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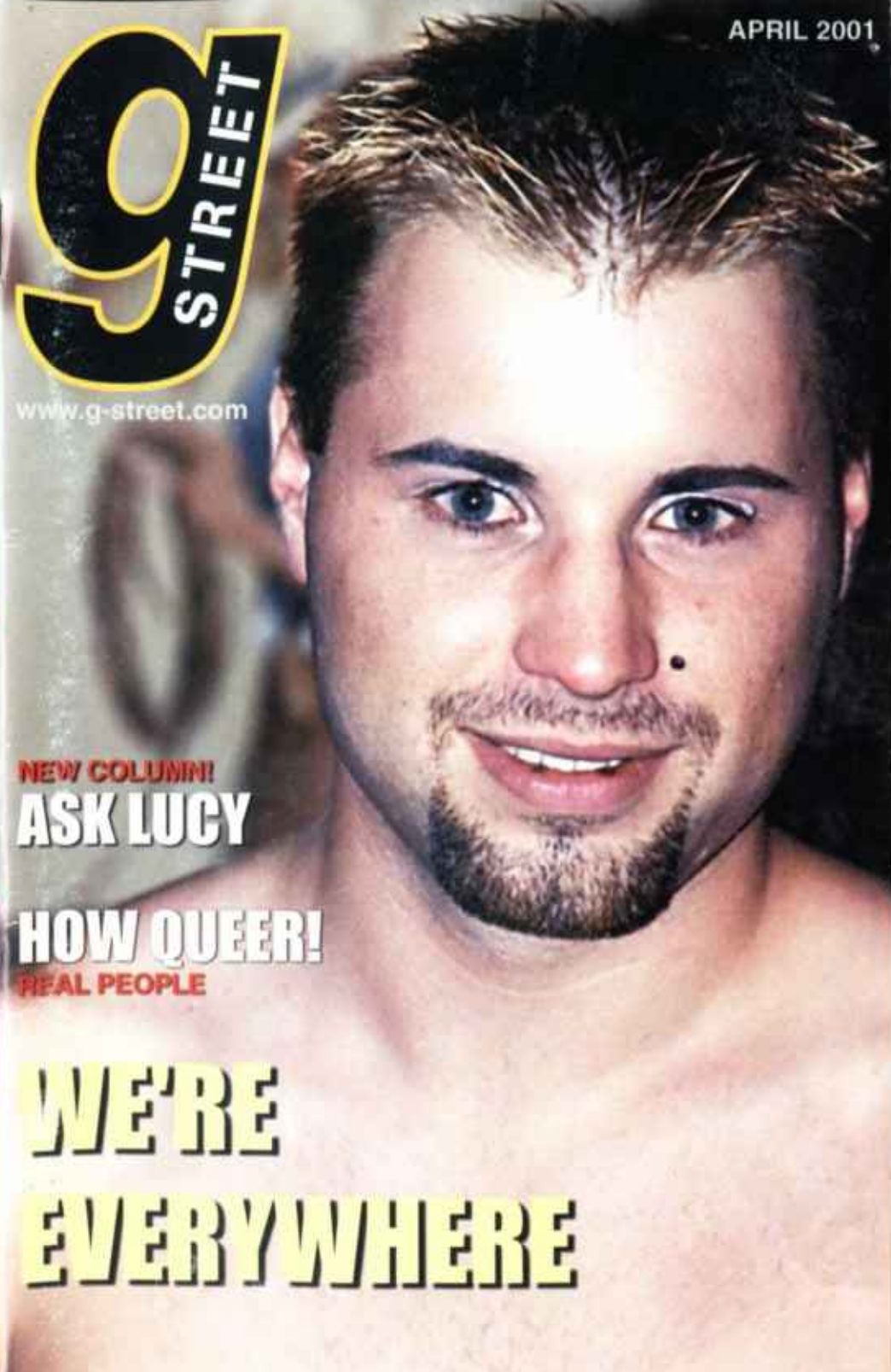
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Less than a year ago, when we started **G-STREET**, our ambitions were small. We were simply looking to provide a means of communication for an underserved populace in rural Wisconsin and Minnesota. There is so much activity in these communities that has never been recognized by many of the established publications in the region. It was time they were heard.

Ten months later we're branching out to communities in nearby states. Our distribution is many times our initial effort and we keep getting requests from more and more businesses and organizations. Yet, we are still very much a grass-roots publication. We value the connection we have with the communities we serve and are determined to preserve it. But how?

G-STREET's growth in just the last few months has forced me to consider that question again and again. We never set out to be a conventional publication so it should come as no surprise that our solution is, likewise, unconventional.

Unlike other publications that generally have a centralized location where the bulk of the publication's content is usually drawn, **G-STREET** will have a distributed structure emphasizing small offices in key locations around the region that, thanks to the internet, may still collaborate. That way we stay true to our roots - our grass roots - and are more responsive to the needs of our community.

This new structure is unique to **G-STREET** within our region. We will not be Milwaukee based, Twin Cities based or even Eau Claire based but Wisconsin and Minnesota based in communities large and small in both states.

We begin this month and next with St. Paul and Milwaukee. Please keep an eye on our contact information as this change will require changes in our telephone numbers and address information.

Adopting this distributed structure does mean more work for us. It is our hope that, by taking these steps, we will add more value for you.



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BALDWIN CO-SPONSORS BIPARTISAN HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

Washington D.C. - March 27, 2001 - Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin announced today that she is joining dozens of other Members of both the House and Senate in co-sponsoring the bipartisan Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act. This bill would provide assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies and amend federal law to streamline the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

"Opponents of this legislation tell us that every crime is a hate crime. Nothing could be further from the truth," said Baldwin. "Since the founding of our country, our judiciary system has weighed the element of intent in evaluating the severity of crime. One of the things that distinguishes hate crimes from other crimes is that hate crimes are intended to terrorize both the crime victim and the entire community that each victim represents."

Approximately, 50,000 hate crimes have been reported over the last five years, with

early 8,000 reported last year. "This sort of domestic terrorism demands a strong federal response because this country was founded on the premise that people should be free to be who they are, without fear of violence," Baldwin said. "This is exactly the type of crime that Congress must be concerned with."

Current law limits federal jurisdiction over hate crimes to federally protected activities, such as voting, and does not permit federal involvement in a range of cases involving crimes motivated by bias against the victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability. This lack of protection is particularly significant given the fact that ten states have no hate crime laws on the books, and another 21 states have extremely weak hate crime laws. This bill will remove these hurdles, so the federal government will no longer be constrained to wage the fight against hate crimes with one hand tied behind its back.

