fighting. It should leave the hate crimes issue where it belongs - in State Legislatures.

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Spotlight

Hugh Grant is Mickey Blue Eyes



Hugh Grant stars as Michael Felgate, an art dealer in love with the daughter of a Mafia boss, in romantic comedy, "MICKEY BLUE EYES", a Castle Rock Entertainment release distributed by Warner Bros. and Universal Pictures.

by Tim Nasson

NYC — On the day that Miramax co-founder Harvey Weinstein and former *New Yorker* magazine editor Tina Brown launched their much-ballyhooed *Talk* magazine, Hugh Grant was in town. He not only attended the star-studded party with his wife, former supermodel Elizabeth Hurley, but he also chatted about his latest film role.

Grant was last seen earlier this summer alongside Julia Roberts in the smash *Notting Hill*. Roberts' streak of successful films continued last month with the release of *Runaway Bride*. Grant seems to now be poised at becoming the second actor this year to have back to back \$100 million hits.

In *Mickey Blue Eyes*, Grant is able to showcase his endearing smile, foppish hair and bumbling personality to the hilt. A fish out of water is he, a Brit transplanted to New York City and, unbeknownst to him, the fiancé of the daughter of one of the biggest mob families in the Tri-State area.

"I've always admired mobsters," says Grant, in his wry manner of speaking. About to turn 39, he is seated in a suite at a hotel in Midtown Manhattan. "I think it's because they are so masculine as opposed to all of the tea-drinking Brits like me."

"It was a lot of fun playing opposite James Caan, the Jew from Queens who plays an Italian mobster, yet again. Here he is playing the tough role like he did in *The Godfather*. He does it so well, that is, playing the bad guy. But, he also has a great sense of comedic timing," adds Grant, one of the film's producers. (Hurley is the other.)

"I bumped into Caan at a restaurant in Beverly Hills and decided right then that he would be perfect for the role he eventually was cast in," adds Grant.

It hasn't always been as rosy for Grant. He has had a few lags in his career. "I am the



world's worst career planner," he says. "I went nearly four years without a film and now, here I have two in one year and a lot of other projects on my plate. It's kind of like the London buses," he says grinning. "You wait four hours and then 20 come all in a row. I guess I've modeled my career after the London buses."

Grant's big break that catapulted him to international fame came in 1987. It was his role in Merchant/Ivory's *Maurice*, based on E.M. Forster's account of a young man at the turn of the century coming to terms with his homosexuality. "I've been pretty fortunate," says Grant of his resume to date. "There haven't been too many mistakes."

One mistake that he would like to never think about again is his run in with the law during his romp in a car with prostitute Divine Brown. 'Forget about it.'

In *Mickey Blue Eyes*, Grant plays Michael Felgate, auctioneer at a posh Manhattan Sotheby-esque establishment. He is in love with Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and is intent on marrying her. The marriage proposal forces her to reveal that her dad is a mobster.

Soon Michael is caught between the FBI and rival mobsters in a money laundering scheme. The only way to 'get out' is to become a mobster himself, therefore *Mickey Blue Eyes*.

"I think we're sufficiently different and entertaining in entirely different ways," comments Grant on the comparisons to this year's other mob comedy hit, *Analyze This*.

As producer and an actor in *Mickey Blue Eyes*, Grant had to put up with a lot of red tape. "These old ladies who make up the utterly ridiculous ratings board of the MPAA insisted that I change the promotional trailer for the film. We have a painting in the film up for auction," Grant reveals. "It is titled *Lady with Enormous Bottom*. It's actually based on a real Flemish painting of someone's BARE buttocks. However, the ratings board said that to show a painting of someone's bare buttocks was obscene and wanted us to put her in a diaper. I was astonished. I thought the studio was joking."

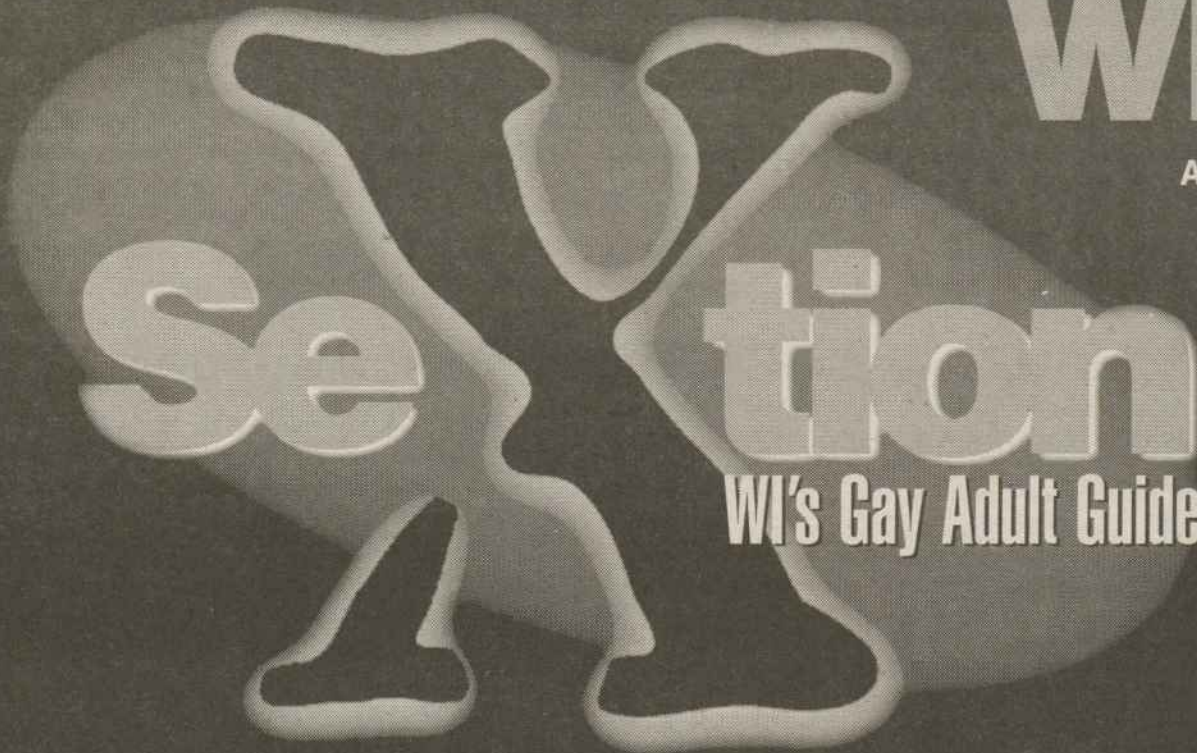
"So, I went to see the ladies at the MPAA and they were delightful. I flirted with them. They said, 'We know this is nonsense, but there are some people in America who would be upset.' We came to a compromise. The offending buttocks are now partially covered by a thong. But only in the trailer, not in the film."

Grant will next be seen in Woody Allen's yet untitled 1999 film. "I thought James Ivory was the most silent director," says Grant. "I made two films with him and I think we exchanged nine words. Woody Allen beat him though," he says laughing.

After that? "It's off to LA to begin working on *Her Majesty's Homie*. I play opposite a black rapper. I am sent to South Central at the behest of the Queen in order to bring back her homie."

