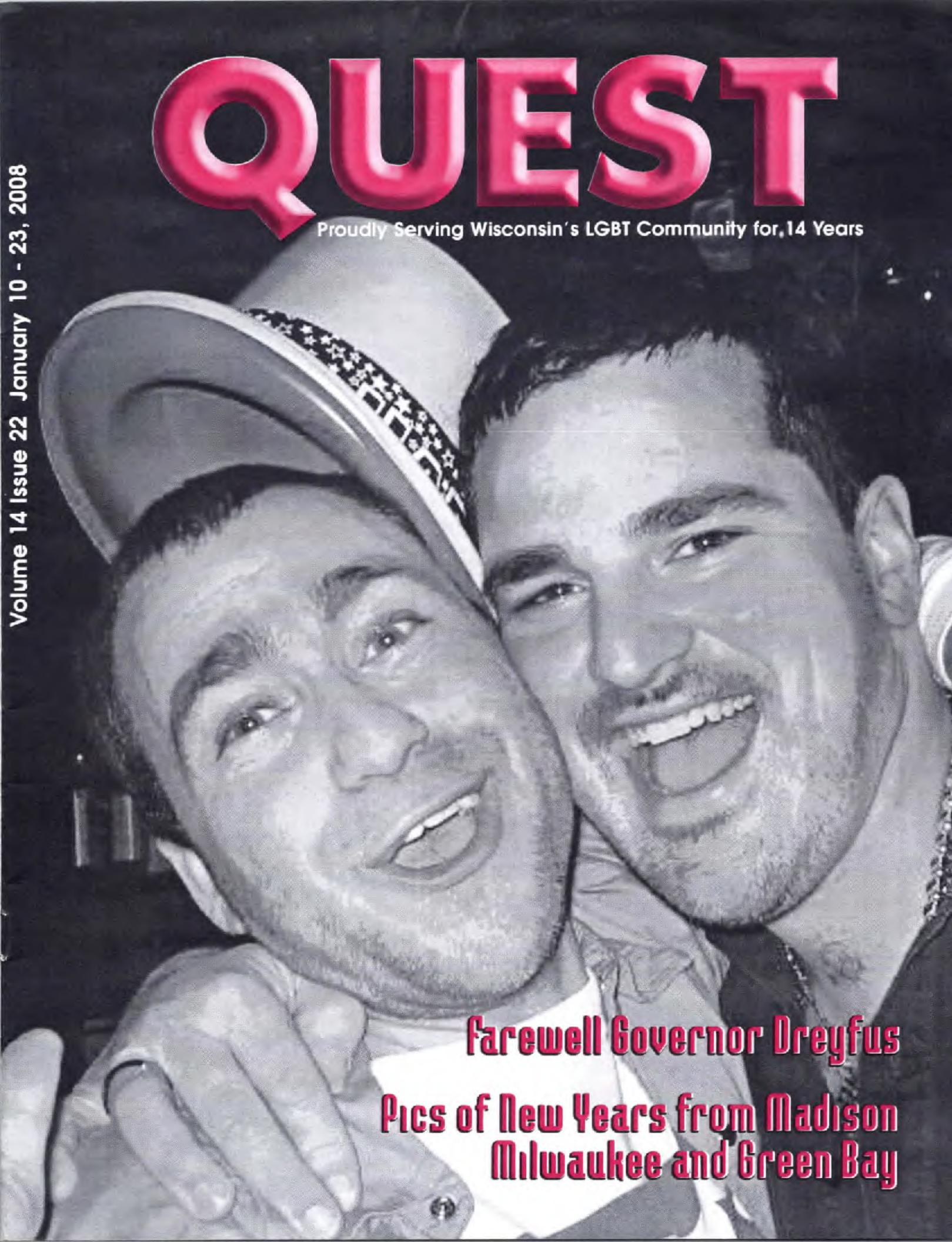


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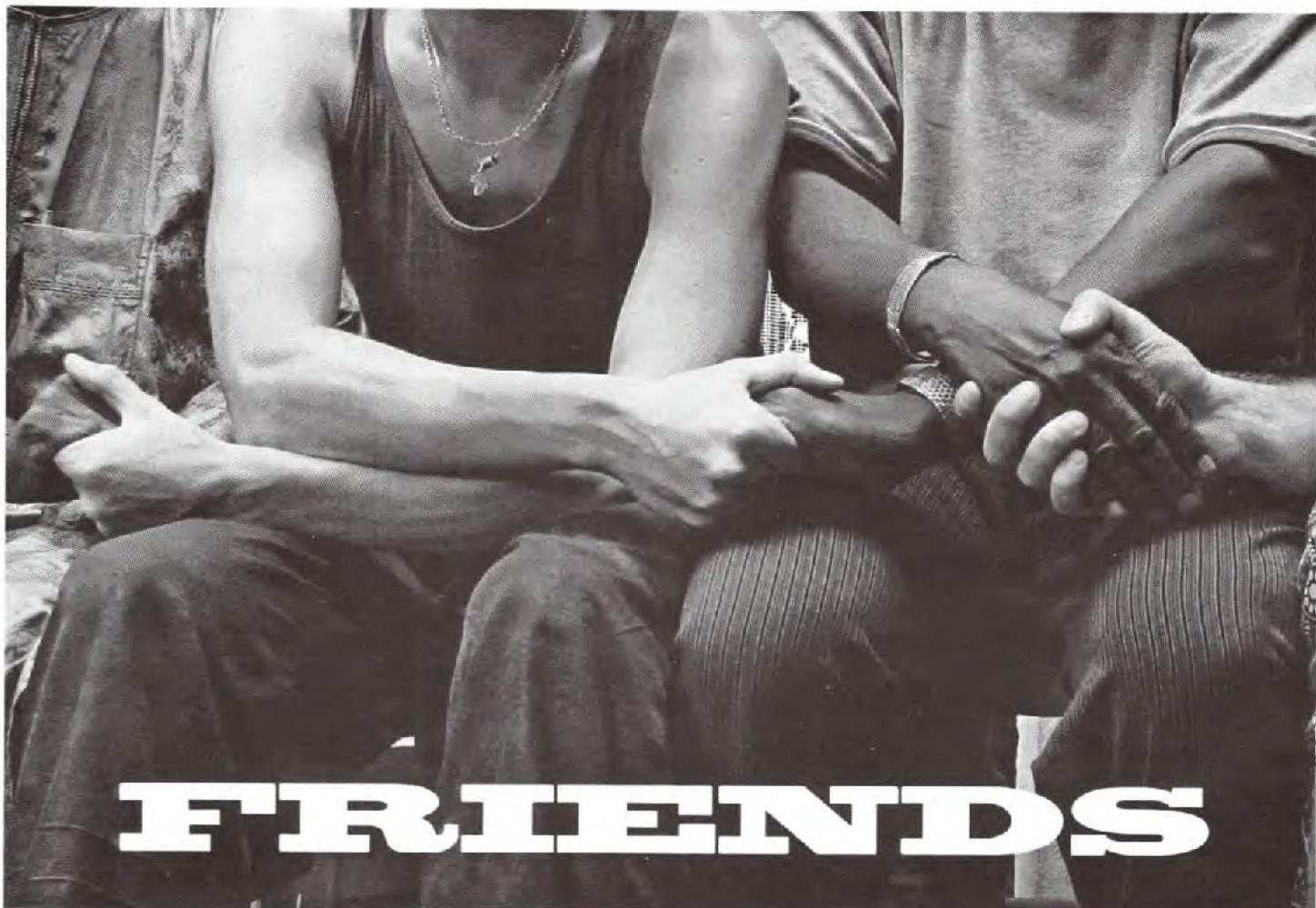
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GAY HERO LEE S. DREYFUS PASSES INTO WISCONSIN HISTORY

