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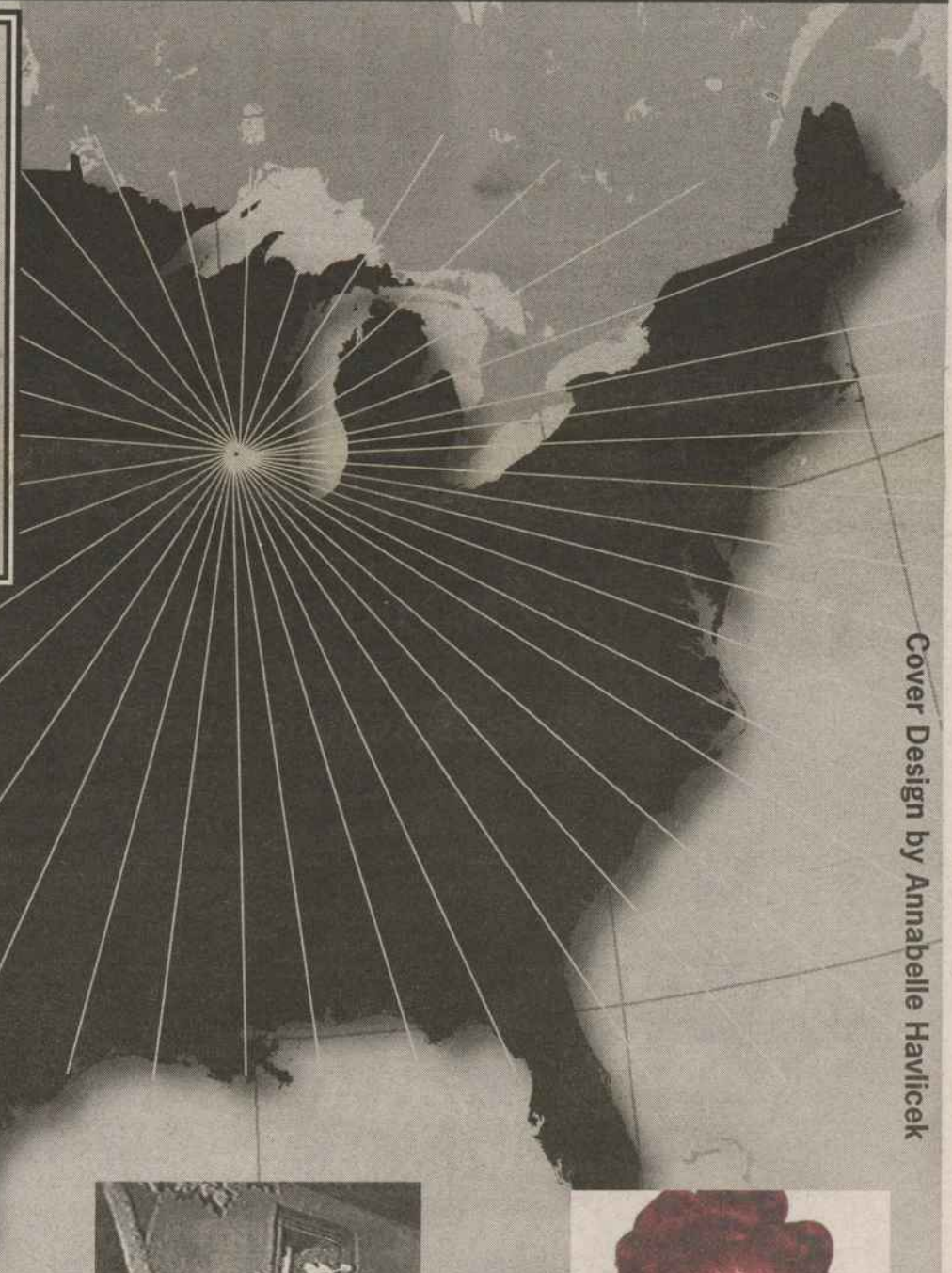
Where are we going? Where should we be going? What are the most important issues facing us and how do we resolve them? What should our statewide and national organizations be doing?

These and other questions will be discussed and considered by national and statewide LGBT leaders and those in attendance at *Wisconsin Light's* Directions 2000 at the *Wisconsin Light* PrideFest Beer Garden on Sunday, August 8 from 3 to 5pm.

Directions 2000 offers a unique opportunity for all of us to let our leaders know what we think. It's your chance to speak your mind and be heard.

These leaders include Charlotte Young, Northern Field Organizer of the Human Rights Campaign, America's largest LGBT organization; Matthew Roberts, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund's Midwest Region; Frances Stevens, Editor of *Curve* Magazine, the world's largest Lesbian publication; State Representative Mark Pocan, Wisconsin's only openly Gay legislator; Jim McFarland, co-founder of the Log Cabin Republican Club of Wisconsin; and Mike Fitzpatrick, President of Action Wisconsin.

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AP Associated Press**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR****Dear Readers,**

Welcome to part two of our PrideFest '99 coverage. As a weekly, we're able to update you on the latest schedule changes at the big event. We decided to take full advantage of that opportunity.

All told, our advance PrideFest coverage took up 14 pages of space of our last two issues. That includes ten pages last week and four pages this week.

Some LGBT newspaper editors would be surprised at that amount. In the vast majority of cities, the local pride event gets very little advance coverage from the Gay press.

Certainly, it's more costly to add pages so that a reader is fully informed about a Pride celebration, but we believe that cost is justified. As a newspaper staff that really is committed to building a stronger sense of community, we feel that we must do everything we can to promote community-building activities.

We hope that our PrideFest coverage will encourage our readers in Wisconsin and in neighboring states to attend it. We also hope that they will reward the advertisers whose support allowed us to provide the most comprehensive Pride coverage of any LGBT publication we have seen anywhere in the country.

We are proud of that coverage and of the staff that produced it. The size of our last issue made it imperative that we work even harder than normal.

Special thanks go to our Designer Scott Deibel. For our last issue, he worked around the clock from early Monday morning until we went to press in the middle of Tuesday afternoon. Thanks also go to Ron Geiman, who answered the call for help and put in three times the hours he normally does.

Our new account representative, Diane "Legs" Gregory, had quite a baptism of fire. She came through with flying colors. Diane was fabulous!

Our publisher Greg Quindel took even more time than normal from his always-busy schedule to lend a hand. I really can't say enough about Greg. You don't see his byline very often, but he has a substantial impact issue after issue.

Our Copy Editor Rick Haag is equally amazing. I still don't know how he managed to proof all that copy while holding down a job that actually pays him for his work.

It's impossible to put into words how our staff felt when last week's issue arrived. You can't quantify pride, at least on an individual basis. It's a feeling we get whenever the paper comes to the loading dock, but last week Wednesday that feeling was extra special.

That's what pride is about, feeling special,

feeling valued, feeling one's own sense of self-worth. Those who criticize Gay Pride celebrations are missing that point.

We live in a world dominated by heterosexuals. That makes it important for us to take

some time out and appreciate our uniqueness as individuals and as a community.

Last June, when many cities celebrated Gay Pride, I read sev-

eral articles wherein heterosexuals called for straight pride celebrations. In London, England, they actually held such an event.

Our Pride parades and festivals are not about "shoving homosexuality down the community's throat." They are celebrations of our contributions to society. In that sense, they are like the festivals and parades put on by dozens of ethnic groups. Just as those groups find a sense of community in their celebrations, so do we.

Our Pride events are also opportunities to enjoy ourselves, to meet old friends and make new ones, to learn and to feel good about who we are.

We can't quantify our individual pride, but we can measure our pride as a community. The attendance counters at PrideFest and other Pride celebrations do that for us.

There are tens of thousands of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered individuals within easy driving distance of the PrideFest grounds. Only a small fraction of them come to PrideFest. It's time that changed.

PrideFest is a three-day event full of entertainment, exhibits, food and activities. There is almost no one who can honestly say that they couldn't find the time or a reason to attend.

Do you think that if we had an attendance of even 25,000 at last year's PrideFest, there would have been seven Milwaukee aldermen voting against the Domestic Partnership registry?

If you really can't find any other reason to attend PrideFest, think of how bigger attendance figures will tick off those obnoxious Religious Right protestors. That alone is worth the price of admission.

If you haven't been coming to PrideFest in the past, isn't it time that your pride was counted?

Enjoy the Light!**Bill Meunier**
Editor**Art Director/Production Manager**

Wisconsin Light, Wisconsin's only full-time weekly newspaper for the LGBT community, is currently seeking a full-time Art Director and Production Manager. Initial responsibilities will include design and layout of the newspaper and some of its advertising. The position will also include responsibilities as Art Director for **wilight.com** and a new national website to be launched in the fall of '99. Must have proficiency with Quark Express. Postscripting experience a plus. HTML experience is not a requirement but excellent design skills are. Looking for a nice person to work with a bunch of other nice people in the fast paced and changing environment of a very rapidly growing publishing company. Competitive salary and benefits as well as Internet stock options are available for one very talented person. Part-time positions are also available.

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Historic White House Meeting Clinton Meets with LGBT Elected Officials

Washington – State and local openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials from throughout the country met with President Clinton at the White House on Wednesday, July 28. The meeting marked the first time in history that a sitting U.S. president convened such a gathering, according to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

The meeting took place in the Cabinet Room adjacent to the Oval Office. It lasted for more than an hour and a half.

"Today's meeting marked a milestone on the long road to full inclusion of Gay and Lesbian Americans in the civic life of our nation," said Brian Bond, Executive Director of the Victory Fund. The Victory Fund helps to elect openly Gay and Lesbian candidates for public office. "One day, sexual orientation will no longer be a barrier to public service. One day, all office holders will be judged on their merits, the way we all should be. This meeting with the President represents one more sign that we are moving closer to that day."

Among those taking part in the meeting were Long Beach, Calif., City Council Member Dan Baker; Arizona State Rep. Ken Cheuvront; New York State Assemblywoman Deborah Glick; Massachusetts State Rep. Liz Malia; Connecticut State Rep. Evelyn Mantilla; Carrboro, N.C., Mayor Mike Nelson; San Francisco Board of Education President Juanita Owens; Nevada State Assemblyman David Parks; Minnesota State Senate President Allan Spear; Missouri State Rep. Tim Van Zandt; and



The President meets with LGBT elected officials from around the country.

Atlanta City Council member Cathy Woolard. Eleven of the twelve participants won their offices with the help of the Victory Fund.

Sloan Weisen of the Victory Fund told *Wisconsin Light* that the White House initiated the meeting. "The President asked us for a list, and we provided it to him," he said. Weisen said the Victory fund list included all known openly LGBT office holders. The White House selected 12 of those elected officials to give the President a representative sample of LGBT elected officials.

"The president shared many of our concerns about doing whatever he can to protect Americans from job discrimination and hate crimes based on sexual orientation – just as other forms of unfair treatment are already against the law," said State Rep. Malia of Massachusetts. "It was a very substantive and productive meeting, and we are hopeful that the President will take action that will ensure that his administration leaves a legacy of fairness for future generations."

The officials thanked the President for his commitment to securing equal rights for all Americans, and encouraged him to step up his efforts to make job discrimination and hate crimes based on sexual orientation illegal. President Clinton has made several appeals for congressional approval of ENDA, a bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. He has also called for approval of hate crimes legislation that would protect Gays and Lesbians.

Currently, federal law and the laws of most states do not protect LGBT Americans from hate crimes or employment discrimination.

During the meeting, the LGBT officials also expressed their desire to protect religious liberties in a way that preserves state and local civil rights laws.

Two weeks ago, the House of Representatives passed the Religious Liberties Protection Act, RLPA. The bill is now in the Senate. LGBT activists say that it will undercut Gay civil rights laws. RLPA supporters have openly stated that its pas-

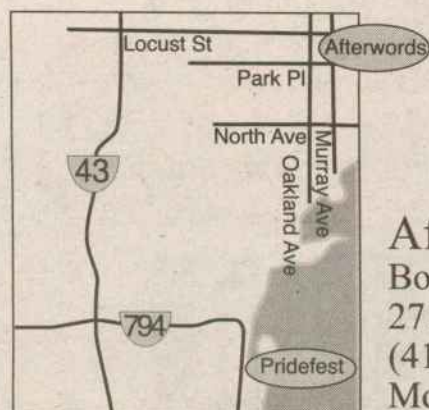
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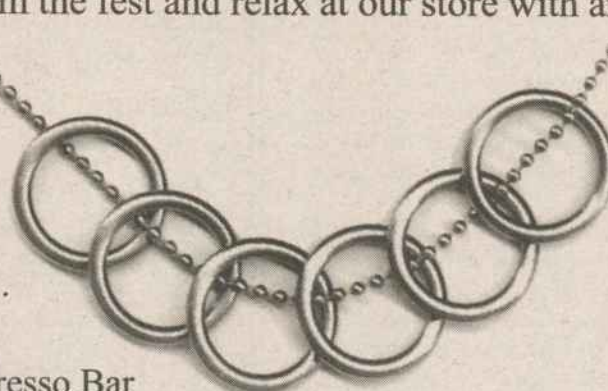
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sage would allow Americans to refuse to obey LGBT civil rights laws on religious grounds.

In addition, they shared their support for sound public health policies and their concerns over the latest crop of divisive anti-Gay ballot measures that are coming up at the state and local level.

"As public servants who happen to be Gay and Lesbian, we appreciate that the president decided to include us among the many different American voices he listens to," said state Rep. Chevront of Arizona. "The discussion touched on a wide range of issues of concern to all of our constituents, including our Gay and Lesbian constituents. It was encouraging that the president wanted to hear from us as state and local officials, not just from Washington insiders."

While those in attendance at the meeting and Victory Fund officials were elated by it, the White House was careful in how it publicized the event. The meeting was not on the daily schedule of White House events. Photographers were unable to photograph it.

Presidential Press Secretary Joe Lockheart did inform the White House Press corps about the meeting before it took place. Lockheart said that many meetings are omitted from the official White House event list.

The Family Research Council condemned the gathering. "It speaks to the fact that this president has, for his entire term of office, been beholden to this particular interest group," said Council spokeswoman Janet Parshall.

Asst. Defense Secretary Does Drag

Singapore – It's customary for the American delegation to put on a skit at the end of the annual meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). The skits are normally boring, or at least they used to be until Secretary of State Madeline Albright took charge.

Last week, the Americans took the stage and wowed the audience of diplomats and national leaders with a rousing — if somewhat altered — rendition of *Home On the Range*. Albright was unable to be present, so in her stead she sent Assistant Secretary of Defense Kurt Campbell — in drag.

Via videotape, Albright introduced Campbell as "Madeline II," a clone of herself, "who combines the modesty of ex-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger with the shyness of Madonna." Campbell, backed by other Americans, regaled the laughing crowd singing among other verses:

*To my old friends in Asia, From Japan to Malaysia
I dedicate this cowgirl song
And to old North Korea, We really don't fear ya'
Cause your missile is called the No Dong
Even the Chinese were reportedly amused.*

Michigan Jury Rejects Homosexual Panic Defense

Saginaw – A jury rejected the homosexual panic defense and convicted John Espie, 17, of First Degree Murder in the death of Nathan Nover. Espie faces a mandatory term of life in prison.

Nover was a State transportation officer assigned to take Espie from a youth detention center to a hospital for neurological tests. Espie was being held at the Center in connection with charges of auto theft and probation violations.

Espie said he went into a rage after Nover made a sexual advance while he was handcuffed in the back seat of the car. Police arrested Espie at an Indiana motel the day after Nover disappeared. When the Police arrested Espie, he was in possession of Nover's car, money clip and credit cards.

Louisville Area May Get LGBT Rights Law

Louisville – *The Louisville Courier Journal* reports that Jefferson County, which includes Louisville, may soon have an LGBT civil rights ordinance. Commissioner Joe Corradino surprised many when he announced his support for a countywide LGBT civil rights ordinance.

Corradino's announcement means that three of the four county commissioners are on record supporting the new law.

The City of Louisville has a Gay civil rights ordinance, but it only covers employment discrimination. The proposed ordinance would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in

housing, employment and public services.

Corradino said he had received over 4,000 calls and letters about the matter, 60% of which favored passage.

Ex-Gays Convene in Chicago

Chicago – Exodus International, a Christian Fundamentalist group that says Gays can become straight, attracted around 1,000 people to a conference in Wheaton, Illinois, a Chicago suburb.

The Seattle based group claims that more 200,000 Gays and Lesbians have contacted it for help in changing their sexual orientation. Last year, Exodus International caused a furor with a series of national advertisements calling on Gays to change.

During the conference, Exodus officials announced plans for a new project: the provision of evidence that homosexuals can change their sexual orientation. The American Psychiatric Association (APA) has publicly questioned the value of the "reparative therapy" used by Exodus and similar groups.

Gay and Lesbian activists scoff at the Exodus claims that it can help homosexuals become straight. They point to the number of Ex-Gays who revert to homosexuality. That list includes two Gay men who founded Exodus and then fell in love with each other.

Gay Mormons Urged to Quit

Salt Lake City – Dozens of Gay and Lesbian Mormons have requested that the church remove their names from its membership list. The resignations came after the Mormon Church sent a letter to its California members urging financial and political support for an anti-Gay marriage referendum.

Last year the Mormon Church spent over \$1 million in support of anti-Gay marriage bans in Alaska and Hawaii. Voters in those states approved the bans by a wide margin in last November's elections.

A statement issued by the church read in part, "We regret that any member would ask to have his or her name removed from our records because the church has joined a coalition [opposing] same-gender marriage. In the face of organized efforts to redefine marriage, the church has no doctrinal choice but to defend the traditional family."

Baptist Magazine Column Provokes Outrage

Greenville, SC – *The Greenville News* reports that *Baptist Courier* Editor Don Kirkland was taken to task for running a guest column that called for greater understanding of homosexuals.

