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They call her Dr. Bigot



by Terry Boughner

She claims to have 20 million listeners to her radio-advice show sometimes called "Dr. Laura's Moral Health Show." It is a three-hour stint in which she is compared to G. Gordon Liddy and Rush Limbaugh. There are uncounted readers of her syndicated column.

Beyond all that, there is her Foundation, her *Perspective Magazine*, the Dr. Laura Merchandise Collection and, of course, her website. She has published three books: *Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives*, *How Could You Do That?* and *The Ten Commandments*. The first two are best sellers.

This one-woman department store is Dr. Laura Schlessinger, one of the if not the most popular talk-jock on the air today. In Milwaukee she's heard on WISN radio while her column is printed in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. To some she is the apostle of self-defined family values - a nonsense, tough love, tell-it-like-it-is (or should be) sort of person. There are those who welcome this type of person.

"I want to explain to you how Dr. Laura has had nothing but a positive effect on my life," writes Jackie Taylor of Los Angeles to one radio Station Manager. "She is the voice of

common sense." Another from the same city writes that she is "a crusader against the feel-good, self-esteem driven abyss of the 1990s."

To others she is a strident, dogmatic, preachy, religious zealot intent on enforcing her views on us all. She has become a woman with a mission, an Orthodox Jew who is a scriptural absolutist with no room at all for anyone who disagrees with her in any of her stated positions.

In truth, she is Amy Bernstein, a writer for the *Los Angeles Times*. She makes no effort to be dispassionate. A practicing therapist for 13 years, she gave up private practice when she came to believe that "modern therapy needs a dose of values. That's what people really miss."

Evidently so. Radio, her books, lectures, the Internet, soon TV, and a dozen other means have become her potent pulpit.

"My early experiences have taught me how much better it is to live by an objective and absolute standard of right and wrong, preferably a standard set by God," said Schlessinger to her audience shortly after a court refused to

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City Hall Reception to Honor LGBT Couples

Milwaukee - Sharing, caring, love. Those are the family values LGBT Milwaukee will celebrate with a special free reception for Milwaukee LGBT couples. The reception will be held from 7pm to 10pm on Wednesday, September 1 at Milwaukee's City Hall Rotunda. Entitled 'Celebrating Love,' the elegant evening will allow LGBT couples a chance to mingle with other couples and with their families and friends.

The reception will feature light hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a brief program to present the participating couples to the community. The John Schneider Orchestra will provide romantic music for the evening.

All members of the Milwaukee area LGBT community, their families and friends are invited to attend. There is no admission

charge.

The reception marks only the second time Milwaukee's LGBT community has held an official function at their City Hall. The Organizing Committee chose the location and date for the reception to coincide with the opening of Milwaukee's Domestic Partnership Registry.

"While we celebrate the opening of the registry, this is not a political event," said *Wisconsin Light* Editor Bill Meunier, one of the organizers. "It is our hope that as many couples as possible will participate and bring their families and friends to share in this unique celebration of our relationships."

Rev. Lew Broyles is also helping to organize the evening. As pastor of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, he has

joined together many LGBT couples. He sees 'Celebrating Love' as an evening with special significance. "This event demonstrates to Milwaukee our community's dedication to supporting LGBT couples in their efforts to develop loving, long-term relationships," said Rev. Broyles. "Moreover, it affirms the reality that families come in many variations."

"A reception of this kind gives the LGBT community the opportunity to honor its couples while also challenging common stereotypes about the kinds of relationships LGBT people have," said Paul Williams of the Domestic Partnership Task Force. Williams, who is also helping to organize the festivities, added, "Stable, committed couples have always been an important part of our community, and this event will increase their visibili-

ty."

Milwaukee couples interested in registering as domestic partners can contact the city's Licensing Division or the Domestic Partnership Task Force at 225-1621. Couples who wish to participate in the historic reception can call the Task Force or *Wisconsin Light* (414) 226-0075.

The event organizers come from a cross-section of Milwaukee area LGBT groups including *Wisconsin Light*, P-FLAG, the Human Rights League, Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, the Domestic Partnership Task Force, and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. In kind and cash contributions have been made by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the Cream City Foundation, Designing Men, the M & M Club, Ross Walker and Erv Uecker, and *Wisconsin Light*.

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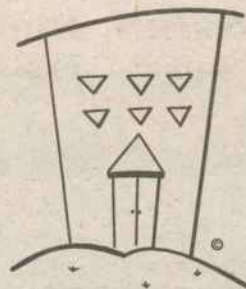
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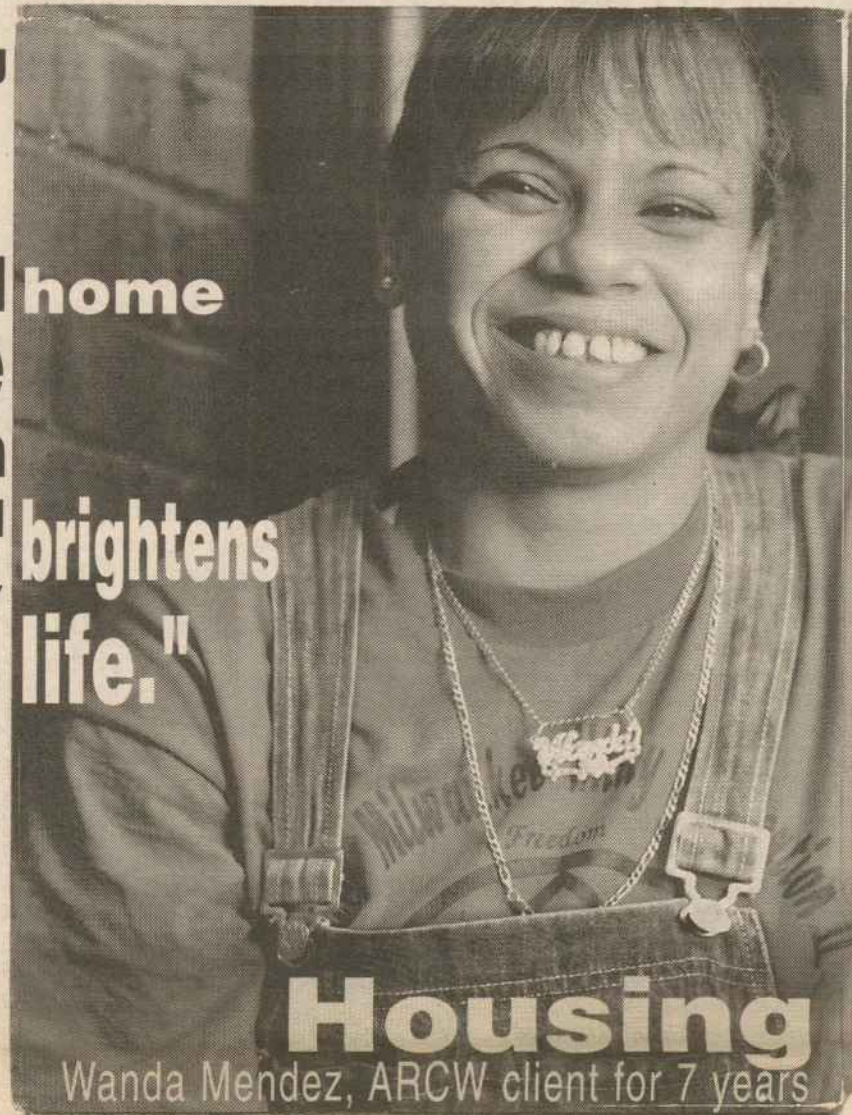


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Gingrich Affair Alleged

New York – While he was Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich railed against President Clinton's indiscretions with Monica Lewinsky. Gingrich found it particularly offensive that the President became intimate with a younger woman employed by the White House.