Former Republican Governor Signed Nation's First-Ever Gay Equal Rights Law

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Waukesha - Former Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus, known for signing the nation's first statewide gay rights law, has died. He was 81. A fiscally conservative Republican who was a social moderate, Dreyfus died January 2 at his Waukesha home while watching television, son Lee S. Dreyfus Jr. said. He had suffered from heart and breathing problems, according to a family spokesman.

In addition to signing the 1982 bill that added sexual orientation to age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, and religion as protected classes against discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, Dreyfus worked actively with Fair Wisconsin in 2006 to defeat the constitutional ban on gay marriage and civil unions.

He was honored last year by Madison's OutReach for his efforts supporting the gay community.

Prior to his election as governor, Dreyfus also served as a member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Board of Regents and Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Dreyfus was known for wearing a trademark red vest as university chancellor. He continued the tradition during his unconventional, populist campaign for governor, and traveled the state in a painted bus called the Red Vest Whistle Stop Special.

In televised debates prior to the election, Dreyfus, a skilled orator, overcame the problem of name recognition, as well as doubts about his experience and competency for the position. He scored a decisive primary victory over Bob Kasten, the endorsed Republican candidate.



Former Governor Lee Dreyfus (R) with former Outreach Executive Director John Quinlan and Assembly Representative Terese Berceau (D-Madison) at the 2003 OutReach Awards dinner at which Dreyfus was honored with its first-ever Political Courage Award.

He then beat incumbent Governor Martin J. Schreiber in the general election, 54-44%.

After his election the red vest remained. Dreyfus maintained a closet full of red vests and the closet was sometimes included in tours of the Governor's Mansion.

When the Democrat-controlled legislature passed AB-72 in 1982, they were unsure if Dreyfus would sign it. He didn't hesitate to do so, according to former campaign adviser Bob Williams. Equal rights for all "was his belief," Williams said.

After he signed the bill Dreyfus said: "It is a fundamental tenet of the Republican Party that government ought not intrude in the private lives of individuals where no state purpose is served - and there is nothing more private or intimate than who you live with and who you love."

Current Governor Jim Doyle had high praise for Dreyfus: "Lee Dreyfus was one of a kind – one of Wisconsin's unique personalities. He was both a wonderful governor and education leader. He led us, educated us, entertained us, all at the same time. He showed us that politics do not have to be harsh or overly partisan."

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett called Dreyfus passing the loss of "a true political original," adding that "Dreyfus was a progressive thinker who brought groundbreaking equal rights legislation and effective populist governing to the people of Wisconsin."

A private funeral service for Dreyfus was held January 7 in Waukesha. A public visitation followed by a prayer vigil was held at the Dreyfus State Office Building in Waukesha a day earlier.

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NEW YEAR BRINGS GAY CIVIL UNIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE OREGON PARTNERSHIPS HALTED BY COURT RULING

Concord, Portland - The New Year brought more mixed messages for gay couples on both U. S. coasts: Dozens of New Hampshire gay and lesbian couples rang in 2008 by entering into civil unions in the early moments of New Year's Day, while in Oregon activists planned candlelight vigils to mark a federal judges ruling delaying the implementation of Oregon's new Domestic Partnership Law.

In Concord, 37 couples braved below-freezing temperatures to participate in an outdoor ceremony on the plaza of the New Hampshire Statehouse, where the law was adopted and signed in 2007.

"We've been together 20 years - we've been waiting for this moment for 20 years," Julie Bernier and Joan Andresen told the Associated Press. "Finally the state will recognize us as we are!"

According to Bernier and Andresen, they never had a commitment ceremony or other symbolic recognition of their relationship previously. "I didn't believe in doing it until it meant something," Bernier said.

After making brief group vows together, couples walked through an archway decorated with rainbow ribbons and a "just married" banner to meet officiants for individual ceremonies. As they walked through, fireworks from the city's New Year's celebration lit up the sky.

No protesters showed up for midnight ceremony. However Maine resident Michael Hein

attempted to pass out anti-gay tracts from a group claiming to be the Christian Civic League of Maine. That state may join

New Hampshire's civil unions law was enacted by the Democrat-dominated Legislature early last year and signed by Democratic Governor John Lynch in May. The law gives same sex couples the same rights, responsibilities and obligations of marriage without calling the union a marriage. New Hampshire is the fourth state in the nation to allow civil unions, after Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey. Granite state officials estimate that as many as 3,500 to 4,000 civil unions will be performed this year.

New Hampshire follows Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey in allowing civil unions. Massachusetts is the only state that allows marriage. The state estimates that as many as 3,500 to 4,000 civil unions will be performed this first year.

In Oregon, the state's LGBT civil rights group Basic Rights Oregon canceled its January 2 celebration at Portland's Gerding Theatre to instead hold a candlelight vigil to draw attention to the delay and the impact that it will have on some Oregon families. Vigils were also held in Bend, Ashland, Eugene and Corvallis.