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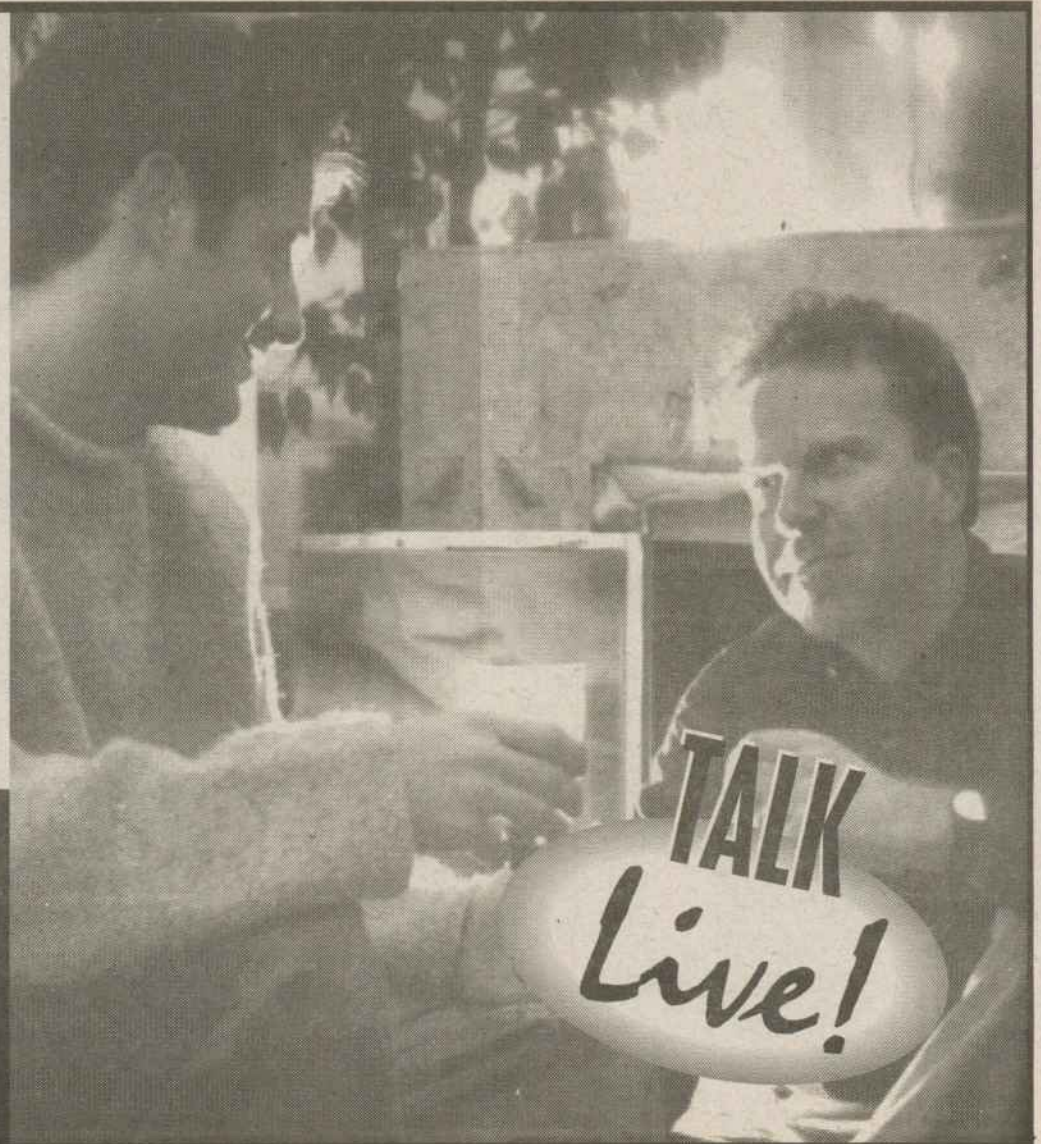
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West Hollywood Hope

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Studio 2000

This film revolves around an insurance investigator's look into West Hollywood Hope Hospital. The Hospital's Dr. Schwantz (Clay Maverick) works with the investigator in explaining why the hospital is submitting such large bills, particularly for rectal exams.

For example, Maverick explains that the people at West Hollywood Hope are really dedicated to their patients. As he explains the need for rectal exams, the scene shifts to an examining room where Dean Spencer is giving Joey Hart his third rectal exam of the year. A digital exam is followed by a probe with a dildo which is followed by a penile probing using the doctor's own instrument.

Schwantz then tells of the dedicated doctor

who cared for a young man who almost died in an auto crash. The scene shifts to the hospital room of Jeff White. Swathed in bloody head bandages, White regains consciousness. His only regret is that he almost died a virgin. The doctor offers a sponge bath which leads to an erection which leads to oral sex performed by the doctor who is determined that even if the young man has a relapse he will not die a virgin. The good doctor even hops up on the bed and sits on the patient's member.

In trying to explain the overtime bills, Schwantz says that interns often stay at the residence when they finish a long stretch on duty. We soon see interns, Mark Slade and Kristian Brooks, who share a room. Slade offers a back rub to Brooks who immediately falls asleep. Slade proceeds to go down on his sleeping buddy and then crawls on for a penile insertion. Brooks doesn't even awaken while having an orgasm.

The final scene is a "code pink" where four doctors examine one another's expertise in about every possible combination. The insurance man overhears the moans as he passes by. He peeks in at the action, and promptly faints.

After Schwantz revives him, the agent announces that he is calling off the hearing, because he is now convinced that the hospital is filled with dedicated people. However, he, feels a personal need for a doctor's "attention"

and is being trundled off to the Debbie Reynolds Ward as the film ends.

If I get sick, take me to West Hollywood Hope---please! *This film is available at Video Adventures.*

"One In a Billion"

Surge Films Reviewed by Andy James

This Al Parker pre-condom movie was made in 1984, but the hot action it contains makes it stand up (and then some) to today's offerings.

Dave Connors makes his debut and stars in this 84-minute feature. Well actually it's his huge cock and heavy balls that star. If you are a size queen, you have to see the size of this guy. I half expected it to put a bulge in the TV screen.

In the film, Connors acquires magical powers when a coin he tosses into a newspaper box lands on its rim and stays standing up. Hence the title. Connors' powers include the ability to read men's thoughts. Of course, all the men he comes across are thinking about sex, which leads to some interesting situations.

Connors gets it on with sexy Glenn Steers in a glass elevator. Can you say, "Get out the Windex?" Steers sports a very attractive hairy chest and a pretty left joystick himself. We get to see him put that massive meat between Dave's butt cheeks and gets the ride of his life.

This was one elevator trip that neither man wanted to see end.

The next scene is breakfast for two. Connors orders breakfast from his office. Lucky for him Giorgio Canali is his breakfast delivery boy. Canali quickly decides that he's hungry for that big sausage that's hanging between Connors' legs. Connors has other ideas. He puts Giorgio on his desk, spreads his legs and writes a memo that Canali and the viewer won't soon forget. This isn't one of those screw him like a jackhammer deals either. Connors uses long slow thrusts. Unlike much of porn today, Connors and Canali don't just have sex, they make love. That difference makes this scene sizzle.