The July 8 column was written by Larry and Margie Chandler, two South Carolina Baptists who have a Gay child. They did not defend homosexuality, but did plead for "a more compassionate spirit" in dealing with Gays. The July 22 edition of the magazine included a counterpoint column, six letters denouncing the Chandler article and an apology from Kirkland.

Mark Chandler said that he and his wife have received more than 60 positive responses, including seven from Baptist ministers and one from a young man whose family reunited as a result of the article. "That, as far as we're concerned, makes it worthwhile," he said.



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Action Wisconsin Gets Matching Grant

Contributions Needed by August 7

Madison - Action Wisconsin has received a special Matching Grant opportunity from the Gill Foundation. The foundation will match contributions received by the group between July 31 and August 7 of up to \$1,500.

Action Wisconsin Treasurer Charles Squires says that money is needed to help the group's efforts to work for "the protection and advancement of equal rights for LGBTs and their families" in the State legislature.

Squires said the group would engage in "battles" over:

- A current proposal to ban state funding of domestic partner benefits
- Domestic partnership and marriage rights legislation (pro and con)
- Adoption rights legislation (pro and con)
- Discrimination protection for students attending private schools at taxpayer expense

Squires urges interested parties to print a membership form from the Action Wisconsin website at <http://www.exepec.com/~dross/aw> and send it in with a contribution, or simply send a check payable to Action Wisconsin, Inc., Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701-0342. Donations can also be dropped off at Action Wisconsin's PrideFest booth.

Phone Scam Targets

Wisconsin Gay Community
 At least two men have been engaged in telephone fraud using the names of well-known Gay personalities to obtain around \$2,000 from their friends and co-workers.

The men make collect calls claiming to be someone they are not. They convince their victims to wire cash to take care of an emergency. The scam artists use the identities of four Gay men - Patrick Price, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jeff Jennings and "Papa Joe" Mallien.

Patrick Price received widespread publicity when he became the first ARCW volunteer to be inoculated with AIDS VAX, an experimental AIDS vaccine. Mike Fitzpatrick is a *Wisconsin Light* columnist, President of Action Wisconsin and a member of the ARCW-Green Bay staff. Jeff Jennings is a well-known Green Bay teacher and a former Mr. Gay Wisconsin US of A. Papa Joe is a leather columnist for *Quest* magazine.

During their calls, the con men claim they were robbed, had their car towed, mugged, or lost their personal possessions while out of town. During some of the calls, the scam artists obtain information about other friends and co-workers of the individual that they are impersonating. This has allowed them to victimize others. The con men use automated collect calling services such as 1-800-CALL ATT or 1-800-COLLECT, making it impossible to pick up the origin of the call on Caller ID.

The scheme targeted LGBT community members and others in Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Kenosha, Madison, Green Bay, De Pere, Sturgeon Bay and other cities. The

victims sent amounts of \$200 to \$500 to wire service offices in Wisconsin and California, where the con men picked up the money.

Because the scam involves individuals in multiple states, people who have information about the schemers, or who were called or impersonated by them, should contact the nearest local office of the FBI.

Partnership Victory Celebrated, Denounced

Milwaukee - Over 100 members of Milwaukee's LGBT community attended a Victory Party celebrating the passage of Milwaukee's new domestic partnership ordinance. The party filled the large meeting room at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center on July 27. Among the guests were couples who are planning to register, members of the Domestic Partnership Task Force and non-Gay supporters of the ordinance.

The Registry's main sponsor, Alderman Mike D'Amato, told the group that he is "proud of my colleagues." The East Side Alderman also praised the efforts of Milwaukee Gays in lobbying for the ordinance. He appealed to the LGBT community to remember those Aldermen who supported the Registry.

Alderman Paul Henningsen, who co-sponsored the ordinance, said that he was pleased with its passage. Henningsen said that he is running for re-election and faces a tough fight to keep his seat. "I am the downtown Alderman. I don't know why all those people want to represent buildings," he joked. Henningsen told *Light* he expects to face four opponents in the next election. They include the son of County Supervisor Sheila Aldrich and David Baumann. Henningsen defeated Baumann by a narrow margin four years ago.

Alderman Marlene Johnson-Odom said that she opposes all discrimination. Alderman George Butler, who also co-sponsored the ordinance, also attended but had to leave before the speeches began.

Task Force Co-Chair Patrick Flaherty thanked the main supporters of the effort to get the Registry passed. Flaherty gave special acknowledgement to John Goldstein, Chairman of the Milwaukee Labor Council, and Rev. Bob Clarke, both of whom were present. He also acknowledged the contributions made by Rev. Joe Ellwanger, the LGBT Community Center, Action Wisconsin, the Gay media and *Wisconsin Light* Editor Bill Meunier.

While some of those in attendance quietly discussed running a candidate against one of the Aldermen who voted against the ordinance, others socialized, ate and enjoyed the evening. By the end of the party, a small group was excitedly discussing the idea of a community wide celebration of the Registry's opening.

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CommUNITY

OutReach Launches Website

Madison – OutReach, Madison's LGBT Community Center, has officially launched its new website: (www.outreachinc.com).

The site includes an extensive listing of LGBT owned and LGBT friendly businesses, referral information, and a meeting and event calendar. Users can also access an employment and housing service. A searchable database of OutReach's 3,000 volume Earl Greely Memorial Lending Library is also available. Net surfers can post public messages and peruse an on-line version of OutReach's newsletter, *Equal Time*.

Several recent surveys indicate LGBT youth are the most Internet savvy demographic. OutReach's Development Coordinator, Joseph Bednarowski, commented, "This site will open up a new world to people who are just beginning to explore their sexual orientation. No other comparable resource for quality information on support and social services exists in Wisconsin."

Surf Madison, a division of The Industry Connection, Inc., donated the site design and provided a server to OutReach. When asked about their motivation for donating the site, IC proprietor Zanne Marie Gary noted, "We saw an important community need that wasn't being filled."

OutReach has been serving Dane County for 26 years. Earlier this spring, it opened a new and larger center in the Gateway Mall at 600 Williamson St. The e-mail address for OutReach is now: outreach@outreachinc.com. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (608) 255-4297.

Trust Fund Elects Officers, Announces Grants

Milwaukee – The G/L Community Center and Trust Fund (which is not affiliated with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center) held its annual meeting last month. The group elected Philip Amador, Ron Marks and Si Smits to two-year terms on its Board of Directors. All other Board members have one year remaining in their terms.

The meeting included a lengthy discussion on the progress of the development of Milwaukee's community centers and the Trust Fund.

The Board announced over \$1,000 in grants to the following organizations: SAGE-

Milwaukee, Gay People's Union library/archives and phone line, The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, The Youth Group of Milwaukee, The Queer cable program and the Metropolitan Community Church. According to the Trust Fund, "other organizations and programs including ARCW and BESTD Clinic will be receiving gifts after the completion of the Possum Queen campaign."

The Trust Fund is planning its annual fundraising dinner and auction for the fall of '99 and is seeking volunteers and memberships.

Information about Fund and its activities is available from the G/L Community Center and Trust Fund at PO Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or phone (414) 643-1652.

Bi-Definition Update

Milwaukee – Bi-Definition, the local advocacy, support and social group for Bisexuals and people who love them, holds twice monthly meetings at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street.

The group meets on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of the month. Discussion topics vary, "but all carry a great interest to bisexuals and the community at large." The topic for August meetings is "Bisexuals in the Media," and for September, "Violence Against Bisexuals."

For more information, call Nikki at (414) 774-5055.

Feminist Summit August

14-15

Milwaukee – The Young Feminists Taking Action: Midwest Young Feminist Summit, takes place August 14-15. Check-in is 1pm on Saturday the 14 at the UW-Milwaukee Business Building.

Workshop topics will include: Everyday Actions and Rebellions; Understanding the Legislative Process; Reproductive Rights Today; Women in Politics, and more.

Cost is \$15 and participants are requested to register by August 7 by sending payment along with your name, address, phone and email to: Milwaukee NOW, 611 N. Broadway, Suite 505, Milwaukee, WI 53202. For more information, see: www.milwaukeeenow.org.

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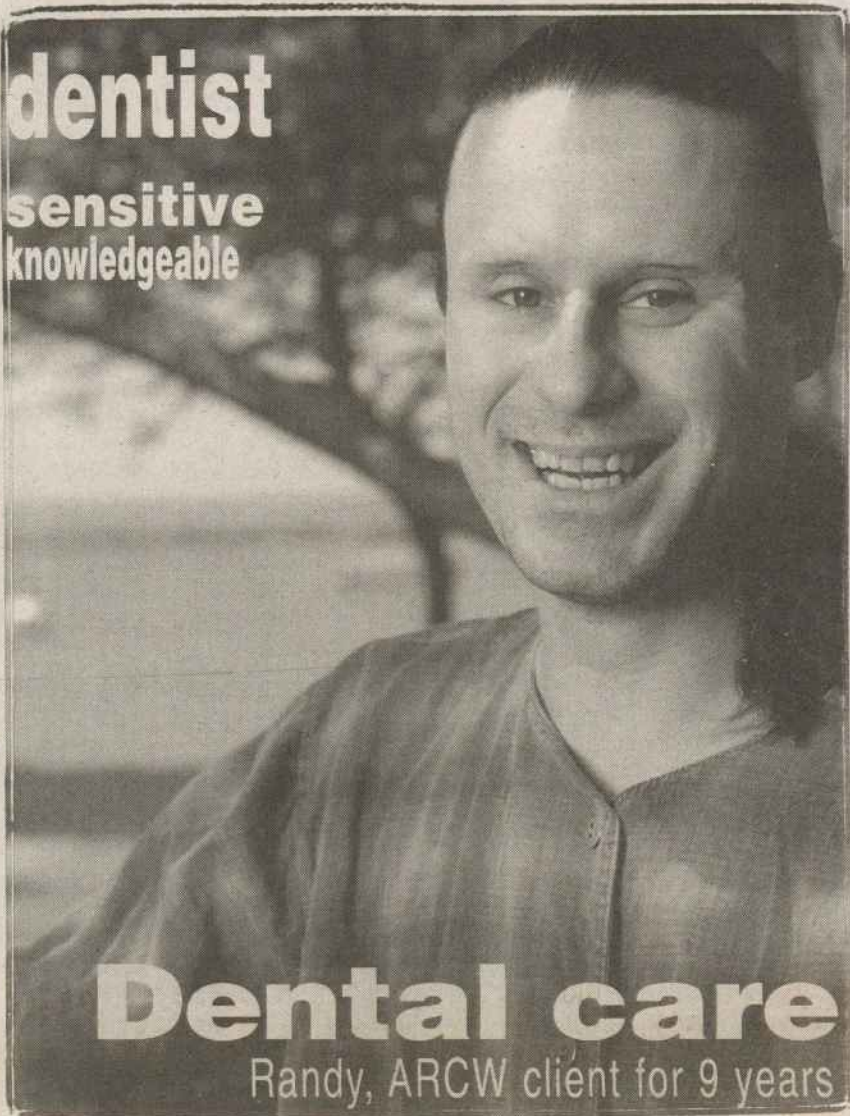
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DIRECTIONS 2000

Directions 2000 offers Wisconsin's LGBT community an opportunity to have an impact on our national and statewide organizations. It also provides those organizations with a chance to let us know where they are heading and why.

The discussion will be held during PrideFest, Sunday August 8 from 3-5pm in the *Wisconsin Light* Beer Garden, which is located in the Summerfest Sports area.

"We are very pleased to be bringing such a distinguished panel of leaders to PrideFest," said *Wisconsin Light* publisher, Greg Quindel. "It is our hope that the interaction between the panel and those who attend this important event will have a positive impact on our community."

The Directions 2000 format will allow each of the panelists to address the crowd. It will also provide ample opportunities for audience members to ask questions of and exchange ideas with the panelists. The panelists were carefully selected to represent a cross section of viewpoints and experiences.

The Panel

Charlotte Young – Charlotte is representing the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). With over 400,000 members, HRC is America's largest LGBT group.

In addition to her duties as HRC's North Field Organizer, Charlotte is the Vice-President of the DC Coalition, America's only local political organization for African American LGBT people. She is also a member of the Mayor's LGBT Advisory Council for the District of Columbia.

While a resident of Detroit, Charlotte helped to found the A. LORDE (African Americans organized to renew dignity and empowerment). She served as the Coordinator for Detroit's Black Gay Pride celebration and was the founding Editor/Publisher of *Black Lavender*, a Midwest magazine for Lesbians of color.

A former board member of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum, Charlotte brings a wealth of experience and ideas to Directions 2000.

Matthew Roberts – Matthew is the Executive Director of the Lambda Legal

Defense Fund's Midwest office. The Lambda Legal Defense is America's oldest and most successful LGBT legal advocacy organization.

Lambda's attorneys have been involved in numerous court cases related to LGBT rights. Its attorneys brought Jamie Nabozny's successful suit against the Ashland Wisconsin school district to the courts. Nabozny won a precedent setting decision that held the district responsible for abuse he suffered as a student.

Matthew says, "I am really excited about participating in Directions 2000. I am very interested in sharing ideas with the Wisconsin community."

Frances Stevens – Frances is the publisher and editor-in-chief of *Curve Magazine*. With over 250,000 sold copies of each issue, *Curve* is by far the world's best selling Lesbian publication.

Frances founded the publication as *Deneuve Magazine* in May, 1991. It was her vision to fill a gap in the Lesbian community. Nine years later, *Curve* remains unchallenged as the leader among Lesbian magazines. Its commentaries, features and news reports inform, inspire and entertain.

In addition to her work at *Curve*, Frances is a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). GLAAD works with the entertainment industry and the mainstream media to ensure that it accurately portrays Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transgendered people. GLAAD is among the most respected groups of its kind anywhere.

Frances is also a Board member of the new San Francisco Community Center project.

State Representative Mark Pocan – Mark Pocan is Wisconsin's only openly Gay legislator. Although he is a freshman in the State Assembly, Mark is already making a name for himself as an ardent champion of human rights.

While a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, Mark won a well deserved reputation as someone who could bring opposing factions together on common ground.

In addition to representing Madison's downtown area in the State legislature, Mark is a small business owner.

"I hope that everyone takes advantage of the chance to have an impact on the issues and activities our community leaders work on," said Mark.

Mike Fitzpatrick – Mike has held a wide variety of leadership positions. Last year, Mike was elected President of Action Wisconsin, our statewide LGBT civil rights organization. His energy and hard work has helped that group to nearly double its membership in less than a year.

Along with others on the Action Wisconsin Board, Mike was instrumental in producing a highly successful Equality Begins At Home campaign last March. That campaign included a variety of activities around Wisconsin. It was highlighted by "Sweet'em Up Day," the first ever LGBT lobby day at the State Capitol.

A staff member at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin – Green Bay office staff, Mike is also a *Wisconsin Light* columnist and feature writer. His *Tidbits From Titletown* columns provide news of happenings and community events in Northeast Wisconsin.

Jim McFarland – Jim is a founder of Wisconsin's Log Cabin Gay Republican club. A former Madison Alderman, Jim proposed and won approval for Madison's Domestic Partnership Registry, which was one of the first registries in the country.

Now a Milwaukee resident, Jim is an attorney with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance. He is also a *Wisconsin Light* columnist. His monthly *From the Right* columns provoke thought and discussion.

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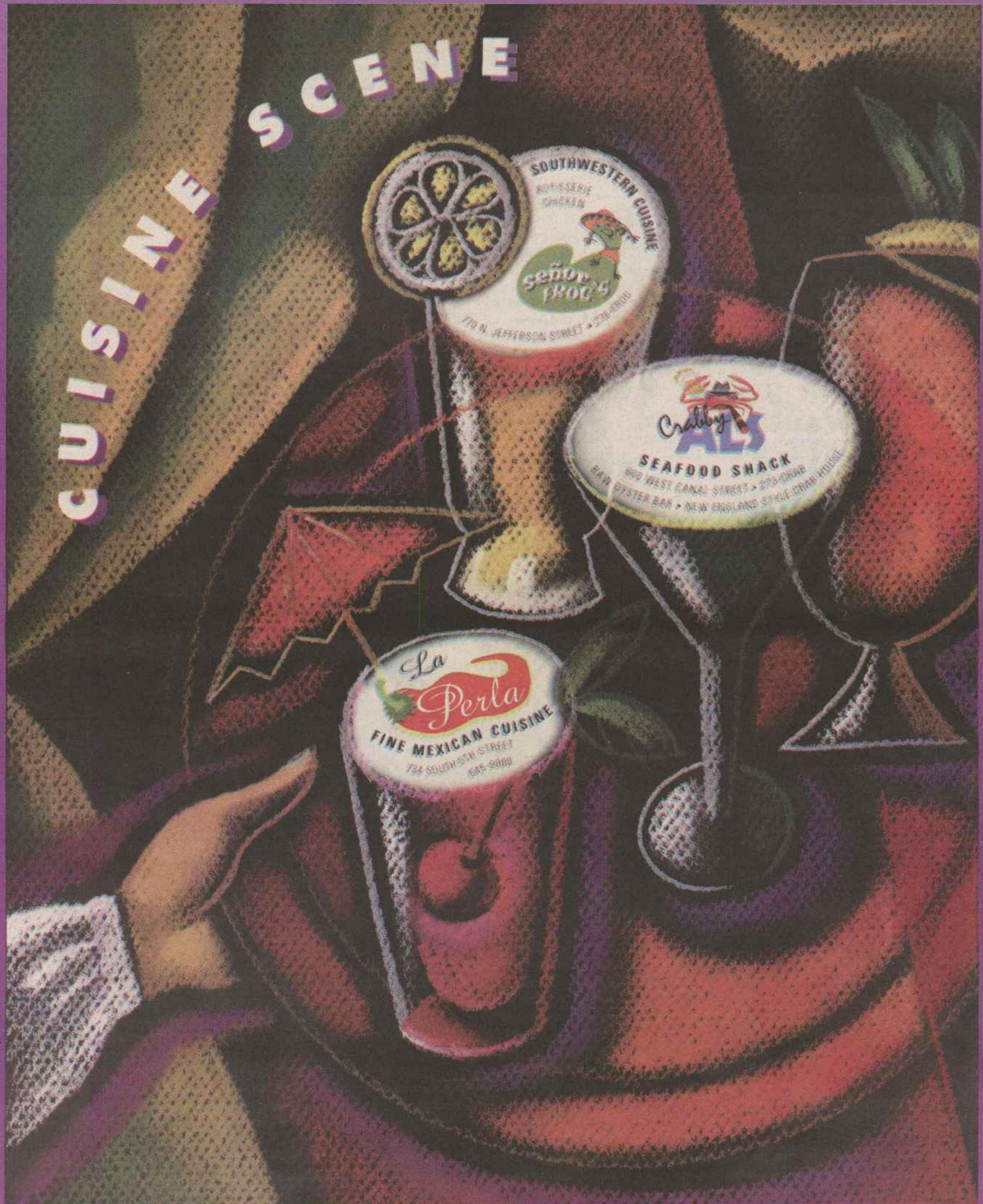
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— Dear Ruthie

Pride means feeling good about whom and what you are. It extends beyond physical and sexual boundaries. Respecting yourself and honoring your values demonstrates pride. So does being able to share openly with anyone, not just friends and family, who you are and what makes you a unique individual.