Basic Rights Oregon's Executive Director Jeana Frazzini called the judge's ruling "nothing short of an outrage." "The suit is an eleventh hour effort to keep caring, committed Oregon

couples from critical and necessary rights, and it is shameful," she said.

In his late December decision blocking Oregon's domestic partnership law from taking effect, U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman didn't rule on the merits of the law, which would allow gays and lesbians to enjoy most of the legal benefits of marriage. Rather, Mosman said he wanted to scrutinize the way elections officials rejected signatures for a referendum that would have required a statewide vote on civil unions next November.

The surprise move raised questions about the appropriateness of a federal judge interfering in a state initiative system. "I'm not saying that the elections officials are perfect, but I don't see any reason to believe that federal judges are better able to run elections than state officials," Daniel Hays Lowenstein, a professor at UCLA Law School told *The Oregonian*. Lowenstein added that federal judges should get involved only if state officials are breaking federal law or discriminating.

Mosman set a hearing for February 1 to determine whether opponents of civil unions gathered enough valid signatures to place the law on the ballot. Elections officials had ruled opponents were short 96 signatures of the 55,179 required to qualify the referendum.

CALIFORNIA SUPREMES AFFIRMS DOMESTIC PARTNER PROPERTY TAX PROTECTIONS

San Francisco - In a major victory for same-sex couples, the California Supreme Court on January 3 denied a petition by county assessors seeking review of a California Court of Appeal decision affirming the validity of basic property tax protections for domestic partners. The Court's decision means that the validity of these protections is now secure. No further appeals are possible.

"We're thrilled the Supreme Court has recognized what the trial court and the appellate court have each already found to be true -- that the Board of Equalization has the authority to grant gay and lesbian couples the same protections in a time of grief as everyone else," Lambda Legal Senior Staff Attorney Brian Chase said. "No one should lose their home after the death of a partner."

Last October the California Court of Appeal had unanimously affirmed the validity of a Board of Equalization rule that protects domestic partners from increased property taxes when one of the partners dies and the other inherits the couple's home. California law has long provided this protection for surviving heterosexual spouses.

The case began in March 2005 when Sutter and Orange Counties challenged the rule in state court. Represented by NCLR, Lambda Legal, and the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, Equality California and three same-sex couples intervened in the litigation to defend the rule.

"We are very pleased with the Court's ruling, reaffirming that a surviving domestic partner should not lose the family home because he or she must pay taxes that a surviving married spouse does

not," Equality California Executive Director Geoff Kors said. "The fact that this lawsuit moved forward in the first place further illustrates the need to grant same-sex couples the ability to marry in California. Then we would not have to waste time and tax-payer money to defend these kinds of very sensible and vital protections."

NEPAL COURT: "PROTECT THE GAYS!"

Nepal - In a landmark verdict aimed at legitimizing same sex behavior, Nepal's top court ruled December 21 that the government must create new laws to protect gay rights and change current ones that might be tantamount to discrimination, an official said. The Supreme Court issued the order in this conservative Himalayan kingdom after hearing a petition filed by four gay activist groups seeking greater rights, court spokesman Til Prasad Shrestha told the Associated Press.

According to Shrestha, it is up to the government to determine how the ruling should be implemented. It was not immediately clear whether the ruling overturns current laws banning homosexuality or whether the government would be compelled to recognize same-sex marriages. Sexual acts between same sex partners are punishable in Hindu-majority Nepal by up to two years in prison.

URUGUAY OKS GAY CIVIL UNIONS

Montevideo - Uruguay has become the first country in Roman Catholic-dominated Latin America to approve civil unions for gay and unmarried straight couples. President Tabare Vazquez signed the bill into law approved by the Uruguayan Congress December 19 right after Christmas. The bill, which took effect January 1, requires couples to prove

they have been together for five years when the register their union. In return, couples will receive cohabitation rights, covering areas such as inheritance, pensions and child custody. They will also have a means to formally end their union.

FEDERAL DP BENEFIT BILL INTRODUCED

Washington, D.C. - Domestic partners of federal employees would be eligible for a number of benefits under a bill introduced by Gordon Smith (R-Washington) and Joe Lieberman (D-Connecticut) December 19. The Domestic Partner Benefits and Obligations Act for 2007 has 19 additional Senate co-sponsors and would permit access to federal health benefits, the Family and Medical Leave program, long-term care, insurance, and retirement benefits. In return, gay and lesbian couples would also assume the same obligations that apply to married employees and their spouses, such as anti-nepotism rules and financial disclosure requirements. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that offering benefits to same-sex domestic partners of federal employees would increase the cost of those programs by less than a half of 1%, similar to the experience in the private sector.

JOHN EDWARDS ON GAY ISSUES - REPEAL DOMA, "DON'T ASK DON'T TELL"

Washington, D.C. - Presidential candidate John Edwards has announced that if elected president, he would try to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), signed in 1996 by President Clinton, and do away with the ban on gay men and lesbian women serving openly in the U.S. military. Edwards made his comments following a cam-

paign event December 18 in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

"I think we should get rid of DOMA; I think DOMA was a mistake from the beginning, and discriminatory, and so I will do everything in my power as president to do that," Edwards said in a brief meeting with reporters. "I think it's discriminatory against gay and lesbian couples, that's what's discriminatory about it."

Most Democratic candidates campaigning in New Hampshire have applauded its civil union law, that granted gay unions most of the legal rights of married couples beginning in 2008. When Mr. Edwards told several hundred people that "the key is to have the federal government recognize civil unions between same-sex couples," he received hearty applause.

Edwards followed up by condemning the military ban on openly gay personnel. "I would end 'don't ask, don't tell,'" he said to additional cheers.

FORMER KC MAYOR TARGETED FOR PRIDE COVER

By Michael K. Lavers, Press Pass Q

A Kansas City politician who appeared on the cover of local LGBT newspaper *Camp* continues to face criticism from social conservatives more than a year after it first hit newsstands.

Former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes, who is now campaigning to unseat four-time incumbent Congressman Sam Graves in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District, dressed as June Cleaver on the cover of *Camp*'s 2006 Gay Pride issue. The photo also showed her serving a slice of rainbow cake under the headline, "Serving the Community with Pride."

Photographers Dusti Cunningham and stylist

Andrew Chambers shot the cover. They conceived the idea alongside *Camp* publishers John Long and Jim Gabel.

"We wanted the cover to get great attention from both the LGBT community and the Kansas City community," Long said. "Our thought was who we might choose [as] a model or image that would get that kind of visibility – and Kay Barnes came to mind."

