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Huge Parade and Rally Headline Milwaukee Pride Week

FIRST GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE & RALLY



[Milwaukee]- We're only moments away from the 1st Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Rally on Saturday, June 17th. As to be expected, things are hectic, but on schedule for a day of pride and celebration.

Robert Peterson from *The Advocate* arrived on Wednesday night to begin his stay with the Lesbian/Gay community during Pride Week for a special article on Pride Celebrations.

Terry Boughner and Jamakaya will appear on the Channel 10 Public Television program "Smith and Company", Thursday night, the publication date of *Wisconsin Light*, at 10:30 p.m. to discuss the Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration.

On Friday, at 9:00 a.m. Terry Boughner, Editor of the *Wisconsin Light*, and Annabell Havlicek of Robison, Havlicek & Associates, will be on a live call-in "Larry the Legend Johnson" talk show on WISN Radio, 1130AM.

The Pride Committee held an orientation session Wednesday evening for the Pride Guide volunteers and updated them on all the current events and activities. The participation of those volunteering is much appreciated, the Committee said, and the Committee intends to put their time, talents and Pride to good use this weekend.

All is ready for the Parade and Rally.

D.C. Speak Out Campaign To Visit Pride Rally

[Washington, D.C.]— The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is planning an unprecedented campaign at Gay Pride events around the country to enroll people in the HRCF Speak Out mail program to Congress. The program — the first of its kind in the Gay movement — has met with tremendous response from around the country.

In the last six weeks, the program has tripled to almost 12,000 individuals who have pre-authorized messages to their congresspersons.

HRCF Speak Out campaign canvassers will be signing up people at the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride March and Rally on June 17. Milwaukee is among the 30-40 cities to be visited by HRCF canvassers. The canvassers will be wearing blue Speak Out T-shirts and have HRCF mailgram forms on hand.

HRCF cautions Gay/Lesbian Pride participants not to confuse the Speak Out campaign with petitions from the New Alliance Party (NAP). NAP, criticized by numerous national and local Gay organizations as "opportunistic" and exploitive of the Gay community, is attempting to sign up Gays in support of its so-called "AIDS Bill of Rights." **There is no such bill pending in Congress at this time.**

By signing up for the HRCF Speak Out program, people allow brief, hardhitting messages to be sent on their behalf to their congresspersons.

"We may see a vote on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in mid-July," said Steve Endean, HRCF Field Division director. "We believe Jesse Helms will attack the bill with a hate amendment labeling Lesbians and Gay men a threat to the American family."

"We need every possible person enrolled in the mailgram program so we can avalanche Congress with mail supporting the bill and opposing Helms' amendment," said Endean.

The messages cost just \$2.95 each (minimum of three), and are triggered on short notice to respond to fast-moving legislation. Those enrolling in the program will be billed later.

Milwaukee Radio Airwaves Again Cultivate Homophobia

By Mary Shafer

[Milwaukee]- Once again, Milwaukee's prime cultivators of homophobia (that's right, I'm talking about radio disk jockeys) have chosen to plow a few more furrows into the already fertile ground of our provincial town.

On Friday, June 9, one week before our scheduled Gay Pride Celebration, Dave Luczak of WKLH/96.5 FM, found one of his "Hollywood Trash" articles (a frequent segment of the morning show) irresistible grist for his homophobia mill.

It seems that those two gals-about-town, Madonna and Sandra Bernhard (a brilliant and somewhat over-the-edge comedienne from out LA way) once again made headlines among the avant garde group as they entertained a \$500 per ticket crowd for a benefit performance by doing a raunchy version of Sonny & Cher's "I Got You, Babe," complete with some very undiluted feely-meely fondling of each other as they sang.

During the performance, Madonna referred to rumors that began circulating after she and Bernhard appeared on Letterman and professed a deep mutual love and admiration for each other, by saying to the audience, "Don't believe any of those rumors," to which Bernhard quipped in no uncertain terms, "Believe all those rumors!" The gals just giggled and went on with the show.

Well, apparently ol' Dave just couldn't handle that one. He proceeded to make comments like, "Boy, she is one homely woman," referring to Bernhard. Obviously, if a woman chooses to be a dyke, it was sparked by her inability to get a guy, right? He also noted that, by looking at a picture that he was obviously holding in his hand at the time, that, "Well, yeah, I guess with her shirt off

she would look like a guy. I mean, look at this..."

He was talking to his temporary co-anchor, Lisa Dominique, who is standing in for Luczak's usual morning partner, Carol Kane who is on maternity leave.

Kane usually has the ability to temper some of Luczak's more sophomoric outbursts. Her unusual level of sophistication for FM radio and dry wit many times serve to make Luczak make himself look as silly as he is.

Let's face it, Dave. It's not necessary that Sandra Bernhard look like a guy for Madonna to be attracted to her. After all, one year with Sean Penn would be enough for any self-respecting woman to realize that men aren't all they're cracked up to be when it comes to relationships and tenderness.

And don't worry, Dave. Madonna continues to make her living by exploiting her "Boy Toy" image onstage and in her music, so you can still fantasize about her liking men...maybe even you! If Madonna can make millions of dollars by making all the little boys cream their jeans, more power to her. It might be kind of rough, but she can always go home and be comforted by Sandra.

Wake up and smell the political ferment, Milwaukee "air personalities!" We are part of your listenership, and WE DO LISTEN! We will no longer sit back and tolerate being the targets of your ignorant, hateful barbs and be silent about it.

Does anyone else recall a similar situation awhile back with the Lipps LaBelle show on WKTI? Was it just a coincidence that Mr. LaBelle's name, along with WKTI's appeared on the back page of the *Light's* Pride issue as people who supported the staging of our first Gay Pride march with their monetary donations?

Apparently someone is alert enough to recognize the political clout that the Milwaukee Gay community has the ability to wield and takes it seriously. I congratulate them on their perception and urge others to do the same. We are, after all, headed into The Gay Nineties...



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The expected turnout of individuals, according to members of the Pride Committee, is predicted in the 5,000+ range, and Wisconsin cities such as Madison, Green Bay, Stevens Point, La Crosse, Eau Claire, and out-of-state cities including Minneapolis and Chicago, have buses transporting people to attend the Rally and to March in the Parade through downtown Milwaukee.

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S.F. Domestic Partner Law Signed Into Law

[San Francisco]- San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos on June 5 signed into law precedent-setting legislation ending official discrimination based on marital status. The Mayor's action followed a unanimous vote of approval by the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco's city-county legislative body.

Supervisor Harry G. Britt, President of the Board of Supervisors and author of the law, said today that "San Francisco has once again set the pace for the nation. This law is about human rights as much as it is about anything else. No one in this country should be treated as a second-class citizen, whether it be because of their race, their religion, their beliefs, or their marital status. We have sent a clear signal that all of us have the

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Sunday, June 18 Concert Added By Fest City Singers

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) will present an added performance of their revue and concert "Catch a Rising Star" on Sunday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells. Some tickets are still available for the Friday and Saturday performances, June 16 and 17 at 8:00 p.m., but advance ticket sales have indicated the need for an added performance.

Tickets for all three performances may be ordered from the Fest City Singers Hotline (414) 263-SING. A networking and ticket table will be set up at Milwaukee's Pride Rally at which the FCS will perform.

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