Having worked so hard with his two encounters, Connors decides to take the rest of the day off. He borrows a company van and heads to the car wash. One of the car washers, Jason Hill is more than happy to wash the van and Connors' dick.

The grand finale is just that, a grand finale. Connors' is at home in the tub, while two repair men, Brad Davis and Mike Mc Donald work on his TV. Davis and Mc Donald prove to be very adept at making Connors' antenna stand at attention. He is just as good at working their poles. There's plenty of pre-cum, oral action and a three-way sandwich that boasts thick slabs of meat. All three of the actors were clearly interested in being with each other. They go well beyond just going through the motions.

If this film has a drawback it's in the production values. The lighting isn't always the greatest. At times, the film is slow moving, but when it gets going the sexual heat more than makes up for those drawbacks. It's not really *One in a Billion* but this feature is certainly worth at least a rental at the local video store.

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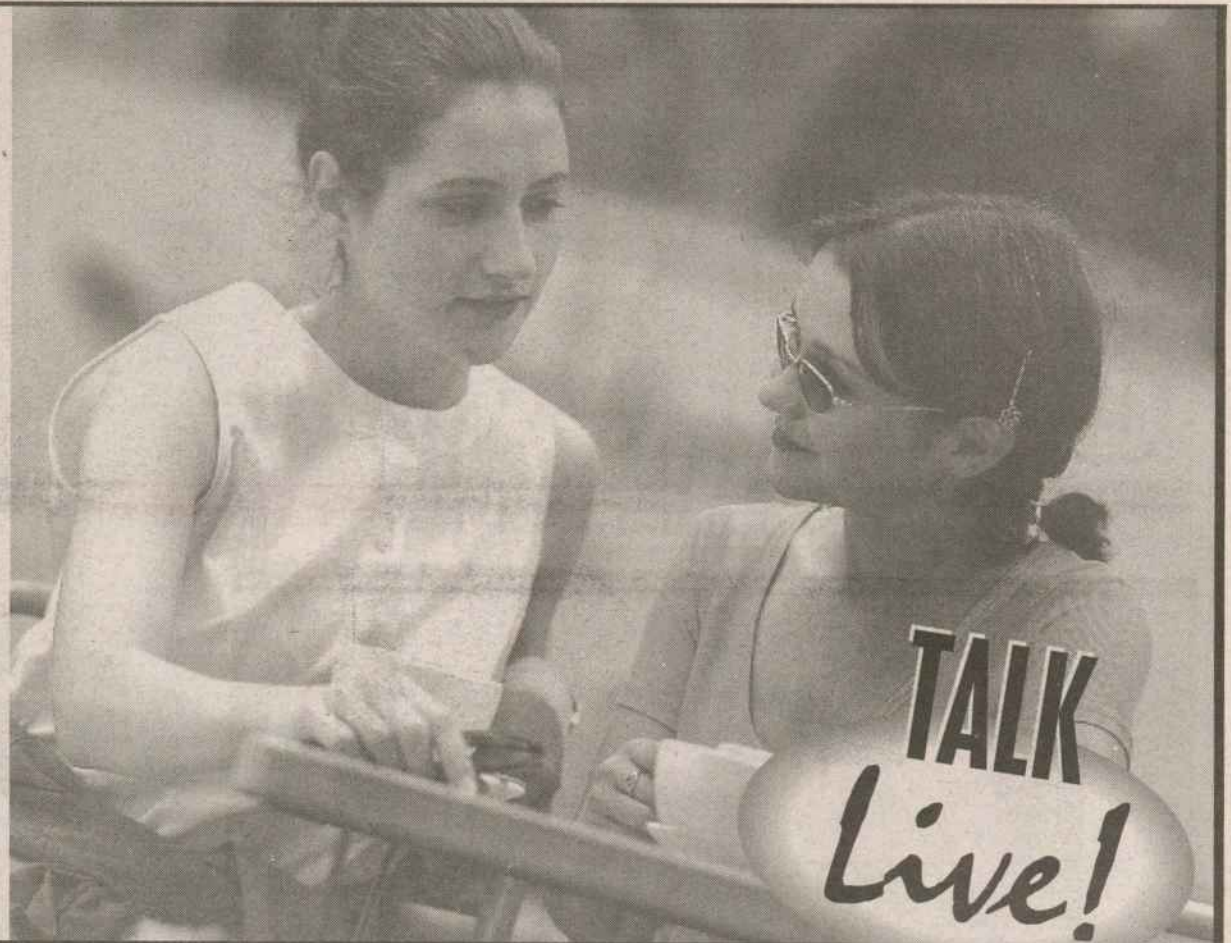
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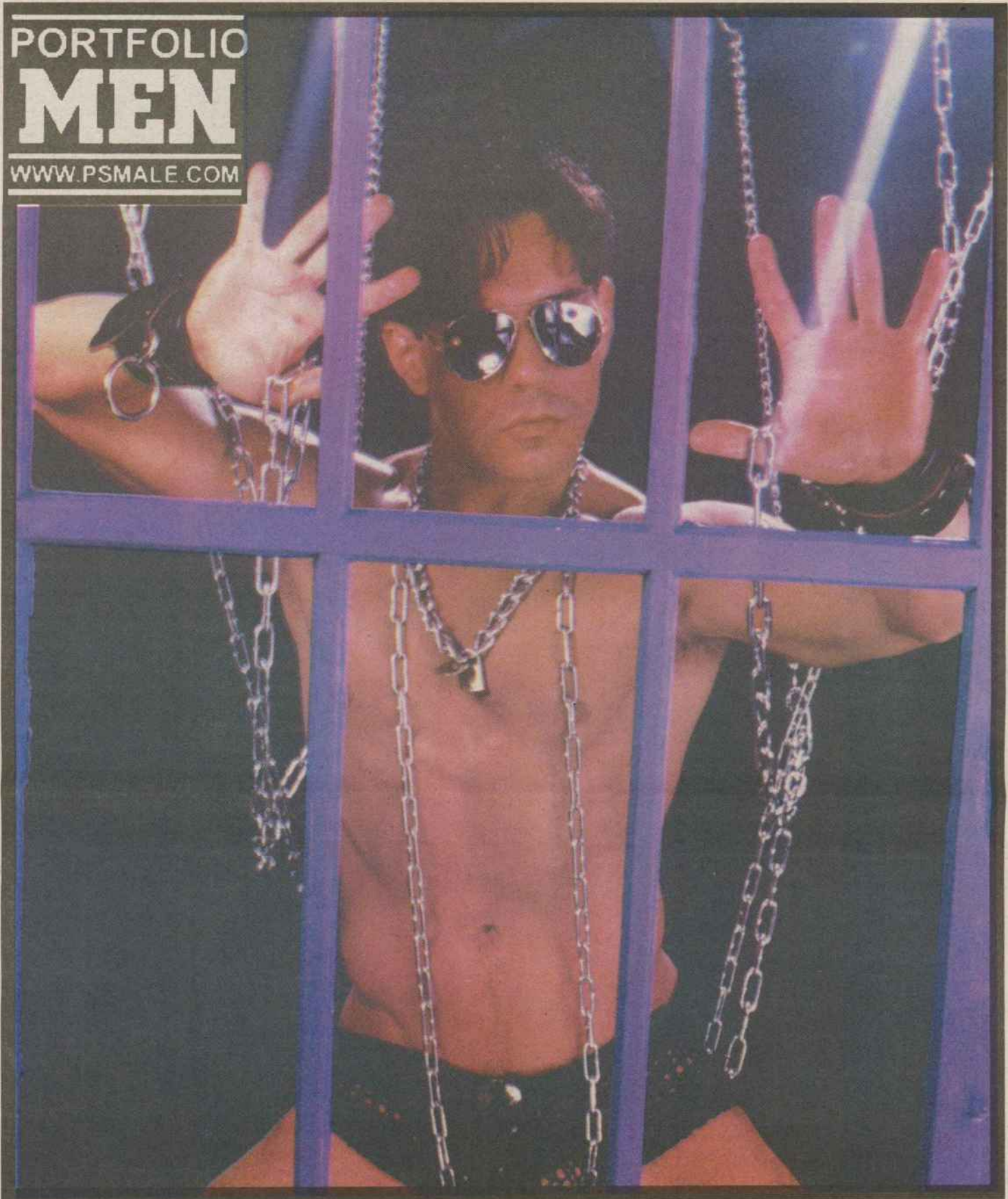
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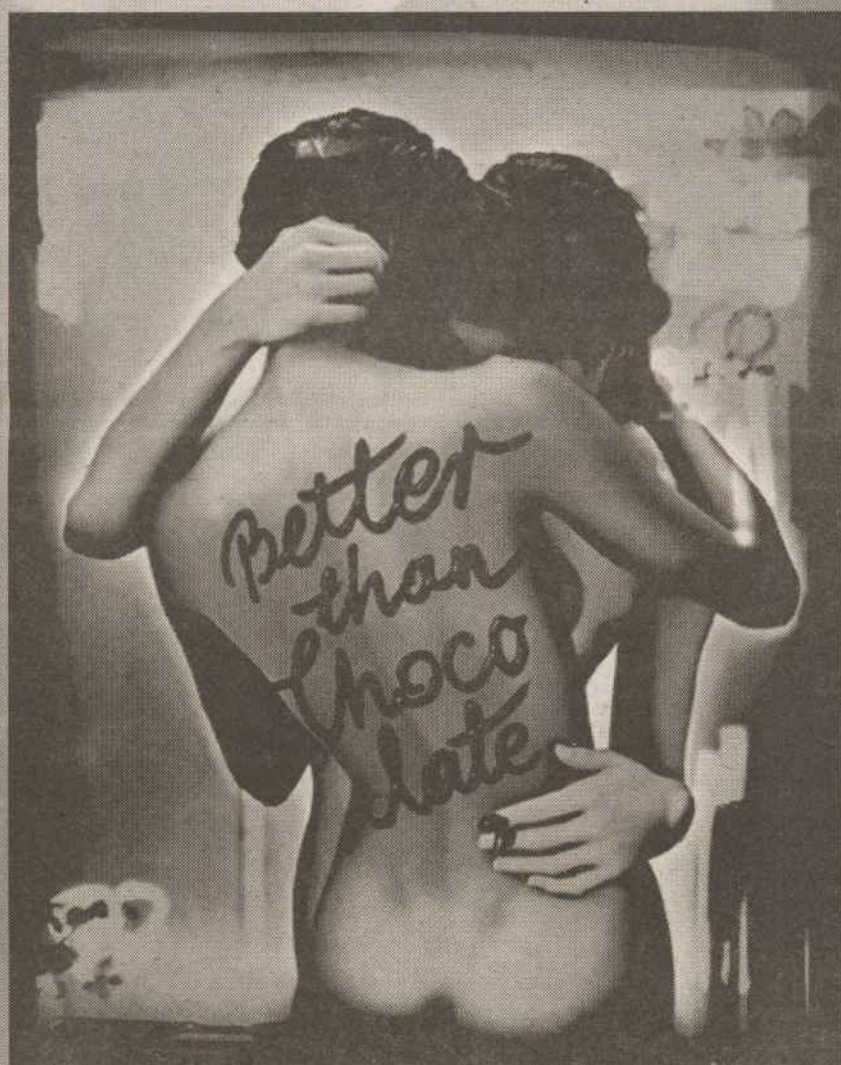