Now, according to the *New York Post* comes revelations that Gingrich himself engaged in a similar affair even while he was condemning President Clinton. The object of the Speaker's affections, Callista Bisek, is a 23-year-old employee of the House Agriculture Committee. Bisek is half the age of the man who engineered the "Republican Revolution."

One product of that "revolution" was DOMA, the Defense of Marriage of Act. Congress passed DOMA at the urging of Speaker Gingrich. It prohibits federal recognition of LGBT marriages even if they are legal in one or more states. Gingrich and others said DOMA was needed to "preserve the sanctity of marriage."

Gingrich who once said, "I am the world's best date, but not necessarily the world's best husband," filed for divorce from his second wife last month.

Bomb Threat Ends Benefit for Anti-Violence Group

Royal Oak, MI – What began as an evening of fun and frivolity, and a film preview benefiting a Michigan Gay anti-violence organization, ended abruptly when the theater was evacuated because of a bomb threat. The caller

said he intended to "kill... faggots."

About 320 patrons attending a special screening of *Trick* as a benefit for the Triangle Foundation, along with patrons in the theater to see other films, were sent out into Main Street in Royal Oak as police moved in to search the premises of the Main Art Theatre. A caller telephoned the Ferndale police and said the bomb had been placed in the theater "against the Gay people."

The call ended with the caller saying, "kill the (expletive deleted) faggots."

"This is a cowardly act and one that is really appalling," said Jeffrey Montgomery, Executive Director of the Triangle Foundation. "It's a horrendous violation, but in the context of recent indiscriminate terrorist activity around the country, targeting minorities and Gays, it is especially terrifying."

He added, "Not only were our supporters at risk, but the non-Gay patrons of the theater were also unwitting targets of these hate-mongers. Terrorists do not care who they injure, who they damage."

"This is one more example of why Federal and state-level legislation is needed to serve notice that we will not countenance hate violence against any group in our society," said Sean Kosofsky, Director of Policy and Victim Services for the Foundation.

Gore Calls for Tougher Hate Crime Laws

Fort Dodge, Iowa – Vice President Al Gore called for both tougher hate crime laws and

new gun control measures in a speech given on Thursday, August 12. Gore who has backed passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act issued his statement in the wake of a deadly shooting at a Jewish Center in Los Angeles.

He also verbally attacked his Republican rivals for the Presidency, all of whom have denounced hate crime legislation that includes Gays and Lesbians. "It really amazes me how some people can pretend that hate crimes are not different from all other crimes," said Gore. "Hate crimes wound all of America."

The Vice-President said his proposals "would help prevent these tragedies from happening in the first place."

Again referring to his Republican rivals, Gore said, "After all the painful gun violence we have seen in America, I say to all those who would seek to lead this nation, 'stop trying to pass special protections for the gun manufacturers.'"

Polls show that the majority of Americans favor tougher hate crime laws and gun control measures. Congressional Republicans have in general opposed both. Texas Governor George Bush, the leading GOP candidate for President, refused to support a statewide hate crimes law earlier this year. The law would have included protections for Gays and Lesbians. It was defeated in the Republican controlled State Senate.

AIDS May Be Older Than Realized

Sydney, Australia – A report presented to the 11th Congress of Virology suggests that the HIV virus may have been around for hundreds of years before mutating to become the deadly killer that causes AIDS. It further sug-

gests that the virus mutated recently to become more infectious.

Professor Robert F. Garry of the Tulane University Medical Center told the conference that a 30-year-old tissue sample showed the presence of a strain of the HIV virus, which causes AIDS. Doctors at a St. Louis hospital took the sample from a 15-year-old male prostitute who died in 1969. The boy was afflicted by Karpōsi Sarcoma, which at the time was much more common among middle aged Mediterranean men. That prompted his doctors to take and freeze the sample.

Garry said the HIV virus in the sample infected T-cells. Current HIV viruses infect macrophages, which are more adept to infect others through sexual transmission. Garry said the AIDS pandemic resulted when the virus mutated into the more infectious strain.

The report challenges the commonly held belief that the HIV virus originated in monkeys. Garry said his research shows the virus was around for at least 100 years. He also said that it is possible that it evolved separately in monkeys and in humans. That would put the split in the virus over 100,000 years into the past when humans and monkeys diverged.

Schmitz to Claim Self-Defense in Re-Trial

Pontiac, MI – Attorneys for Jonathon Schmitz say they will contend that the Gay man he killed, Scott Amedure, stalked him and drove him to violence. In 1996, a jury convicted Schmitz of second degree murder in the killing. Schmitz killed Amedure two days after Amedure told a national TV audience on the *Jenny Jones Show* that he had a crush on him.

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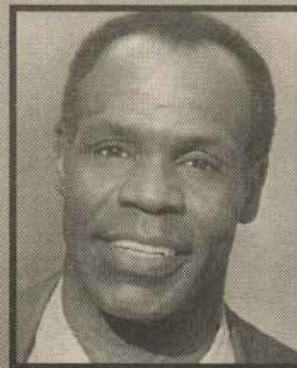
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A court overturned the conviction due to errors made by the trial judge. In the first trial, Schmitz's lawyers blamed mental illness and the Jones show for the crime. The re-trial is set to begin on August 19.

Jerome Sabbota, one of the Defense attorneys, told the *Detroit Free Press* that the evidence will show Amedure "stalked him, pushed him and wouldn't leave him alone." Sabbota contends the evidence will show that Amedure increased his attention after the show taping and forced Schmitz to act.

Prosecutors say that proof of stalking is not a defense to murder. Schmitz cannot be tried for first-degree murder because the jury in the first trial acquitted him of that charge.

Suspended Pastor Appeals Punishment

Rosemont, IL – An advocate for a suspended United Methodist minister told a church panel that his client, Rev. Gregory Dell, was placed in an impossible position when the church banned same-sex ceremonies.

The Rev. Larry Pickens told an eight member church appeal panel that the matter "was a conflict that has to do with the reality of one's ministry – the call to be inclusive." "Ministry to Gay and Lesbian people is inescapable. Therefore, the conflict is inescapable," Pickens told the eight-member church appeals panel.

The United Methodist Church banned same-sex ceremonies a year ago – one month before Dell presided over the ceremony of Karl Reinhardt and Keith Eccarius at Dell's former church in Chicago. A church jury found Dell guilty of disobedience last March. His suspension went into effect last month.