— Rick Haag
Copy Editor

Be yourself; to thine own self be true; Be true to your nature. "PRIDE" I think is just our attempt to be true to who and what we are. Like "BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL" it is a means to self acceptance. In some cases it seems radical to be who and what you are. Our authentic selves and our true spirits deserve no less.

— Margaret Flood
Flood Light Columnist

Pride is not about being proud of our sexual orientation. Rather, it is about being proud of who we are: people of worth and dignity, people who have accepted the way God made us, and people who have accepted what God has given us and made the most of it, all regardless of what others say or do to us.

— Jim Mc Farland
From the Right columnist.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Designing the Legal Safety Net for Protecting Families with Same Sex Parents

Wisconsin families cannot wait for the state legislature to recognize same sex partners as legal couples through marriage. Although Wisconsin has resisted redefining the make-up of a family, there is a basic sense of fairness and pragmatism in this state, based upon the Midwestern pioneer experience, which may help in protecting families with same sex partners.

In 1984, the legislature enacted a new marital property statute and reformed our family law. Finally, after years of subordinating wives as second class partners of a marriage, Wisconsin recognized both spouses as equals. The legal mandate of marital property law is that each spouse is presumed to have a 50% interest in the assets of the marriage, regardless of whose name is on the title of the property. Thus, a principle of equal business partnerships was applied to marriages.

It is this presumption of equal ownership in a marriage that acts as one of the supports in providing the legal safety net for Gay and Lesbian couples. Thus, a Partnership Agreement can be extracted from business law and act as a pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreement. This is a contract that can identify individual and/or joint property with provisions for the death of one of the partners or the break-up of the partnership.

The principles of probate law can also be used in establishing a safety net for same sex partners and their children. The Medical Power of Attorney, General Durable Power of Attorney, and a Revocable Living Trust may be utilized to provide partners with the legal standing to act on behalf of each other. If there are minor children of one or both partners, a guardianship designation in the trust can be utilized in case of death of the legal parent.

Children born to or adopted by one parent can be protected within the family by providing a specially drafted power of attorney between the birth or adoptee parent and the other parent. Wisconsin has not yet passed an adoption statute that recognizes same sex partners as parents of equal standing. Therefore, the power of attorney can be a useful legal tool while the child is of preschool age, and a shared custody action can be initiated in children's court to more fully provide for the ongoing needs of an older child.

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TIDBITS FROM TITTLE TOWN

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Helen Roppo – A Remembrance: A longtime advocate for the LGBT community in Central Wisconsin passed away in the Intensive Care Unit at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield on Monday, July 26. Helen Roppo suffered a massive heart attack a week earlier and remained comatose until her death.

Any Gay person who lived in Stevens Point, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield or any of the smaller communities throughout the center of Wisconsin during the 1980s, and who was the least bit active in community events, knew Helen Roppo.

Helen was almost always the door checker at the Gay dances sponsored by the Monday Night Dance Club (MNDC) at The Flame and the Platwood Club. Helen helped with the food and collected the donations at the Memorial Day and Labor Day picnics. Helen was always a presence at group meetings, field trips and other events. She hauled whoever or whatever was needed to make it happen.

Helen did not look like the gung-ho volunteer she was. As long as I knew her, Helen was as big as a house. Her size caused many health problems. Her over stressed hip left her with a hobbled gait. She was always short of breath.

In spite of that, she was always ready to talk. Whether it was gossip, opinions or counsel, Helen had plenty to offer. Her outrageous cackle of a laugh was contagious. Her deeply resonant voice could out-bellow nearly anyone in an argument.

Helen once told me that she had had a difficult time accepting that her son Vito (AKA Dan) was Gay. One would never have guessed that looking back at her near omnipresence in central Wisconsin LGBT volunteerism. She was a PFLAG mom in an area that didn't know what PFLAG was.

Her shoulders were always available to lean or cry on. Her hugs would wrap you away from whatever was troubling you. After her son and his partner moved to Madison, Helen "retired" to the Milwaukee area to be close to all of her children and grandchildren.

When I spoke with Dan recently, he told me Helen had been working hard to lose weight, knocking off 50 lb. under a physician's care. Apparently, that added stress triggered her fatal attack.

Last Friday, Helen went to her final resting place following a funeral in Berwyn, IL. She was a great advocate and a great friend. My guess is they had to dig the burial spot just a little deeper to make room for the great heart, which came with her.

Guernsey Gala: The final frenzy for the Guernsey title will happen this Saturday, August 7 at Buddies in Green Bay. Following weeks of steak, corn and fry-bread feeds, shows, galore and more "cow eggs" than you can shake a bucket at, the new Guernsey Queen will be crowned in a show starting at 10:30pm sharp. Be there!

Phone Scam Update: By now you've become aware of the phone scam targeting the Gay community in Wisconsin (if not read the story on page 6). Since filing that report, I've learned that yet another couple in Madison was taken for \$200.

At the Federation of LGBT Statewide Organizations conference last weekend, I learned that the More Light Presbyterians (a faith-based LGBT group similar to the more familiar Dignity/Integrity) were targeted nationally with the exact same scam two years ago.

In the last six weeks, the scammers have averaged \$366 weekly that we know of from LGBT supportive groups and individuals in Wisconsin and Minnesota. If this scam has been ongoing for two years, its operators have likely netted at least \$10,000 from our community nationwide.

Here's the real rub. As a crime, each successful scam is a misdemeanor. Thus, it usually will receive only a perfunctory follow-up by local law authorities.

The scammers appear to work hard to target a variety of cities and towns. They never work any area long enough to allow a pattern of a more serious crime to be established thereby creating a more crucial need to be followed up on.

Worse yet, when I spoke with the FBI, I learned that unless the crime involved sums of at least \$25,000, a federal follow-up is not likely, even if numerous states were involved. The investigative manpower to deal with the overall enormity of interstate criminal activity simply isn't there.

Bottom line: Don't wire money to *anyone* unless you are absolutely sure you know who you are talking to. If someone calls, ask what social service agencies they've talked to. Call those agencies to verify that they've denied help to the person. Remember that even if a person was beaten up or robbed, if they are able to call you, their life is not in imminent danger at the time of the call.

EDITORIAL

Wedding Bells



Like many of our relationships, this one has been a well-kept secret. Away from the glare of a public spotlight, two people meet and fall in love. They know that if their love is revealed, it will become the subject of public discussion. Finally, they decide to join their two lives into one.

No, we aren't talking about a Gay or Lesbian couple. We're talking about Milwaukee County Executive Tom Ament and his bride to be Darla Hium. Tom and Darla will be married on August 21 and *Wisconsin Light* is proud to be the one to break the news to the public.

Tom has been a good friend of our LGBT community. He's consistently spoken out on our behalf and regularly attends LGBT events such as PrideFest. His bold stand for County funding of ARCW's Lifepoint needle exchange program marks him as someone who is more than a vote counter. Tom Ament is a leader.

We are thrilled to see that this remarkable man has found someone with whom he will share his joys and sorrows, while she shares her joys and sorrows with him. As we have said many times in the past, everyone should be able to marry those they love.

Between preparing the County budget and the normal pressing business of his office, Tom's a busy man. We wonder how he found the time for the impending nuptials let alone a two-week honeymoon in Ireland. As it always does, love found a way, just as it will someday when America's Gays and Lesbians are able to legally marry.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Tom and Darla. May they always find happiness in each other.

LETTERS

To The Editor,

On July 13, 1999, our community made history when it successfully struggled to pass Milwaukee's Domestic Partnership Registry for Gay and Lesbian couples. The Domestic Partnership Task Force extends heartfelt thanks to all who joined the movement to recognize and value same-sex couples.

Judging by the turnout and enthusiasm at the July 27 victory party, domestic partnership is clearly an issue to which our community is deeply committed. The Task Force extends its appreciation to all who helped make the registry a reality. They include the three dozen religious leaders who personally endorsed the registry.

We are also grateful to our labor leader supporters like Milwaukee Labor Council President John Goldstein and SEIU Local 150 President Dan Iverson; business leadership from people like Jill Zoromski, Vice President of Human Resources, Deluxe Data.

We thank the countless community members who prepared mailings, leafleted, phone-banked, called their Alderpersons and otherwise ran circles around our out-of-town anti-Gay opponents; *WI Light* and *In Step*, which provided extensive coverage, Task Force donors, and the dozen-plus coalition partners.

Most of all, we thank the Lesbian and Gay couples who bravely shared their commitment to the world to make Milwaukee a more tolerant place.

Of course, we must also thank the ten Alderpersons who voted yes. First and foremost, Ald. Mike D'Amato, the registry's sponsor and tireless advocate, and original co-sponsors Aldermen. Henningsen & Butler. Also to be thanked are Aids. Gordon, Witkowiak, Murphy, Frank, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Pratt. All can be reached at (414) 286-2221. Thanks must also be extended to Mayor John Norquist, (414) 286-2200, who quickly signed the measure.

Sincerely,

Patrick Flaherty

Jean Ligoeki

Paul Williams

Domestic Partnership Task Force Co-chairs

Thanks Baldwin

To The Editor:

I wish to thank Tammy Baldwin from the bottom of my heart for listening to my story and my idea about changing the rules for the Social Security system.

The problem is that if someone who is receiving SSI disability or SSDI wants to work more than a limited number of hours per week, their benefits can be reduced or cut. As someone who is affected by this rule, I spoke to Baldwin on this last year and also with a member of her staff.

I suggested that this rule be changed, so that people like myself can work without jeopardizing their benefits, and she said it would be a good idea.

Now, I see that Baldwin has announced her desire to have this rule changed. I pray that she keeps pushing this issue. It would help a lot of people a great deal. It would change their lives completely.

Tammy Baldwin has a very big heart and is willing to listen to anyone in need. I feel fortunate to have been part of her campaign and one of her constituents.

Charles Day
Madison



Spotlight

Pee Wee's Big New Movie

by Tim Nasson

New York City — Just when you thought it was safe to venture back to your local movie theater — with all of the juvenile, intelligence insulting pics out there — Paul 'Pee Wee Herman' Reubens makes his return to the big screen in Universal's big summer film, *Mystery Men*. Herman joins Academy Award winning actor Geoffrey Rush, Ben Stiller, Janeane Garofolo, and Greg Kinnear, to name a few.

He portrays a wannabe superhero with a unique superpower: The ability to knock people out with a bang. Well, actually a fart.

Reubens' superpower is the most offensive, all the while, the most effective. He plays a silent-but deadly, zit faced, bad haired, speech impaired fart machine.

"I really didn't want to play that character," says Herman, I mean Reubens (who made the phrase 'I know you are, but what am I?' a household one, with the release of *Pee Wee's Big Adventure* 15 years ago). It is so hard to picture the '80s and early '90s icon as anything other than the lovable Pee Wee. Well, maybe also *Murphy Brown's* assistant from hell.

"I met the director of *Mystery Men* a while before it was to begin shooting, after I had read the script, said

Reubens. "I loved the script. I told him I would play any character, but in the back of my mind was thinking, any character except 'The Spleen.' I would have liked to play a more complex role. I mean, how hard can it be to slur your speech, have a zit face and have your finger pulled every day?" he asks, smiling.

The 45-year-old Jewish kid from New York has made a remarkable comeback. *Mystery Men* (one of the summer's best special effects laden films), seems sure to rejuvenate his career. He has just finished *South of Heaven, West of Hell* "in which I play a psychotic, rapist, murderer," he says. In addition, he lends his voice to an upcoming animated film from Twentieth Century Fox.

"I was lucky in 1978," says Reubens, dressed in a suit, wearing his hair buzzed, "to have my 'Pee-Wee' character grow from a cult following into a pop culture phenomenon. I always knew I wanted to be a star. I would sit in my room all day, pretending to be an actor and living in Hollywood. I knew I would get there someday."

"One day, after

hearing me for months insist that I wanted to be an actor at the age of six, my mother showed me an auditioning ad in the newspaper. We went down, and I tried out for a clown. She thought I would never get the part and rather get the whole thing out of my system. Not only did I get the part, I grew to love the whole idea even more."

Eight years after he was arrested for exposing himself in a porn theater, Reubens is glad that his career has rebounded. "This is the first time I have ever done an interview in which I am not in character (Pee Wee Herman)," he says. "I never have worked on any film, other than my two 'Pee Wee' movies or 'Pee Wee's Playhouse' where I wanted to promote it, other than this," he adds.

The recipient of a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame (yes, with the name 'Pee Wee Herman,' not Paul Reubens) is not ready to retire the character that made him famous just yet, however. "I just began working on the screenplay for the third 'Pee Wee' big screen film," he informs. "It is going to be called *The Pee Wee*

Herman Story. In this film, Pee Wee sees his dark side and is pretty evil." I can't wait.

"That should be a good one," says Ben Stiller, who is just entering the room.

Stiller, fresh on the heels of his wildly successful *There's Something About Mary*, plays Mr. Furious in *Mystery Men*. He is prone to nasty tempers and turning red as a beet. "Mr. Furious' power is just that he gets very angry and then supposedly would have superhuman strength triggered by anger. But it's a problem because he doesn't really have superhuman strength. He does this whole transformation thing that leads to, well, nothing," explains Stiller.

Janeane Garofolo is proud to announce, later in the morning, that she contributed a lot to her character, 'The Bowler,' whose father's skull is encased in a glass bowling ball.

"This is my first big-budget studio film," says the 34-year-old actress who is decidedly against makeup and fake beauty, as she calls it. "I have no inner desire to be a beauty queen or a household name. As a matter of fact, drivers who work on movies and who are sent to pick me up at airports don't even know how to pronounce my name. How can anyone think John or Jane public will be any better off at trying to?" she asks, with a little glee in her eyes.

Janeane is glad she is not an A-list celebrity and still able to walk down the streets of NYC in relative peace. "I was never even bothered when I was on *Saturday Night Live*," she adds.

For the distinguished Geoffrey Rush, this is also a first time shot at the big time.

"I didn't take this role because of the scope of the picture," he says, "rather because it seemed 'far out.' Or Folktales. And, of course, my character's name, Casanova Frankenstein," he says laughing.

Rush isn't intent on making a career out of summer blockbusters, however. He is just beginning work on another period piece. He will play the Marquis de Sade in an upcoming picture opposite *Titanic's* Kate Winslet.

While all involved in the film have respectable careers of their own, it is Paul Reubens' that most will be watching the closest for the next few years. At least until the release of his third 'Pee Wee' film. It will probably be his last. Can you picture a senior citizen 'Pee Wee'?



BLAIR WITCH PROJECT

interviews/feature

by Tim Nasson

NYC – By now, you're sure to have seen the commercials on television. Or, if you're one of the lucky ones, you've been able to snag a ticket to the most talked about movie of the summer. A movie that's even more talked about, at the moment, and doing much more business than *Phantom Menace*.

The movie? The \$25,000 wonder, *The Blair Witch Project*. Yes. Believe it or not, the movie phenomenon of the summer is not *Phantom*

Menace. It's a 16mm film, shot in only eight days on a budget of \$25,000. Amazingly, the film has no big name stars or director, no special effects, is 95% black and white, was shot with a hand held camera, and is only 80 minutes long.

How, you may ask, is a film that lacks a budget, a big name cast, special effects and has very limited advertising able to rake in \$1.6 million in its first 3 days at only 27 theaters? Easy. It is the scariest movie of the century.

Landmark Theaters is the luckiest cinema chain in the country at the moment. In Boston, for instance, the film opened at its Kendall Square Cinema on three screens, and on the first weekend, it raked in \$75,000. Those dying to see the *Blair Witch Project* waited as long as three hours in lines that wrapped around the block. The same thing happened in Texas, NYC and Los Angeles.

I had a chance to see the film in April, months before anyone had a clue as to what the *Blair Witch* was. I went into it with my 18-year-old boyfriend and had no idea what to expect. We both came out of the theater amazed — he deeming it the best movie he's ever seen, me, the scariest.

When I had a chance to talk to one of the writer/directors before the film was released, I, of course, had no idea how well the film would do. The main thing we spoke about was the film's story and budget.

"I've loved movies for as long as I can remember," says Ed Sanchez. "I grew up on films like *In Search of Noah's Ark*. Films like that freaked me out. They seemed so real

and at the same time were so damn scary."

For *The Blair Witch Project*, the directors looked at over 2,000 actors in NYC. "We auditioned virtually every actor living in the city," he says. "It was crucial for us to get the three best actors though. We needed three people the audience had never heard of or had seen, but also three people who would work well together, be able to improvise and convey a sense of horror."

The directors seem to have gotten more than they were looking for.

The idea for the film began nearly a decade ago, when he and Dan Myrick (his co-writer/director) were freshmen in college. They began working on it diligently, however, three years ago and had it finished in late 1998.

