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The Wisconsin Light

Pride and Power: Madison's United Launches a New Campaign

(Madison)- The United of Madison is entering a new chapter in its 17 year history. Their new campaign, "Pride and Power: Uniting for Real Change," will be a multi-faceted effort to target discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians and to increase the network of support for the LesBiGay community.

The United is an agency designed to serve the needs of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals in Madison and throughout the state of Wisconsin. The United provides workshops, individual counseling, resource information, and a library, in addition to serving as a public voice for the LesBiGay community.

"Pride and Power" is a five year plan for growth and outreach involving expansion of workshops and the library, media trainings, new grant development, creation of a "learning center," and extensive networking throughout Wisconsin. Some of the many issues The United will tackle, include health concerns and HIV/AIDS, media sophistication, same-sex marriage legislation, and hate-crimes, as well as expanded outreach to disenfranchised LesBiGay groups like rural men and women, teens and seniors.

"The 1990's have been both an exciting and scary time for the LesBiGay community. Our visibility has increased dramatically and with that, the need for the services of The United," said Board President, Dale Johnson. "For example, in just two years we've more than doubled the number of people who we serve. More than 18,000 people will utilize our resources in 1994 alone."

In order to maintain this growth, The United has initiated an aggressive fundraising campaign. In order for it to succeed, your help is critical. The goal is to raise \$30,000 by the end of the year.

"The United is growing larger everyday," said United Director, Jane Vanderbosch. "With this increase in funding, we are going to be able to improve our services even more."

If you want to get involved, there are important ways you can help. A campaign of this magnitude needs volunteers. The United needs everything from people to stuff envelopes to those willing to solicit funds for The United.

And of course, you can donate to The United. Your tax deductible check can be sent to: The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701.

Sybaris Pool Suites Say "No" to Same-Sex Couples

(Milwaukee)- Perhaps you've seen the TV ads. They're for Sybaris Pool Suites and they promise a virtual Fantasy Island Paradise for couples seeking to have a little time for themselves. But that doesn't apply to same-sex couples.

Julie Gimme and Marcia Janeczko thought that Sybaris might be just the thing for a mini-holiday. That's what the ads promised, after all. So Julie called in to make a reservation. Everything was going well until the woman on the other end of the phone line asked for her husband's name. Julie said she wasn't married to a man, but another woman.

The reservation was quickly turned down. When Julie asked if such discrimination wasn't against Wisconsin law, she was told that Sybaris was a club, and so immune.

When Light called Sybaris and asked for a reservation, the whole thing was repeated.

Since the ads never mention anything about Sybaris being a club, the woman was asked about that. "Didn't she think the ads were misleading?"

"I don't know about that," was the reply.

So the next time you see those ads and dream of a weekend in some fantasy-like place, such as Sybaris, with your honey, forget it. Sybaris is a heterosexual couples only kind of place.

5,500 Pre-Registered for Sept. 18 AIDS Walk Wisconsin with a Record Crowd Expected



Hot Queen-Mitzu Tick (Hugo Weaving) breaks into song...and bloom in the film "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" which opens Sept. 16th at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

EDITORIAL

On Sept. 13, Vote For Matt Gunderson in the U.S. Senate Race

Not for the first time, Wisconsin Light is urging its readers to vote for a Republican. Now we are urging it again. This time, we strongly suggest that voters cast their ballots in the September 13 Primary, for Matt Gunderson, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. We take this position for the following reasons:

1. Gunderson has assured us that he supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and would become a co-sponsor if elected to the Senate.
2. He has told us that he would have voted against the Helms-Hancock amendment to the Education bill. If passed, this amendment would have potentially catastrophic effects on LesBiGay teens.
3. He has said that he is solidly Pro-Choice.
4. He has told us, and made public statements, that he supported President Clinton's original intention to life the ban on LesBiGays in the military.
5. But, to our mind, most importantly of all, he has said that he believes that Wisconsin's law preventing discrimination against Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men (AB 70) should be extended to the nation as a whole. He has said that, if elected, he will work toward this, becoming a co-sponsor of the federal legislation that would guarantee LesBiGays our civil rights.

We realize that for many, voting for Gunderson in the up-coming Primary, will mean a cross-over vote. We realize too that if you cannot switch back and forth between Republicans and Democrats on the ballot. But we believe that it is urgent that you do vote for Gunderson.