Rev. Stephen Williams, who argued for upholding the suspension, told a news conference, "Pastor Dell could end his suspension today ... simply by saying, 'Even if I disagree with the law, I will uphold the law.'"

The appeals panel said it would issue a ruling in 30 to 60 days.

Mellon Bank Says No to Anti-Gay Group

Pittsburgh, PA – A controversy has erupted over the Mellon Bank's refusal to do business with an anti-Gay conservative Christian group. James Dobson, head of the Focus on

the Family, charged that the bank refused his group's business because of its anti-Gay stance.

A consultant recommended that Dobson's group select Mellon to handle a charitable gift annuity, a tax-free fund. Last month the consultant told Dobson that the bank declined the group's business because of its views on homosexuality.

Dobson, who has a radio show on over 2,000 Conservative Christian radio stations, went on the air to blast the bank. The 63-year-old preacher gave out the names and phone numbers of the two Mellon executives, Chairman Martin McGuinn and President Christopher Condon. Dobson claims the bank said it declined his business because Focus on the Family is "family unfriendly." The bank denies making that statement.

According to *The Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, Mellon is demanding that Dobson stop broadcasting the names and phone numbers of its officers and threatened legal action unless Dobson apologizes and asks his listeners to stop calling the bank.

A statement from the bank said it "declined to participate in a potential business opportunity with Focus on the Family for appropriate business reasons. Mellon's non-discriminatory policy adheres to all federal, state and local guidelines." Pittsburgh has an LGBT civil rights ordinance.

The *Post Gazette* says that in an email, a Mellon spokesman said that the bank declined the deal when it discovered that "our non-discrimination policy... and Focus on the Family's mission statement are in conflict." The email also said, "our reason for not doing business with them was purely a business-related matter." The paper said it found those two statements to be in conflict.

In June, the Bank of Scotland ran into a firestorm of criticism for its deal with anti-Gay preacher Pat Robertson. The Scottish bank lost millions of dollars worth of business. It paid Robertson over \$4 million to cancel the contract. After that episode, it could well be that the Mellon bank would rather not do business with a group as controversial as Dobson's.

Attorney General to Prosecute Teen over Harassment

Boston, MA – The *Boston Herald* reports that

the Massachusetts State Attorney General is prosecuting a teenager for harassing a Gay neighbor. Joseph McNally, 19, will face criminal charges in the West Roxbury District court on September 30.

McNally claims that his dispute with the man stems from a dog bite his younger brother received from the man's dog. Assistant Attorney General Jacinta S. Ma dismissed his contention calling it an excuse to cover up the hate allegations, which are backed up by witnesses.

"This has been going on for a year," said the victim. The 42-year-old, who lives on the same street as McNally, received a restraining order against the defendant last May. However, the harassment continued. The man contends that McNally subjected him and his dog to death threats, profanity and vicious anti-Gay slurs.

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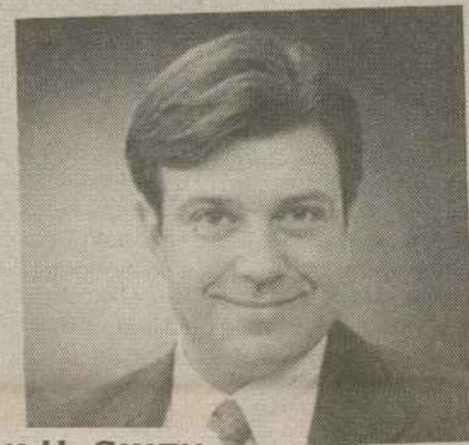
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"Hate IS a Family Value," says Christian Protestor

Incident Prompts Two Arrests

Milwaukee – Todd Bennett and his San Francisco friend, Stephen Olson, were having a good time at Milwaukee's Pride Parade. One of the reasons why was the presence of some nearby religious right Christian protesters.

"We were having a very good time with these people, just laughing with them," said Bennett. "We kept twisting their words and making jokes. Everyone around us was laughing."

Among other things, Bennett said that he told Ralph Ovdal, the anti-Gay leader of Wisconsin Christians United, "You're cute. I love bald men." He said he told another protestor who was sticking his finger down his throat and gagging as parade units passed by, "You're doing it wrong. You've got to relax your throat."

Things turned ugly as a float with the slogan "Hate is not a family value" came around the corner. A young girl with the protesters shouted, "Hate is a family value." Bennett said when he heard that, "I slapped my butt and said, 'Hate me here.'"

The girl's mother took offense. "This woman came barreling down on me like a sumo wrestler," said Bennett. "She screamed, 'That's my daughter,' and pushed me off the curb. Up to that point no one had touched anyone else." Bennett said he pushed the woman back, telling her, "Don't

touch me."

The woman's son then grabbed Bennett around the neck. "I grabbed him back," said Bennett. "Somehow his shirt got torn."

The Police arrested both men. Bennett said that the Police were going to put both him and the woman's son in the same car. He said people rushed the car and told the Police not to put the two together. "That was the only time I was really afraid," said Bennett. "I thought he would still want to fight."

Bennett said that while the men were arrested, the protesters taunted the Police calling them "sissies in uniform."

"When we got to the jail, I told the guy, 'Don't worry about the shirt, the off the shoulder look is coming back,'" said Bennett. He added, "The Police officers roared with laughter."

Bennett also said the man who identified himself as Matthew Davis was scared. "He'd never been arrested before. He wouldn't even give the Police his address. He said he was homeless. Finally, he admitted to living with his mother."

He added, "At first they told us we had to post bail of \$150. He (Davis) said 'You mean I have to come up with \$150 to get out of here?' I said, 'It's a big world outside of the church.'"

Bennett said the Police released him nine hours later (without posting bail). The Police allayed his fear that the Davis family might be awaiting him. "They told me that he (Davis) wouldn't be released for a few hours yet," said Bennett.



Human Rights League PAC Launched

Wisconsin Light Publisher Greg Quindel, left, Bill Morley, Jim Schleif, PAC Chairwoman Brenda Lewison and Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin attended a garden party fund-raiser on August 11 for the Human Rights League's Political Action Committee at the Milwaukee home of Schleif and Morley. The event raised \$6,000.

Bennett has a court date of October 27. A representative of Lambda Legal Defense and Education spoke to Olson about the possibility of defending him in court.

Bennett is looking for witnesses to the incident. "I know people saw it, but we didn't get anyone's name," he said. Anyone who witnessed the incident can contact Bennett through *Wisconsin Light* at (414) 226-0075.

ARCW names Regional Director

Milwaukee – Karen Dotson, an 18-year social service veteran, will be the new Regional Director for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

Dotson will head ARCW's comprehensive HIV/AIDS programs including prevention, health and social services, and research

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among young adults, women and Gay men, and that people of color are being severely affected within each of these populations."

Most recently, Dotson was the Director of Program Services at the Social Development Commission in Milwaukee where she man-

aged a \$10 million budget and directed over 20 programs to assist low income individuals. Dotson currently serves as a Board Director for Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. and is a Board Member for Martin Luther King Economic Development, Inc.