In early 1999, the film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. That is when the buzz began and when the film's website began getting thousands of hits a day. (FYI, the site is www.blairwitch.com.)

Sanchez and everyone involved with *Blair Witch* are more than amazed at its wild success. Sanchez is very glad that he stuck with filmmaking and not his other love, architecture. "I can't imagine being anything other than a director at the moment," he says, one day after attending his first movie premiere in Hollywood.

They say lightning never strikes the same place twice. Don't be too certain about that. Sanchez is hard at work finishing his next film, hopefully due out next summer. "It will be the stupidest film ever to be released. Even more so than *There's Something About*

Mary," he says.

"It will be a mockish documentary like *Blair Witch*, but have a lot of fart and shit jokes in it. I am going to take people to a place they have never been to before."

He already has with his first film. If his talent with *Blair Witch* is any indication of things to come, it is certain that he will be surprising audiences for a long time to come.



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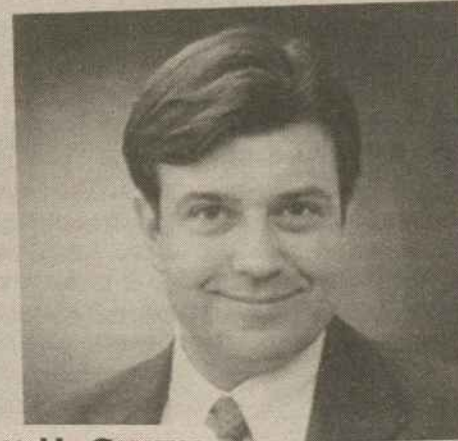
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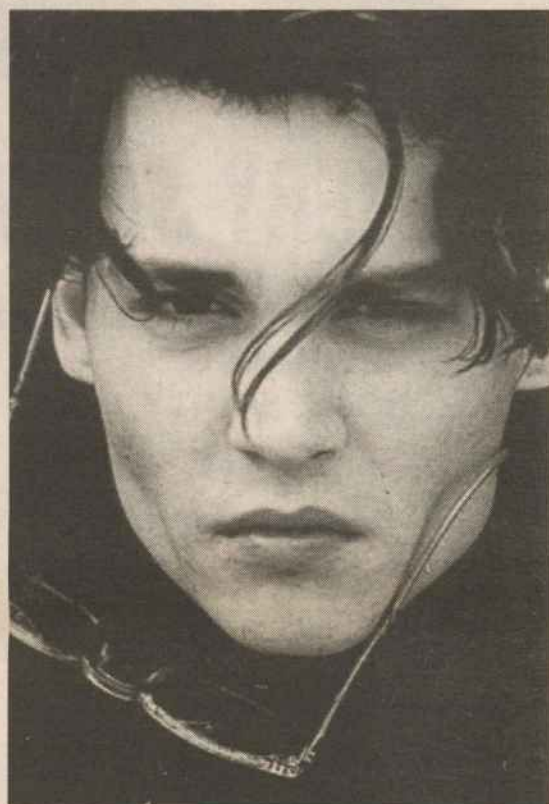
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DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

Is a Sex Change in the Offing for McBeal Star?

Clean-cut cutie **Gil Bellows** (who plays **Ally McBonehead's** — er, I mean, **McBeal's** — college flame **Billy Thomas** on the hit Fox TV



Johnny Depp

series) is looking for racier material.

The actor has made a six-figure offer to acquire the film rights to the life story of **Einar Wegener**, the artist from Denmark, who in the 1920s became the first person to undergo sex reassignment surgery in Copenhagen. The project will be based on *The Danish Girl*, a novel by **David Ebershoff**. Random House is slated to publish it in February.

The deal is far from done. The Ebershoff manuscript has gotten such a hot response in Hollywood that DreamWorks is hoping to snag

it for lanky and talented sexpot **Angelina Jolie**. She's expressed a desire to play the transsexual pioneer's wife, **Greta**.

Velocity of Danny

Now openly Gay, the kid from the sitcom *Who's the Boss?* has been doing time as a male hustler in New York's Greenwich Village. No, we're not talking about the TV-child-star-goes-bad syndrome.

In July, **Danny Pintauro** starred in a 90-minute solo piece at the Duplex Cabaret Theatre on Christopher Street called *The Velocity of Gary* by **James Still**. The play, which is the basis of a new movie with **Vince D'Onofrio** and **Salma Hayek**, is about the adventures of a naive street hustler.

This is Pintauro's first foray into legit since he completed his college education at Stanford and relocated to Manhattan. Pintauro was best known in the '80s as **Judith Light's** geeky little son. The *National Enquirer* nudged him out of the closet in 1997.

The disclosure may have been partly responsible for his interest in the stage, where Pintauro feels he faces less stereotyping as a Gay man than in testosterone-driven Hollywood. If you didn't catch Pintauro on stage, you may bump into him listening to '80s music at New York's Culture Club. Pintauro has 'fessed up to liking the tunes of **Boy George** and **Sheena Easton**.

Johnny Depp to play Liberace?

The actor who filled out **Ed Wood's** angora sweaters may star in a film based on the life of another man of dubious masculinity, **Liberace**. *Time* magazine recently reported that the quirky **Johnny Depp** has read a script by Academy Award-winning screenwriters **Scott Alexander** and **Larry Karaszewski** based on the life of the Polish-American pianist.

Depp is in many ways a logical choice for

the role of the candelabra queen. He's chosen edgy and interesting character roles in the past — can you say *Edward Scissorhands*? Also, he's previously worked with **Alexander** and **Karaszewski** on *Ed Wood*. Furthermore, despite fathering a child, he remains a confirmed bachelor.

Fashion in Style for Hollywood

The fashion biz is the hot setting *du jour* for a slew of new projects in Tinseltown. **Madonna** has assumed producing tasks on **Simon Doonan's** *Confessions of a Window Dresser*. It's a *Dorian Gray* tale about a young man who makes a Faustian pact to keep his youth in an attempt to rise to power in the oh-so-fabulous world of high fashion.

Currently in production is *L'Intern*, a dark comedy about an under-appreciated intern at a *Vogue*-like mag called *Skirt*. **Dominique Swain**, recently the light of **Jeremy Irons'** loins in *Lolita*, will play the title character, with comic **Kathy Griffin** co-starring. Celeb makeup Svengali **Kevin Aucoin** will also put in an appearance.

Romeo San Vicente never played a hustler in New York — played with is another thing... You can reach Romeo in care of Wisconsin Light or via e-mail at **RomeoDeep@aol.com**.

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A Proclamation from the Milwaukee County Executive

F. Thomas Ament

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Gay, Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered community has made countless contributions to the arts, industry, business, sports and other aspects of life that have served the people throughout Milwaukee and

WHEREAS, PrideFest, which annually celebrates these contributions will be held in Milwaukee at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park from August 6-8, 1999 and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "The Courage to Build Bridges," calls upon all of us to work to build a stronger sense of community by celebrating diversity and respecting our neighbors and

WHEREAS, PrideFest will attract thousands of people to the festival grounds to enjoy over 100

entertainment acts, food, marketplace and special exhibits from Milwaukee, the state and throughout the nation and

WHEREAS Milwaukee County welcomes and values the contributions made by all of its citizens regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, ancestry or sexual orientation.

I, F. THOMAS AMENT, County Executive of Milwaukee County do hereby proclaim August 6-8 to be PrideFest Weekend

throughout Milwaukee County, and I commend the organizers of this celebration for their hard work and dedication on behalf of everyone who visits PrideFest.

Pride Parade Expected to Be the Biggest Yet

Milwaukee's Pride Parade will step off at 1pm on Sunday, August 8. It will follow a Rainbow flag lined route that leads right down Milwaukee's main street, Wisconsin Avenue. This year's parade may well be the biggest Milwaukee has ever seen.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will again serve as color guards. Grand Marshals this year include Milwaukee PFLAG members Elna Hickson and Brigitte Vojcsik.

The PrideFest theme this year is "Courage to Build Bridges". The theme will influence the awards of the first place marching unit; first place decorated car, and first place float. All units will pass by the judges' stand at Wisconsin Avenue and Cass Street. Each year, the parade grows, and more participants means more competition for the awards to be presented at 3pm on the Harley Stage.

Marching units, decorated cars and floats can register before the parade and pay a \$50 entry fee. To register, contact the PrideFest Parade Coordinator, Rick Finger, at the front of

the parade line-up.

The parade begins lining up at noon on North Harbor Drive, the street just outside the main gate.

Individuals may join a marching group, or line the streets to wave and cheer and join in at the end of the parade.

The parade will head North on Harbor Dr. to Michigan Ave.; West on Michigan to Cass St.; North on Cass to Wisconsin Ave.; West on Wisconsin to Water St.; South on Water to Chicago; East on Chicago back to PrideFest's main gate. (According to PrideFest Parade Coordinator Rick Finger, two lanes WILL be open for the Parade on Chicago regardless of the construction.)

Costumes and clothing must comply with state obscenity statutes and city public decency ordinances. Jock straps, g-strings, bras, panties or see-through clothing will not be permitted. (If you wear chaps, you can't bare your cheeks.) The parade coordinator will make decisions about the propriety of attire. These laws also apply to the grounds.



Reflection on Pride

by Ron Geiman

PrideFest is the culmination of a year's worth of effort by the PrideFest Committee, and it is brought about only with the support of mainstream businesses and LGBT organizations, businesses and individuals.

It's been an honor to do my share to support PrideFest through my efforts in the LGBT press. I've been promoting our various statewide Pride events since 1984. I sincerely feel that I can claim the LGBT press helped "grow" those celebrations.

Pride issues require tons of work. I always wonder how I can physically recover enough — after producing one of the biggest issues of the year — to attend the festivities I've helped promote. Then, after the event, there's the post-Pride coverage. Somehow, I always find that the weekend works its magic and charges me up for the rest of the year.

The Pride celebrations remind me of own



my coming out in 1974 and how far we've come since then. I can't actually say I remember hearing or reading about the Stonewall riots in 1969, the year I graduated from high school. However, I do remember my instant involvement 'in the life' once I came out. My family was back east, so I immediately adopted a Gay family here in Milwaukee.

For me, PrideFest has become a giant Family Reunion where I get to re-establish contact with the many friends I've adopted into my extended family over the years. There are also thousands of people I bump into, who I came to know while working with the LGBT press.

Unfortunately, because I'm usually working on something for the paper, I can't spend enough time with them before moving on. So, let me take the time here to say how much you all mean to me. After all, as Kathy Sledge sings: "We ARE Family!"

Men Out Loud Return to PrideFest with New Look, Material

Interview by Ron Geiman

You've heard about the famous three tenors. How about two tenors, a bass and a baritone — and they are all Gay men?

The highly entertaining and outrageously Gay a cappella group, Men Out Loud, return to PrideFest this year for encore performances. They'll have lots of new material for their 8pm Saturday and 3pm Sunday shows on the Miller Stage.

If you've seen them perform at either '98 PrideFest or *Wisconsin Light's* 10th Anniversary Gala in November of '97, you won't be put off by the a cappella appendage applied to their sound. If you are a Men Out Loud virgin, put away all your preconceived notions of what a cappella is all about.

MOL performs thrilling four part harmonies, and their repertoire includes everything from doo-wop to pop, R&B to disco and even some Broadway show tunes. You'll be amazed at the energy, enthusiasm and talent they broadcast from the stage.

They promise new outfits (what's a Gay group without some new club clothes?) and more choreographed dance routines to go along with fresh new songs from an upcoming CD.

This reporter interviewed Steve Steinberg, the manager and founder of the group from his home in LA. Steve is the one with the incredible bass voice, and the only original member of MOL that first sang together in Steve's home after the '97 LA earthquake.

Part of their uniqueness is that they are four solo singers. Every song has a different lead vocalist, providing a wide variety of distinct sounds for your enjoyment. Joining Steve are Santo Ragno (1st Tenor), Joseph Pearce (2nd Tenor) and Rob McElroy (Baritone). Each one is a different "type." Together they offer plenty of eye candy as well as auditory delights.

Wisconsin Light: Your CD *Sweet Enuf 2 Eat* came out in '97, and by fall of that year, it was on the *Advocate's* Top 10 List. Then in November of that year, you performed at *Wisconsin Light's* 10th Anniversary Gala. I enjoyed your performance at the Gala, but I was really impressed when I saw you at PrideFest '98, less than a year later. Your show was more refined and you really got into the bigger crowd. Now you are touring pros. Tell us about your professional life.

Steve Steinberg: Three other people and

myself started out, calling ourselves *Vicky Lester*, which was Judy Garland's character's name in *A Star Is Born*. But that was too obscure for most people... even the Gay community. We decided we wanted a name that would describe us better. We also weren't sure if we could get away with using that name because of copyright. So, we started playing around with names for a long time and came up with Men Out Loud. Which we liked because it had some meaning, the Out Loud

something that Gay people pick up on right away.

Wisconsin Light: You all live in the LA area, don't you?

Yes, all four of us.

Wisconsin Light: Do you have culture shock, especially Gay culture shock when you travel?

Steve: Actually, since we're usually going into a city at Gay Pride, we have a weird sense of all these cities because we are seeing them at the biggest Gay party they have all year long. So actually, some cities can get pretty wild for Gay pride!

I'll tell ya the one thing that gets us the most though. Living in California, we are so used to, and we love, the No Smoking in Bars law. When we go to another city, we all totally forget. And we go out to a bar with all the smoke and we end up coughing. Of course being singers, we're more sensitive to smoke. And we keep forgetting that not everyone has those laws.

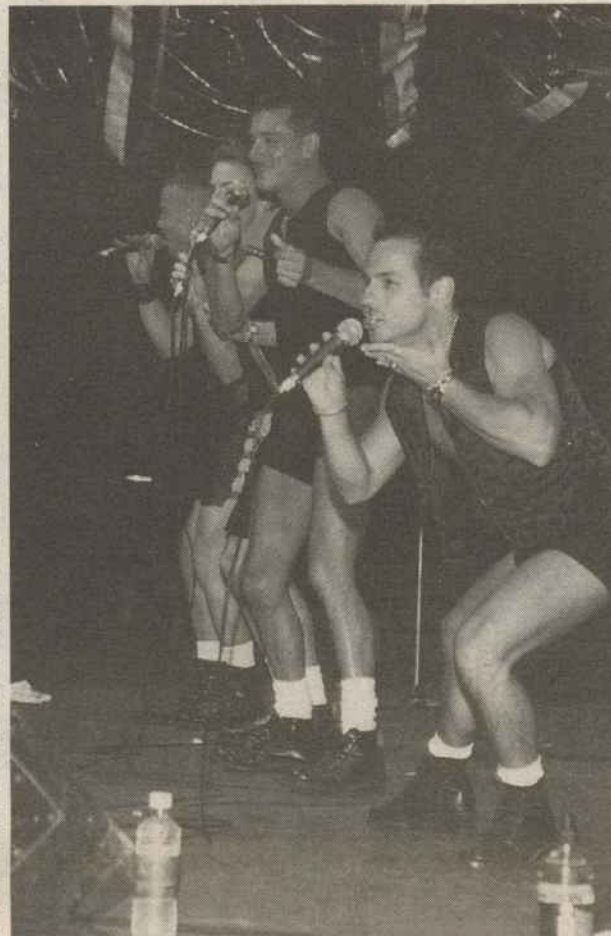
Wisconsin Light: Are any of your members partners or lovers?

Steve: Not with each other! (Laughs)

Wisconsin Light: For our male readers, is anybody available?

Steve: Actually, I would put it this way. I actually have a lover of 13 years. I'm the only one in a relationship... but we are all available. One of our members, Joseph [Pearce, second tenor] always says when asked if he's in a relationship, 'Yes, with three other guys!'

Wisconsin Light: Anything special you'd like to say about the Milwaukee PrideFest show?



Steve: As I've explained to people across the country, your festival grounds are such a wonderful thing, and it gave us a wonderful feeling. Like I've said, we do this all over the country, so we see the big ones, the small ones, but almost all of them are put up temporarily for the day. And although that's wonderful, it still gives you the feeling that it's just a temporary thing.

Somehow being at your

PrideFest grounds, with the permanent buildings, it really gave it more of a sense of reality. Also, when you look at the Summerfest program, and you realize that PrideFest is just one of the many fests, isn't that what we really want? To be considered one of the many things. I was really impressed by all that. We've talked up Milwaukee's PrideFest all around the country.

Wisconsin Light: You have a new CD coming out?

Steve: Yes, *Common Ground*. We're still waiting to hear the actual release date. The record industry has really gone through turmoil. Universal bought out all of Polygram, which had many, many different labels. And there's been a huge restructuring in the industry. Record Executives being fired, artists being dropped. It's been a rather crazy time. We'll be moving to a new label and working hard to get our new record out.

The songs from the upcoming release will be in our PrideFest show, and we have new outfits to wear, and we dance a lot more while we perform.

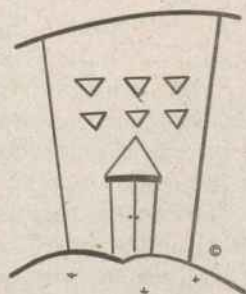
Wisconsin Light: Anything else I didn't ask you, or you'd like to comment on?

Steve: Just that we are so happy to be coming back. We're looking forward to the shows and the parade again. We had so much fun there last time, that when we found out we were coming back, we were all just 'Yeah, that's great... we're ready to go.'