Local LGBT activists have long-applauded Barnes' record during her two terms in office. She created the city's domestic partner registry, served as an honorary chair of the Kansas City AIDS Walk, and supported the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of Greater Kansas City. The National Lesbian and Gay Task Force's annual Creating Change conference took place in the city in November 2006.

Not surprisingly, some have tried to use the *Camp* cover and her other pro-LGBT overtures against her. A possible Graves supporter handed out leaflets that showed the image of Mayor Kay Barnes on the cover during a Northwest Missouri State University homecoming rally last October. Graves denied any involvement, but local conservative talk radio hosts and others remain highly critical of her decision to appear on *Camp*'s cover.

Long pointed out many people swarmed Barnes at that year's Gay Pride to applaud her and seek autographed copies of the cover. BlueGirlRed, a blog featuring suburban Kansas City straight women, also praised the former mayor.

Long conceded that the cover surprised many in Kansas City. He added, however, he continues to receive positive feedback more than a year after it first made a splash. "People are not going to forget it," Long concluded.

Offbeat: STUDY FINDS EXTREME "RIGHT HANDEDNESS" IN GAY MEN

Ontario - A recent study of men in Ontario, Canada provides a new twist on the connection between sexual/relational orientation and right or left-handedness. Whereas earlier studies showed that gay men and lesbians were 39% more likely than heterosexuals to be left-handed, the new data "provides evidence that gay or bisexual men also have an elevated incidence of extreme right-handedness."

To complicate matters, another factor is involved - the often-reported finding that having older brothers may be a predictor for men being gay. In the new study, results indicate that the number of "older brothers moderates the relationship between handedness and sexual orientation." That is, the extreme right-handedness finding is only seen in men with no or few older brothers.

"These new research findings add further weight to the idea that biological factors play a significant role in the development of sexual orientation," Robert-Jay Green said. Green is the Executive Director of the Rockway Institute, a national center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender research and public policy at Alliant International University.

The study was conducted by Anthony F. Bogaert of Brock University. Bogaert asked about the sexual attractions and behavior of 538 gay or bisexual men and 373 heterosexual men. The men were questioned about their right or left hand usage for ten physical activities. They also were asked if they had biological brothers. Most of the men were right-handed. However, the gay and bisexual men had a higher likelihood of both left-handedness and extreme right-handedness when compared to the heterosexual men.

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WOMAN CONVICTED, LATER JAILED FOR DRAG QUEEN ABUSE

Wigan, UK - An English woman who subjected her drag queen neighbor to a tirade of abuse was jailed December 18, just a week and a half after being told to stay away from him for life. June Jones, 56, was jailed after breaking the conditions of a restraining order - put in place after she was found guilty of harassing her female illusionist neighbor - only hours after it was made. Jones, who lives alone in this western English hamlet with her five pets repeatedly attacked her gay next door neighbor with a stream of homophobic abuse and insults.



Clubland impersonator Martin Prescott and his partner claimed to police that the barrage of swearing related to their sexuality had grown so bad that the stress it was causing was starting to damage their health. Jones admitted her harassment of 40-year-old Prescott between the spring and late summer.

In one incident Jones stood outside Mr Prescott's flat yelling insults such as "puff" and "pervert" to the distress of mourners at a nearby funeral reception. On another occasion she jumped in front of Mr Prescott's car and forced Prescott to listen to a harangue about his gay lifestyle.

Jones was issued a lifelong restraining order, £100 fine and ordered to pay Prescott's court costs by Wigan magistrates. The presiding magistrate told her: "Mr Prescott has a perfect right to live his life without harassment from you."

DRAG QUEEN TO GET NEW MURDER TRIAL

West Palm Beach

- Onetime female impersonator Eulis Campbell is entitled to a new trial thanks to an appeals court ruling December 19 that the trial judge erred in not sequestering the jury that convicted him of first-degree murder.

Campbell was convicted in Nov. '06 of the stabbing death of Farook Baksh, a married truck driver and landlord whom he met at a gay bar. He went with Baksh to an apartment in the Westgate community near West Palm Beach.

Campbell - who once made a living impersonating Marilyn Monroe, Liza Minnelli and Madonna while using the stage name Madeline Monroe - allegedly stabbed and slashed Baksh 56 times, including in the back, according to trial testimony. He contended that he acted in self-defense after Baksh brandished a knife during sex play. After killing Baksh, Campbell set fire to Baksh's apartment.

Circuit Judge Richard Wernet had denied the defense motion and sent the jury home because sequestering them would have occurred over a four-day holiday weekend. The judge said there was nothing to support the need for sequestration and that he doubted the sheriff's office would be able to transport jurors to a hotel on such short notice.

The state sought the death penalty against Campbell. After later finding him guilty, the jury recommended he be sentenced to life in prison, which Wernet gave him.

For more than 50 years, courts have ruled that juries must be sequestered in capital cases in which they don't



reach a verdict the same day they begin deliberations. A 1984 Florida appellate decision said the only exceptions are for "exceptional circumstances of emergency, accident or other special necessity."

CHEMISTRY.COM AD CAMPAIGN OUTS EHARMONY'S ANTIGAY BIAS

New York - The online dating service Chemistry.com has unleashed a new campaign that seeks to depict its older and larger competitor, eHarmony.com, as out of touch with mainstream American values. The ads, which began appearing in late December, attack eHarmony for refusing to match people of the same gender and for the evangelical Christian beliefs of its founder, Dr. Neil Clark Warren.

It is not the first time that Chemistry.com has hit on this theme. In April 2007, the service ran a set of ads called "Rejected by eHarmony" featuring people who were turned away from eHarmony for being gay, not happy enough or simply unmatchable by its system. Chemistry.com spent \$20 million on that campaign, and the company plans to increase the budget for this new effort.

Although Chemistry.com has 3.7 million registered users, in contrast to eHarmony's 17 million, the "Rejected by eHarmony" campaign may be working. Since it was introduced, Chemistry.com has experienced an 80% growth rate, according to Mandy Ginsburg, general manager of Chemistry.com. She said that enrollments by gays and lesbians have risen 200% since the "Rejected" campaign started, and that 10% of Chemistry.com's members are seeking a same-sex match.

The ads "demonstrate that eHarmony is out of sync with what is happening in America," Ginsburg noted. The company plans to expand the campaign to include television and more print ads this month.