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DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

Passport to ScottLand

No stranger to cutting-edge entertainment, **Scott Thompson**, the openly Gay member of the former comedy group Kids in the Hall, has a new series that debuted this month... on the Internet. Thompson, who became a regular on HBO's *Larry Sanders* after the Kids dispersed, is co-writer of *ScottLand*. It's a web-based show that uses a combination of live action and puppetry.

Set in a dysfunctional kingdom, story lines deal with everything from political revolution to foot fetishes, with Thompson playing the lead characters (including his alter ego, Gay barfly Buddy Cole). The show, which resembles a cross between *H.R. Pufnstuf* and *Pee Wee's Playhouse*, promises "to piss your parents off."

Viewers can register as official citizens of *ScottLand* and vote in all town elections. Tours of *ScottLand* begin at, which is part of ComedyNet.

Surly

Ninety-something TV legend **Milton Berle** doesn't like to be mistaken for a homosexual. The vaudevillian, who never seemed to mind sporting dresses and heels as part of his shtick, is suing Century 21 to prove it. The Real Estate Company used an image of him in drag in an ad that ran in a Chicago resource guide for the queer community.

The \$6 million suit alleges violation of privacy and defamation. It also says the old pic of Uncle Miltie, doing a Carmen Miranda impression complete with make-up and fruity head-dress, was used without proper authorization.

A caption, "every queen deserves a castle," to which the hetero Berle took offense, accompanied the photo. (Berle is also the subject of an age-old Hollywood rumor that credits him with being more endowed than Tommy Lee. As of yet, Mr. Television hasn't filed any defamation suits regarding that allegation.)

Britney in Stereo

Twenty-four-year-old **Robert Stephens** beat out 30 female wannabes in a recent Britney Spears lookalike contest. He won backstage passes to the former Mouseketeer's Los Angeles show and the chance to meet the *Baby, One More Time* singer in the flesh.

Stephens's parochial school garb was so convincing, he fooled an E! Entertainment camera crew who gave him an interview into thinking he was the genuine teenage crooner. Then one of Britney's handlers from Jive Records got a whiff that a Britney imposter – a drag queen, no less – was in their midst. Stephens' backstage credentials were revoked and he was evicted before he got to meet his much-admired doppelganger.

Vacancy in L'Appartement

Gay filmmaker **Joel Schumacher** (whose work includes the last couple of *Batman* movies) is having a hard time casting his next picture, a remake of the French thriller *L'Appartement*. The cameras were set to roll with *Mummy* hunk Brendan Fraser and *Titanic* beauty Kate Winslet in the leads, when the actors upped their asking prices. Fraser, who got paid \$4 million for *The Mummy*, reportedly wanted a raise – to a mere \$10 million; Winslet would have settled for \$5 million.