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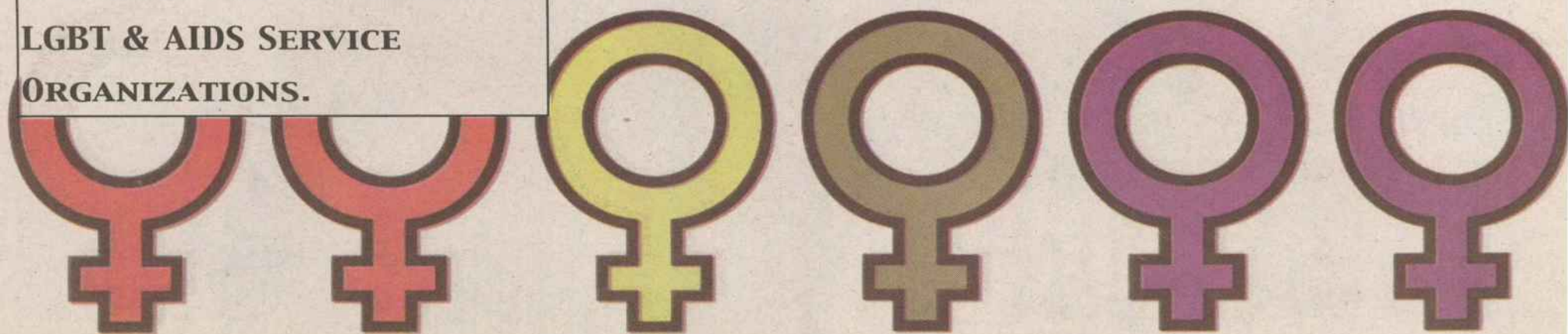


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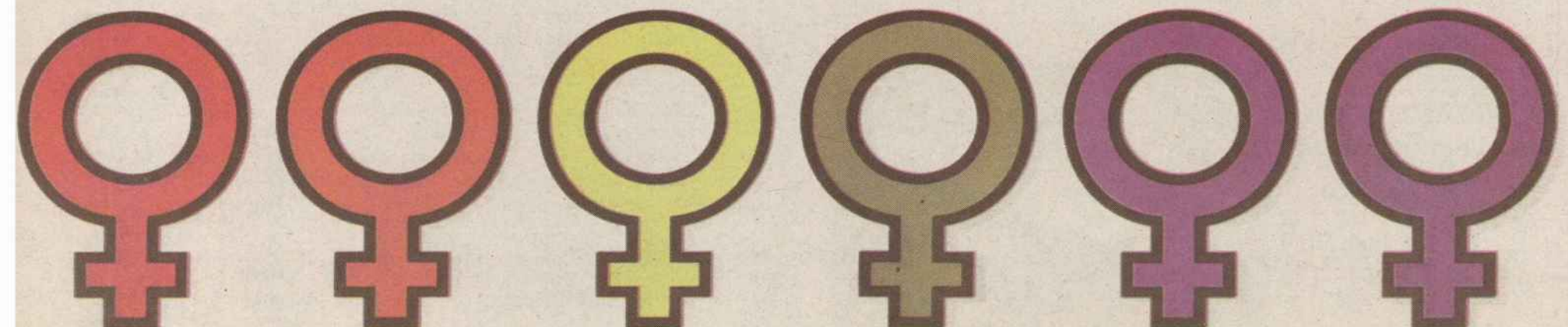
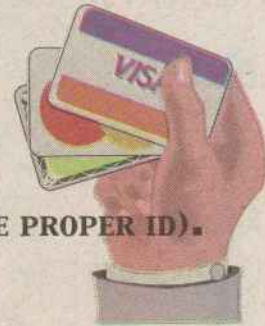
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4pm-Midnight

5pm	Jillian Clark	Miller Stage	Live Original Pop Vocalist
6pm	Singsational Productions	Miller Stage	Live Vocalists
7pm	Opening Ceremonies	Miller Stage	
7:30pm	Rufus	Miller Stage	Live Vocalists
8pm	John Schneider Orchestra	Dance Tent	Swing Dance Party
8pm	Singled Out	Beer Garden	Youth Activity: an MTV take-off
8:30pm	Possum Queen Finale	Miller Stage	Not Your Typical Drag Show
10pm	DJ Tanya	Dance Tent	From La Cage
10pm	Blame Game	Beer Garden	Youth Activity

Saturday, August 7th

Noon-Midnight

12pm	Darren Pittman	Rainbow Cafe	
12pm	Passion Latina	Beer Garden	Latina Dance Group
12pm	Choice for America	Stonewall Tent	Mara & Chris Mather
12pm	Mr. & Mrs. Mystique	Dance Tent	Female Impersonators & Male performers
12:30pm	Doug Graff (Mr. IGRA)	Miller Stage	C&W Singer
1pm	Zoinks	Harley Stage	80's & 90's Rock Cover Band
1pm	Deborah Robinson	Rainbow Cafe	
1pm	Transgender Info Panel	Stonewall Tent	Brenda Hanus
2pm	Random Maxx	Miller Stage	4 piece Pop/Rock combo
2pm	Krystalmoon	Rainbow Cafe	
2pm	Pageant Productions	Dance Tent	Female Impersonators
2pm	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY	Variety Stage	The Little People
2pm	MPS G/L Advisory Comm.	Stonewall Stage	Video Documentary
			It's Elementary
2:30pm	Nuna	Harley Stage	Alternative/Punk/Grunge Band
3pm	Wisconsin America Girls	Dance Tent	Female Impersonators
3pm	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY	Variety Stage	City Ballet Theater
3pm	MPS G/L Advisory Comm.	Stonewall Tent	"In a Perfect World"
			Discussion on school issues.
3:30pm	Mia Montenegro	Miller Stage	Acoustic Rock & Ballads
			Originals and Covers
4pm	Fundshot	Harley Stage	
4pm	Ruby Slipper Review	Rainbow Cafe	LGBT Trio offers "a bit of everything"
4pm	Neely O'Hara and Friends	Dance Tent	Female Impersonators
4pm	Fest City Singers	Variety Stage	Cabaret Production
			"We're Piss Elegant"
4pm	Out Reach Inc.	Stonewall Tent	Govt. Employment Opportunities
5pm	Stardust	Miller Stage	50's 60's Country, Blues, Jazz
5pm	Sarah Jane Whitney & Friends	Rainbow Cafe	
5pm	LaCage Showcase	Dance Tent	Female Impersonators and Male Dancers
5pm	Variety of Music	Beer Garden	
5pm	Wisconsin Research Center	Stonewall Tent	Fighting the Religious Right
5pm	Beauty Fashion Show	Variety Stage	Survival/Revival and Changing Times

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6pm	DJ Dave	Dance Tent	From La Cage
6pm	Richard's Place, Inc.	Stonewall Tent	Bobbi Landratie
6pm	Retro Fashion Show	Variety Stage	Yellow Jacket/ Jackpot Show
6:30pm	Pulsation Band	Miller Stage	All woman multiethnic high energy band
7pm	Les Lokey	Harley Stage	NATIONAL ACT Sponsored by Dish
7pm	YOUTH ACTIVITY	Variety Stage	Love Line, an MTV take-off
8pm	Men Out Loud	Miller Stage	NATIONAL ACT Sponsored by AIDS Resource Center of WI. Gay a cappella performers
8pm	Ronnie Nyles	Rainbow Cafe	Classic Country Rock
8pm	DJ Bill Pops	Dance Tent	From Club Xpress
8pm	Drumming Circle	Stonewall Tent	Led by Melody, "Touch Hearts Woman"
8:30pm	Sometimes Y	Harley Stage	Soulful Orchestral Ensemble
9pm	Kathy Sledge	Miller Stage	Eclectic Pop NATIONAL ACT Dance Diva & Her Dancers
9pm	DJ Alexi Easton	Beer Garden	From La Cage
10pm	DJ Tim	Dance Tent	Sponsored by Miller Brewing
10pm	FIREWORKS	Lakefront	(entertainment to resume immediately after the fire works)
10:30pm	Rufus	Main Stage	Live Vocalists
10:30pm	The Pride	Harley Stage	Rock and Alternative Band

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Noon-11pm

11:30am	Interfaith Service by Rev. Brenda Hunt	Rainbow Cafe	Ecumenical Service
12:30pm	Parade Line-Up	Harbor Drive	— Gates open at 11:15 for service
Noon	Passion Latina	Beer Garden	Latina Dance Group
Noon	Domestic Partner Task Force	Stonewall Tent	Host Patrick Flaherty
Noon	DJ Dalve B	Dance Tent	From Switch
12:30pm	Eden	Harley Stage	Chicago's All Woman Rock Trio
12:30pm	Fellowship	Rainbow Cafe	
1pm	Wisconsin's PRIDE PARADE	Harbor Drive	Step-Off
1pm	TBA	Rainbow Cafe	
1pm	SAGE / Milwaukee	Stonewall Tent	"Aging with Pride" Hosted by Eldon Murray
1:30pm	Singsational Productions	Miller Stage	Live Vocalists
2pm	Shoreline Dancers & Friends	Harley Stage	Line Dance Performance
2pm	Deborah Robinson	Rainbow Cafe	
2pm	DJ Ricky B	Dance Tent	From Ray's
2pm	Discover & Recovery Clinic	Stonewall Tent	"Building Strong Relationships" Host Dawn Kruger
3pm	Men Out Loud	Miller Stage	NATIONAL ACT Sponsored by AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
3pm	Awards Presentations	Harley Stage	Lifetime Achievement Award Stonewall Award Community Service Awards
3pm	Cream City Chorus	Rainbow Cafe	LGBT Choral Group
3-5pm	Directions 2000	Beer Garden	Speakers and Panel Discussions

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3pm	Surviving Androgyny	Stonewall Tent	"Queerest of the Queer" Crystal Klinger of Gemini Gender
3pm	YOUTH ACTIVITY	Variety Stage	Galaxy Youth Group
3:30pm	Eden	Harley Stage	Chicago's All Woman Rock Trio
4pm	Ruby Slippers Review	Rainbow Cafe	LGBT trio offers "a bit of everything"
4pm	DJ Dave S.	Dance Tent	
4pm	ARCW "Men of Color"	Stonewall Tent	Hosted by James Pennington
4pm	UWM Rainbow Alliance	Variety Stage	Youth Activity
4:30pm	Petra Luna	Miller Stage	
4:30pm	Glitch	Harley Stage	
5pm	Darren Pittman	Rainbow Cafe	Line Dance Lessons
5pm	Shoreline	Beer Garden	Jeff Fullion,
5pm	Heterosexism	Stonewall Tent	Social Work Student
5pm	Open Mic	Variety Stage	Star Search
6pm	Mass Wedding (Sign up at MCC Booth)	Miller Stage	Commitment Ceremony Officiated by Rev. Lew Broyles
6pm	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT	Harley Stage	Stardust
6pm	DJ Kimberly Anne	Dance Tent	50's 60's Country, Blues, Jazz
6pm	ARCW- "Transparent People"	Stonewall Tent	From Club 219
6pm	The Tequilla Jones Show	Variety Stage	Hosted by James Pennington
7pm	Rufus	Miller Stage	Youth Activity
7pm	Sarah Jane Whitney & Friends	Rainbow Cafe	Audience Member Makeovers
7pm	Shoreline	Beer Garden	Live Vocalists
7pm	DJ Alexi Easton	Variety Stage	Line Dancing
7:30pm	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT	Harley Stage	Mia Montenegro
8pm	DJ Tony Ritschard	Dance Tent	Acoustic Rock & Ballads
8:30pm	PrideFest Review	Miller Stage	From Club 5
9pm	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT	Harley Stage	Female Impersonators
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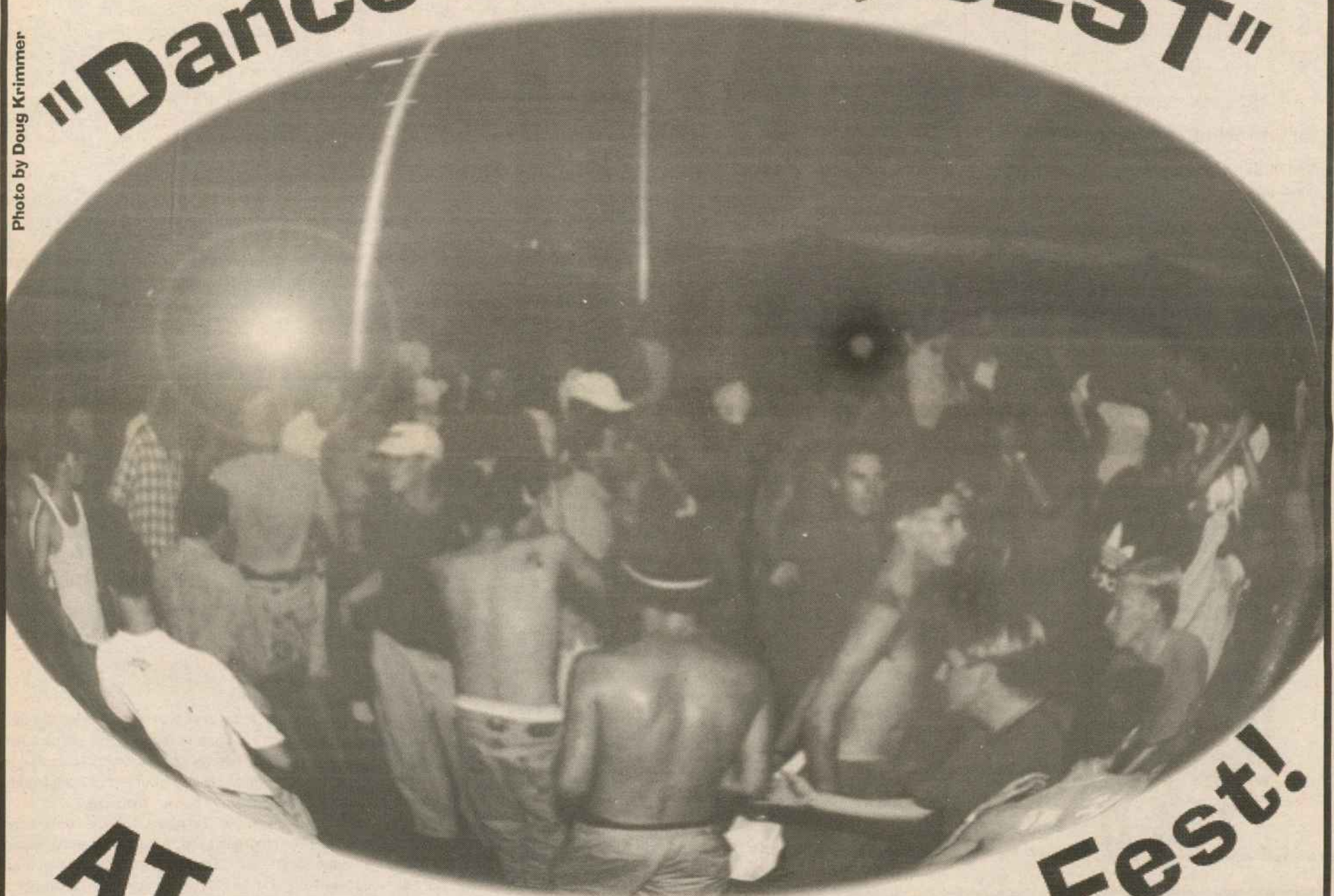
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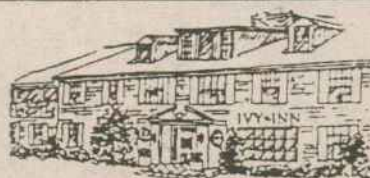
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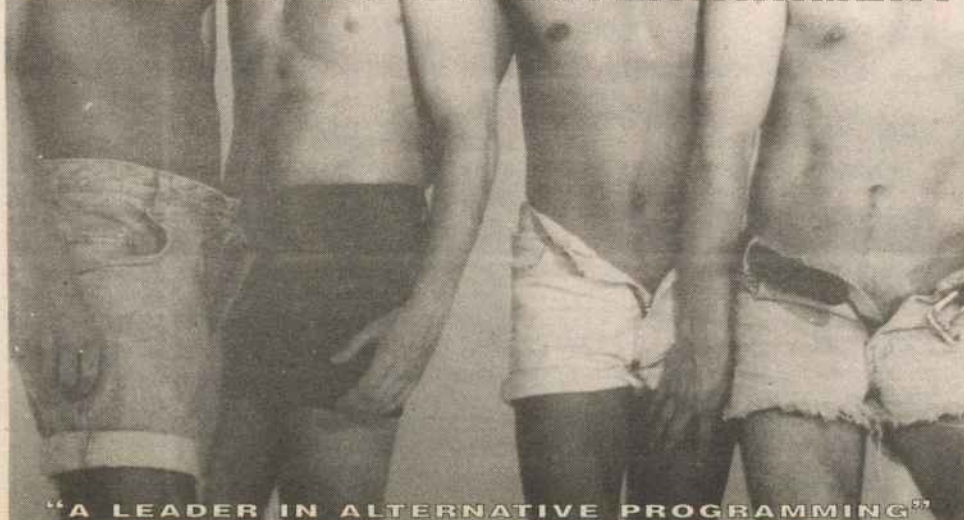
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The Blair Witch Project

Review by John Jahn

"In October of 1994, three student filmmakers disappeared in the woods near Burkittsville, Maryland while shooting a documentary. A year later their footage was found." It's one of the most gripping movie title cards ever, and it's the way that *The Blair Witch Project* begins.

Earlier this year was another film of *Blair Witch's* genre, the far less convincing and often boring *20 Dates*. These are films that mimic documentaries, blurring the line between fiction and reality, but *Blair* succeeds at it. While it no doubt belongs in this loosely defined category, it's also a horror movie that truly lives up to its name and does so without gross-out visuals.

The Blair Witch Project represents brilliant filmmaking, all the more impressive because it's the first effort of Eduardo Sanchez and Daniel Myrick. Watching it is a harrowing experience because we accept the characters as completely real and become engaged in their ordeal.

The film centers on three friends who venture into the woods of rural Maryland to film a documentary about the legendary "Blair Witch." After some interviews with the locals, they begin their journey into the woods, where the close-knit group gradually comes unhinged due to ever increasing fear. Novice actors Heather Donahue, Joshua Leonard and Michael Williams play themselves. Two cameras, one shooting 16 mm black-and-white film, the other High 8 video, capture their expedition. Every scene is a point-of-view shot, shown exactly as one might expect from someone carrying around a video camera.

