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An End To Fees

By Paul McNamara



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



[The following activities will not meet during July and August: Collectors, Computer Lessons, History and Roundtable. They'll resume in September. -Ed.]

Many consumers become disheartened when charged service fees by their cell phone providers, banks, airlines or other service providers. These fees have become particularly painful during the recent period of high inflation. With this in mind, the Prime Gentlemen (PG) Board of Directors has decided to eliminate the service fees for members who choose to utilize the PayPal payment option for membership renewal or prepaid meal

Once the "Christian" right got Roe v. Wade overturned, I thought to myself "Who will they go after next?" It appears to be us.

I remember customers confronting and threatening store workers regularly during the height of the mask requirements. In every case store managers refused to back down to those people and ejected ornery customers. They didn't change their policy.

At the end of May, Target removed products and relocated Pride displays to the back of certain stores in the South because protestors knocked over Pride displays and confronted employees. Target's

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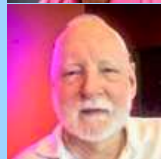
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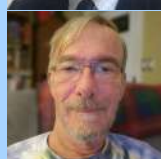
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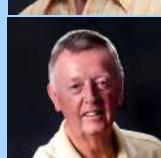
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PRESIDENT

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comment was that they moved the displays to the back of the store to protect workers. What makes this more disturbing is that Target has been one of our best supporters. The Human Rights Campaign has always given them a 100% rating.

Budweiser suffered a financial backlash when they hired a Trans influencer to do a Bud Light commercial. They pulled the commercial off the air. If our allies are cowed by the anti-LGBTQ haters, then we are in serious trouble.

There is a new expression called “rainbow washing.” It refers to companies who make public displays of their support of

the LGBT community during Pride month but do little the rest of the year. It’s more of a marketing ploy than authentic support.

As a community and as individuals we need to respond in some way. There are hundreds of major companies who support the LGBTQ community in their hiring practices, recognition of gay marriages, inclusion of gay couples in their advertising, sensitivity training and LGBTQ initiatives.

We need to return their support by letting them know who we are. A simple letter or email to a CEO by hundreds of consumers may do more than boycotting Target or Budweiser.

You can find a list of companies who support the LGBTQ community by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2dd4xaxu>

Dudley DeGive

October 16, 1944 - June 13, 2023

Dudley DeGive passed away at home of complications from a fall. His husband, Scott Hawes was at his side.

He was born in Miami Florida and worked for many years in a national mail order business.

He and Scott were married on August 15, 2014 but they have been



together for 13 years. They were regulars at our mixers at Matty’s.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Neptune Society.

Dudley was a great conversationalist and had a wicked sense of humor.

Please keep Scott in your thoughts at this difficult time.

MOVIE

By Ed Slough



This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movie will be *Of An Age* plus a short film, *Dare*. Both will be shown on July 21, starting at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

Of An Age is a queer Australian romantic drama brimming with tenderness and enchantment set in the summer of 1999. A 17-year-old Serbian-born, Australian amateur ballroom dancer experiences an unexpected and intense 24-hour romance with a friend's older brother. This is a profoundly moving film about the beauty and horror of what it means to be seen for the first time, to love for the first time, and how the past and future are constantly informing each other.

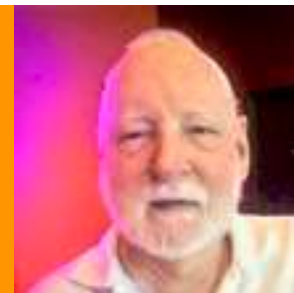


In the award-winning short film *Dare*, high school senior Ben secretly lusts after bad boy classmate Johnny. After Ben gives Johnny a ride home one night, the boys end-up in Johnny's swimming pool and have an encounter that breaks the rules and blows Ben's mind.



GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In the 1956 presidential election, Dwight Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson and Richard Nixon remained his Vice President. The Broadway musical *My Fair Lady* opened in New York City and videotape was first demonstrated at a convention in Chicago.