State and local authorities currently prosecute the overwhelming majority of hate crimes and will continue to do so under this legislation, with the enhanced support of the Federal Government. This legislation creates an Intergovernmental Assistance Program to provide technical, forensic and prosecutorial assistance to state and local law enforcement officials in bias crime cases. The legislation also authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to state and local law enforcement agencies that have incurred extraordinary expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. Finally, under this bill, the Attorney General or other high-ranking Justice Department officials must approve all Federal prosecutions - ensuring restraint and further ensuring that the states will continue to take the lead.

"Local law enforcement agencies want this provision to be law," said Baldwin. "More than one hundred seventy-five religious and civil rights organizations want this provision

to be law. The American public wants this to be law. It's time for Congress to make it so"

LAVENDER EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE

Minneapolis, MN - April 1, 2001 - Today, the employees of Lavender Magazine voted to be represented in collective bargaining by The Minnesota Newspaper Guild/Typographical Union. The group voted nine(9) in favor and zero(0) opposed with one(1) challenged ballot.

This action culminates a nine week process from the filing of the petition for election with the National Labor Relations Board. The employees remained unified despite a lengthy unit determination hearing and subsequent filings for review by both parties, antiunion letters, captive audience meetings and veiled threats regarding the alleged futility of unionizing.

The unanimous result is a strong message, not only to the employer but, also, a message of hope that workers in the GLBT media who care about their work and each other can achieve an enforceable voice in their work environment through collective action.

Lavender is the first GLBT publication in the United States to organize.

Guild organizer Martin Demgen credits the thoughtful and dogged efforts of a substantial majority of the unit in seeing the process through from initial contacts to today's victory. The workers also received support from local GLBT elected officials and Gay activists in the national labor community.

UFMCC SETS UP SCHOLARSHIP LGBT SEMINARY STUDENTS

West Hollywood, CA - March 30, 2001 -- Rev. Troy Perry, Moderator and Founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) presented the Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) with a check for \$10,000 as a down payment on a \$500,000 pledge UFMCC is mak-

ing to benefit the Seminary's gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender seminary students. Rev. Perry was keynote speaker at the March 17 Called Out Conference for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender seminary students of the Seminary.

UFMCC is an inclusive worldwide fellowship of Christian congregations with a special outreach to the world's gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender communities. Since its founding in 1968 by Rev. Perry, UFMCC has grown into a denomination of approximately 45,000 members in 300 churches in 18 countries.

In a very emotional moment, Perry told the seminary students and faculty of Chicago Theological Seminary that the denomination had picked CTS to receive the scholarship fund because, "42 years ago, I was thrown out of the Bible college I was attending in Chicago because of my homosexuality. I was told because I was a gay man, I was not worthy to attend the seminary or be educated."

Rev. Justin Tanis, Director of Clergy Development for UFMCC accompanied Rev. Perry to the Conference. He stated, "Our church is thankful for the work of seminaries like this school that have a history of accepting students from our community. Our denomination is going to be giving several of these scholarship funds to other seminaries who are open and affirming to the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community."

The Board of Elders of UFMCC has voted to establish three scholarship funds around the country in the next two years. They have also voted to name all the scholarship funds after Founder Troy Perry, who is retiring as Moderator of the denomination in 2005.

GLAAD APPLAUDS CANCELLATION OF DR. LAURA

Los Angeles, March. 30, 2001 -- Culminating its three-year public education campaign against the rhetoric of talk-show host Laura Schlessinger, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) today hailed the cancellation of TV's "Dr.

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Laura" as a major victory against defamation and anti-gay intolerance.

"Dr. Laura," produced and distributed by Paramount Domestic Television, ended production on Mar. 29. The freshman TV show has been a critical and ratings failure since its Sept. 11, 2000 debut, and since early November it has been downgraded to post-midnight time slots in 29 of the nation's top 30 media markets.

GLAAD launched its campaign in 1998, when Schlessinger began using terms such as "deviant," "disordered" and "biological error" to describe gays and lesbians. GLAAD's high-profile initiative successfully thwarted corporate sponsorship of the show, forcing Paramount to offer deeply discounted rates and rely almost exclusively on direct-order products to fill national ad slots. In February, GLAAD was awarded the PR Week Award for Non-Profit Team of the Year 2001 for its Schlessinger campaign.

"Paramount Domestic Television justified its decision to air 'Dr. Laura' by saying that it would 'let the people decide,'" said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry "Well, the people have decided. Viewers and advertisers alike have decided that when given a choice, they will choose to reject those who advocate intolerance and advance an agenda of exclusion."

"This is a culmination of GLAAD's three years of strategic education and advocacy work," Garry said. "In coalition with thousands of local activists from across the country, we have held Laura Schlessinger accountable for her defamation of our community. And we've sent a strong message that we are no longer an easy target for prejudice. GLAAD hopes the cancellation of 'Dr. Laura' will make media corporations think twice about giving a platform to someone who promotes derision and exclusion. Such decisions will never go unchallenged."

(NOTE: A complete, detailed timeline of GLAAD's work regarding Laura Schlessinger, from 1997 to present, can be found at www.glaad.org.)

In recent years, Schlessinger (whose doc-

torate is in physiology, not psychology or psychiatry) has perpetuated misinformation and reinforced damaging stereotypes about homosexuality. She also has advocated dangerous pseudo-therapies--condemned and discredited by the psychiatric and psychological communities--intended to "convert" people from gay to straight.

"In the final analysis, Schlessinger's defamatory characterizations of our lives have been exposed for what they really are: politically motivated opinions in the service of an anti-gay agenda," Garry said. "Not science; not fact; and not the objective, unbiased conclusions of a qualified 'Dr.' As a result of this ongoing campaign, people across the nation both gay and straight now know that 'Dr. Laura' is not the place to find accurate information about sexual orientation issues."

Schlessinger's attacks first came to GLAAD's attention in 1997 when she characterized homosexuality as a "biological faux pas" in her syndicated newspaper column. In February 1998 and March 1999, GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry met with Schlessinger in an unproductive effort to educate her about the hurtful impact of her words. When Schlessinger signed with Paramount Domestic Television for a TV talk show in mid-1999, GLAAD launched a campaign to bring the topic of defamatory language into the national public consciousness. A crucial part of the campaign involved meetings between GLAAD and senior executives at Premiere Radio Networks (radio syndicator of "The Dr. Laura Program") and Paramount.

A pivotal moment in the campaign occurred on March 15, 2000, when Schlessinger disavowed a qualified apology she had made to the gay community only five days earlier. Having demonstrated that she could not be held accountable for her public statements, Schlessinger's recant prompted GLAAD to call on Paramount to terminate its plans to produce her TV show.