FINAL WISHES BILL CLOSE TO PASSAGE

Madison - Wisconsin soon will join 20 other states and offer legally enforceable form that will allow a person to state their final wishes and name a personal representative to handle their execution. AB305 also known as the Final Rights Bill, is expected to come up for a vote in the State Senate by the end of January, according to Jay Wadd of Senate co-sponsor Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay).

The bill was introduced in the Assembly last May by Samantha Kerkman (R-Burlington) and Gary Sherman (D-Hayward) and passed that body 96-0 on October 24. The Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation held a hearing on the bill December 5 and recommended passage on December 7. Once it comes up for a vote, the bill is expected to easily pass in the Senate. Governor Doyle's office has indicated he would sign the measure.

The law directs the Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Family Services to develop a document similar to the current health care power of attorney and living will documents. Individuals will be able to list their preferences for final disposition of their remains and name any individual with whom they have a personal relationship as the personal representative to carry out their wishes as feasible.

The bill will help correct a problem inadvertently created with the earlier passage of legislation regulating cremations in Wisconsin that required family members to sign off of cremations. Last May the Assembly committee heard testimony that 20% of deaths involve conflicts in which family members cannot agree on whether to cremate or to have a traditional burial. To avoid potential

liability, funeral homes will always perform a burial.

Personal stories also impacted the committee members. They were told about an elderly woman who pre-planned her funeral and set up a burial trust with her local funeral home. She called her funeral director several times a year over 16 years to make sure the casket she picked out was still available and she had enough money in the trust to pay for it. When she died, her estranged brother ordered the funeral home to cremate her body and return all the leftover money in the trust to him, despite his sister's expressly stated wishes. The funeral director testified that he felt like he had let his client down, but under current law, he had no choice but to follow the directions of the woman's brother because he had legal control over her body as her closest next of kin.

MILWAUKEE GAY SOCCER LEAGUE FILLING UP FAST

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee LGBT Soccer League has announced spots for the upcoming league hosted at Uihlein Indoor Soccer Park are filling up rapidly. Those interested in forming teams only have a few more weeks to get registration forms in before the Early Bird registration rate for the league of \$750 for 15 players ends on January 18.

According to lead organizer Kurt Dyer, the league is open to people of all skill levels and will be an opportunity for LGBT people to have an enjoyable time playing soccer in a harassment-free, supportive environment. "I am very excited by the amount of people that have already expressed an interest in

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playing in the league," Dyer said. "There are a lot of people that have never played the sport signing up and they are very excited because they want the health benefits and social opportunities of the league. If you aren't sure if you are right for the league now is the time to put those worries behind because this league will be great for everyone."

The initial schedule will be limited to eight teams.

SURVEY: 80% OF BULGARIANS DO NOT ACCEPT GAYS

Sofia - About 80% of the Bulgarians have negative attitude towards gay people, according to the results of a new discrimination study. The research conducted by Skala agency in September shows that only 17% can freely communicate with gay people, while 53% declared they have extremely negative

The league will play on Friday nights starting February 29.

More information about a Welcome Reception in February and practices for anyone interested will be announced shortly.

Dyer also noted interest from individuals who are looking to play but don't know enough people to form a team on their own. Those individ-

uals are encouraged to email the league at: info@milwaukeegaysoccer.org to be connected with other small group of interested players.

Dyer also is seeking businesses and community leaders to sponsor this league. If interested, contact him at: 414-405-5878. For additional information, visit the league website at: www.milwaukeegaysoccer.org.

attitude towards homosexual men and women.

Almost half of the inquired would not work with gay people while 70% of the people would not let their child go to a school where a gay teacher works. The study also shows that the prejudices of Bulgarians are focused mainly on gay men. Lesbians enjoyed the highest degree of tolerance.

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CHRISTIAN GAY DOCUMENTARY ON OSCAR SHORT LIST

Eden Prairie, MN - "Oscar buzz" is a phrase Phil and Randi Reitan never thought they'd have any kind of personal response to. But after the past months of incredible public response to the documentary they appeared in with their son, Jake Reitan, the recent news wasn't all that hard to believe. "For the Bible Tells Me So" - a film by Daniel G. Karslake of New York about Christian families who have children who are gay - has been short-listed for the documentary category of the 2008 Academy Awards, to be held February 24.

That means of 70 or so documentaries, Karslake's film is one of 15 chosen to be whittled down into a handful of selections that will be voted on by the Academy. The official nominees will be announced January 22. "That's very exciting," Randi told the *Mankato Free Press*. "That would be great. It's so much more publicity."

Jake, who grew up in Mankato, came out to his family in high school and his parents struggled to come to terms with giving up the dreams they'd always had for his future. Jake became their teacher, and as a family, they have become gay rights activists, traveling the world to practice civil disobedience to help spread the message of tolerance, which is how Karslake learned of them. The film will be released on DVD in February and is available for pre-order at forthetellmeso.org.

OPENLY-GAY MORMON WINS "SURVIVOR CHINA":

File this one under the "couldn't make this up if I tried": 22 year-old openly gay Mormon flight attendant and longtime "Survivor" fan Todd Herzog of suburban Pleasant Grove has won the latest edition of the reality series.

Herzog is described by CBS as an "openly gay Mormon" (actually, he's the second contestant to be so labeled on "Survivor"). In July, he left for China to film the show for two months. He came back 28 pounds lighter and with a stomach and liver full of parasites (he's doing better now). But his sexual orientation was never even mentioned. Instead, Herzog concentrated on playing the game with more strategy than the other contestants. The show labeled him "The Schemer" for his ability to make alliances with some players and backstab others.

WHITE LIGHT CINEMA OFFERS "STAN BRAKHAGE: RARE MASTERPIECES"

Chicago - Announcing the formation and premiere screening of a new, occasional, peripatetic film series: White Light Cinema. White Light Cinema is designed to compliment the programming of other local film venues and organizations by presenting, alone and in collaboration, rare, obscure, overlooked, and resolutely non-commercial films and videos that have either not been

screened in Chicago or have not shown in years.

While focusing heavily on great works by avant-garde film masters, the series aims to include both retrospective and contemporary films and videos that range across a wide spectrum of alternative cinema. White Light Cinema will present works demonstrating significant aesthetic merit, originality of vision, radical and commanding investigations of form, and challenging provocations to mainstream film and media conventions.