In the same year, President Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid Highway Act, creating the Interstate Highway System. An Alabama District Court ruled that state bus segregation laws were unconstitutional which resulted in the Montgomery bus boycott.

Elvis Presley performed "Hound Dog" on several 1956 TV shows and scandalized the audience with his suggestive hip movements. Cecil B. DeMille's masterpiece, *The Ten Commandments*, was also released that year.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, on February 28th, Mr. July entered this world, following a brother. He attended grade and middle schools there and graduated from the Country Day School in 1973. During high school, he enjoyed participating on the debate team. Shortly after graduation, his



family moved to Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. J attended Brown University but graduated from the University of Miami in 1978 with a BA and MA in psychology.

In 1977, he met his life mate, Steven, and worked in Steven's family textile business, traveling between NY and Florida for five years.

For twelve of their years together, the couple lived in California, where Mr. J became a mortgage broker, which he has enjoyed for over 40 years. The couple returned to Ft Lauderdale in 2005. After 43 years together, Stephen passed in 2020.

Through a mutual friend, Mr. J met Charlie, his current life partner, here in 2020. The two make their home in Palm Aire.

Mr. J has continued to work in the mortgage field, specializing in "HECM" or Home Equity Conversion Mortgages, known to many as Reverse Mortgages. Over the years Mr. J has been active in the local community. He was a member of the Pride Center's Board of Directors for nine years and also active for many years with the Greater Fort Lauderdale GLBT Chamber of Commerce.

You can chat with Mr. J most Tuesday nights at Tropics!

See his name and picture on page 10.

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expenses. These service fees are now paid out of our treasury rather than by the individual member.

For members who are unfamiliar with the service, PayPal is an online payment platform that facilitates payments between individuals and businesses or organizations. PG has utilized PayPal for

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several years, allowing members to make online payments without the need to send a check and incur postage expense, while also eliminating the risk of having a payment lost in the mail.

To make use of this service, simply access the PG online home page and navigate to either the "Membership" or "Reservation" tab. From there, select the appropriate option from the drop-down menu and proceed by clicking the "Add to Cart" button, which will then redirect you to the payments page. Payments are made using a credit card and it is not necessary to have a PayPal account. If you do not have a PayPal account, please be sure to click on the white "Check Out" (Pay without a PayPal account) button.

In addition to PayPal, the group has recently started using a Square point of service (POS) device to allow members to make payments in-person by credit card.

During our monthly Sunday meetings, members are now able to present their credit card for payment and receive an email receipt. Although there is a fee for payments made using the Square service, those fees are now similarly covered by our treasury.

(NOTE: At the July 2 monthly meeting, a brief presentation and tutorial will provide additional details on using PayPal and Square services.)

ROUNDTABLE

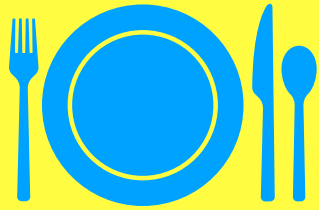
By Paul McNamara



No meetings during July and August. Meetings will resume in September.

This coed group, sponsored jointly with SAGE and The Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, typically meets at the Pride Center and simultaneously online using the Zoom platform. The group discusses contemporary topics and ideas from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Sessions have a moderator who presents a brief background on the discussion topic chosen for the session.

HELP NEEDED: Although the group continues to thrive since its first meeting in 2016, the future success of the group is dependent upon more members being willing to assume leadership roles or deliver presentations. If you are interested in contributing in these capacities, please contact me via email at polmac@aol.com.



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, July 2, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors
BRING NO FOOD or guests this month! We'll have a free meal catered by **Quates Mexican Restaurant** for MEMBERS ONLY.

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, July 12, 4:45 pm
Smokey Bones Fort Lauderdale
6500 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, July 13, 1:00 pm
Lester's Diner
250 W. State Rd 84, Fort Lauderdale
This diner has been around for a long time. Its extensive menu is sure to please the most discriminating diner devotee. Make sure to mark your calendar! Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

DINNER

(We'll have no dinner this month but will have a catered Members-only lunch on July 2. See above.)