"From the beginning, we knew GLAAD's case against Laura Schlessinger would pre-

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vail or crumble based on the credibility of our message and research," Garry said. "We documented Laura's words verbatim and in context for two years. We took our case to Schlessinger herself twice, to Premiere Radio Networks and to Paramount in an effort to effect change from within the system. Once it became clear that neither Schlessinger nor her media partners had any intention of taking responsibility for her public comments, we took our case to advertisers, local television stations and the American public."

Beginning in April, GLAAD and local community coalitions began meeting with station managers in nine of the top ten media markets who had purchased "Dr. Laura" for airing in the fall. In May, GLAAD expanded its work through "Local Laura Activism: Step by Step," a groundbreaking online initiative that gave local activists across the country the tools they needed to plan, ask for and conduct meetings with their local TV stations, educate advertisers, and work with their local media to increase public awareness of

Schlessinger's harmful rhetoric.

In May, GLAAD placed ads in major daily newspapers and advertising trade publications discouraging companies and their media buyers from associating their brands with Schlessinger's messages of intolerance. The ads also expanded GLAAD's base of support to include the National Mental Health Association, the National Organization for Women, People for the American Way, and the National Conference for Community and Justice. GLAAD also worked with lesbian and gay employee groups within major sponsors of daytime television to discourage media buys on the show. Advertisers that withdrew their support from Schlessinger's TV and radio programs include Procter & Gamble; Sears, Roebuck and Co.; General Foods; Xerox; AT&T; Kraft; Pillsbury and dozens of other major brands.

"Dr. Laura" debuted in September to low ratings, obscure advertisers, blistering reviews

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A Chorus Line To Be Performed in Eau Claire

"A Chorus Line" will be performed as a community theater production at the Eau Claire State Regional Arts Center Theater, 316 Eau Claire St., on April 5, 6 & 7, at 7:30 p.m.. Reserved seating tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for college students. Tickets may be reserved by calling 715-839-8877.

Filled with singing, dance and local talent, "A Chorus Line" is a fast paced show about a group of dancers auditioning for a spot in an upcoming musical. Familiar songs in the show include, "One", "Dance Ten - Looks Three", "Nothing", "I Can Do That" and "At the Ballet", among others.

Argonauts Kick-off 6th Annual Easter Egg Fund Raiser

Get your Easter Bonnets ready for the contests at Buddies Friday, April 6, at 9 p.m., Brandy's II Saturday, April 7, at 9 p.m. and Napalese Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m..

Argonaut Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization, is sponsoring an Easter Egg fund raiser to help cover some of the medical and living expenses for people with HIV related illnesses in the Green Bay/Fox Valley area.

The money raised is paid directly to pharmacies, medical facilities, utility companies, grocery stores, landlords etc., on behalf of those in need of assistance.

The support and response from the community for this event has been terrific over the years and that makes a world of difference to the people who are helped in return.

The Easter Eggs cost \$1.00 each and every egg has a prize inside. More than \$5000 worth of prizes will be available with over 75% of the prizes donated by local businesses and individuals in the community.

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Players (one in each of the participating bars) and what would the Easter Egg fund raiser be without Gloria's famous cheesecakes!

Some of the other prizes include, but are not limited to, gift certificates to local restaurants, bookstores, bar tabs, drink specials, clothing, stuffed animals and some surprise gag prizes.

The eggs will be available at Brandy's II, Buddies, Napalese and the Historic West Theater, April 6 through April 15.

There will be a Golden Egg Award given to the bar that sells the most eggs. The Grand Prize drawings will be 8 p.m. Easter Sunday (April 15) at Napalese.

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by Father Patrick Kelley

Well, dear brothers and sisters April is here and the fasting of Lent is almost over for those of us who observed this time of reflection and transformation. We as humans have a very difficult time trying to change the ways in which we look at the world, other people, and ourselves. We want things to continue along the same avenue, we don't want to change, we are afraid of change.

Why is it that we are afraid of change? Change means that we will have to abandon long held ideas, beliefs, and behaviors about the way things are or perceived to be. We think in our fallen human state that change is for the other person not for me. I'm fine, you're the one that has to change. I know this from my own life.

Going from delusion to reality is a fearful thing. This is a situation that every gay man, or lesbian woman is familiar with when we have to confront our life as different.

Coming-out to ourselves is probably one of the most difficult things to do in a society that doesn't like change or a society that doesn't like the "other". Everyone who lives in this world of self-deception lives in fear. Imagine being a gay man living in a marriage for 20 years with three children and being a priest to boot! I'm sure that there are many of us who have lived a life of deception, delusion, and hiding. This type of life in the eyes of the ancient church is the most grievous sin against ourselves.

If church tradition and the scriptures teach us anything it is to be true to ourselves, because God in His infinite mercy and knowledge. He already knows who we are and what we are. We cannot pull the wool over His eyes. He is the One who has known us from our mother's womb.

There is much debate in our society about homosexuality... Are people that have a same-gender attraction born or made? Is it nurture or nature? I believe that if we look at our situation and our life as a gay/lesbian

community we would certainly say that we were not recruited into the life. We have always been gay men and lesbian women.

I remember being asked this very question when I was at the seminary... "Do you think that being gay is a natural phenomenon or do you believe that it is environmental?" Of course in my delusional state at the time I answered that I thought it was a combination of the two. Upon deeper reflection and prayer and many more years of hiding myself in a straight marriage I came to the knowledge of the truth. I didn't wake-up one day and decide that I wanted to be gay. I didn't say: "Hey, I know, I'll be a queer! That way society can hate me, persecute me, and call me names."

Now, being truthful isn't easy, nor is being honest, and change is definitely something that we don't want... At least I know I didn't want it. I know that I didn't want to lose everything that I had worked so hard to get. I didn't want to leave the Russian Orthodox Church. I didn't want to put my three sons through the trauma of having the knowledge that their father was a queer. I didn't want my family to find out that I loved men more than women. I certainly didn't want to go through the trauma of having to find a new spouse of the same gender. I didn't want to give-up my delusion.

There is an ancient Celtic saying: "Better the devil you know, then the devil you don't know." So, anyways change is good but difficult and sometimes stressful.

If we look at the final days of Jesus before his death and resurrection we see change especially during the Passion Week (Holy Week). Palm Sunday (Entrance into Jerusalem) we see the people proclaiming him "the Son of David" and shouting: "Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to our King". And in a matter of days the crowd is yelling: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! We have no king but Caesar!"