The inaugural program, screening Sunday, January 27, is a selection of rarely seen 1970's masterpieces by the legendary experimental filmmaker Stan Brakhage (1933-2003). One of the great masters of cinema, Stan Brakhage completed more than 400 films in his fifty plus year career. Beginning in the early 1950's and continuing to his deathbed, Brakhage's work is a profound exploration of the nature of film, the qualities of light and color, and the subtle and poetic possibilities of rhythm and editing.

A 63-minute program of six short films will screen Sunday, January 27 at 7 PM at Cinema Borealis, 1550 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 4th Floor. Films will include: *The Weir-Falcon Saga* (1970), *The Peaceable Kingdom* (1971), *The Process* (1972), *The Wold-Shadow* (1972), *The Shores of Phos: A Fable* (1972), and *Skein* (1974). Admission: \$7-10 on a sliding scale. For more information call White Light Cinema at: 773-381-3102.

White Light Cinema was founded and is programmed by Patrick Friel. Friel is currently the freelance Festival Director and Programmer for The Onion City Experimental Film and Video Festival (run by Chicago Filmmakers) and was the Program Director at Chicago Filmmakers from 1996-2007.

Christmas season featured quite a few of goodies to stuff your stockings with. If you didn't get what you wanted, here are a few to pick from:

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by Glenn Bishop

Hairspray 2007 vs Hairspray 1986

Glenn really should have reviewed **"Hairspray,"** the star-studded adaptation of the monster Broadway hit musical when first released last summer. As someone who spends most of his nights in the dark watching DVDs, surely Glenn would have had the odd free night.

Ah, no matter, as it is now out on DVD!

In terms of queer pedigree, **"Hairspray"** (2007) is nearly unsurpassed. The original **"Hairspray,"** dating back to 1988, brought both outrageous director John Waters and the even more outrageous drag diva Divine into the mainstream spotlight as well as making a star of the then full figured Ricki Lake. Unlike early Waters classics, **"Pink Flamingos"** and **"Desperate Living,"** **"Hairspray"** was a surprisingly genial story of a chubby Baltimore teen (Lake) who dreams of becoming a regular on **"The Corny Collins Show,"** a delightfully cheesy local knockoff of **"American Bandstand."**

At this particular juncture in his career, Waters was just beginning the long, arduous and yet ultimately financially rewarding journey into the mainstream. *"Hairspray,"* starring the fabulous Divine, offered unsuspecting middle-America audiences a marvelous peek into his wonderfully subversive vision of the world, particularly that of his childhood home of Baltimore.

Jump nearly 20 years and John Waters has long surrendered the mantle of America's most endearingly subversive underground filmmaker in favor of the more commercially lucrative role of armchair pop culture commentator. Clearly, those who can, do, while those, who no longer can be bothered are available for guest appearances at the right price.

And that pretty much sums up the new, decidedly bland "Hairspray."

Let Glenn be – well, certainly not the first at this late date – but at least amongst the throngs of critics who found the John Travolta led **"Hairspray"** pleasingly plump entertainment. Director Adam Shankman has brought Waters' quirky Day-Glo world of 1962 Baltimore completely and utterly into the fold, suitable for multiplexes across the length and breath of our increasingly conservative nation. Sadly, sans the incredible musical soundtrack of the original film which boasted such 1960s classics as Toussaint McCall's "Nothing Takes the Place of You," "Town Without Pity" by Gene Pitney and the Ray Bryant Trio's divine "The Madison Time." In their place are pleasant but unmemorable songs by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman.

To seal the deal, Shankman scored big with a slew of casting coups, amongst them John Travolta in the role Divine originally made her own. Divine, not to mention that other gay icon, Harvey Fierstein if the Broadway cast recording is anything to judge by, played Edna simply as a man playing the overweight slattern housewife. Glenn is so often clueless but here guesses that this was the joke of it.

Travolta turns Edna Turnblad into a great powdered mound of early 1960s femininity. Perhaps overly burdened by a fat suit that makes him look like the "Ghostbusters" Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man in drag, Travolta's Edna is the quintessential 60's housewife. That is, of course, if June Cleaver ate Roseanne plus a couple of Baltimore suburbs for desert.

Nikki Blonsky, in her debut, is drop-dead adorable as Tracy, shining especially brightly in the film's opening song. In fact, all of the youngsters in the cast are drop-dead adorable and sing fabulous well to boot. With his slicked-back hair, radiant smile and peaches and cream complexion, Zac Efron cements his crown as current teen heartthrob as Tracy's hunk-a-hunk of burning love, Link Larkin. Even more impressive are James Marsden as Corny Collins and dazzling newcomer Elijah Kelly as Seaweed. Only Brittany Snow's rather tepid Amber and Michelle Pfeiffer's shrill, ghastly Velma von Tussle disappoint.

Buy it, rent it or forget it

Much like the equally classic **"Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert,"** the original **"Hairspray"** is a firm Glenn favorite and always a welcome choice to cheer Glenn on the occasional "Blue Monday." Filled with terrific period songs, great dance routines and wonderful lines (Edna: "Wilber, it's the times, they're a-changing, something's blowin' in the wind."), **"Hairspray,"** (1988) cannot help but bring a smile to this weary reviewer. As did, admittedly, this new version. Nikki Blonsky is just so gosh darn adorable. In fact, everyone in the cast, crew and marketing department evidently worked overtime to make **"Hairspray"** (2007) a feel-good cinematic diversion. If possible, buy both but if only one's in the budget, run – don't walk – to get John Water's wonderful, essential original.

Just the facts...

"Hairspray" (2007) runs 117 minutes and is available in both single and 2-disc versions, both widescreen and full screen plus in Blu-ray at various prices. The **Two-Disc Shake & Shimmy Edition** is chuck-full of extra goodies including audio commentary, behind-the scenes footage and deleted scenes.

"Hairspray" (1988) runs 92 minutes and is available on DVD with a SRP of \$14.95

Jerry Stiller, who played Wilber Turnblad in the original film, returns in the new version to play Mr. Pinky. Look for Ricki Lake, Pia Zadora, John Waters, John Waters regular Mink Stole, and director Adam Shankman in assorted cameos.