Her other professional affiliations include volunteering with HMO Partnership, Health Watch, Health Start Coalition, Head Start, Target Cities and Access to Health Care Services Committee.

"We are thrilled to have Karen Dotson as a top leader of ARCW," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "She's a seasoned and strong professional who will help us meet the new challenges of AIDS."

Dotson, who has extensive housing and educational experience, will oversee ARCW's statewide housing and health care training programs. She will also concentrate on strengthening community relationships,

promoting the need for aggressive AIDS prevention programs and working to advance public policy initiatives of ARCW.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Dotson earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a management major and economics minor. She is completing her Master's degree in Health Administration at Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee.

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Brew City Bears Host LeBear Day Weekend

Milwaukee - The Brew City Bears is a Gay men's organization founded in 1995 "to promote friendship and social acceptance of big men, bear men and their admirers." The group will host their 4th annual LeBear Day Weekend from September 3-6 in Milwaukee.

According to a spokesperson, "This year's events include a Beer, Bears and Brats Tour highlighting Milwaukee's most famous culinary exports, as well as a Microbrewery Boat Tour along the Milwaukee River. Other events include a Bear BBQ, a tour of Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward and special parties highlighting local Gay nightlife."

LeBear Day Weekend will welcome participants from as far away as Australia and Canada. Bears, big men and their admirers interested in attending may obtain more information by calling (414) 299-0401 or by visiting www.brewcitybears.org.

OutReach Publishes 11th Annual Directory

Madison - OutReach, Madison's LGBT community center, has published the 11th annual edition of *The Directory*. *The Directory* is the most comprehensive guide available to Madison's LGBT organizations and LGBT-friendly businesses.

The free *Directory* can be picked up at many area locations, including: A Room of One's Own, 4 Star Video Heaven, Border's Bookshop, LGBT Campus Center, Campus Women's Center, Community Pharmacy, Out To Lunch, and at OutReach.

The Directory features nearly 100 organizations that serve the Madison LGBT community. Entries include a detailed description, contact information, and accessibility data. It also includes advertisements for almost 200 LGBT-friendly Madison area companies, which are referenced by category.

OutReach relocated to their present larger location, at 600 Williamson St. in the Gateway Mall, last spring.

Gutters, Splits and Strikes

Milwaukee - The Monday Night Irregulars 1999-2000 Fall Bowling League is forming now. Anyone interested in finding out more about the league is invited to stop at a Monday, August 30, 7pm informational meeting at Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Ave.

Many of the team slots for this year are already filled, but many teams are looking for one or two more bowlers and possibly substitutes.

Bowling begins Monday, September 13 at 7pm. For more information, contact MNI League President Doug Cleveland at (414) 463-9849.

Camp Out '99

Camp Out '99 is the fourth annual LGBT Night at Mall of America's Camp Snoopy located in Bloomington, Minnesota (near the Twin Cities). The Saturday, September 18 camp out runs from 10pm to 2am.

Thousands of LGBT youth, adults, friends and families will converge on the region's most popular indoor amusement park for a night of celebration - an evening of unlimited rides, entertainment and fun reserved exclusively for the LGBT community and its supporters.


Proceeds from the evening will benefit District 202, a nationally recognized community center in Minneapolis committed to the social, cultural and educational opportunities by and for LGBT youth. (www.dist202.org).

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Pentagon Issues New Don't Ask, Don't Tell Directives

by Bill Meunier

Washington DC — The Pentagon announced a set of directives designed to end harassment of LGBT service members and tighten the rules surrounding the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the military. The policy prohibits the military from asking service members about their sexual orientation or investigating suspected homosexuals without proper cause.

The Clinton administration intended the policy to be a compromise that would allow Gays and Lesbians to serve as long as they didn't openly declare their sexual orientation. It has been widely criticized as a failure.

Pentagon figures show that last year, the Pentagon discharged 1,149 service members due to their sexual orientation. Those figures represent an 86% increase in LGBT service member discharges over the year before Don't Ask, Don't Tell was implemented.

The military says that 87% of those discharges resulted from open admissions of homosexuality. LGBT activists dispute that assertion.

The new directives are based on recommendations made in a 1998 Pentagon report on Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

One of them is a requirement that all troops must receive formal sensitivity training to lessen abuse and harassment of LGBT service members. The training would begin in boot camp and continue throughout their careers.

It's intended to address complaints that other service members harass those suspected of being Gay. The Pentagon report said that those who report the abuse find themselves under investigation. Meanwhile, those who harassed them go unpunished.

A senior Administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told *The New York Times*, "I think they realize at the Pentagon that this can't just be swept under the rug. There's a recognition there that this problem of Gay harassment is worse than they thought."

The 1998 report also said that some officers violate Don't Ask, Don't Tell by using rumors to justify investigating suspected Gay service members. Under the new directives, investigators must get approval from senior legal officials before conducting an inquiry into a service member's sexual orientation.

In announcing the new directives, Secretary of Defense William Cohen said, "I have instructed the military services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and clearly enforced." Cohen said Don't Ask, Don't Tell would be enforced "with fairness to all." Members of the LGBT community, however, are unlikely to see anything other than lifting the ban on openly Gay service members as fair.

Clinton's failure to keep his 1992 campaign promise to lift that ban alienated many LGBT voters, the vast majority of whom supported

his campaign. While many argue that Congress would not allow the President to keep that promise, others remain angry over what they see as a betrayal. Cynics may see the new directives as an attempt to win back LGBT voter trust for next year's elections.

After Cohen's announcement, White House spokesman Barry Toiv responded to a question during his daily press briefing by calling Don't Ask, Don't Tell "the best policy that can be workable at this time." Some observers will see Toiv's remark as a tacit admission that the policy is not working.

The directives come as two high profile cases concerning harassment, and the ban on military service, are hitting newsstands across the nation.

One of those cases involves the murder of an allegedly Gay soldier. On July 5, a soldier beat Pfc. Barry Winchell with a baseball bat while he slept in a Fort Campbell, Kentucky barracks. Winchell died the next day. Members of his unit questioned Winchell's sexuality after he began frequenting a Nashville Gay bar.

The army has brought charges against two soldiers in connection with the crime. To allay fears of a cover up, it took the unusual step of holding public hearings on the case.

Testimony at those hearings indicated that Winchell's perceived sexuality was a major factor in the attack. Furthermore, Winchell's section leader, Sgt. Michael Kleifgen, testified

that he asked Winchell about his sexual orientation, a clear violation of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

The other case involves an openly Gay Republican State Representative from Arizona, Steve May. The highly decorated May expected to finish his military career in the inactive reserves. The Army moved him to the active reserves during the Kosovo crisis. While it prepares to boot him, the Army is also considering promoting Lt. May to the rank of Captain.

Some will undoubtedly wonder why the Army will not trust a decorated veteran, who Phoenix voters twice elected to represent them in the Arizona State Legislature. While on active duty, May was a biological, chemical and nuclear weapons defense officer, a specialized skill in high demand within the military. Now he is second in command of a 200-person transportation unit one weekend a month.