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, July 27, 1:00 pm
Anthony's Clam House Grill
2861 E. Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale
Not much needs to be said about Anthony's,. This Italian Restaurant has an outstanding reputation. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:30
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

Why Judge Overruled Tenn. Anti-Drag Law

by Mark Satta, Assistant Professor Wayne State Univ.

Excerpt. For full article, go to: [The Conversation](#)

The drag shows will go on. At least for now.

On June 2, 2023, Judge Thomas Parker, a Trump-appointed federal district court judge in western Tennessee, ruled that Tennessee’s “Adult Entertainment Act” violated the First Amendment’s free speech protection.

The act had been passed by the Tennessee Legislature and signed into law by Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee in March 2023. The law gained national attention because it appeared designed to limit drag performances through regulation of “male and female impersonators.”

Parker provided several grounds for concluding that the law is unconstitutional. Using my experience as a First Amendment scholar, below I explain how Judge Parker reached those conclusions and what they mean for Tennessee’s law.

Speech protections

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects, among other things, free speech.

As Parker noted at the beginning of his opinion, “Freedom of speech is not just about speech. It is also about the right to debate with fellow citizens on self-government, to discover the truth in the marketplace of ideas, to express one’s identity, and to realize self-fulfillment in a free society.”

Freedom of speech protects more than just speech in the colloquial sense. It also protects many other ways that people express themselves, such as by waving a flag, marching in a parade or dancing.

Drag shows typically consist of various

forms of protected speech, like dancing, acting, lip-syncing, telling jokes and wearing elaborate outfits designed to send messages. Thus, any law seeking to limit drag performances raises important questions about whether that law violates the First Amendment.

Not all speech is protected by the First Amendment. Freedom of speech does not include the right to engage in, for example, perjury, defamation or threats of violence.

Freedom of speech also doesn’t protect the narrow category of legally defined obscenity. According to the Supreme Court, something is legally obscene only if, applying contemporary community standards, a reasonable person would find that the work, when viewed holistically, appeals to prurient interests, contains patently offensive content and lacks any serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Thus, as Parker noted, “there is a difference between material that is ‘obscene’ in the vernacular and material that is ‘obscene’ under the law,” and the law imposes “an exceptionally high standard” for what counts as legally obscene.

The clearest example of sexually explicit material that does not receive First Amendment protection is child pornography. But the precise boundaries of what counts as legal obscenity are vague. Many kinds of sexually explicit material are not deemed legally obscene because it has often been relatively easy for litigants to convince modern courts that the material in question has serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

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Unconstitutional restriction

Parker determined that the law targeted more than just legally obscene speech; it also targeted speech protected under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has set very high standards for when regulation of protected speech can discriminate based on the speech's content or viewpoint.

Content discrimination restricts speech based on subject matter. Viewpoint discrimination restricts speech based on the position taken. So, for example, a ban on speech about elections would discriminate based on content, while a ban on speech that is negative about a particular political candidate would discriminate based on viewpoint.

Parker concluded that the Tennessee law discriminated based on both the speech's content and its viewpoint.

He concluded that it discriminated based on content because it specifically targets "adult-oriented performances that are harmful to minors" and discriminates based on viewpoint because it specifically targets the speech of "male and female impersonators."

To make the point that the law discriminated based on viewpoint, Parker used an example of two Elvis impersonators dressed in revealing but nonobscene outfits. If one performer were male and the other female, the law would have made it more likely that the female Elvis impersonator would be subject to prosecution than the male Elvis impersonator. That discriminates against certain expressions

of gender identity.

Laws that discriminate based on viewpoint are subject to the highest standard of judicial review, known as strict scrutiny, which requires laws to be "narrowly tailored" and "well defined." Parker concluded that the law was neither. On this basis, he also concluded that it failed to meet the high standard of review and was unconstitutional.