Schumacher, whose budget for the entire project is \$30 million, is now looking for less pricey headliners. The filmmakers are now approaching hottie Freddie Prinze Jr. for the male lead. The *She's All That* hunk's asking price is a more reasonable \$2 million. The recent success of the ubercheap *Blair Witch Project*, with no-name stars, and the flaccid box office receipts generated by the Cruise-Kidman borefest *Eyes Wide Shut* has Hollywood rethinking star salaries.

Romeo San Vicente is too young to know who Milton Berle is. You can reach Romeo in care of **Wisconsin Light** or via e-mail to RomeoDeep@aol.com. For more *Deep Inside Hollywood*, visit www.pocornq.com or www.Gay.com.

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LifeStyle

Everyone Is Invited To Celebrating Love

Milwaukee - From start to finish, Wednesday, September 1 will be a historic day for LGBT Milwaukee.

At 8am, Milwaukee's new Domestic Partners Registry will open at the City's Licensing Division. The Registry is seen by many as a significant advance for the City's Gay and Lesbian community.

From 7pm to 10pm, a free elegant reception with music, food and drink, held in honor of Milwaukee area same sex couples, will take place in the City Hall rotunda.

The Host committee is inviting everyone in the LGBT community and its allies to attend the three-hour Gayla, which is called Celebrating Love. "This is a community celebration of our relationships," said a statement from the Committee.

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This is a community event in every sense of the word. The M & M Club will cater it. The John Schneider Orchestra will provide music. The staff of Designing Men is hard at work planning festive decorations. The Host Committee is composed of representatives from a variety of community groups.

The party will include the presentation of the participating couples to the community at around 8pm. Celebrating Love will be an evening that those in attendance will remember for many years to come.

The Festivities

What would a party be without some great food, drink and music? This party will have plenty of the above. The staff of the M & M Club is preparing a fabulous light buffet. City Hall rules do not allow for serving liquor, but plenty of Miller brewing products, soft drinks and wine will be on hand.

The John Schneider orchestra will do its part to keep everyone entertained. Known as the JSO to its legion of fans, Schneider's group is one of the most highly sought after bands in Milwaukee.

"I am happy, honored and proud to be playing for this special event," said John Schneider, who will be there with his partner of nine years, Jay Peschman. The orchestra will be playing a mix of jazz and swing.

The Guests

The special evening is by no means limited to same sex couples. The Host Committee says it hopes that even those who don't know one of the participating couples will attend. The organizers say Celebrating Love is "an opportunity for the Milwaukee's LGBT community to show OUR family values."

The guests of honor are, of course, our LGBT couples. "This event is an opportunity to honor all LGBT couples who have made personal vows to each other," said John Griffith of the Host committee and the Human Rights League. "It is important for couples to have a special event that cele-

brates their relationships."

Another Host Committee member, MCC-Milwaukee pastor Rev. Lou Broyles agrees. "I am calling on all of the couples I have joined together over the years to attend. This is an evening of celebration for all LGBT couples whether they are registering or not," said Rev. Broyles.

Some of the couples will be celebrating the registration of their relationships with the City. Others will be celebrating anniversaries. All of them will be celebrating their love for and commitment to each other.

Mavis Tallman and her partner Chris Brees will celebrate registering and their 30-year relationship. "We look forward to a wonderful evening and a great party," said Mavis. "This is great. It sends a message of hope to the younger kids that they can have a stable relationship too."

"It's going to be great. After 14 years of being together, we finally will have a party celebrating our love for each other," said former *Wisconsin Light* Editor Terry Boughner. Terry and his partner, former *Wisconsin Light* publisher Jerry Johnson, will register their relationship with the City in the morning and celebrate their love at City Hall in the evening.

Participating couples are encouraged to invite their families and friends to attend as well. "We hope that parents, siblings and friends will all be present to share in this special occasion to recognize the couples' efforts to build lifelong partnerships," said Elna Hickson of the Host Committee and P-FLAG Milwaukee.

Hickson adds, "If our kids are not present, their loved ones need to be there to support Milwaukee LGBT couples in honor of their own children who are in committed relationships elsewhere."

City Hall

Milwaukee's City Hall is the center of its City government. Built over 150 years ago, the structure has seen many historic events. Celebrating Love marks only the second time the City's LGBT community has held an official event at the downtown landmark.

The Wells Street entrance will open for admittance into the reception.

Celebrating Love is a free event. Its organizers say they hope it will help to attract a large crowd. They also say that crowd would send a powerful message about the family values shared by Milwaukee's LGBT community.

The special evening is being organized by a variety of community leaders including representatives of Domestic Partnership Task Force, the Human Rights League, MCC-Milwaukee, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Project Q, P-FLAG Milwaukee and *Wisconsin Light*.

Services and financial support are being provided by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the Cream City Foundation, Designing Men, the LGBT Community Center, the M & M Club, and *Wisconsin Light*. Erv Uecker and Ross Walker have provided a generous gift to underwrite the costs of the reception.

The Host committee is inviting everyone in the LGBT community and its allies to attend the three-hour Gayla. "This is a community celebration of our relationships," said a statement from the Committee.

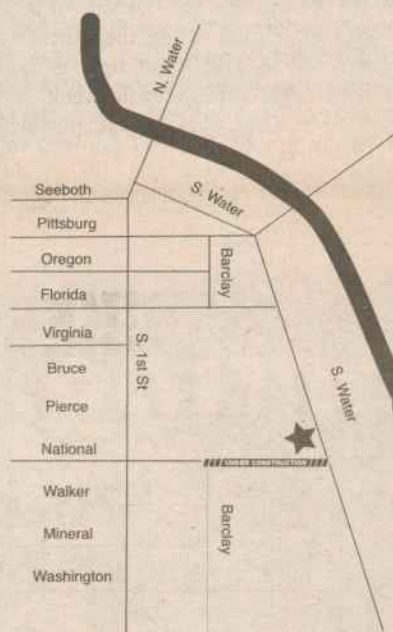
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Thursday	\$3 Weiss Beers (selection varies)	9p-Mid
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SOFTBALL

Balistreri's Comes within a Whisker of Championship

A 19-6 Balistreri's win over 219 set the stage for a momentous closing to the SSBL regular season last Saturday. With one game to go, 219 and Balistreri were tied for 1st. The key hope for each was the 219- Woody's game.

A Woody's win would have meant that Balistreri's would be the first new SSBL Champion in five years. A 219 victory would mean a successful defense of its league title. Balistreri's could do nothing but await the outcome, even though it defeated 219 in three out of the five times they played in head-to-head competition — a feat no one else had accomplished.

Midway into the first inning, the Woody's center fielder was felled by a sizzling drive that caught him in the knee. He had to be carried off the field. With no substitutes on the bench, Woody's had to forfeit the game. Woody's, which had the deepest bench all season, just couldn't turn out enough players that day.

Thus, SSBL's Season ended with 219 again being crowned the champion, with Balistreri in 2nd, Woody's in 3rd, the Ballgame in 4th, M&M in 5th, Switch in 6th and Riverwest in 7th.