May told nationally syndicated Lesbian columnist Deb Price, "I want people to know that I am and always will be ready to serve. I want people to know that this policy hurts readiness. It puts our nation at risk by limiting the pool of otherwise qualified soldiers. There is too much at stake to allow our personal prejudices to endanger our national defense."

His commanding officer declined to comment.

Radio's Dr. Laura: They Call Her Dr. Bigot

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order the removal of her nude photos from the Web.

Part of the "standard set by God" is single moms ("Women get the men they deserve."), feminists ("They destroy the sanctity of motherhood."), abortion (sucking it into the sink) and divorce.

Shortly after that, *Radio Digest* reported Schlessinger to have signed a deal with Paramount Domestic TV to develop her own show. It is to be called "My Kid's Mom." It is worth \$3 million to her and will air in the fall of 2000.

She rejects the notion that feelings are paramount. "In the last 20 or 30 years, we've erected a monument to feelings and made them the vantage point from which to make decisions. That's dangerous," she told her radio audience one time. "I don't think feelings are important. People talk about them like it's their liver or intestine. Don't worry about them. Worry about your character." This characterizes what she calls her "nagging, preaching and teaching approach."

It is this approach which has won her the audience she has. She does not believe that her program is "info-tainment." As Ronn Owens of San Francisco's KGO radio puts it, "she wants listeners who agree with her. Her opinions are incontestable."

As part of her crusade, she has taken on homosexuality.

To be Gay or Lesbian, she tells one listener, "is a personal choice." It is the wrong choice. Those who make it are "sexual deviants" akin to those who choose pedophil-



ia, bestiality, sadomasochism and cross-dressing. "Is this all going to be 'rights' too? Why does deviant sexual behavior get rights? Holding up the Bible to these people is vitriolic, I guess."

"The concern of these people is to take sexually deviant behavior into schools from kindergarten on up and say it's normal and equivalent to heterosexual, which undermines the basic foundation of civilization, which is the family which is defined by God as a man and a woman — also most dictionaries. And why an assault on basic Judeo-Christian values is not considered hostile."

"According to Dr. Aarden VanWeg, an expert on homosexuality in Holland, that although numerically there are more pedophiles that are heterosexual, percentage-wise in a population, it's much greater in the homosexual community. No, not every

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Dr. Laura Schlessinger

homosexual is a pedophile — obviously not — but it's a greater percentage, much greater. So they ought to do their homework before they say such things."

She has no sympathy for those suffering with HIV/AIDS. "Those with AIDS want the disease to be on a par with prostate cancer when the latter is only a case of bad luck," she says. To be tolerant of behavior that kills is nonsense. Not to be able to keep track of the course of a communicable disease for assessment and treatment because of potential hurt feelings is stupid."

According to Schlessinger, she gets all of her information on Gay people from the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America and other right-wing Christian organizations.

Recently Joan Garry, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against

Defamation (GLAAD), met with Schlessinger to discuss her views on Gay people. Schlessinger did not back down — not an inch.

"If your organization (GLAAD) doesn't agree with me, then they will attempt to shut me down," she said. "Which, frankly, you've got to tell your people that when they do their public attacks, it makes me more popular. It gets me more sponsors. It's counterproductive."

Dr. Allen Barneby, Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh, summed her up this way. "The people Dr. Laura and other talk-show hosts of her kind appeal to are those who think the country has slipped away from them. Once it was white-Anglo-Saxon. Gender roles were rigidly defined. Blacks were in their place. Latinos and those of Asian descent were nearly unheard of. And in a real way, they're right. Now things are different and getting more so."

"This is rapidly becoming a country where whites are a minority. Gender roles are blurred — if not vanishing altogether. Spanish is the second language — and may soon be the first. The new technology is wonderful and bewildering. The world and all its cultures is becoming small and closer together, melding (I imagine) in the next 100 years into one. These are the people, the frightened people, that Laura and her kind appeal to. It is they who listen to her and read her until the day comes when they find out she has no answers. Then they will give her up, and she will be dust. Your people will win — the dozens of groups of you."

Directions 2000 Brought Ideas Together

by Margaret Flood

Milwaukee's PrideFest 1999 brought together a variety of people and groups to celebrate the LGBT culture. People came for both the Party and the Politics. *Wisconsin Light* added sparkle to the politics by presenting a panel of notable activists billed as "Directions 2000." Around 200 people heard all or part of the two-hour discussion.

The panelists represented a broad cross section of the LGBT community. Frances Stevens brought the perspective of a successful Editor and Publisher of the world's most popular Lesbian magazine, *Curve*. Matthew Roberts, the Midwest Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense, Charlotte Young of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington DC and Mike Fitzpatrick of Action Wisconsin brought a non partisan perspective while Jim McFarland of the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans and openly Gay Democratic State Representative Mark Pocan brought a bit of a partisan touch to the proceedings.

The panel responded to a variety of questions, some from the audience, put to them by *Wisconsin Light* Editor Bill Meunier and this "Floodlight" columnist. The questions gave insight to the current state of and the future direction of the LGBT rights movement.

The questions ranged from "How important is it to be 'out?'" to "How has the appointment of James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg affected international politics?"

In response to the question "What is the next step on your Agenda," the panelists answered from their unique perspectives.

Lambda's Matthew Roberts remarked that many people he spoke with who came for the "party" of PrideFest had not even heard of Lambda Legal Defense. He said his priority would be reaching out to different communities within the LGBT world.

Fitzpatrick said promoting legislation, which provides legal recognition for LGBT relationships and that acknowledges the legitimacy of and protection of all gender expression, would be two top priorities for him and Action Wisconsin.

Stevens of *Curve* noted that the average coming out age has shifted from 28 and 26 for men and women to 18 and 16. She sees an increased need to work with youth. She is making that her top priority. Stevens also said she is providing internship opportunities

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at her magazine to address this need.

Charlotte Young of the Human Rights Campaign wants to bring the diversity issue to the forefront. As an African American Lesbian, her priority will be to educate People of Color to the perspective that there need not be a hierarchy of oppression and to link all oppressions and work from there.

Openly Gay State Representative Mark Pocan would like to see government catch up to private business in the provision of Domestic Partner benefits. The Log Cabin Club's Jim McFarland acknowledged the slower pace of change within the Republican Party. He sees the LGBT civil rights progressing piece by piece.

All panelists found being "out" as an important factor in advancing LGBT civil rights. Pocan said there is "nothing more important than to be out to friends and family." Matthew Roberts felt that each had to assess the risk, but it was "...what really works."

McFarland came out at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, where he works as an attorney. He found the reaction to be very satisfying. "Those who had some discomfort at the beginning have grown to become very accustomed to it and don't have a problem with it," said McFarland. Matthew Roberts added that "we can underestimate the power of people to respect us... sometimes you assume that you can't come out and that people won't get it or they won't treat you right, and you end up with them telling you, 'well, we knew that.'"

Mike Fitzpatrick noted that even in Wisconsin there are many closeted people but that now every state has a statewide LGBT group to help on LGBT issues.

The final question asked the panelists where they thought the LGBT movement would be in ten years.