His friends left him, his family was gone,

those who loved him were afraid of the change that was occurring. The interesting thing is that Jesus told them that the change was coming and they didn't listen to Him. They were in delusion thinking that he was going to change things the way that they wanted them. Especially Judas he wanted Jesus to overthrow the Roman yoke and usher in the Kingdom of God on earth in a physical sense.

Poor Judas was in delusion. Who do you think that Jesus was thinking about the most as he was on the Cross saving the cosmos? I would say that he was probably thinking about his friend Judas. Remember what Jesus said? "Father, forgive them, they know not what they are doing."

The change that we look for isn't always the change that we want, but most times it's the change we need in our lives to be saved from delusion, deception, and dishonesty. We need to have true courage when confronting the demons in our lives. Whatever or whoever these demons may be. If we find ourselves living in deception and in hiding or if we are being dishonest with ourselves we need to change so that we can live a more fulfilled life as gay men and lesbian women.

Again my dearly beloved brothers and sisters look at your lives and see if you are living the life that God has called you to live. Take it from a gay priest "Being put into the hand of the Living God is a fearful and terrible thing." But its what I needed to be whole, it's what I needed to be in harmony, and it has brought balance into my life.

I no longer have fear, delusion, and deception ruling my life as a gay man. This is the message of Easter (Pascha)... Being brought from death to Life, from delusion to reality, being taken from the depths of despair to the heights of eternal joy.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

Here for Duluth - Superior GLBT Pride - our official Pride celebration for the "Twin Ports" will be Labor Day Weekend again, Friday, August 31st through Monday, September 3rd 2001. The late summer holiday weekend has worked out really great for most folks, residents and visitors alike, so we're keeping with it! Events will include.... Friday - Aug 31st: Art Show/Sale & Poetry Reading at Jitters Coffeehouse in Duluth; and an evening Potluck Bonfire! Saturday - Sept 1st: Annual Festival (in Billings Park, Superior, WI again), with entertainment, speakers, DJs, vendors and more; the evening Magical Mystery Harbor Cruise. Sunday - Sept 2nd: Pride Parade in Downtown Duluth; Annual Fruit Float Cruise; AIDS Fundraiser Drag Show at the Main Club. There will be other Pride events & fundraisers throughout the year too. D-S Pride meetings are being held on the second Sat of each month at 1 pm, Jitters Coffeehouse, 102 West Superior St., Duluth, MN. Ray Maier is chairing this year, and doing a great job taking over from our wonderful past Chair, Kat Summerchild - who is helping family in Arizona as of this writing. D-S Pride needs volunteers in all areas - so get in touch early to contribute any time or resources that you can! Mailing address: Duluth - Superior PRIDE, P. O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803. PH: 800-800-0350 x522 We plan to be changing our website address from dspride.bizland.com to www.dspride.com in April, and the e-mail address will be different too. The new logo for 2001 has another great design contributed by Gary Lundstrom (Lakeshore Design 218-624-2662 ;-) depicting a lighthouse with the theme "Lighting the Way With Pride". D-S Pride will be selling awareness-raising & fundraising buttons and t-shirts with the very attractive logo!

ANNUAL OUTFRONT, MN, CONFERENCE:

Peter Golden, conference attendee for the Northland Gay Men's Center, submitted these comments.

"The Annual Outfront Conference was held March 16, 17, and 18 in Brainerd Minnesota. Sponsored by Outfront Minnesota the states largest organization that support GLBT initiatives. About 200 GLBT people and their allies gathered for workshops, networking, and social activities. Several workshops were presented to include organization building, inspiring the volunteer effort, grants and grant writing, and collaboration. The entire weekend package included meals with various speakers, opportunities to network with other groups from around the state and workshops presented by national organizations like The Human Rights Campaign, Gill Foundation and others. On the afternoon of the final day a round table discussion was held with the greater Minnesota groups and organizations to further connect to see the work that is happening in various communities. All Twin Cities groups did not attend since they have more areas of support than those from the outstate. A good time was had by all."

Ray Maier, conference attendee for Aurora & Pride, noted, "...topics were numerous, and from discussions with other attendees, every session was worthy of praise, mostly due to the content, the presentation, and the benefits to those in attendance. Many of the sessions focused on issues related to greater Minnesota organizations, offering tools for development and strategies for sustaining and growing. As with many conferences like this, the opportunities for networking was incredible. Two days hadn't passed before I was contacting other attendees seeking advice or information. Another benefit of attending events like these, is the empowerment gained; to be surrounded by a large group of people

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life's a party!

by Judi Alf

March in La Crosse definitely roared in and "out" like a lion. On the 3rd, My Place held its "Better Late Than Never" Mardi Gras Party. Everyone was "in the mood" with face painting (and chest painting and thigh painting and I'm not going any further down than that). There was plenty of beads, bangles, food & fun on hand. Gary made a head dress with so many feathers, I was sure it would fly away at any time! What a hoot!

Then on the 15th they revved right back up for a toga (or, more like, designer sheets) party. What a wild night!

Rainbow's End got a taste of "March Madness" with a roar on the 16th. There was fabulous progressive/regressive happy hour, grab bags and one helluva raffle! Matt Watson was the big winner that night as he walked away with a \$100 party on Peg. That was just the tip of the iceberg as there were tons of other prizes and surprises to be given away! Proceeds went to the Red Ribbon Family Fund.

Player's got in on the act on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Bab's did a command performance that brought the house down on top of the fun everyone had at the wearing of the green dance and traditional Irish buffet. The buffet was used to raise money for the Red Ribbon Family Fund and there was also a raffle for some very special items. Michelle G won the original artwork by Tom Hadley and David G won the statue.

Both Karl and Harold at Player's and Peg at Rainbow's End deserve a special thank-you for making March Madness both a great time and a great fund-raising event. During the weekend, Red Ribbon Family Fund raised over \$500 from donations at these two events. Todd and Gary also helped out at My Place during the same weekend by selling grab bags for donations.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch (or, in this case, Rainbow's End), the band "Absolutely" - a fabulous female duo - rocked the house on St. Patties Day. The women really packed

them in! To round out the night, My Place had their own party the same night! All the bars were jumpin' that night!

Looks like we'll be showered with even more great events in April so get out the raincoats! Starting this month, Mother comes home! That's right, Mike "Mother" Hanson will make his home behind the bar once again as she starts working the crowd every Sunday and Monday at Rainbow's End starting at 3 PM. That also means that Rainbow's End will now be open 7 days a week!

On Easter weekend both Player's and Rainbow's End will host their very special "Easter Bonnets & Hats" contest, April 14 (details are available at the bar). This should be a hoot and of course there will loot ga(y)lore that weekend. Make like little bunnies and hop on down to check it out!