Some Thoughts on the Season

At least 12 players earned starting line up spots this year for various teams because of their improvement over last year. The Ballgame had three, M&M four, Switch three, and Woody's another couple. With a full year of starting under their belts in the year 2000, these young players will be ready to do

some serious softball. Next year should see one of the best seasons ever in SSBL history.

Woody's early showed that they deserve some attention. They never disappointed their fans with poor play. What games they lost were games that on that day, they were just over-matched. M&M, the most changed team, started slow but picked up smartly as the season went on.

Switch, always internally broken, lost 5 players in the first week but struggled back to respectability as the season wore on. Riverwest won three times as many games than it ever had before. From a competition standpoint, this was one of the better SSBL seasons in this reporter's memory.

SSBL All Star Game, Saturday 1:30pm at Mitchell Park

Come out and see the best of the best play. Champion 219 will play the rest of the League's All Stars behind the domes as the SSBL completes its season with the All Star Game and Annual Picnic. Bring a blanket, sit on the hill and enjoy the sun. It should be a heck of a game.

Darts Starts

Milwaukee's Dart League is starting up again. If you have a team or want to join one of the established teams, call Steve at Woody's (414) 672-0806. Participating bars sponsor two teams. Each week one of those teams is on the road, while the other is a home team. The usual start time is 7pm. What better way to spend a mid-week, cool fall evening then enjoying a great sport with other great sports.

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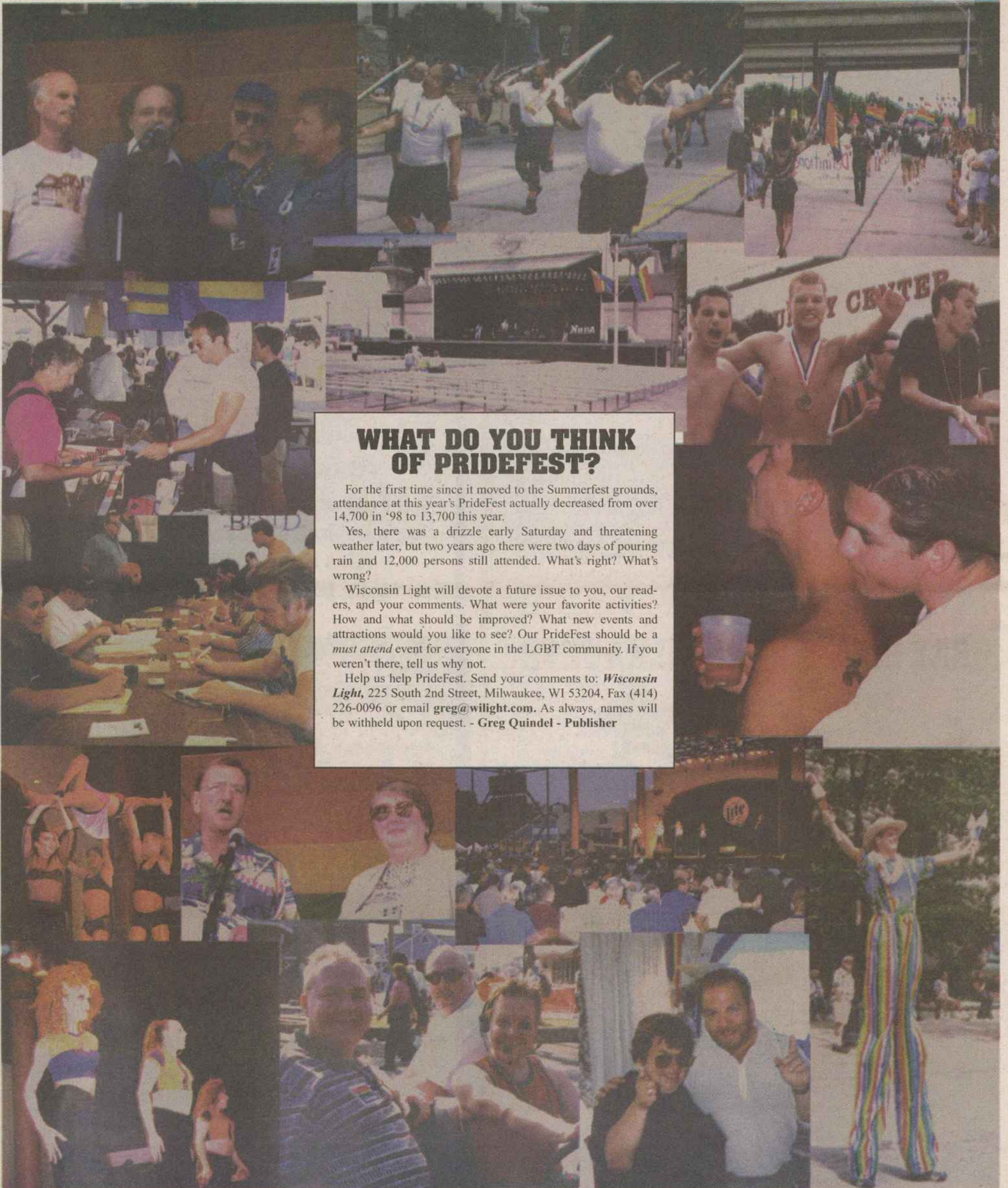
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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF PRIDEFEST?

For the first time since it moved to the Summerfest grounds, attendance at this year's PrideFest actually decreased from over 14,700 in '98 to 13,700 this year.

Yes, there was a drizzle early Saturday and threatening weather later, but two years ago there were two days of pouring rain and 12,000 persons still attended. What's right? What's wrong?

Wisconsin Light will devote a future issue to you, our readers, and your comments. What were your favorite activities? How and what should be improved? What new events and attractions would you like to see? Our PrideFest should be a *must attend* event for everyone in the LGBT community. If you weren't there, tell us why not.

Help us help PrideFest. Send your comments to: *Wisconsin Light*, 225 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204, Fax (414) 226-0096 or email greg@wilight.com. As always, names will be withheld upon request. - Greg Quindel - Publisher

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Gay World Series Draws 68 Men's Teams and Nearly as Many Women's Teams.

During the week of Aug. 10-14th, Kansas City hosted the Gay World Series. More than 100 men's and women's teams participated. In the A Division, the Straycats of LA took first with the Power of Atlanta in 2nd.

In the B Division, Dixie Bell's Sharps from Kansas City made the hometown proud by taking first, followed by YMLA Pounders in 2nd. In the C Division, Posse from San Francisco and SideTracks from Chicago took one and two respectively.

The next World Series is in Toronto. Then it travels to San Francisco for the 25th Anniversary - the place where it all started.

Yes, It's Packer Season Again!!