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Religious Persecution

Dear Uncle Barbie,

I saw you doing another public appearance at a coffee shop this past weekend, and I was just wondering something. How do you handle all the social harassment for being both gay and Pagan? I have been slowly coming out of the closet for several years now, and I am still not totally out publicly. I have also recently discovered my spiritual path with Wicca. However, I have been hassled by my Christian friends for becoming a Pagan. I can only imagine how much more rejection I would run into if I came out of the broom closet to my family and coworkers. Is this what all witches goes through when they reveal their religious preference? And I thought that coming out as a lesbian was difficult!!! *Signed, Mooncat*

Hello Mooncat,

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need to counteract it spiritually with positive energy. The Giver of life (by any name) asks that we love one another and to lead by example.

When I first came home to the Craft 12 years ago and had my first degree initiation into a coven, I despised the Christian religion that I was raised with because it had persecuted Pagans for so many years (and some Christians continue to do so). Interestingly, as I matured in my spiritual growth, I discovered that I did not need to verbally attack my previous religion in order to establish myself as being separate from it. Everyone has his or her own spiritual path in life, and all of us are at a different spiritual stage of development. That is why there are so many different religions in the world instead of just one. Every religion serves some purpose in helping others grow in their spiritual evolution.

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So, Mooncat, the next time one of your Christian friends start to get on your case about

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Hello Zo Zo... (whatever),

Yes, Jesus was a son of God, and so are you, and so am I. We are all sons and daughters of the God/Goddess. Take pride in that. Your prayer to find your wallet was answered because your Creator (by any name) loves you. As far as the Pentecostals go, everyone is on their own path. There are so many different religions (and not just one true religion) because people are at different levels in their spiritual stages of development with different needs. You follow your path, and let the Pentecostals follow theirs. One final note--as you are pondering on which deities to trust, just remember who will stick by you in the end. Jesus may damn you to Hell, but Uncle Barbie will **ALWAYS** love you.

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How many details of the footwear are of significance to the Leather fetishist and or Leatherman? Modern interpretation of the "Scene", has brought about many changes. Some footwear items are embraced by and some by few. Probably the least so is the sneaker. Even all leather ones. To many Leather people the style is just not there. Be that as it may, there are many who do like the sneaker, it's shape, look, feel, and close fitting form. And it is often enjoyed for showing the athletic white socks. For some the shoe style is only relative as to how the sox are covered and or partially shown. The material of the shoe will affect the socks in different ways and a true foot fetishist will know and appreciate those differences. Some people will want to see a name brand, style, or specialty use such as: leather, canvas, mesh, all rubber, (that's another topic): weight lifter, boxer / wrestler, rock climber, basketball player, football / soccer / golf - (with cleats), boater, gymnast, dancer. Then we come to the standard shoe. Often called an oxford. There are many brands and styles all intended to accent the stance of the dominant male. Often some want to have the imported styles for their specialty leathers or unique stylings. They all get about the same amount of attention, or lack thereof.

Then we come to the BOOT styles. This is often the focus of the Leather-Dom and even the Leather sub. These will see many variations. Even Military will not always be all black; or all leather, or another color. Many boots will have a natural Leather accent around the sole or at the boot-top. Some people will only notice the traditional cowboy boot. Others are interested only in the exotic Leathers available. Whichever your interest (fetish), there is likely a boot for you and your partner, or date. As with many other aspects of the twentieth century Leather folks, the boot has links to the Military men of the mid-century. Today we still follow much of that tradition. Some others want to oppose or ignore that tradition but they are usually a minority. It is so ingrained in much of the Leather community that many ideas might never be lost.

And then, the care and handling of the Boots ! Many Leather people will always go to a professional bootblack with New boots to have them treated properly before wearing them. That is true for the boots to be highly polished as well as the 'oil finished' boots. Besides a good bootblack will make the experience of a great shine a pleasant one. Probably the most prevalent type at major Leather events is the highly polished, (spit-shined), boot ! To sport a pair of spit-shined all Leather boots is a mark of a proud Leather person. Besides it gives you an excuse to look the person fully, Up & Down, and compliment all details, from the boots and all the details up to the Cap !

Questions ; Comments ? ? Let me know bdsmboy1971@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Leather events.

ARGONAUTS: WinterQuest 34 • January 19th, 2008 6 PM Cocktails • 7:30 PM Dinner
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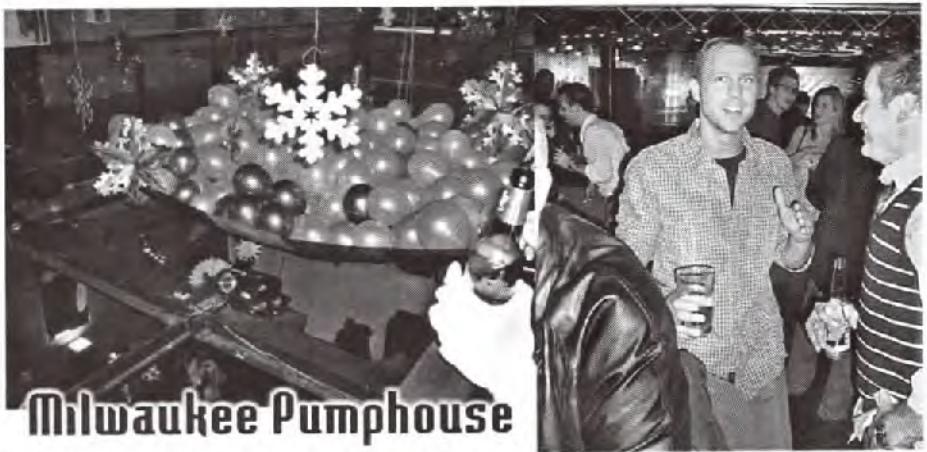
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Diversion of the Day

Quest's Events Calendar

Thursday, January 10

Triangle (Milwaukee) Thursday Show Nite: Lauren Philips & Friends

Monday, January 14

Queer Program (Milw Cable 96) 6:30pm-7:30pm Sheldon Jones, owner of Special Touch & Massage Service, will demonstrate some pampering tips

Outwords Books (Milwaukee) Why not join a book group in 2008! In January the Outwords Book Club will discuss Perry Moore's extraordinary novel *Hero New members are always welcome.*

Tuesday, January 15

Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee) BESTD Clinic free HIV screening from 6pm-9pm

Friday, January 18

LaCage (Milwaukee) Legends show featuring performers remembering Cher, Madonna & others. 11pm

Saturday, January 19

Madison Gay Video Club "Colma: The Musical" (Lions Gate, dir. Richard Wong, 2006)
"Grunts: The New Recruits" (Raging Stallion) 8:00 PM, www.mgvc.org, 608-244-8675 (evenings)