Ronnie Nyles plays at Rainbow's End on April 20. Ronnie's show is so hot so you'll

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Mother's Home

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RED RIBBON FAMILY FUND: A BRIEF HISTORY

Since its inception *G-STREET* has printed articles containing information about the Red Ribbon Family Fund, or RRF, and I'm sure there are many who have wondered just what the RRF is all about. A brief history is long overdue.

In 1995, Michael "Mother" Hanson had the idea that the gay community should do something to raise money that would directly benefit people living with HIV and AIDS in the La Crosse area. He took his idea to Peg Heinz, owner of Rainbow's End, Linda Henkleman, owner of the former Rainbow Revolution Bookstore, Harold Geary, co-owner of Players Bar - as well as a handful of others - and they struck out.

Working together they managed to raise an impressive \$5,000 in their very first year by holding a variety of different events including auctions, cake walks, raffles, rummage sales, drag shows etc. The community turned out to support these events and the Red Ribbon Family was well on its way.

Since that first year, the RRF has continued to grow and, with perseverance and dedication - and the constant support of the community and local businesses - the RRF has raised over \$50,000 since 1995!

This year we've taken the next step and incorporated and are currently in the process of becoming a legally recognized non-profit organization. As such we will be better able to raise even more money for the benefit of even more people living with HIV/AIDS in our community.

In a meeting just a couple of months ago, members of RRF had another idea that we are very excited about: La Crosse should hold its own pride event. Early on we recognized that, as we are not the only organization who serves the LGBT community in La Crosse, this project would require wider community involvement. Recently a meeting was held

by Jymmer

with some of the other LGBT organizations in the area and I am happy to report that the idea was met with enthusiastically. The response was so positive, it literally brought tears to my eyes.

La Crosse's first pride event, "Pride Along the Mississippi," is scheduled for August 24th - 26th. More information about this event will be coming in future issues of *G-STREET* but start making your vacation plans now!

Although just a brief history of the Red Ribbon Family Fund and some of our efforts, I hope I've been able to answer at least a few of your questions. We invite you to visit La Crosse, attend events, meet new people and enjoy our wonderful community.

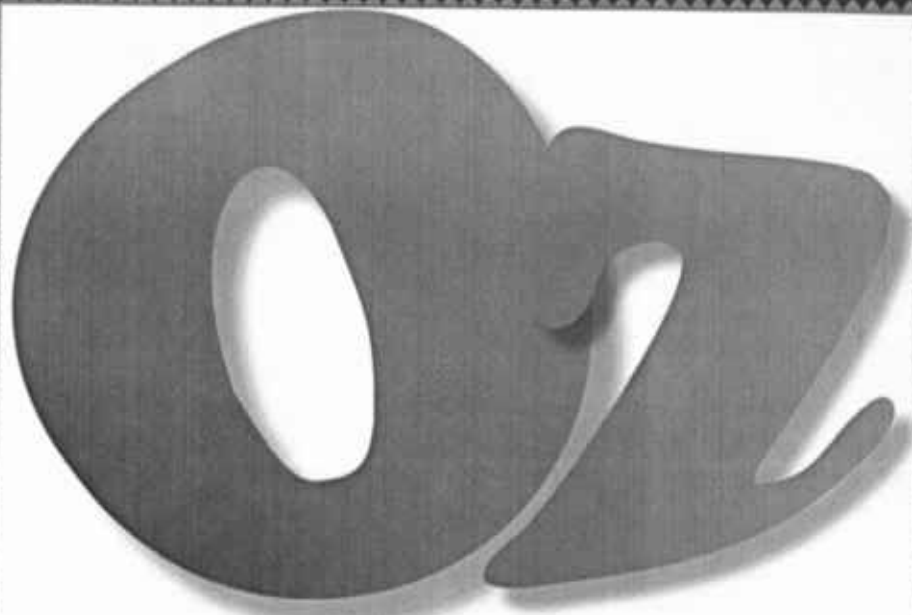
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have to get down to Peg's early to get a good seat. The show starts at 9 pm. Ronnie Nyles always puts on an unforgettable show!

The next night, April 21, Player's will host the "Mr. Mississippi Valley Contest." They are looking for local talent to represent La Crosse at the Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA Contest in Madison on July 1. Entry is very simple and details are available at Player's.

Matt Watson - our winner of the party at Rainbow's End - decided he just couldn't wait to have a party so he throwing a huge birthday bash for Mother and Springer on April 29. During the party, Mother will hold his traditional silent auction with several special items to bid on. I'll be making the food. I'm planning a wonderful spread fit for all the "kings and queen!" All proceeds will go to the Red Ribbon Family Fund. Stop down, wish Mother and Springer a happy birthday, have a bite to eat and make a bid on some interesting object! It promises to be a super party! Doors open at 1 pm, auction starts at 3 and food throughout the day.

Easter Eggs go on sale throughout the month of April all around town. They're just a buck and are stuffed with all kinds of goodies. The donation goes to the Red Ribbon Family Fund and you should be able to buy your egg at Player's, My Place or Rainbow's End.

Now a word from this broad about Gay TV (no, not the supposed 'network' but gay programming). I was sitting in the waiting room of my dentist's office paging through a recent copy of Newsweek when I ran across an article on gay issues on TV. While I was reading it struck me that, almost overnight, the networks have become much more gay friendly from our low point when "Ellen" was cancelled. Gay TV programming is springing up everywhere these days - from successful family show like "Will & Grace" to the steamy pay channel series "Queer as Folk." It turns out that the networks finally got it. They finally figured out that providing programming for this audience was good for

business.

Of course, according to Newsweek, they didn't go into it blind. They spent millions of dollars developing these shows and testing them on our straight counter-parts. I was surprised to read that the average viewers of these programs - including QAF - are middle-aged females with children. Not to mention a healthy number of gay people.

After reading that article I had to pause and wonder, "are heterosexuals suddenly becoming less homophobic?"

It's remarkable when you think about how far we've come from Ellen. Now there are regular feature length movies made and aired by all of the major networks. And the actors in these shows are now winning nominations for Emmy's and ACE awards.

That article got me thinking. Maybe I should do a script. It would like a gay Seinfeld set in a small mid-western city. I think I'll call it "Life's a Party!"

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We are all Homophobic: The Question is, How Much?

I have been told by many lesbian and gay men and women, in all honesty, that they have no internalized homophobia. They sincerely believe that they have fully dealt with negative feelings about being lesbian and gay and that they have no bad feelings toward themselves or other people in the community.