Mike Fitzpatrick said that he hoped to see "gender equality for all people, that includes women, that includes minorities of all racial, social, ethnic and gender orientation." McFarland hoped that there would no longer be a need for Log Cabin Republicans because the Republicans would embrace us. He said then he could "get my life back."

Mark Pocan saw Gays and Lesbians making progress in domestic partnership cover-

age. He hoped it would no longer be unique to be an openly Gay or Lesbian official. Matthew Roberts saw a future that included some LGBT couples, who would be married with benefits.

On a personal note, Charlotte Young said she hopes to be with a soul mate. She expressed hope that the Christian Coalition would be pro-people instead of anti-Gay.

The comments of Frances Stevens ended the discussion. Stevens felt that the goals of the other panelists were all realistic. She added that every individual must have the courage to actively participate in the social movement to secure our equal rights.

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TIDBITS FROM TITLETOWN

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Picnic Season in Swing: It's the tradition here in northeast Wisconsin: the summer starts with Gay Pride events and ends in a plethora of Gay picnics. ARCW's northeast regional picnic for clients, buddies and their supportive others was held August 14 at South Park in Oshkosh. The event featured home-style chicken, salads and other potluck items. Thirty attendees from all over the 17-county region also enjoyed a variety of both active and sedentary games.

On Tuesday, August 17, the Appleton/Fox Cities chapter of PFLAG held its annual summer picnic at the Alicia Park shelter in Appleton. PFLAG provided the brats, burgers and buns while the 40 attendees brought the fixings and side dishes. Special guests at the picnic this year were the youth of Appleton's GLBT & Q Partnership.

Angels of Hope: MCC congregations in Green Bay and Appleton will hold their third annual picnic this Saturday, August 21. It's at the Wrightstown County Park and begins at Noon. The church will spring for brats, burgers and soda. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. For more information, contact the church at (920) 432-0830 (Green Bay) or (920) 991-0128 (Appleton). Both congregations invite the LGBT communities in Green Bay and the Fox Cities to participate.

For those who are further west, the Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance will hold its summer picnic on August 21 as well. The event will run from 2 to 7pm at Sylvan Hill Park on the northeast side of Wausau.

Attendees with last names beginning with the first half of the alphabet are asked to bring a salad. Desserts are the job of the N-Zs. CWRA will be providing the main course. Game players will be able to test their skill at volleyball, horseshoes, croquet and board games. For complete directions and more information call (715) 592-6245 Ext. 5920200 or e-mail the group at RACWINC@hotmail.com.

Gay Family Values: Green Bay's newly formed chapter of PFLAG is off to a promising start. Over a dozen attended the

initial meeting in July. The next meeting is set for August 24 at 7pm at the Angels of Hope MCC, 3607 Libal Street. For more information call Ken at (920) 432-0830.

On the teen side of the Gay family, Green Bay's GLBT Youth Pride group is gearing up for the start of school. Over the summer, the group has grown from one to seven, and organizers hope outreach to area high schools will swell the size of the group. Youth Pride is open to LGBT teens between 14 and 18 and meets every Monday at 6:30pm in Green Bay. For more information, call Patti at (920) 437-4325.

For those already out of high school, northeast Wisconsin's Perfect Pride group strives to meet the needs of those 18-24. The group has meetings in Green Bay and Appleton. For more information, call James at (920) 499-2172 (Green Bay) or Brian at (920) 997-9430 (Appleton).

The addition of these three groups in Green Bay within the last year reflects the overall development of the sense of real "family values" in the area's LGBT community. My guess is it won't be long before the spectrum is completed with the founding of a chapter of SAGE in Tittletown.

Brunch Broadens Big Time: The marvelous Sunday brunch at Cafe Bourbon, Green Bay's only gay-owned and operated restaurant, has become an "all you can eat" feast. Located in the upper level of Za's, the cafe now serves brunch on Sundays from Noon to 3pm. For just \$6, diners can enjoy unlimited servings of quiche, oven-baked caramel French toast, eggs and other traditional brunch fare.

During the month of August, one dollar of every brunch purchased will benefit the Rainbow Over Wisconsin community foundation and the Angels of Hope MCC church. With summer entering its final days, now is also the time to spend a leisurely Sunday afternoon enjoying not only the great brunch but the outdoor, second floor patio at Cafe Bourbon. That's my idea of outdoor sport!

Napalese Finalizes Fiesta Deal: The yearlong melodrama over the relocation of the Napalese Lounge appears to finally be over. According to co-owner Nancy, the bank finalized all agreements on August 12. Closing on the Fiesta location will take place on October 1 and Napalese will be open on the East Side on or before October 15. There will be no interruption of business. "There's finally light at the end of the tunnel," Nancy said. "I just hope it's not the headlight of another train."

EAA Bus Trip: Nancy wanted me to invite everyone to sign up for the Entertainers Against AIDS Milwaukee tour bus on September 24. The EAA will be putting on their very first show at the Cream City's M & M Club that evening. The round trip will cost just \$10. The bus will depart and return from Napalese Lounge. You can make a reservation at the bar.

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Dear Editor:

A new and disturbing challenge in the fight against AIDS is a growing national complacency about the HIV epidemic. Because death rates are down, much of America is quick to declare an end to an AIDS crisis that it never wanted to acknowledge in the first place.

Many people are walking away from the fight against AIDS at a time when HIV case-loads are the highest ever, and aggressive prevention strategies are desperately needed to combat increasing HIV infection rates, especially among a new generation of young Americans.

On September 12, Wisconsin can make a national statement that AIDS complacency does not exist in our state. By turning out in record numbers for AIDS Walk Wisconsin, we can affirm to the country that Wisconsin won't walk away from the AIDS epidemic.

When the AIDS Walk began 10 years ago, we had no idea that it would become Wisconsin's most successful single-day fundraising event, raising over \$5 million for AIDS prevention, care, and research.

The Walk has also become a powerful day of solidarity with at least 10,000 people walking to honor those whom we have lost to AIDS and to renew their commitment to the fight against HIV.

On September 12, actor and activist Danny Glover will lead AIDS Walk Wisconsin. I urge everyone who cares about AIDS to join us by registering at 800-348-WALK or online at www.arcw.org.

Together, we will tell the country that Wisconsin will not quit this epic battle until a world without AIDS is finally won.

Sincerely,

Doug Nelson

Executive Director, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

To the Editor:

Wisconsin Light's July 7 editorial criticized the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) for its withdrawal of support for the current version of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) for the bill's lack of inclusive language for the Transgendered community. That editorial also demonstrated your editor's lack of understanding of the gender expression issue.

You apparently labor under the misconception that the gender expression issue is simply the concern of cross dressers and transsexuals. Gender is a much larger and more complex issue. Gender expression,

especially that which is variant from societal norms for masculinity and femininity, is at the heart of NGLTF's decision, not "political correctness" (a catch phrase created by enemies of the LGBT community, by the way).

Recent, well-constructed sociological studies show that among people denied employment or career advancement, 37% were discriminated against on the basis of their perceived sexual orientation. Those perceptions were made based on their non-traditional expressions of gender.