Milwaukee Pumphouse Ron & Kimmy celebrate 35 years together with a party 6-8pm

MONA's (Milwaukee) Speed Dating

RAINBOW CLUB Pot luck dinner at my house 5pm till 7 & card party all welcome. Not far from Dorchester WI off hwy 13 & 29 call Terry 715 654-5044 always looking for new members any one welcome. No drinking & no sex! Just meet others & have fun- join us

Switch (Milwaukee) Muscle Beach! \$100 prize for best muscles. 11pm DJ Doug

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

LaCage (Milwaukee) Beja's Gender Bender Contest in ETC

Thursday, January 24

Triangle (Milwaukee) Thursday Show Nite: Kya Brooks & Friends

Friday, January 25

LaCage (Milwaukee) "ICE" The WHITE PARTY with DJ Dragonfire 10pm

Saturday, January 26

MONA's (Milwaukee) Old Timers Party

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Visioning Project Community Breakfast 9:30 am. Discussion: "Intergenerational Relationships to follow 10 am. A Discussion About Consensual vs Coercive Sexual Activity Within the LGBT Community." FMI 271-2656 or REElizabeth@mkelgbt.org.

Women Singing in Sacred Circle Workshop 10 am - 12:30 pm. Shelley Graff of Cincinnati, Ohio will facilitate this Singing In Sacred Circle workshop. In Kay Gardner's musical tradition, Shelley draws her audiences down a path of political inquiry, peace, healing, and transformation. While learning short, repetitive women-centered songs from a variety of traditions, power rises from the center of the circle as all voices create an energy that is both empowering and healing. This opportunity is intended to allow all self-identified women, regardless of singing experience, to share their voices in a noncompetitive, relaxed safe space. Sliding fee scale \$20-35. FMI 414-272-9442. Co-sponsored by Lesbian Alliance and SAGE/Milwaukee. Made possible with a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

Shelley Graff with Julie Kronenberger in Concert 7 pm, Shelley Graff, a feminist singer, songwriter, guitarist, has been sharing her songs with audiences during the past fifteen years. Shelley's motivational fast-paced tunes are delicately balanced by her inspiring sweet, slow ballads. Sliding scale \$10-30. FMI 414-272-9442. Co-sponsored by Lesbian Alliance Education Fund and SAGE/Milwaukee. Made possible with a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

Monday, January 28

Queer Program (Milw Cable 96) 6:30pm-7:30pm Johnny King, project coordinator, Milwaukee LGBT Center, will highlight programs and activities for black msm

Art Bar (Milwaukee) Center Advocates Annual Meeting 5:30-6pm, 6-7:30 pm Reception Please RSVP. For more information or to RSVP contact Deon Young at dyoung@mkelgbt.org or 414-271-2656 ext 122

Monday, February 11

Queer Program (Milw Cable 96) 6:30pm-7:30pm The QView' - Bea Green, psychologist, Brenda Coley, director, adult programs, Diverse and Resilient, and Maggie Cage, exec director Milwaukee LGBT Center, will discuss LGBT issues from a woman's 'view'

WEEKLY SPECIALS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
ART BAR	FREE POOL \$2 Mystery Beer	2 for Tuesday 2-4-1 til 12am	DOUBLE IT for a buck	\$5 Martini	\$5 Margaritas	\$2 Shot Special	\$4.40 BLOODY MARY's
BALLGAME	Cocktail Hour 2pm - close	PULL TABS	Shots Doctors \$2 Mugs \$1.75 all nite	PULL TABS	Hors D' Oeuvres	Juice Drinks \$3.25 Mugs \$1.75	Juice Drinks \$3.25 Mugs \$1.75
BOOM	2-4-1 5-8pm 2-4-1 Pitchers Miller Lite	2-4-1 5-8pm KARAOKE with 2-4-1 Leine's	2-4-1 5-8pm Bad Boys night out	2-4-1 5-8pm \$3 Tall Pinnacle flavored Vodka drinks	2-4-1 5-8pm Beer Bust 5-9pm	Open 2 pm with Clint Beer Bust 2-6pm	Open 2 pm with Lance
CITY LIGHTS CHILL...	\$1 Mugs	\$2 Shots	\$4 Mug & Shot	\$2 Domestic Bottle Beer	\$4 Martini & cosmos	12" Pizza & Pitcher for \$12	\$3 Pints Rail Mixers
LA CAGE	Movies n Martinis \$4 Martinis	Hot Male Dancers \$4 Effen Mixers \$6 Effen Martinis	2-4-1 Drinks All Nite	Thermal Thursday \$4 mixers \$6 Martinis DJ Wizz Kid	Trans-formation Female Impersonators		Recovery 2-4-1 Absolute, Grey Goose & Effen drinks
M's		FREE Darts all day Cocktail hour 2-4-1 4-8pm	Melissa entertains 6-8 Cocktail hour 2-4-1 4-8pm	2-4-1 All Night	Cocktail hour 2-4-1 4-8pm Prize nite @9pm	Pull Tabs till 8pm Marvelous Madams Drag Show 9pm	\$3 Bloody Mary's, Screwdrivers, Grey- hounds Pitchers Beer \$8
MONS's			50c taps MONA's Brew \$2.50 Bottles Amstel, Mic., Coors, Bud, Miller & RR \$3 Smirnoff Twisted & Mike's \$2 cans Blatz & PBR			50c taps MONA's Brew \$2.50 Bottles Amstel, Mic., Coors, Bud, Miller & RR \$3 Smirnoff Twisted & Mike's \$2 cans Blatz & PBR	50c taps MONA's Brew \$2.50 Bottles Amstel, Mic., Coors, Bud, Miller & RR \$3 Smirnoff Twisted & Mike's \$2 cans Blatz & PBR
SWITCH			Online Meet n Greet meet your buddy for \$1 off drinks	Karaoke after 9pm	Hot Male Strippers 9pm	Saved @ Switch DJ Doug	Hot Male Strippers 9pm
TRIANGLE	\$2 Absolute Drinks	2-4-1 All Night	\$2 Domestics & Texa Hold 'em	Thursday Nite Shows	Bacardi Fridays \$3 shorts \$5 Talls	Also Friday & Sunday 3rd shift Happy Hour 2-4-1 Taps 6am-noon	Guise n Dolls 10:30pm

Wisconsin LGBT Groups and Organizations

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