We are convinced that the incumbent, Sen. Herb Kohl, has betrayed us right and left and that he will continue to do so. We believe that he has no one's interests at heart except his own. We believe that it is time to end Kohl's term in office. We do not like having a hypocrite there. Voting for Matt Gunderson is the way to begin the process of stopping Kohl.

Media Attention May Have Driven Alleged Serial Killer Gary Ray Bowles From State

(Milwaukee)- In an update to our front page, lead headline story of last issue about alleged serial killer, Gary Ray Bowles, the FBI says that media attention may have driven Bowles from the state.

But this is only a "maybe," according to Brian Manganello, a spokesman for the Milwaukee bureau of the FBI. Manganello told Light that they didn't know where Bowles was, but Manganello asserted that if he were still in the Milwaukee area, "We would have caught him."

Media coverage was extensive. Not only was Bowles' picture and description widely covered, but the FBI put his picture up in all of the Milwaukee bars.

The search received national attention as well. It was profiled on "America's Most Wanted."

Manganello told Light that the FBI had received numerous leads, all of which had been "run out," but "nothing substantial" had turned up. There were a lot of "look alikes," he said.

Asked if they thought Bowles had left Wisconsin, Manganello said that no one could be sure, but "the case remains open," he said.

Bowles original venue was on the east coast, where he traveled up and down I-94. It was only within the last month, that he turned west and was seen in Springfield, Illinois. He



Gary Ray Bowles, March, 1994

was sighted next in Kenosha and finally, Milwaukee.

Manganello said that besides being wanted by various local police departments on murder charges, he is wanted on a federal warrant of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Manganello urged anyone with any information to call the FBI at (414) 276-4684.

Bowles has been called "a predator." He is armed and considered extremely dangerous. Do not take action yourself, but call the FBI or the local police.

Phone Registrations are Encouraged

(Milwaukee)- Pre-registrations for the upcoming AIDS Walk Wisconsin are rolling in at a record pace signaling a huge crowd of devoted walkers at the 5th Annual Walk which is the state's largest AIDS fundraiser.

As Light goes to press, the AIDS Walk office reports more than 5,500 pre-registrations with hundreds of new registrations coming in every day.

"The AIDS Walk gets bigger and better every year and our numbers today signal a record crowd this year," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), which produces the Walk.

"The AIDS Walk is the time and the place when people from across the state rally in solidarity for the epic fight against AIDS," Nelson said. "The Walk is an event where people manifest their deep commitment and gain strength to confront AIDS in a powerful way."

AIDS Walk Wisconsin will be held Sunday, September 18, with registration and entertainment beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Walk's opening ceremonies will start at 12:00 noon.

Walk Benefits 20 Agencies

Money raised from AIDS Walk Wisconsin supports AIDS prevention, care and treatment, and research services throughout Wisconsin. A record high 20 AIDS service agencies will receive proceeds from the AIDS Walk.

"The abiding principle of the Walk is to benefit the entire AIDS community and the 20 beneficiary agencies this year reflect the great diversity within our community," said Nelson.

Registration for AIDS Walk Wisconsin Continues.

Call now for pledge sheets and information.

1-800-348-WALK

While Nelson praised the broad diversity of AIDS Walk beneficiaries, ultra-conservative forces in the Milwaukee community have criticized the Walk for including ACT UP Milwaukee as one of the beneficiaries.

The Light has learned that an organized effort by these forces to get AIDS Walk sponsors to withdraw their support was initiated without much success. The Walk's major corporate sponsors such as Miller Brewing Company remained steadfast in their support of the Walk.

"The AIDS community is large and diverse and we will not let anyone divide us," Nelson said. "This Walk will always serve the broadest representation of the AIDS community and that definitely includes ACT UP Milwaukee and Camp Heartland, the Hemophilia Foundation, the Hispanic AIDS Coalition, and 16 other agencies that will benefit from this year's walk."

Nelson singled out praise for the strong Walk commitment that is being demonstrated by the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and Center Project, Inc., in Green Bay. He enthusiastically predicted that record numbers of people will come to this year's Walk from the Madison and Green Bay areas.

Walk Starts at Summerfest Grounds

A surprise at this year's Walk will be its beginning location on the Summerfest grounds (Maier Festival Park) at the huge Miller Oasis.

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THE FLIRTATIONS

Tickets for the Flirtations' Concert at MAPfest, Sept. 4, are going fast. This is a concert not to be missed.

Get Your Tickets Now!
Call the PAC Box Office
(414) 273-7206