Some of these same people find it necessary to hide lesbian-related photographs, books, and magazines when people come to the house. Some of them have never told their grandparents that they are lesbian or gay due to the insistence of their parents. Still others are offended that many lesbian individuals "wave their sexual orientation around" by putting rainbow stickers on their cars or hold hands in public.

When someone goes out of their way to tell you that they know about your sexual orientation and that they are O.K. with it, do you smile and say thanks? How do you feel when you take your s/o to a hotel and ask for a room with one bed? What happens when your parents allow your married siblings to stay at their house but won't allow the two of you to share a bed--and you concede.

Even excessive pride and stridency can be a reaction against, and hence an indication of, internalized homophobia. If you are generally on guard against homophobes and are ready to defend yourself at the drop of a hat, part of the reason may be unresolved internalized homophobia.

I have been out of the closet for 27 years and was raised in a politically and religiously liberal family. My immediate family has been incredibly supportive, and I am out in all areas of my life. As I have been peeling away the onion layers over the years, however, I continue to uncover pockets of internalized homophobia.

I have come to the conclusion, based on my own experience and observations as a thera-

by Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

pist, that reducing internalized homophobia is a process which parallels self-actualizing. We can never "self-actualize." Nor can we completely overcome the bombardment of messages about us.

So, even for those of you who are skeptics and are coming around to the idea that maybe, just maybe, there's a bit of internalized homophobia left within you, what to do about it? The first step is to recognize it. Messages about lesbian individuals have seeped into our pores. We cannot live in this society and escape the insidious ideas that are said and believed about us.

Part of my work with lesbian and gay clients has been to help them become aware of their subtle and not-so-subtle homophobia. When someone says that all gay men are promiscuous or that lesbians are mostly butch dykes, for example, a red flag waves in my head. The red flag says "This is internalized homophobia!"

The next step, once you have recognized your own homophobia, is to accept it. Part of this step is to not judge yourself for knowing that you have internalized some negative beliefs and stereotypes. Ironically, change occurs when you accept your own internalized homophobia. Change cannot occur when you resist the idea that you could be homophobic or that you shouldn't feel that way. Many clients have made the greatest gains when they have learned to stop judging themselves for incorporating homophobic beliefs about themselves and others.

The third step is to continue the coming out process in terms of connecting with other lesbians and gay men on an emotional level. By doing so, you can learn to view each person as an individual instead of lumping people into a group, which in turn can help reduce judgments about others.

One avenue for doing so is by joining self-helps groups or a therapy group. My experi-



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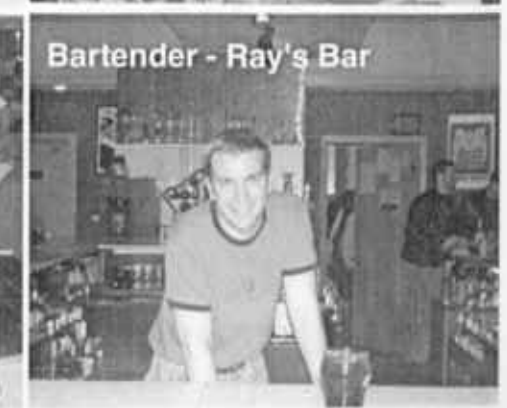
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What? You Two Again?



Bartender - Ray's Bar



Dear Lucy,

As the newest member of the *G-STREET* family, I felt it only appropriate that I introduce myself. I mean, I'm sure you're wondering "who the hell is Lucy and just who does she think she is writing an advice column?"

Well, my little petunias let me tell you... unlike Dear Ruthie, Ms Behavior, Dear Abby, Ann Landers and (God save the queens) Dr. Laura, I, Miss Lucy, have my fingers on the very pulse of the Midwestern gay experience.

By that I mean I have either been, will be or am now a woman, a man, a dyke, a fag, a top, a bottom, an angel, a whore, a drag, a

wife and a husband. I've done it all, deary. You name it and I AM it wrapped up in this one fagtabulous, queerific package!

There is just one thing I am not and that is 'straight-acting' (I mean, really, who would want to be?).

I'll be gracing these pages in the coming months giving everyone who writes the benefit of my vast experience (and, if they sound interesting, maybe my phone number). Who knows, someone may even write with a question that I know nothing about. However, that doesn't Lucy won't have an opinion.

I hope you'll write soon and check back next month as Lucy goes to work. So, petunias, let's get on with it before you make Lucy mad (you wouldn't like Lucy when she's angry). You can reach me care of *G-STREET*, write to me at lucy@g-street.com or fax me to 952-297-0140. Next month: Size queens and the men who hate them.

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who share so many things in common, a person cannot help but come away feeling proud.

I am already utilizing some of the knowledge gained during the conference, and I am excited about attending the next conference. I encourage you to look up OutFront: www.Outfront.org."

DULUTH-SUPERIOR AREA COMMUNITY GLBT MEETING:

On Thursday, March 22nd, at 7pm, the Northland Gay Mens Center (NGMC) hosted a Community GLBT Meeting that was conducted by OutFront MN's Ann DeGroot & Scott Fearing. Many area GLBT organizations were represented and many individuals and activists were in attendance in the packed (and quite warm!) meeting room, where some stood in doorways or were even just outside the room. The meeting was akin to past "Lavender Roundtable" meetings held in the area to share ideas and encourage better working relationships between our area's GLBT groups. After some introductions by NGMC's board chair, Dennis Kempton, OutFront's people went to work soliciting ideas for what people wanted to see come from the meeting. People then commented on their personal achievements in the GLBT arena and what they felt most proud of in our area GLBT-wise. The existence and success of such groups as Pride, NGMC, Aurora, youth groups, AIDS support and education services, and openly GLBT bars & businesses were noted.

Much conversation centered on the proposed "umbrella" GLBT structure being discussed recently, and concerns about what advantages or disadvantages it might hold if tried? Concerns included: bettering communications between existing groups; could we work better together without an umbrella group?; would unifying under one group be

detrimental to existing groups?; are there enough "working bodies" to sustain another group?; will there be a net loss of financial resources to the individual groups?; potential personality conflicts & infighting; fear of changes; potential conflicts when one group attempts to speak for all despite some dissent?; whether we're moving too fast?; fear of even more meetings to attend ;-); more bureaucracy; and, "succession planning" (when GLBT leaders move on, how are they smoothly replaced?)