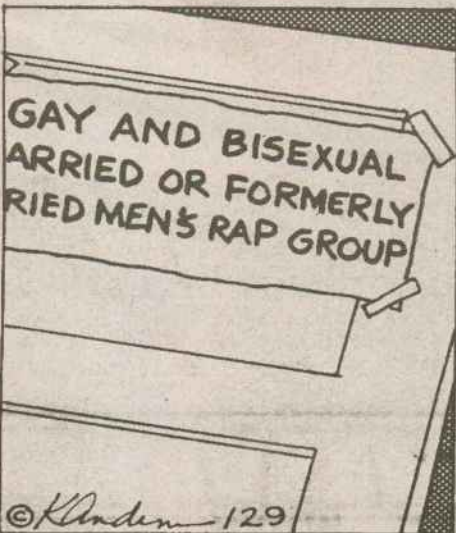
And, yes, I am a Packer fan. Always was and always will be. This year three bars are doing the Sunday Packer game bit. The Ballgame, which has a long, long tradition of Packer Sunday, will be gearing up for even more fun for fans during games, while Woody's will begin its second year of featuring the games. Added to the mix this year will be Switch, the new home of Kurt's (from In Between) Packer parties.

Up in Madison, the new Rainbow Room is hosting Packer Parties. Let's not forget the bars in Green Bay and other places around Wisconsin.

I hate the Packer schedule. I almost wish they would be a so-so team again, only for the better game day times. With 3pm Monday, 2pm Sunday and lots of 3:15pm games, I'm all messed up on my Sunday afternoons this year. At least I'll be on the West Coast for two of the games, and you know they have better starting times there.

See ya' on Packer Sundays, folks.

BIFF 'N BUNKY



by KEITH N ANDERSON

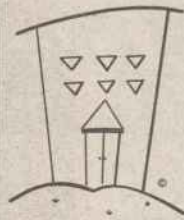


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Save the date for this exciting community-wide event. The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center invites you to the 1st Annual Family Reunion - a benefit to support youth activities, LGBT advocacy, access and information, and the community center library.

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NIGHTS OUT

News... It seems that a certain well known patron of some Milwaukee bars got himself in a bit of trouble. I will call this person "Mr. D" because that name has nothing to do with his real name and D doesn't stand for... well you know.

While he was at a local pub, Mr. D gave a couple of pictures to a local street entrepreneur. The problem is that the pictures were of males, who were more than a little on the young side. Trash like this is rightfully verboten (that's forbidden or illegal for the German impaired).

In short order, the local Gendarmes (that's Police for the French impaired) were frisking Mr. D's friend. The cops found the pictures on the young man and demanded to know how he came by them.

He told them, and they headed into the bar. No, I won't tell you what bar he was at since this is a very nice, well run establishment. The ownership and staff of this bar would not in any way, shape or form condone such conduct. They were just as angry about it as I am.

As per usual, once they were inside, the Police told

Dusty

AFTER DARK

the bartender, "Cooperate or we'll close you down." That's probably illegal, too, but they do it so often, it's doubtful anyone notices. The bartender had no knowledge of the goings on, but he did know the person they were looking for once they bothered to give him Mr. D's real name.

The bartender rightfully pointed out Mr. D. to a furious female Constable (that's Police again for the British impaired). She found Mr. D., who actually had more of the pictures with him. Mr. D. said the pictures were legal since he got them from a legal website.

The police officer said, "You have the right to remain silent," etc. and placed Mr. D. under arrest. The Police held him outside the establishment for about two hours before turning him over the Federales (that's the FBI for the Spanish impaired). He spent **PrideFest** weekend in the slammer.

Word is that Mr. D. was not charged, however, word is also that he is out on bail. You can't be out on bail unless someone has pressed some kind of charges - at least that's what our ever so knowledgeable and esteemed Editor told me.

There are more morals to this story than there are politicians saying that they really like us but don't like our "agenda" or "special rights."

Nick Gagliano Passes - A wonderful friend of many passed away on August 22nd. Nick Gagliano's big heart gave out when he suffered a heart attack. He will be missed by his partner James Riske, his friends, the family members of the 1100 Club, the Castaways-Argonauts, and so many others. Nick was a regular contributor to the ARCW food pantry.

There will be a memorial gathering at the 1100 Club at 2pm on Saturday, August 28.

The AIDS Walk Competition - Since I started writing this column three years ago, I have seen some empty seats at some of my favorite places. Those seats used to be occupied by people who have passed on due to HIV/AIDS. They can't party with us anymore. They can't walk with us on September 12. We, however, can walk for them.

As you may know, 11 Wisconsin bars are in this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin bar team competition. It's not too late to sign up. If your favorite bar has a team, please considering joining it. If it doesn't have a team, why not help to start one? Call 1-800-348-WALK.

Correction - Speaking of fighting AIDS, in my last column I mistakenly identified this year's Possum Queen Winner as the tallest Rick at the **Ball Game**. Actually, it's RON from the Ball Game. I did the rest of it right though. He is taller than Cocktail Hour Rick and Owner Rick. They are all fabulous. Still, you should stop by and congratulate Ron.

Speaking of corrections, if I don't get this column in pronto...

Going Out

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Rainbow Room (Madison), Under all new ownership. Cher Tickets and CD giveaways. Everytime you purchase a drink, you will be eligible for drawings for Cher tickets or CD's, from 8pm-2am. 121 W. Main St.
Switch (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing and counseling from 9pm-midnight.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Kloset (Beloit), 1 year Anniversary Weekend Celebration! Drag show at 10pm, DJ to follow show; drink specials 6-10pm Double Bubble, \$2 vodka & lemonade.

Rainbow Room (Madison), AMERICAN PAGEANT SEND-OFF SHOW, 10pm, with lots of special guests.

Za's (Green Bay), Deserea Triumph Benefit Show.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Clubhouse Filling Station (Kenosha), Wisconsin United, Leather Fetish. During the afternoon. FML email: Bootboy2U@aol.com.

Fannies (Milwaukee), Sugar Shack Reunion Party, old friends, old music, old prices, 8pm-on.

Kloset (Beloit), 1 year Anniversary Weekend Celebration! 6-10pm Free Beer, Free shooters all night; speed queen drinks \$2.75; DJ from 10pm-close; Balloon Drop at 1am, \$1,000 in prizes. Raffles all night long, free anonymous HIV testing.

Napalese (Green Bay), Disco Nights.

The Main Club (Superior), Levi/leather night, last Saturday of the month.

Woody's (Milwaukee), SSBL All Star Games at Mitchell Park (behind the Domes), game time 1pm. SSBL 1st Place Team vs. the SSBL All Stars. Come cheer on the players. A picnic will be going on to celebrate the final game of the '99 season. Free Beer, soda, and Food. Following the games, Woody's hosts the SSBL Awards ceremony and presentation of the team trophies, beginning at 4pm, \$5 beer bust.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Fluid (Milwaukee), Fund-raiser for AIDS Walk Wisconsin, beer bust and raffle, 5-9pm. Sign up with bartender to walk with Fluid's Team 2000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Boot Camp (Milwaukee), 15th anniversary celebration.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Dish (Milwaukee), **BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE** party, to celebrate the opening of the Lesbian romantic comedy film. Free give-aways: t-shirts, CD's, tickets to the film. Drink specials.

LaCage (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 9pm-1am.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Brew City Bears (Milwaukee), LeBear Day Weekend. See Events Calendar for details of weekend long activities.