He noted instead that on any plausible reading of the law, it "criminally sanctions qualifying performers virtually anywhere," including those performing in "private events at people's homes or arguably even age-restricted venues." He also wrote that the law appeared designed for the "impermissible purpose" of "chilling constitutionally-protected speech."

Vague and overbroad

A vague law can violate a person's rights because it can be hard to tell if one is breaking the law.

Parker found the "harmful to minors" standard unconstitutionally vague because what is harmful for different minors can change drastically depending on the minor. Consider, for example, the differences between a 5-year-old and a 17-year-old. He also concluded that the law was overbroad because it covered, or could reasonably be interpreted to cover, many types of protected speech.

Looking ahead

Parker's ruling barred enforcement of the law only in Shelby County. However, Parker's reasoning may also prove persuasive to judges assessing anti-drag laws in other states.

BIRTHDAYS

William Kelloway	7/1	Walter Rhodes	7/20
Robert Bozek	7/1	Charles Munster	7/20
Allen Brown	7/2	Daniel Rosenblatt	7/21
James McWilliams	7/2	Donn Murphy	7/21
Jorge Hernandez	7/3	Hans Hilgefert	7/22
Ken Brennan	7/3	George Hasandras	7/23
John Brady	7/5	David Treece	7/23
Ralph Tanzi	7/6	Roland Laperle	7/24
Christopher Chapman	7/7	Jay Matthews	7/25
Dennis St. Jean	7/7	John Reid	7/26
Roman Cisneros	7/8	Thomas Valentino	7/27
Ronald Brunelle	7/8	Ken Mylott	7/27
Chuck Carroll	7/12	Michael Foley	7/27
John Hamwey	7/14	Bill McDaris	7/29
Marcelo Pietraccone	7/14	Roger Collins	7/29
John Dowd	7/18	Richard Padilla	7/30
Louis Heidel	7/18	Floyd MacDonald	7/30
Mel Beluscak	7/19	Louis Burkhardt	7/31
Paul Olson	7/19		



ANNIVERSARIES


MR JULY
Donn Rubin

Jon Carrow & Donn Murphy	7/6/1973	50 years
Norm Peters & Bill Woodward	7/15/1975	48 years
Michael Loscalzo & Henry Bernstein	7/15/1985	38 years
Steve Cooper & Ronn Schabinger	7/25/1986	37 years
Deric Bownds & Len Walker	7/2/1989	34 years
Bruce Vinion & Kevin Brown	7/16/1997	26 years
Steve Satlow & Tom Dwyer	7/4/2010	13 years
Dave Labbe & Stuart Geller	7/4/2010	13 years
David Hughes & Peter Kelly	7/4/2011	12 years
Richard & Michael Goodnight	7/14/2014	9 years

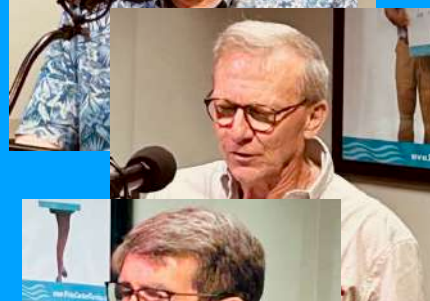


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Membership Meeting for MEMBERS ONLY @ PC	3 6:00 Mixer☺ @Zoom	4 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit ☺@ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	5 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In☺@ PC & Zoom*	6 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 3:00 Drop-In ☺ @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*		8
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30 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	31 6:00 Mixer☺ @Zoom	<p>*LOCATIONS</p> <p>AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063</p> <p>BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069</p> <p>ML = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305</p> <p>PC = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305</p> <p>SC = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069</p> <p>SL = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311</p> <p>TR = Tropics Bar & Grill, 2000 Wilton Dr 33305</p> <p>Zoom = See email Weekly Bulletin for link.</p>				

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING PHOTOS



OUR SPEAKERS



JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS



FAVORITE PIANIST