The most effective element of *The Blair Witch Project* is the way this method of presenting the story draws you in. The footage, so much like home videos we've all seen of family outings and such, means that when terror begins to strike the trio, the effect is quite jarring and chilling. The horror is not so much in what we see, but in what we come to believe.

It's not hard to understand why this film works so well. It relies on the imagination to fill in the gaps in our knowledge, and what the mind conjures up is always more horrifying than anything filmmakers can put on screen. This is something mainstream Hollywood has yet to figure out, alas. Witness the dreadfully overwrought *The Haunting*.

It is likely that anyone going to this film without knowing it's a work of fiction will be convinced that it's real; the acting and filming is that realistic. No horror film before or since can make such a lofty claim. Sanchez and Myrick deserve credit not only for attempting something different but also for succeeding so brilliantly at it.

3 1/2 Stars

Deep Blue Sea

Review by John Jahn

Deep Blue Sea achieves a certain level of success. It's the best shark movie since the original *Jaws*. Of course, that's not saying much, is it? Even so, Director Renny Harlin keeps things moving at breakneck pace. The film remains entertaining for nearly its entire length. Naturally, you don't go into a shark-infested movie expecting your mind to be enriched, but you do want to jump back in your seat a few times. *Deep Blue Sea* provides such jolts in good measure.

The script borrows heavily from *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Alien* and *The Abyss*, but at least those are fine films from which to borrow. Happily, *Deep Blue Sea* manages to be creative anyway, particularly in the way it allows events to happen in ways they often don't in movies of this sort. When a film throws out a couple of things that take you unaware, you know it's doing a reasonably good job.

The action takes place on an offshore research station named "Aquatika," which is inhabited by a small group of marine biologists and other scientists experimenting on three genetically altered Mako sharks. These vicious fish are bigger, smarter, faster and deadlier than is typical, but the upside is that a protein found in their brains can cure Alzheimer's Disease.

The humans, led by Doctors Susan McAlester (Saffron Burrows) and Jim Whitlock (Stellan Skarsgard), are trying to convince the project's funder, Russell Franklin (Samuel L. Jackson), not to pull the plug. The rest of the cast includes shark handler Carter Blake (Thomas Jane), engineer Tom Scoggins (Michael Rapaport), preacher/cook Dudley (LL Cool J) and scientist Janet Winters (Jacqueline McKenzie). Franklin's one and only visit to Aquatika sees the destruction of the facility and the predatory sharks on the hunt for human game.

The special effects are virtually flawless. Unlike *Lake Placid* with its fake crocodiles, the sharks here have a feel of deadly authenticity, combining computer-generated images, real sharks and animatronics. *Deep Blue Sea* is the film to see when taking a break from the latest art house flick, giving you a taut, exciting thriller that takes moviegoers and characters alike deep under water and leaves them gasping for breath.

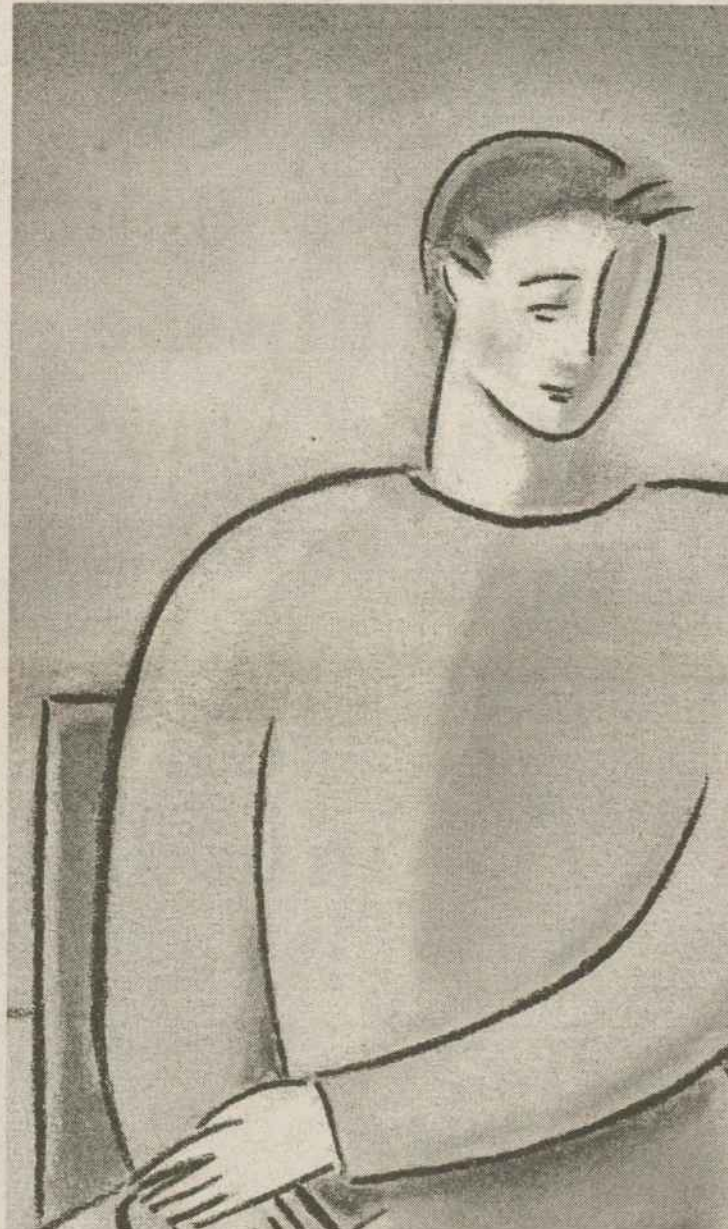
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Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., FMI call (608) 255-9131, dances in a smoke free environment with a cash bar, \$3 donation. Tonight: 7pm: Beginning Two Step lessons, 8pm: Advanced Line dance, 9pm: open dancing.

Lakeshore Gallery (Shorewood), Display of exciting Pop-Expressionism of Eric Oates, on display through Aug. 13 4401 N. Oakland Ave.

Lakeshore Gallery (Shorewood), *PHOTOARTICULATION*, featuring the works of Francis Ford and Steve Sellars, on display through Aug. 30, 4401 N. Oakland Ave.

Miramar Theatre (Milwaukee), Moschea Productions *MEG'S GOLD*, 10am and 1pm, 2844 N. Oakland, Tickets and info: 963-0916 or 332-1897.

River Rhythms Free Concert (Milwaukee), Pere Marquette Park, 3rd and State St., on the Riverbank. Tonight features the talents of Mrs. Fun's Rhythm Club. Food and drinks available.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) (Milwaukee), Research conference: HIV Systems of Care Today and Tomorrow, Refreshments, noon-1:30pm. FMI 456-7731.

Jazz in the Park (Milwaukee), Weekly free concert in Cathedral Square Park (Kilbourn and Jackson), 6:30-9pm. Bring your own food, or purchase from surrounding restaurants and unique park vendors. This week features Jim Liban with special guest Hubert Sumlin.

Rodney Scheel House (Madison), 4th Anniversary reception, 5-7pm, at the Scheel House, 2815 Hawk Street. FMI call (608) 243-1830.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Broom Street Theater (Madison), *MEETING JERRY SPRINGER*, 8pm Fri., Sat., Sun. 1119 Williamson St., Tickets are \$7 at the door only. Phone: (608) 244-8338.

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., FMI call (608) 255-9131, dances in a smoke free environment with a cash bar, \$3 donation. 8pm: Line Dance Lessons and Review, 9pm: Open dancing.

Milwaukee Ballet School (Milwaukee), *EMERGENCE 1999*: A show featuring students trained during MBS' Pre-Professional Summer Program. \$16 adults, \$6 children 12 and under. Tickets or info: 649-4077.

PrideFest 99 (Milwaukee), With the theme *COURAGE TO BUILD BRIDGES*. Opens tonight at 5pm, through midnight. \$6 at the gate. 3-day pass \$15. Children under 12 free when with an adult. Henry W. Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds). For full schedule, see our special PrideFest section!

SAGE (Milwaukee), Men's Discussion Group: View and discuss *SEX IS...*, a documentary film featuring diverse Gay men discussing the impact of sex on their lives. LGBT Community Center, Small Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 170 S. 2nd St.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee), *FOUR VOICES* a performance series by Latino(a) Artists presents: Jose Torres Tama *\$CasinoAmerica\$*. An award-winning performance that examines gambling as a metaphor for life in contemporary America. WRCA, 8pm, 911 W. National, tickets \$8/\$5 students and members. FMI (414) 672-2787.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Bi Definition Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee), Topic: Bisexuals and the Media. FMI call Nikki at (414) 774-5055.

Miramar Theatre (Milwaukee), Amethyst Productions Presents: *ENRICO IV*, by Luigi Pirandello, through Aug. 29. Special appearance by the John Schneider Orchestra tonight only, 2844 N. Oakland, Tickets and info: 299-0435.

PrideFest 99 (Milwaukee), With the theme *COURAGE TO BUILD BRIDGES*. Opens noon through midnight. \$6 at the gate. Children under 12 free when with an adult. Henry W. Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds). For full schedule, see our special PrideFest section!

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee), Exhibition of photography by Richard Waswo and assemblages by Michael Koppa. Through Sept. 19, 1630 E. Royall, (414) 278-8295. Opening reception today from 1-4pm.

Frontiers (Madison), Picnic and hiking at Gov. Dodge State Park, noon. FMI call Jim at (608) 588-3073 or email: jbb@americanplayers.org.

PrideFest 99 (Milwaukee), With the theme *COURAGE TO BUILD BRIDGES*. Open 11am, closes 11pm. \$6 at the gate. Children under 12 free when with an adult. Henry W. Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds). For full schedule, see our special PrideFest section!

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

Afterwords Books (Milwaukee), Book Club discusses Matthew Rettenmund's funny, romantic and sexy *BOY CULTURE*. 7:30pm, 2710 N. Murray, (414) 963-9089.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

Frontiers (Madison), Film Circle: *BOYS LIFE*, a collection of 3 Gay themed short films. FMI, location (608) 274-5821.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison), Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., FMI call (608) 255-9131, dances in a smoke free environment with a cash bar, \$3 donation. Tonight: 7pm: Beginning line dance lessons, 8pm: Advanced Line dance, 9pm: open dancing.

Human Rights League (Milwaukee), Garden Party/Founding Fundraiser. Support and learn more about Wisconsin's first grassroots LGBT Political Action Committee. U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin will host the event. For invitation and more information, call Brenda at (414) 287-1171.

River Rhythms Free Concert (Milwaukee), Pere Marquette Park, 3rd and State St., on the Riverbank. Tonight features the talents of Jerry Grillo, Jack Grassel and the Berkeley Fudge Quintet. Food and drinks available.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Frontiers (Madison), Activity Planning, 7pm, FMI Dennis (608) 839-4060.

Jazz in the Park (Milwaukee), Weekly free concert in Cathedral Square Park (Kilbourn and Jackson), 6:30-9pm. Bring your own food, or purchase from surrounding restaurants and unique park vendors. This week features Juli Wood and SHE.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

SAGE (Milwaukee), Men and women play cards and board games. Sheephead lessons. LGBT Community Center, Small Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 170 S. 2nd St.

Wind-Up Dolls Theatre (Madison), *UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS*, by Wendy Wasserstein, runs Fri. and Sat. through August 28 at 8pm, at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. KK Ave., Tickets are \$12 at the door or call 224-0625.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee), 25th Annual Morning Glory Craft Fair and anniversary celebration. 10am-5pm today and tomorrow. 85 fine craft artists sell their wares in the gardens. Food and specialty drinks, and musical entertainment. Free admission, \$1 donation suggested. 1801 N. Prospect Avenue (414) 278-8295.

Midwest Young Feminists Summit (Milwaukee), Sponsored by Milwaukee NOW: Young Feminists Taking Action. U.W. Milwaukee Business Building. Today and tomorrow. Workshops, etc. Registration date was by 8/7. FMI email: www.milwaukeeenow.org.

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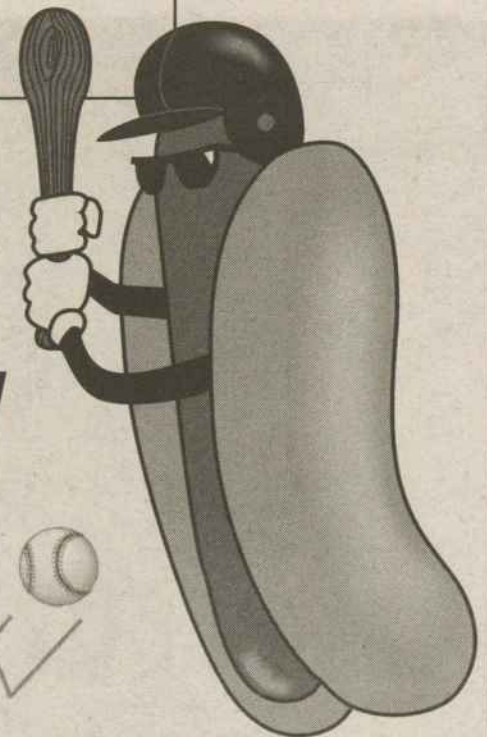
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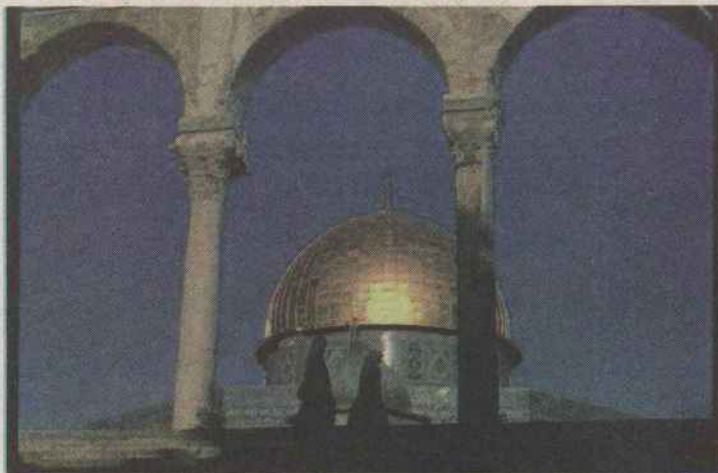
The millennium approaches — and many readers fantasize travelling to that one special place for the midnight hour. There are several obvious destinations, but one country, which expects millions of visitors in 2000, is Israel.

Considered home to three major religions, Israel boasts some of the world's finest natural beauty. It offers the visitor the Dead Sea (the world's lowest spot), the Negev desert and the rolling mounts of the Galilee — all in an area the manageable size of New Jersey.

Despite being a religiously based country, Israel is quite accepting of Gays and Lesbians. A national law prohibits workplace discrimination — including the military. And try to forget the CNN image of this being a war zone. Terrorist actions are extremely rare, and violent crime is lower than that of any major American city.

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Keep in mind that when departing Israel, all non-Israeli passengers, regardless of airline, will be the object of intense security questioning for flight safety. Don't be nervous about carrying Gay material or sex toys. The security and customs officials are concerned about guns and bombs, and show little interest in anything else.

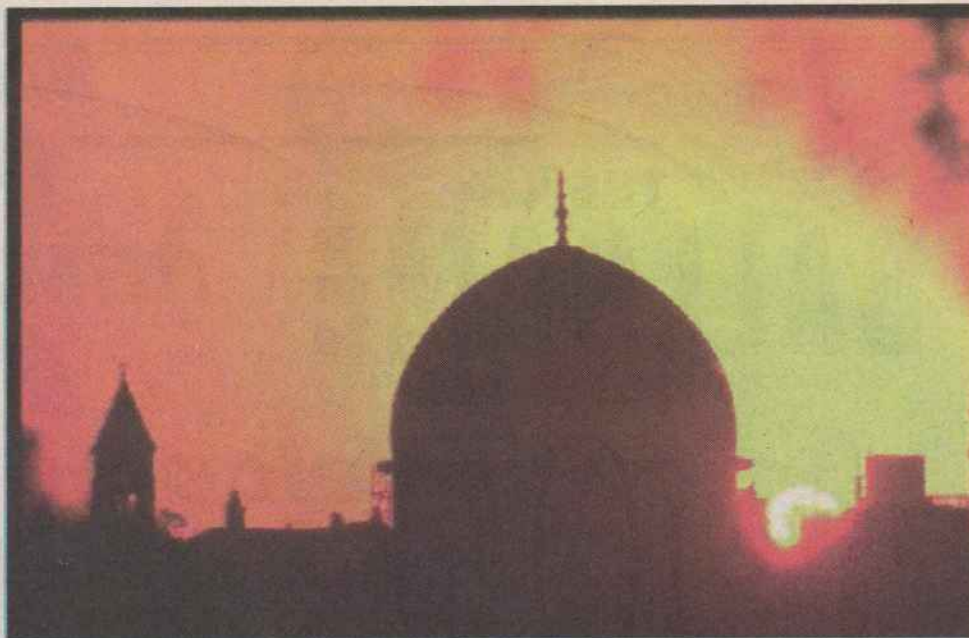
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JERUSALEM

Considered to be the holiest city in the world, Jerusalem has amazing daytime sights unrivalled anywhere. Most of the religious attractions are in the magnificent Old City, an ancient walled fortress inhabited by thousands.

Here you will find the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Christ's crucifixion and tomb), the Via Delorosa and other numerous Christian settings. Jewish visitors can experience the Western Wall and the Old City of David, and Muslim worshippers will find a visit to the El Aqsa Mosque a must.

In addition to the spiritual sights, tourists will enjoy the many shops and stalls lining the cobbled streets. In these friendly Arab owned establishments you can purchase everything from valuable antiquities to fresh spices as well as dresses and jewelry that would make



the most jaded drag queen squeal.