In other words, limp-wristed, lispng men and short-haired, muscular women were denied employment or advancement no matter what their actual sexual orientation. The greatest fear of many closeted, "straight-acting" members of our community is that some nonconformist slip of their gender expression will give them away.

The '60s civil rights analogy made in the editorial fails to hold water as well. The Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts included all races, no matter how small the percentage of their presence in the American population. I suspect that neither you nor I would have supported civil rights legislation if it had granted equal rights to all racial groups except Eskimos or Samoans.

The editorial's use of percentages of the population is especially odious since it is the exact same argument used by the Christian Right to deny Gay and Lesbian people their equal civil rights. Whether you're ten percent or one tenth of one percent of the population, the funny thing about equal rights is they're not equal unless everybody has them.

As for the political expediency argument, I only need point to the recent passage of the Hate Crimes bill in Missouri. Support for that state's bill increased after gender expression language was included. According to Jeff Wunrow of the Missouri-based Privacy Rights Education Project, even if legislators didn't know openly Gay or Lesbian people, they did know effeminate straight men and masculine straight women who were mistreated because of their gender expression.

Action Wisconsin's experience with "Equality Begins At Home" (EBAH) last March mirrored a trend witnessed by LGBT civil rights groups in all 50 states. The involvement of the Bisexual and Transgendered people in EBAH events was dramatic, energetic and highly visible. I believe gender expression is the final hurdle this nation must leap to achieve true equality of civil rights. To that end, I will ask the newly elected board of directors of Action Wisconsin to consider developing a legislative initiative to include gender expression in our state's equal rights laws.

I personally applaud the courage of the NGLTF in its decision to withdraw its support of the current version of ENDA. I encourage you to cease making his stands

about equal civil rights on the backs of our brothers and sisters who are unable to "pass."

Sincerely,

F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick

President

Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights, Inc.

We fully support the extension of all protections to those who are Transgendered, and our editorial said that. Our point about the '60s civil rights legislation is that they protected everyone from only one aspect of discrimination, race. ENDA provides everyone with protection from another aspect their sexual orientation. We see ENDA as part of a thus far successful strategy to eliminate all forms of racism, sexism and homophobia from our society step by step.

NGLTF supports passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which does NOT include specific protections for Transgendered individuals. Given that, we cannot help but wonder if the ongoing rivalry between NGLTF and ENDA's main proponent, the far larger HRC, may have something to do with its refusal to support this important bill.

Dear Editor:

It is absolutely astonishing to me that the editor of *Wisconsin Light* called the police on some young Lesbians putting up queer posters in the third ward. ("Third Ward, Walker's Point Hit with Gay Posters," August 11-17, 1999 *Wisconsin Light*)

I came across those same posters on bus shelters around the UW-Milwaukee campus when I was walking to work one morning. I LOVED them! Postering like that is an old

radical feminist tradition. It made me feel nostalgic for my long-ago youth when I dared to do such outrageous, in-your-face things. My message to my young dyke sisters is: you go, girls!

That a Gay editor and queer businesspeople responded like a bunch of Miss Prisses and unappointed thought police is another indication of how reactionary the Gay male establishment in Milwaukee has become. You could have talked to them, for heaven's sake, and tried to redirect their exuberance. I really cannot believe you called the police!

"Take a Lesbian to Lunch," the slogan on one of the posters, is the name of a classic 1970's essay by Rita Mae Brown. It vividly expresses the anger and rebelliousness that fueled an earlier generation of Lesbian feminist activists. That today's young Lesbians still find it a rite of passage to "kick ass" (as we called it in the good old days) makes this Lesbian's heart proud.

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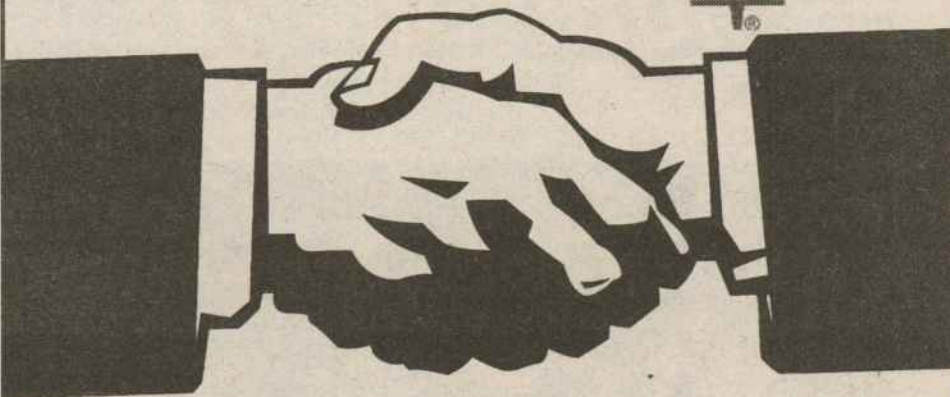
The content of the posters was not the issue. Gluing them to buildings and windows was. Dozens of businesses - including some owned by Lesbians and straight women - were targeted. ALL of them objected.

Forcing LGBT and supportive businesses to spend hours scrubbing their buildings and windows to remove posters before others think it's okay to glue runmage sale and bar band flyers to them is not activism, it's vandalism.

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Spotlight

Frankenstein Meets Dale Gutzman and Clive Barker

Preview by John Jahn

Not many people are aware of the fact that award-winning Gay author, screenwriter, illustrator, director and producer Clive Barker is also a playwright. Fact is, Barker has authored several remarkable plays which are seldom produced because of their unusual themes and graphic horror demands. No surprise there – Barker is completely at home in the horror genre. He was the creator of the famously horrific *Hellraiser* series, after all. Most recently, Barker produced last year's Gay-themed biography *Gods and Monsters*.

On Aug. 27, 28, 29 and Sept. 2, 3 and 4, Dale Gutzman, one of the Milwaukee area's most innovative theatrical directors and a leading cultural figure of the LGBT community, will present Clive Barker's horror romance *Frankenstein in Love* at the magnificent Brumder Mansion, 3046 West Wisconsin Avenue.

Gutzman's production will be a midwestern premiere of the work, which has been described as both hysterically funny and shockingly grotesque. *Frankenstein in Love*, a Grand Guignol romance inspired by Mary Shelly's *Frankenstein*, received its American premiere in 1996. Upon that event, Clive Barker had this to say: "Studying *Frankenstein in Love* with fresh eyes, I was taken aback by how unrelentingly grim it is. There are some dark journeys taken in *The Books of Blood*, to be sure, but I can't think of a tale even there that so obsessively circles on images of death and taboo. I don't remember my state of mind when I wrote the play (perhaps that's for the best!) but plainly I was in pursuit of an experience that would push the audience to its limits."

Set in a nameless Latin American country beset by revolution, the play tells the story of El Coco, a creation of Dr. Frankenstein, who

leads a band of deformed rebels against tyranny and corruption. The creature eventually comes to rule the country and even takes his place in the United Nations. However, the dark side of his nature and his thirst for human flesh corrupts his noble ideas. Enter Veronique, another product of Dr. Frankenstein's vivisection experiments, who perhaps can save El Coco by teaching him how to love.