A fun and eye-opening part of the evening was spent discussing what people wanted to see the GLBT scene look like in 2006? Ideas included: Having thousands of Pride Celebration attendees; electing a transgender mayor!; holding a 2-week Pride Celebration; having GLBT brochures at tourist info centers; self-sustaining GLBT publications via ads; a community center; a gay bar in Duluth!; domestic partnership benefits and registry; more youth activities; stronger drop-in centers; GLBT scholarships (Philanthrofund Foundation's Kit Waickman noted they already are offering www.scc.net/~philanth); affirming Boy Scout organizations; having the "closet cases" come out - possibly by putting a truth additive into the water supply ;-), a gay postal stamp; GLBT museum; getting a husband (who likes leather;-) for a local gay bar owner; gay dorms at colleges; having a more accepting environment where GLBT folks feel more safe and ordinary; attracting more gay & Jewish folks; better HIV services & education; better phone & electronic networking; more pro-gay letters-to-the-editors; and, a GLBT senior center. Such "dreams" as these can become part of the motivation for change in our area. Ann DeGroot noted that we appear to want to maintain our individual groups' independence, yet be able to work in a unified way on some issues. Volunteers & representatives for a "planning group" were solicited to meet 7pm, April 5th, Thursday,

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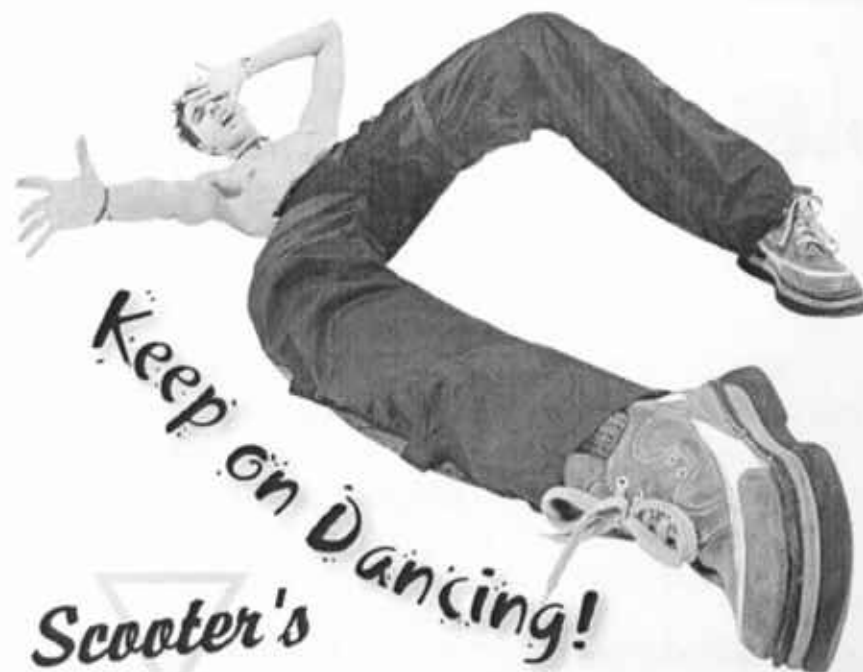
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at the NGMC to further pursue the ideas of the community meeting.

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ence with clients has been that once their initial issues have been resolved, there is an awareness that lack of intimacy contributes to their problems. And internalized homophobia is often an element of a lack of intimacy.

The fourth step, which is woven into the others, is to ask yourself if you are feeling homophobic about something as situations arise--in other words, to check in with yourself. This mindfulness may lead to some interesting insights.

This last step leads to a final question: Why accept internalized homophobia as a fact of life? The answer is that because when there is an unconscious lack of acceptance, as with any part of your personality you don't accept, it leads to threats to your ego (well-being). When you have these threats, you must defend against them. When you defend against something, you must find ways to do so, and these defenses can be self-sabotaging. Conversely, when you accept previously unowned parts

of yourself can release energy that was used in order to deceive yourself. Once this energy is freed up, you can use it in healthier, more self-enhancing ways.

During this process, as with any other journey of self-discovery you may wish to undertake, remember to be good to yourself. Putting yourself down, "shoulding" on yourself, or kicking yourself for not being homophobia-free only adds fuel to the homophobic fire. Instead, remember how far you've come--even if you are just now learning to accept yourself as lesbian, gay, or bisexual--and remind yourself of the courage it takes to be who you are. That way, your progress toward self-acceptance can be more pleasurable or, at the very least, a lot less painful.

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Hello there I am looking for a beautiful woman to help me fulfill all my lesbian fantasies. - sweetshel

1ST TIMER

47yo never been with another man, but, for the last 6 yrs, very strong feelings. It's about time to see if this is what I want. Prefer 1st timer or very inexperienced to explore feelings. - daniel

BI-FEMALE

ISO a bi or lesbian female to be friends first, but maybe more if she's the right girl. I'm a bi female 5'9", 115#, blonde hair (sometimes), and blue eyes. - ivy369

SEEKING MEN

BRAINERD

LOOKING FOR LTR

Fun and Honest guy looking for a LTR with a funny and honest gay that is not looking to see what he can get out of me and then dump me!!! Me: 6', 240#, brown hair and great looking eyes!! D/D free and HIV- Don't smoke. Drink occasionally. Email me and let see what happens. - furcub

EAU CLAIRE

MATURE, OLDER PROFESSIONAL SEEKS YOUNGER

Professional, 6'4", D/D free, discreet, 6+ cut. Wants to meet guys 18-40 for e-exchange and perhaps more. Enjoys travel, music, working out, community service, fine dining, romantic evenings together with lots of body contact, warm, sensual showers together and a good time in bed with no intercourse. - bigdude

EAU CLAIRE AND HORNY

I'm looking to meet for discreet safe sex. I'm 42yo, 5'10", 220#, husky bear looking for regular m-m encounters. Discreet, clean & horny!! Let's meet for drinks and fun! logboy7@yahoo.com - logboy

BACK IN THE SADDLE

38 yo bear seeks clean vanilla G?M for friendship and joyful days/weeks/months. I'm new to the whole scene, again, after 15 years in hiding. - dq4u

FOX VALLEY

24YO GAY-PROFESSIONAL

6'1", 210#, very clean cut, above average looks, short brown hair, blue eyed account executive looking for a man that is open to new adventures. I have a great sense of adventure both sexually and mentally. I enjoy the club scene. I love to ski in the winter and boat in the summer. If you are looking for a sex toy or friend to watch "Queer as Folk" with or just someone to chat with, I'm your

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man. I am very easy going and very open minded and would like the chance to get to know you! - preobar

GREEN BAY

R U OUT THERE? R U THE ONE?

SGWM in the Green Bay area: 5'10, 170#, br/br, mustache and beard, HIV- and well-endowed. Interests include biking, walks, dinners, movies, day and weekend trips. ISO SGM who is honest, discreet, matures (40's to 60's) with similar interests for friendship, companionship or more. Facial and body hair a plus. If interested write to: Boxholder, PO Box 773, Green Bay, WI 54305

GREEN BAY GUY LOOKING FOR....