The vendors expect tourists to haggle with them. A good rule of thumb is to offer 40% of the initial asking price, and then bargain from there. The modern section of the city offers the excellent Israel Museum (both fine art and history, as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls), the touching Yad Veshem Holocaust Memorial and other attractions.

A short ride outside of the city takes you to Bethlehem. Check the tourist shops at Manger Square — you can find inexpensive yet lovely souvenirs such as hand made wood Christmas tree ornaments for less than a dollar.

Once the sun goes down in Jerusalem, so do the expectations. Not known for its party lifestyle, the city offers a few quiet pubs after 10pm. Gay and Lesbian travelers have close to nothing from which to choose. The daytime Timol Shilshom cafe and bookstore is Gay friendly. Each Thursday night Scuzzy throws a Gay/Lesbian party. Not a pretty sight.

TEL-AVIV

Less than an hour's drive from Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv might as well be 12 time zones away. The complete antithesis of Jerusalem's lifestyle, this city on the sea offers little daytime activity but rips under the moon.

By no means an attractive city, Tel-Aviv's best daytime feature are the clean white beaches. Gay and Lesbian bathers may prefer the section just under the cliff from the Hilton Hotel where most cruising takes place.

Twenty minutes north of the city, Gash Beach offers nude bathing for our 10%. It gets quite busy on Fridays and Saturdays. Daytime shopping ranges from the low budget Allenby street and outdoor market to the exclusive and high-priced Kikar HaMedina circle of shops.

The Klaufa shop on Sheinken Street offers Gay publications and related items. A visit to the Tel-Aviv Museum of Art is worth the effort. Avoid the other "history" museums, unless you REALLY enjoy seeing what a bus pass looked like in 1955. The beautiful sunsets herald a change of pace in the city.

Start the evening off with tickets to the world class Israel Philharmonic or Israel Chamber Orchestra. Theater is abundant, but practically all performances are in

Hebrew — though all films are screened in their original language. Modern dance is well represented by the Bat-Dor company, but don't expect much from the Israel Ballet (they don't quite fall down, but you get the gist).

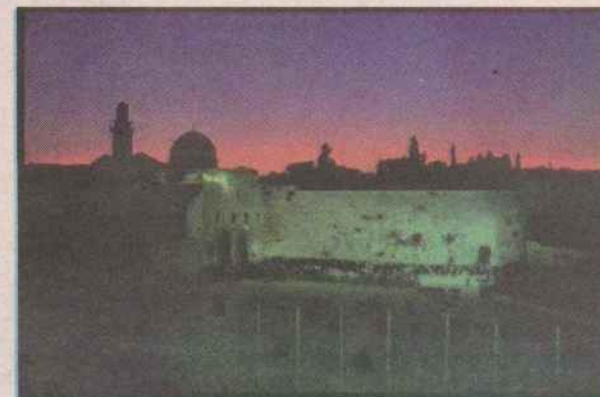
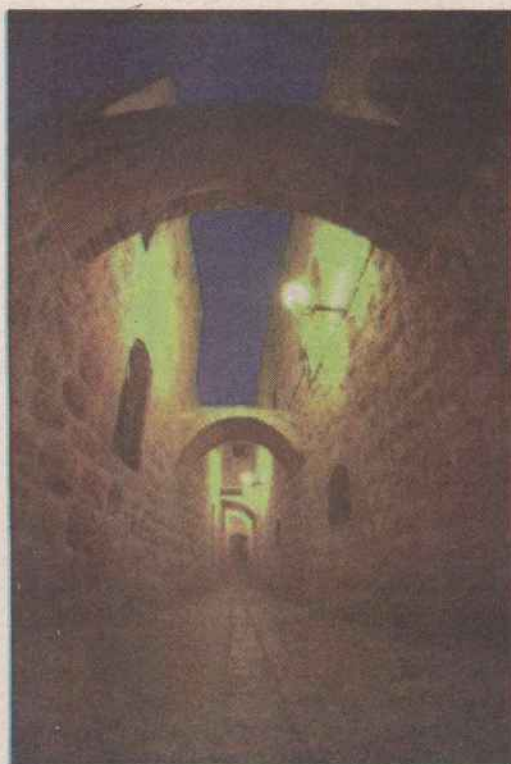
Nighttime in the city is a serious affair. Restaurants serve until the wee hours, and don't be surprised to see entire families strolling the beachfront promenade until 3am. Tel-Aviv is surprisingly Gay friendly — public displays of affection go without comment, and Gay establishments coexist peacefully next to breeder bars.

For the young (and I MEAN young!) head to Freedom Disco at Allenby street 58 where the music starts pumping only at 1am on Friday nights. Scene is worthwhile on Monday nights for house music starting at midnight. For drinks, the He/She bar attracts the 20somethings, and Abbies is the best place for men of all ages.

The friendly cafe/gallery/pub Minerva is the best Lesbian hang in the city, though its lovely atmosphere attracts a share of Gay men as well. Sorry, Sir — no leather bars in the country.

Dragsters should avoid Diva, a pathetic straight-owned, cross-dressing embarrassment. Israel is a small country, and many local Gays prefer the anonymity of the two saunas — as well as park cruising next to the Hilton Hotel. Complete information can be found in the free Gay paper "HaZman HaVerred" (Pink Time) or call the Gay help line "Aguda" at (03) 6293681.

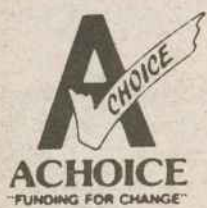
Though Israel may not offer the Gay lifestyle of Amsterdam, Sydney or San Francisco, the sights and history should fill any voyager with awe. Besides, the next time you find yourself seated next to Jerry Falwell at the Denny's counter, you won't be short on conversation. Bon Voyage!



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Dear Ruthie

Dear Ruthie,

I baby-sit for a friend. She knows I'm a Lesbian and says she doesn't mind if my girlfriend comes to help me watch the kids. When I allow my girlfriend to come, she wants to fool around after the kids are sleeping.

This makes me uncomfortable. I don't think we should be doing that in someone else's house with their children in the next room. I think having sex in places where we could be caught turns her on. She disagrees and says that I'm too straight-laced. Am I crazy?

Bedroom Bound Barb

Dear Barb,

It sounds like your girlfriend suffers from a symptom shared by many: She's horny.

Many people get horny in odd places. Take my fourth husband, Lou. We had a good sex life — I didn't mind the hair in his ears, and he didn't mind me calling him Fabio in the middle of a romp.

While we lived in California, I worked at a beauty parlor for this gal who was sleeping with Jimi Hendrix. Her name was Sylvia. One day Sylvia was bitchin' up a storm 'cause she had to go to this Woodstock show with "her old man," Jimi, and she'd just fired the gardener. That meant no one would be there to water the "happy plants." I told Sylvia I'd stop by every night and sprinkle. She agreed and gave me the address.

Now, Lou and I really didn't know who this Hendrix character was, except that the kids seemed to like him and he made a lot of money. So, all week Lou is begging me to take him to see the house. I kept telling Lou that I didn't have the keys to the place, but he kept pestering me, so I brought him along on the last day.

The whole time I was watering, Lou was wandering around the yard trying to look in the windows. I have to say, I always thought Lou looked cute in his Bermudas, sandals and black socks — particularly when he's in the middle of a rock star's backyard taking pictures of the Weber.

Well, one thing lead to another and as the sun set, Lou pulled me into the middle of those plants for a little outdoor hoochie-koochie.

Right in the middle of making love — that's about 48 seconds for Lou — he tells me that he has an idea. Lou lead me to a slightly open

basement window he found. He thought we'd sneak into the Hendrix house and do it on the beanbag chairs. He wanted me to crawl through the window, then go to the front door and let him in.

I told him he was nuts. Then something started happening. The smell of those plants started making me light-headed. Eventually, I gave in.

I squeezed my middle-aged body through the window and I was doing pretty good — until... well... until my love beads got caught

between my belly and the windowsill. That was it: I was stuck.

My naked torso was hanging from Jimi Hendrix's basement window — overlooking his washing machine — like a pair of deer antlers over a fireplace. Outside, my tush was pointing up in the air like a shaved groundhog during mating season.

"Oh God, someone's coming," whispered Lou.

"Get my clothes," I said.

"I've got to get out of here," he panicked.

"Get my clothes," I repeated.

It was too late. Lou was gone. Naked, but gone.

It turned out that the noise was only some squirrels dancing around in those damn happy plants. I spent half the night wondering when Lou was coming back and the other half warding off curious chipmunks.

At about 4:30am, all these basement lights suddenly came on. There stood Jimi Hendrix. He just kept staring at me hanging there like he wasn't sure what he was seeing (this often happens when men see me topless).

I didn't know what to do, so I spread my arms, smiled, and sang "Ta-dah!" Jimi rubbed his eyes, walked away and mumbled something about "never doing that crazy shit again." He turned off the lights and went upstairs.

In the morning, a lovely maid named Spatula rubbed bacon grease on my sides and pulled me through the window. After she got my clothes, she told me that this happened to Elvis all the time, so I shouldn't feel bad.

Spatula never told Sylvia, so I got to keep my job, but I never saw Lou again. Turns out that while running naked through the streets, he met a nudist named Wayne and the two of them moved to San Francisco.

Back to your problem. If getting sexual in a particular environment makes you uncomfortable, don't do it. Tell your girlfriend you have the right to feel secure when making love and her ideas don't give you that feeling. Tell her not to take it personally. Explain to her that while you enjoy making love with her, you can't participate when you're worried about being caught.

And most importantly, if she suggests doing it on a beanbag chairs, grab your clothes and get the hell outta there!

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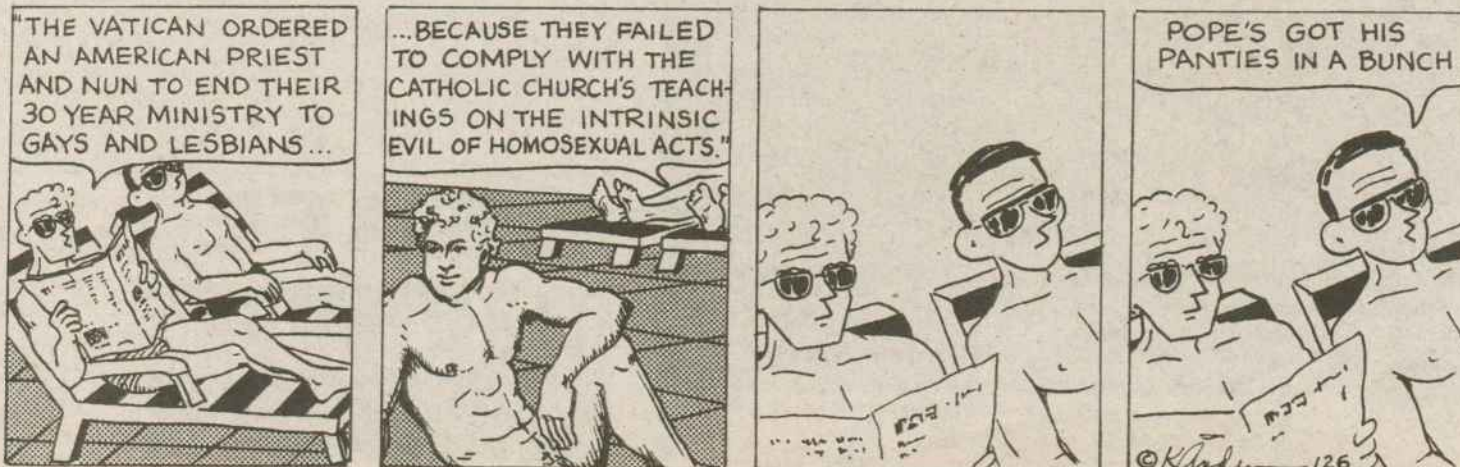
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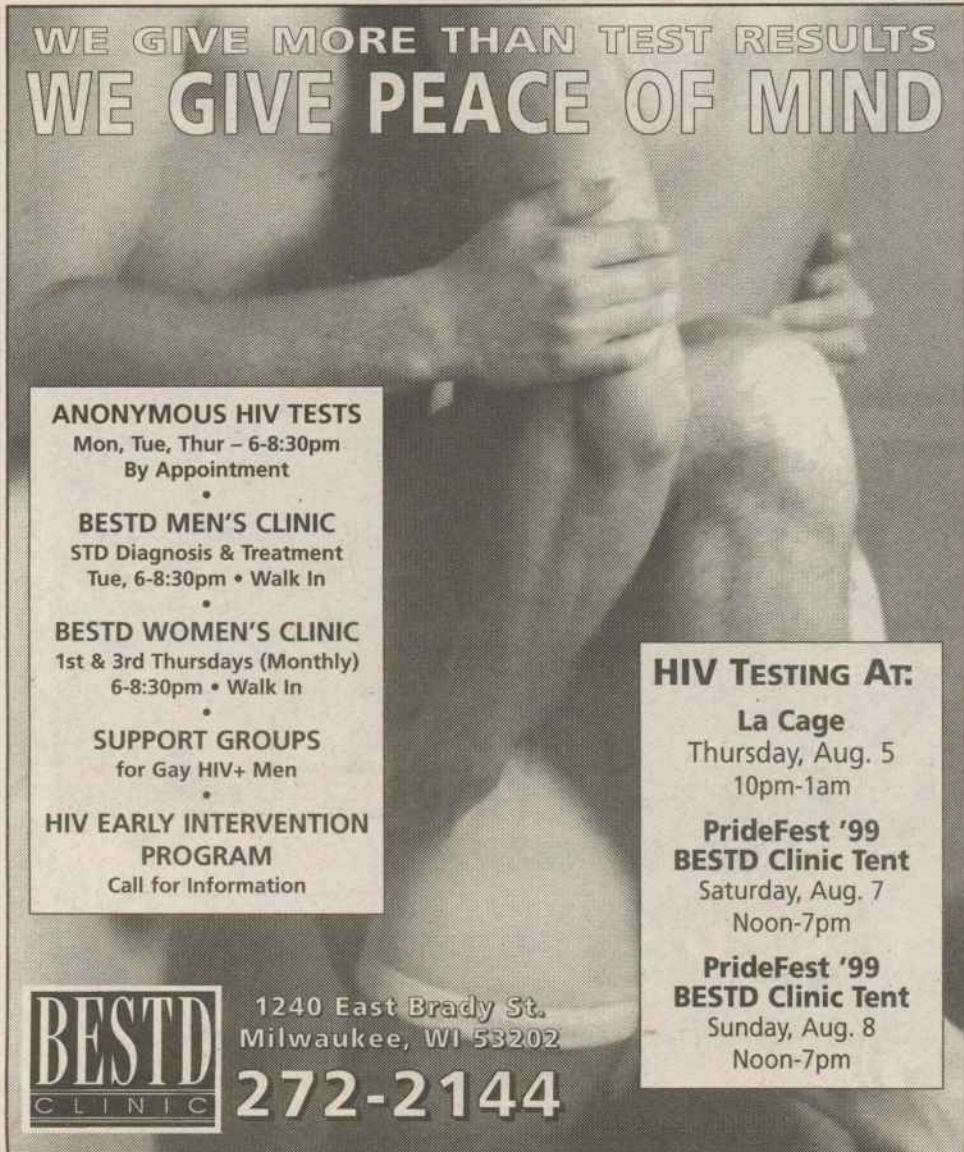
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OUT IN CYBERSPACE



Out in Cyberspace: Using Usenet

by Michael Stewart

Usenet is commonly considered to be the fourth component of what we know as "the Internet." The others are IRC, the World Wide Web — www and Email. Of the bunch, Usenet is the least written about.

That's primarily due to the extraordinary complexity of explaining a messaging system that encompasses more than 70,000 conferences — or newsgroups — from around the world. Virtually every Internet Service Provider (ISP) includes access to at least some of the Usenet newsgroups as part of its package. The selection of available news groups can vary depending on the ISP's geographical location and/or its stance on politics and religion.

If you've ever browsed the community bulletin board in your local supermarket, you already have the basic idea of what Usenet is about. Its habitues upload the messages they write to the appropriate newsgroup. The messages are titled and classified by subject.

For example, if you posted a message about Reggie White's latest ranting and put the word "Reggie" in the subject line, that's the title your message will have. Usenet will put any responses to your message in the message chain you started.

When someone posts a message, it's broadcast to every other server that allows its users to access the newsgroup that contains it. Prospective readers can download and reply to it. Usenet automatically maintains chains of messages and all their responses. In some instances, this has resulted in conversations that have gone on for years with thousands of participants.

The five primary categories in the Usenet hierarchy are "comp" (for computer-oriented topics), "rec" (for messages on recreational pursuits), "sci" (scientific subjects), "soc" (for socializing), and "alt," short for alternate. The Alt category was the original designation for groups that didn't fit into any of the other categories.

There are a few antiquated holdovers from the early years of LGBT messaging in the "soc" hierarchy. They include the oldest of the Gay conferences, "soc.motss" ("Members Of The Same Sex"). Now, however, most newsgroups with an LGBT theme come under the "alt" heading.

Those who'd like to explore the Usenet,

without first having to earn a Ph.D. in information technology, should check out RemarQ (<http://www.remarq.com>). This site provides access to over 32,000 newsgroups. Its list includes many groups that even the large national ISP's won't carry due to their controversial subject matter or titles.

RemarQ gussies up the Usenet. It's easy to understand and it's easy to use. Best of all it's free. RemarQ uses the less-threatening appellative "communities" in place of the commonly used "newsgroups."

You don't need to register if you only want to use the RemarQ service for reading messages on Usenet. However, you must register if you are going to use RemarQ to publish your own message to the Usenet.

The registration process is one of the simplest still seen on today's Internet. A prospective poster needs only to provide a current e-mail address, a password and some non-identifying demographic information.

The system sends an automated message to the e-mail address you gave it in order to confirm its accuracy. To make full use of RemarQ, simply follow the instructions included with the Email to reply to the message, and you're all set.