Za's (Green Bay), Dan E Dance's benefit show.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), Post-picnic Party at Bev's Jook Joint (Superior) following the picnic, 6pm-2am.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), AIDS Walk Fund-raiser, 10pm-close. Drawings every half hour, with some pretty cool prizes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Club 5 (Madison), Live Band: The Swimming Fish 5-8:30pm. Free giveaways, free buffets, drink specials all night. Beer Bust 3-8pm.

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), Drag & More: Annual AIDS Fund-raiser at the Main Club, 9pm, (Superior), other Pride Events call Kat at (218) 728-5825. Web: www.angelfire.com/wi/mainclub/mainclub2.html.

GLBT Pride Weekend (Duluth/Superior), After the Cruise Drinks, 5:30 at Bev's Jook Joint (Superior). Pride Events call Kat at (218) 728-5825. Web: www.angelfire.com/wi/mainclub/mainclub2.html.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee), The Oberons welcome the Brew City Bears and Guests to the Milwaukee Eagle for a beer bust, snacks, dancing and underwear night, 8pm-?

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee), 4th annual Labor Day Cookout, 1-9pm, food served at 5pm.



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APPLETON (920)			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
BELOIT (608)			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
EAU CLAIRE (715)			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
GREEN BAY (920)			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54304	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway, 54303	432-9646
Sass	WM, S	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54301	435-5476
RESTAURANTS			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
LA CROSSE (608)			
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279
MADISON (608)			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Millenium	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
RESTAURANTS			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
MILWAUKEE (414)			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed & Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, S	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, S	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 6-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<i>(Open 4pm-Close, 7 days a week)</i>			
RESTAURANTS			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
RACINE/KENOSHA (414)			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
SHEBOYGAN (920)			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
SUPERIOR (715)			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW, L/L	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

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Events CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Afterwords Books (Milwaukee), Lesbian Reading Group discussion of Lesbian erotica, featuring BEST LESBIAN EROTICA 1999., 7pm, 2710 N. Murray, 963-9089.

Gallery H20 (Milwaukee), *THE POTATO PEOPLE*: paintings and writings of Judith Ann Moriarty. 221 N. Water St., (414) 271-8032.

Lakeshore Gallery (Shorewood), Exhibit of new American Realism of Leon Belsky, on display through September. 4401 N. Oakland Ave., (414) 964-2540.

River Rhythms (Milwaukee), Free concert at the Pere Marquette Park River Landing, 3rd & State Streets, 6-8pm. Picnic or purchase food and beverages. Big Nick & the Cydecos.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Jazz in the Park (Milwaukee), Weekly free concert in Cathedral Square Park (Kilbourn and Jackson), 6:30-9pm. Bring your own food, or purchase from surrounding restaurants and unique park vendors. This week features Jerry Grillo and East Town Jazz Orchestra.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), Presentation of Clive Barker's *FRANKENSTEIN IN LOVE*, at a special location: The Brumder Mansion, 3046 W. Wisconsin. For tickets and more information, call (414) 873-1962. Play runs through this weekend and Sept. 2-4.

SAGE (Milwaukee), Especially for women, but men welcome: *BAR GIRLS* a romantic comedy about two women in love. LGBT Community Center, Small Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 170 S. 2nd St.

Wind Up Dolls Theatre (Milwaukee), *UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS* by Wendy Wasserstein. Tonight and tomorrow night, 8pm. Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Tickets \$12, reservations: (414) 224-0625.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Frontiers (Madison), Biking Around Lake Monona, 10am, call Bob (608) 244-3351. Meet at Orton Park near gazebo.

Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee), 1st annual FAMILY REUNION, 5-11pm. 5-9pm, Portraits taken; 6-9pm, Hors d'oeuvres, light supper and dessert; 6-10pm, Indoor and Outdoor entertainment featuring Mrs. Fun, Cream City Chorus, Dear Ruthie and tours of the center. Admission levels range from \$35 to \$55 to \$100. See ad for details, or call the Center for more info: (414) 271-2656.

SSBL All Star Game (Milwaukee), At Mitchell Park (behind the Domes), game time 1pm. SSBL 1st Place Team vs. the SSBL All Stars. Come cheer on the players. A picnic will be going on to celebrate the final game of the '99 season. Free Beer, soda, and Food. Following the games, Woody's hosts the SSBL Awards ceremony and presentation of the team trophies, beginning at 4pm, \$5 beer bust.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Monday Night Irregulars Bowling League (Milwaukee), 1999-2000 Fall Season informational meeting, 7pm, Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell. Single and substitute bowlers needed. Season starts Sept. 13. FMI (414) 463-9849 (Doug).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Milw. Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) (Milwaukee), Exhibit: *DESIGNS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY*, Industrial design excellence awards 1997-1999. Brooks Stevens Gallery of Industrial Design, through March 25. 273 E. Erie St. (414) 276-7889.

Wisconsin Chamber Choir (Madison), Auditions for 1999-2000 membership. Gary McKercher, music director. 7pm, Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Ave. Other audition times by appointment: (608) 249-8524.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Celebrating Love (Milwaukee), A Free Reception for LGBT couples, family and friends, and LGBT community members at Milwaukee's City Hall Rotunda. 7-10pm, a light buffet, entertainment by the John Schneider Orchestra. Celebrate OUR Family Values and Milwaukee's new Domestic Partners Registry. To participate call WI Light at (414) 226-0075 or Domestic Partnership Task Force at (414) 225-1621.

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., FMI call (608) 255-9131, dances in a smoke free environment

with a cash bar, \$3 donation. Tonight: Birthday party for Richard and benefit for OutReach. 7pm: Beginning line dance lessons, 8pm: beginning line dance lessons, 9pm: open dancing.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Brew City Bears (Milwaukee), 4th Annual LeBear Day Weekend through Sept. 6. Beer, Bears and Brats Tour and Microbrewery Boat Tour along the Milwaukee River. Beer BBQ, 3rd Ward Tour and special nightlife parties. FMI call (414) 299-0401 or visit: www.brewcitybears.org. **GLBT Pride Weekend** (Duluth/Superior), ART SHOW & POETRY READING, Jitter's Coffee Shop, 6-8pm (Duluth). **BONFIRE** at Wisconsin Point (Superior) dusk to dawn, hotdog and marshmallow roast (BYOB), sponsored by Aurora. For more info call Kat (218) 728-5825; web page: www.angelfire.com/wi/mainclub/mainclub2.html.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee), *LET IT POUR* Teapots Large and Small special exhibition of 20 national artists working in various media. Opening night Tea Party from 3-5pm with refreshments provided by Debonshire Victorian Tea Shoppe. Exhibition continues through Oct. 23 241 N. Broadway, (414) 289-0855. Also opening tonight, an exhibition of recent works by Wisconsin oil painters James Hempel, Robert Heuel and William Weidner.

Madison Rep (Madison), DL Coburn's Pulitzer Prize winning drama *THE GIN GAME*. Using a card game as a metaphor for life, this pits a prim, self righteous lady and a fiery, world weary man against each other in a funny battle of wits that ends with self discovery. Through Sept. 26 at the Isthmus Playhouse at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. Tickets from \$20-25, at the Box Office or call (608) 266-9055. Opening Night Reception at Deb and Lola's, 227 State St. following the performance.

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