I'm looking for other guys in the Green Bay area to go out and party with or just to stay at home and play (or both)! I am only interested in single guys, 18-35 years old, and guys who are height/weight proportional. Slim guys are a big plus! I am 33 (always guessed at 27), 6'1", 155#, slim, smooth, clean, clean cut, strawberry blond, and have green eyes. I also have a pic of myself to trade with nice guys who are interested. - havencroft

RU A MUSCLEHEAD?

40+, 5'7", 150#, fit and ready to discreetly ride on a "Muscle-Coaster" Like showing off? ... Not a slave! But I can take it. - slut4muscle

LA CROSSE

PANTY FETISH

27yo, SWM, bi, enjoy dressing in panties, stockings, and women's lingerie would like to meet others who enjoy the sensual pleasure of satin and lace. Must be discreet. - ebeth

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MADISON

SEEKING "MAD" MEN

I am a 31yo professional GWM in Madison seeking other men in Madison for friends, fun, maybe even a LTR! I'm 5'11", bl/bl, avg build, clean shaven and good looking. Looking for another good looking GWM between 25-35 (brown eyes & moderately hairy a plus) who is looking for a good friend, a good time, or even a LTR! Interests include (but not limited to) biking, swimming, cuddling, movies, going-out, staying-in, South Park, & Scooby Doo (yes, I'm just a big kid at heart). - kevers

MILWAUKEE

NEED AT LEAST 9 INCHES!!

38yo, SWM looking for huge meat in SE Wisconsin area. 9"+ minimum! Black or white, hairy or smooth, top or bottom, it doesn't matter as long as it's long. I'm 6'1", 190#, bl/bl, fit and masculine. Threesomes and more-somes ok too. Email me directly and we can talk more. Nowino2@yahoo.com - nowino

MINNESOTA

SEEKING A FRIEND

I have just come-out and am new to this. Looking for an honest person who can show a shy guy around. Please write me for more info! I would love to hear from you! - virginmpis

SUPERIOR/DULUTH

DULUTH PROFESSIONAL SEEKS FRIENDS & LOVE

Recently relocated to Duluth seeking new friends and social outlets in the Duluth/Superior area. Seeking confident, independent person for exploration. I'm a responsible mid-30s male with an affinity for late nights and the occasional adventure. I enjoy walking parks, river banks, travel & tours, movies, books, libraries, and camping. Looking for playmates and people to share my free time. Write me! serious only, please. - duluthbrian

TWIN CITIES

I NEED AN EXPERIENCE!

40 something guy looking for an experience to remember! Inexperienced. Willing to try new things if right time and place. Into oral, y/o, XXX movies. Let's have some fun! - dann07

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WISCONSIN

LOOKING FOR HOT ACTION IN STEVENS POINT

Looking to meet other boys for fun. Write me and we can talk about whatever pops up. - utshac

LOOKING FOR BUDDY JANESVILLE/BELOIT AREA

MWM, 43yo, 5'7", 143#, br/bl, 31" waist looking to meet other guys in Janesville area for some male fun! - rainman

SUBMISSIVE BOTTOM, LOOKING DOM/TOP OLDE

I'm a submissive bottom. Would like to meet Older MASTER. 50+. I enjoy ALL. Send e-mail to fraser@charter.net - scottt

TEASE ME AND PLEASE ME

I am a white male looking for fun and friends. I am new to the Racine area and would like to have someone show me around and around. If you can do what I seek then respond to me and we will go out and have a lot of fun! - new at this

BI-CURIOS 37YO

Looking to chat about any experiences and where to find others for safe encounters - riik70

QUIET TIMES IN PHILLIPS

Looking for someone to spend some time with. I like a little bit of all kinds of music and movies. Prefer going out to some place quiet or staying home to watch a movie or sit by a campfire. If you'd like to know more reply with info about you and some of your interests. - vinn

FRIENDSHIP

5'9, 130lbs smooth body, long black hair, 46 y/o ; native american looking 4 friendship and more. Enjoy older men, hairy men up to ?? Gay Bi ok

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen



Looking to make all kinds of friends. Love animals, music, some sports, nature, etc. if interested reply and let's chat! - robb

SEEKING WOMYN

MADISON

IS SHE REALLY OUT THERE?

I can see her in the distance, beautiful as the setting sun on a winter afternoon, when the sky is alive with color. She is laughing, her head tipped back slightly as her hands reach up to gently tuck behind her ear the stray hair that has come loose to tickle her face. I can hear her laughter like music it floats across the wind beckoning me come closer.....Is she you? - femdyke69

CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM

33, SWF, sft/butch pursuing dream of a wife, kids, a house, the SUV and

the family sedan with the dog greeting you at the door after work. I'm looking for that special lady to help me complete the dream. I like to hike and camp, movies (rental or theater), long walks, reading, listening to music, riding motorcycle, and just cuddling and spending time with my partner. Interested, drop me a line. Talk to you soon :-)

NOT2BLUE

Hello...I'm a 28yo GWF looking for friends and possibilities. I like movies, music, the outdoors and good company. If you're interested, drop me a line. - not2blue

MILWAUKEE

I KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE

I'm on the butch side of the scale, I'm tall and lovable. I would really like to

meet other womyn from Wisconsin. Right now I live just south of Lake Winnebago, but I will soon be moving to Milwaukee. Hope to see you soon. - bfg

MILWAUKEE HOTTEST COUPLE SEEKING BI GIRL

She is 22yo, very hot, 5'5", 115# with long black hair. I am 25yo, 6'2", tall, dark and handsome. We are clean, discreet professionals. We are looking for our second 3 way encounter with hot woman (lesbian or bi or straight). We guarantee you that we are hot, sexy, clean and know action. - actioncouple

OPEN TO EVOLVING? SO AM I!

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WISCONSIN

NEW TO THE AREA. SHOW ME AROUND?

Hi! I'm moving to the Oak Creek, Wisconsin area and I'm hoping expand my circle of friends. I'm a laid back down to earth person - not into games or drama. I'm 31yo, employed, and very diverse in my interests. Just so you know, I have a 6yo Chinese Shar Pei... (that's a dog). She's my only child so if you decide to be my friend, keep in mind that I am a package deal. Lesbians only please. Hope to hear from you! - packagedeal

JUST ME

I hate writing these things, I'm a woman who hates drama, chaos. I absolutely love peace, solitude, and strong independent, intelligent women. - sojourner8

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