Whether you just want to read messages or go for the gusto, your next step will be to find the "communities," or newsgroups, on the topics in which you're interested.

The fastest way to get into the thick of things is to use the search box that appears on nearly every page and to input a keyword or two. For example, instructing the system to find communities that mention "Gay" will net you over 100 newsgroups in which "Gay" appears in the title. Some examples include "alt.personals.gay" (the primary group for those seeking to meet others), and "alt.politics.homosexuality," for discussions of the rights and freedoms of LGBT citizens in today's world.

Using other search terms will retrieve all manner of other "communities," ranging from the serious to the sordid, with every possible variation in between. Whatever your interests, exploring the Usenet will prove a fascinating exercise to most, and addictive to many.

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NIGHTS OUT

While you are in Milwaukee for PrideFest, you'll want to check out the fabulous LGBT bar scene. Yes, *Wisconsin Light* does have LGBT Wisconsin's easiest to use bar guide, but we can only fit so much information into the guide, so here are some handy dandy tips to help you

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find what you're looking for.

They are in alphabetical order:

1100 Club – This easy to find leather/cocktail bar has a nice friendly atmosphere, reasonably priced drinks and a great staff. The 1100 Club has great food, too.

219 – This club will feature Milwaukee's hottest strippers Friday and Saturday and a fabulous Sunday night show. The club boasts one of Milwaukee's best DJs, Kimberly Anne, and some of Wisconsin's best female impersonators. See the 219 girls star in the PrideFest review on the Miller Stage Sunday night, and then see their fabulous wrap show after the fest at the bar.

Ball Game – A longtime favorite of LGBT Milwaukee, the Ball Game is 26 years young! It's nearly impossible to go in this place and not get involved in a friendly chat with someone. The Ball Game attracts people of all ages and backgrounds. Great bartenders, great drinks and reasonable prices make this one of my personal favorites.

Barbie Doll's Playhouse – Barbie's is a little out of the way but well worth the trip. Its clientele is friendly and so is the staff.

Boot Camp – Milwaukee's longest running leather bar has two bars and a large fenced in outdoor patio making it a popular stop for the leather crowd. You won't find any frills at the Boot Camp. However, you will find real men and those who love real men.

C'est La Vie – C'est La Vie appeals to the younger crowd and those who like younger

men. There's strippers on Friday night and a great drag show on Saturday night. The staff is friendly and the drinks are inexpensive.

Dish – This predominantly Lesbian bar attracts quite a few Gay men. On Saturday night, PrideFest headliner Les Lokey and two guest DJs will make special appearances. Franco Stevens, the editor of *Curve* magazine, will be on hand most the weekend, as will representatives of *Damron for Women*. No cover when you show your PrideFest hand stamp.

Emerald's Lounge – This cozy Riverwest neighborhood bar is always a great place to stop for great fun and to make new friends.

Fannies – Milwaukee's longest running Women's bar has a new look but the same friendly service and comfortable atmosphere that's made it popular with many Lesbians. In addition to a dance floor, Fannies has a large outdoor patio. Ronnie Nyles will perform on the Patio on Saturday night, while a DJ keeps you hopping inside.

Fluid – This bar reeks of class, but don't let

that fool you. Fluid may look pricey, but it isn't. Attractive bartenders, a friendly crowd, and Milwaukee's best cosmo martinis make this a very popular stop for Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians. DJ John Murges will be on hand on Friday and Saturday night. If you haven't checked your Fluid level, stop in and they'll be happy to help you.

Kathy's Nut Hut – There's always a party at Kathy's, and PrideFest weekend will be no exception. This bar is totally without attitude. Kathy's is friendly, fun and a great time! Darts, pool and a casual crowd make this a popular stop among Milwaukee Lesbians.

La Cage – LGBT Wisconsin's biggest entertainment complex has two dance floors, a great sound system, and the best dance effects you'll find this side of New York. That plus my favorite DJ tag team, Tanya and Dave, the La Cage showcase and a party atmosphere make La Cage a great place to stop. The Showcase, which features top impersonators, production numbers, and professional costuming and choreography, performs at 11pm on Friday and Sunday.

M&M Club – For more than 25 years, Gay Milwaukee has gathered at M&M's. Live entertainment, a great atmosphere and wonderful bartenders. The Glass Menagerie restaurant has some of Milwaukee's finest food and an elegant atmosphere that's not reflected in the very reasonable prices on the menu.

Milwaukee Eagle/Shaft – A dark atmosphere and a hot dance floor lend themselves to finding Mr. Right or Mr. Right now at this leather bar. Friday night there's a \$5 beer bust from 7 to 10pm. Saturday get 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 7-10pm. Sunday is underwear night. Wear your underwear and get \$1 off all alcoholic beverages.

South Water Street Docks – A nice atmosphere, a friendly crowd and great service! What more could you ask for? Take your shirt off for half price drinks on Sunday from 9pm to close. Docks will offer drink specials throughout the weekend to help you celebrate your pride.

Station 2 – This South side Lesbian bar is one of my favorites. Whenever I stop in, one way or another, the staff and the customers make me laugh myself sick. It's a little out of the way, but well worth the trip.

Switch – Milwaukee's newest Gay owned and operated place to be. Until May, this was a successful breeder bar owned and operated by a Gay owner, Craig. He decided to more fully participate in his own community and made the Switch! Great atmosphere and a patio big enough for two bars have already made Switch a very popular stop. The bar had a huge crowd for its Grand Opening Gayla last Sunday. It's a great place to meet your old friends or make new ones.

This Is It – For over 30 years, LGBT Milwaukee has been coming to this downtown cocktail lounge for good times. A great juke box, comfortable seating, professional, friendly service and reasonable prices make This Is It one of Gay Milwaukee's most popular bars.

Woody's – This large and friendly South Side neighborhood bar is a neat place to visit. Friendly service, a jovial atmosphere and friendly customers make Woody's a fun place to stop for an hour or a night of fun! Show your PrideFest ticket for a 2 for 1 special.

Going Out

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Dish (Milwaukee), Point Pride Night, \$1 pints of Point, PrideFest tickets and other cool stuff.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Fluid (Milwaukee), Come and listen to the sounds of Pride with DJ John Murges.

Za's (Green Bay), Dan E. Dance Benefit Show, to send Mr. Gay Great Lakes to the Nationals.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

PrideFest Shuttle (Milwaukee), Stops at: Dish, Kathy's Nut Hut, M&M Club, Switch, Fluid, Ballgame, Milwaukee Eagle, This Is It, Triangle and Woody's bars. Two busses running from noon to midnight.

Buddies (Green Bay), Conclusion of the annual Gay Guernsey competition.

Dish (Milwaukee), Open 2pm. *Curve*, Damron and Les Lokey, *Curve* Lesbian Magazine, and Damron's Women's Traveler sponsor a special dance night with 2 female DJs, special midnight appearance by Les Lokey, direct from PrideFest.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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Ballgame (Milwaukee), Welcome Chicago Bus Crawlers, \$1 shots McGillicuddy's.

Dish (Milwaukee), Special Pride Hours, open 5pm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Za's (Green Bay), T.C. Hammond Benefit Show, to send Mr. Gay Wisconsin to the Nationals.

LIVE WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT

Barbie Dolls Playhouse (Milwaukee), Karaoke every Wed. at 10pm.

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee), Female Impersonators on Sat. & Sun., 10:30pm.

Club 5 (Madison), Female Impersonators on Sun., 10pm.

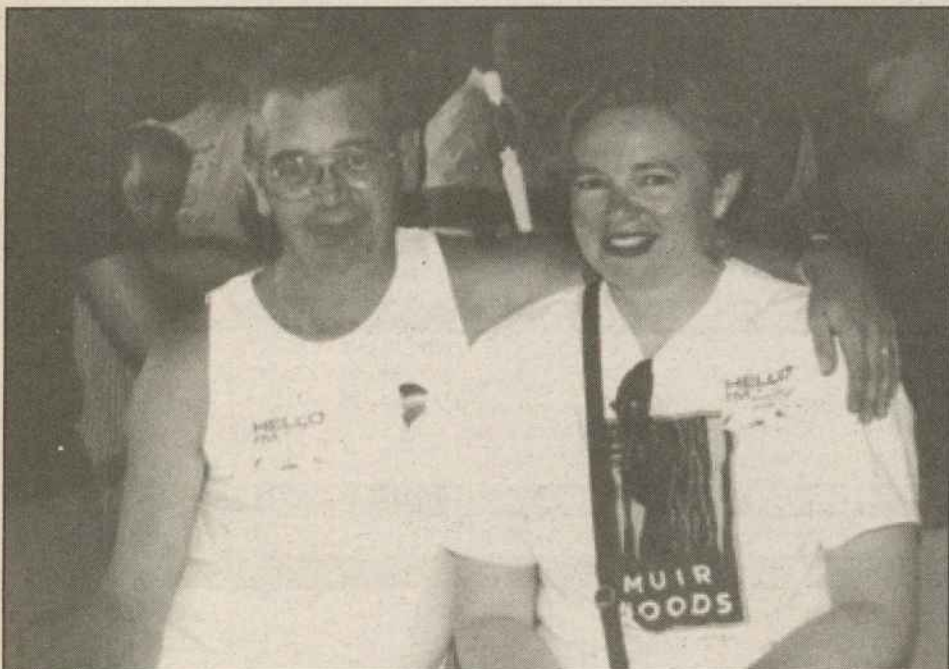
Club 219 (Milwaukee), Female Impersonators on Thurs. & Sun., 11:30pm. Strippers every Wed., Fri. & Sat., 11pm.

Fannies (Milwaukee), Karaoke, second and fourth Wed. of the month.

La Cage (Milwaukee), La Cage Showcase every Fri. & Sun. at 11pm.

Shoreline (Milwaukee), Practices at La Cage, Fri. 8-11pm plus Free Lessons.

Switch (Milwaukee), Karaoke every Thurs. at 8pm.



Jack and WI Light columnist Margaret Flood at Switch's CCF Benefit Gayla and Grand Opening.

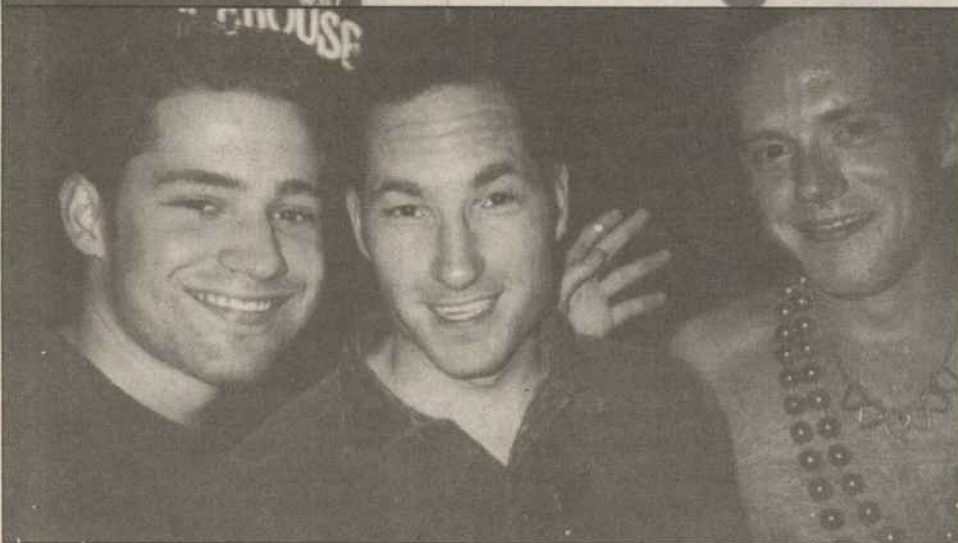
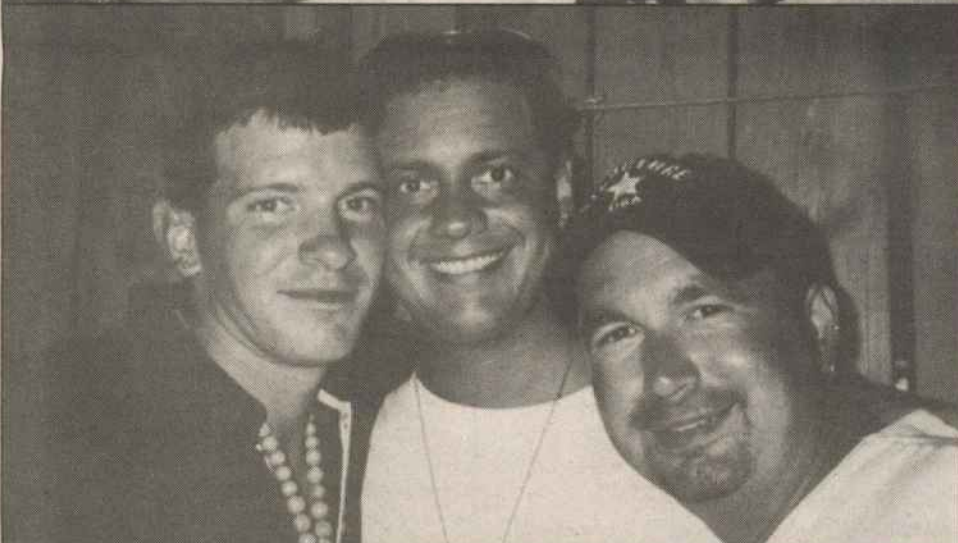
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BAR GUIDE

A great time was had by all at the Switch Gayla Grand Opening. The festivities started with an ice cream social benefiting the Cream City Foundation. Then throughout the evening, Karaoke, a DJ and great food was enjoyed by a large crowd that filled the outdoor patio and the indoor bar.

APPLETON (920)

Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
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BELOIT (608)

Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
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CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)

Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862

EAU CLAIRE (715)

Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237

GREEN BAY (920)

Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54304	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway, 54303	432-9646
Sass	WM, S	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54301	435-5476

RESTAURANTS

Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
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LA CROSSE (608)

Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279

MADISON (608)

CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Millenium	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700

RESTAURANTS

Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700

MILWAUKEE (414)

1100 Club	M, L/L, F	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed & Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, S	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, s	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 6pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 6-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<i>(Open 4pm-Close, 7 days a week)</i>			

RESTAURANTS

Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
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SUPERIOR (715)

Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW, L/L	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

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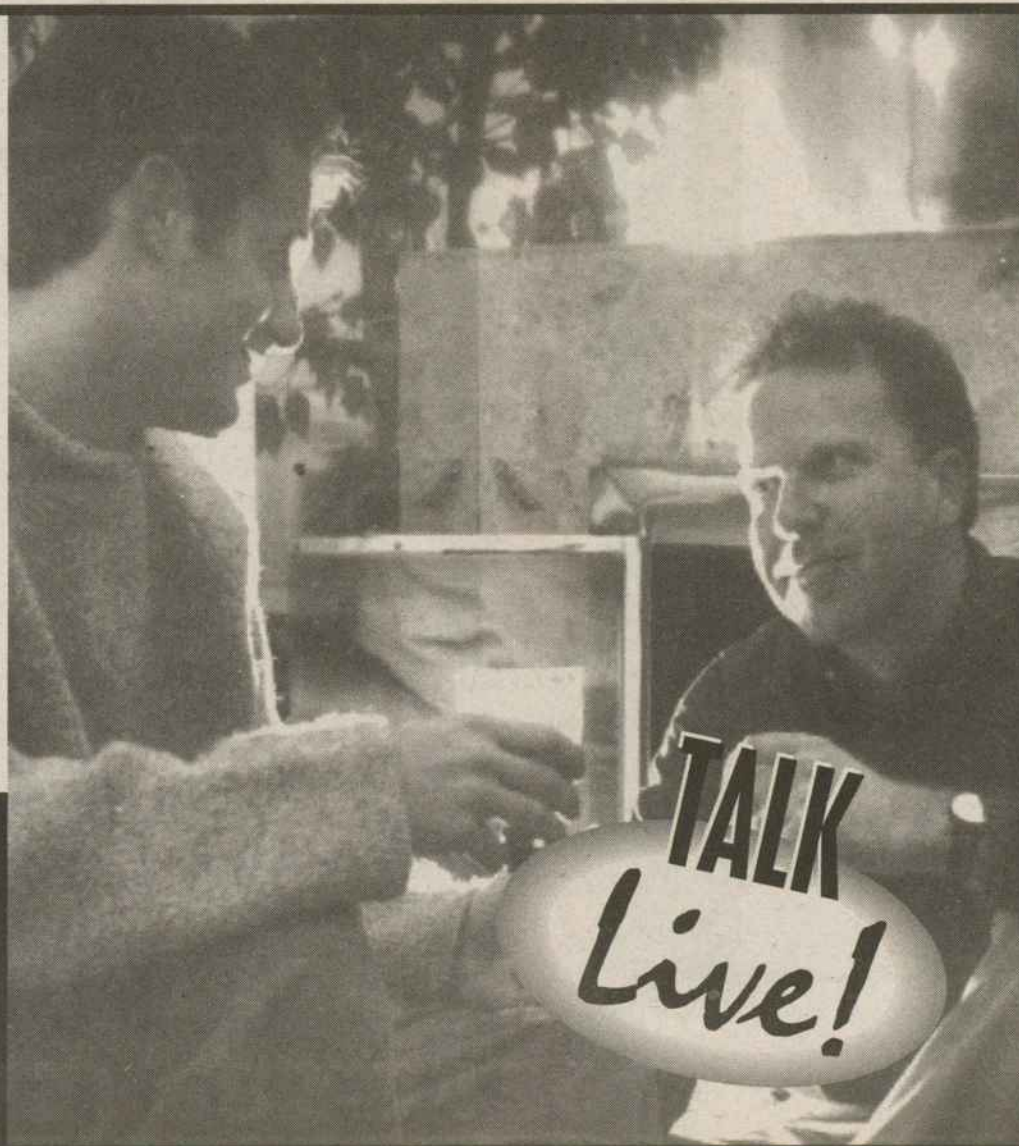
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