El Coco represents Barker's unique take on the Frankenstein monster. He is not the big, lumbering, grunting Frankenstein of the 1930s Boris Karloff movies, although admittedly this is what many audience members have come to expect. Not to detract at all from Karloff's classic performances, it's just that we've been there, done that, and no one will ever do it better by imitating those memorable performances. In contrast, Barker's El Coco is witty, sophisticated and romantic. He is a bit of an Everyman, almost literally, because he's a patchwork of races and sexes all sewn together.

Frankenstein in Love is both very funny and quite shocking, performed in the style of France's Grand Guignol theater, where horrific effects were presented right on stage. The play is meant to be humorous but also serious, containing strong political and social messages. The script Barker authored for the play is rich and classical in style, poetic and full of imagery. Frankly, it is akin to Shakespeare. As a waltz heralds in the end of the world and revenge rears its ugly head, the audience will hopefully come not only to respect Clive Barker the playwright, but revere his vision and his theatrical genius.

The play's bizarre characters also give you some insight into Barker's weirdly creative imagination. In addition to El Coco and Veronique, there's Maria, a dead fan dancer who acts as narrator; Cockatoo, a proud rebel who worships El Coco; Cardinal Armitano, a corrupt member of the clergy who blesses Frankenstein's abominations; Follezou and Maltos, two hideously twisted results of Frankenstein's experiments; Camilo Bozuffi, a Gay tailor; Dr. Fook, a cross-dressing pathologist; and Dr. Joseph Frankenstein, who wears a signet ring from Auschwitz.

The cast includes Ryan Johnson as the creature; Julie Alonzo Calteaux as Veronique; Vincent Davis as Lazaro; Brian Roloff as Cockatoo; Robert Hirschi as President Perez; Dale Gutzman as Joseph Frankenstein; Lawrence Lukasavage as Camilo Bozuffi, and many more.



Milwaukee director Dale Gutzman will make the most of the Brumder Mansion's historic setting as he presents Clive Barker's **Frankenstein in Love**.

For tickets and further information about *Frankenstein in Love* or the 1999-2000 theater season at Centennial Hall, call Gutzman Productions at (414) 873-1962.



Frankenstein in Love will be presented at the Brumder Mansion, 3046 West Wisconsin Avenue, on Milwaukee's near West Side, on Aug. 27, 28, 29 and Sept. 2, 3 and 4.

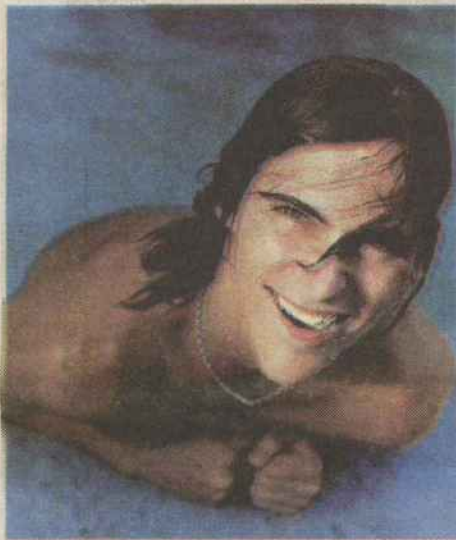
DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

Another Big Adventure for Pee Wee?

Actor **Paul Reubens**, who gained fame (and infamy) as offbeat kiddie entertainer Pee Wee Herman, may be resurrecting his much-loved alter-ego for a third feature film.

The plot would focus on Pee Wee gaining fame and becoming a monster, a subject the actor knows all too much about. Reubens stopped playing the loveable nerd — and dropped out of sight for a few years — after he was arrested in 1991 for expressing his self-love at an adult cinema in Florida. Recently, however, the actor had no trouble getting work.



Joaquin Phoenix

You can see **Reubens** on the big screen as a farting superhero in *Mystery Men*. Sometime before Pee Wee's return, you'll be able to see him as a bank robber in country crooner Dwight Yoakam's maiden directorial effort, a Western called *South of Heaven, West of Hell*.

Billy Bob Thornton and **Joaquin Phoenix** co-star in the film, which is now in post-production.

Cruise Controls Next Summer

Production delays with **Tom Cruise's** *Mission Impossible II* forced Paramount Pictures to yank it from a Christmas release and reschedule it for next summer. That means the high-profile flick could face some hefty competition from none other than... **Tom Cruise** and **Steven Spielberg**.

The power duo's much anticipated *Minority Report*, set to open next June, is getting hotter by the minute. Gen-X cutie **Matt Damon** is in talks to join the cast of the thriller.

That's not all that's going on in the **Cruise** camp. The *Eyes Wide Shut* star is teaming up with *Boogie Nights* director **Paul Thomas Anderson** on a remake of the campy *Death Race 2000*. It's a cult classic about a car race where the object is to mow down as many pedestrians as possible. Hey, it could make for an interesting video game tie-in.

The new film, which will likely be called

Death Race 3000, will be developed as a project for **Cruise**, a big racing fan, to star in as well as produce. **Cruise's** last spin in the fast lane was *Days of Thunder*, a racing film that was one of his more forgettable outings. **Cruise** and **Anderson** have already worked together on *Magnolia*, a tale of the San Fernando Valley, which is slated for release on Christmas Day.

Condon's Fonda Jane

Gay filmmaker **Bill Condon**, who directed **Sir Ian McKellen** in *Gods and Monsters* and won an Oscar for the screenplay, is looking at other Hollywood queens for his next project. It's a bio-pic about **Bess Myerson**, the first Jewish Miss America.

The movie, which carries the working title *Queen of the Jews*, is getting the attention of divas of a certain age. None other than **Jane Fonda** is reading the script. **Fonda** hasn't acted since taking on the time-consuming role of **Mrs. Ted Turner**. If **Fonda** doesn't take the part, rumors are circulating that **Sigourney Weaver** would love to play the scandal-beset beauty queen. **Myerson's** post-crown life included such glamorous incidents as setting dog poo aflame on an old lover's doorstep.

MTV Takes on Shepard Slaying

MTV has announced a slate of upcoming made-for-television movies, including *Anatomy of a Hate Crime*, which recounts the murder last year of Gay college student **Matthew Shepard**. The hipper-than-thou **Lawrence Bender** will produce the film. He was behind the **Tarantino** hit film, *Pulp Fiction*. **MTV's** reputation for cutting-edge programming should ensure that the telefilm will be less saccharine than the usual made-for-TV schmaltz. No air date has been set.

Ally Shee-male

Former brat packer **Ally Sheedy**, who impressed critics and indie film fans alike with her turn as a Lesbian heroin addict in *High Art*, is going even more butch. **Sheedy** will cause mucho gender confusion next month when she takes over the title role in the Off-Broadway rock opera *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, a tune-laden tale of sex reassignment surgery gone awry.

John Cameron Mitchell, *Hedwig's* creator, is apparently a big fan of **Sheedy** and thought she'd be great for the role. The musical, by the way, is currently being developed by New Line as a motion picture, but there's no word if **Sheedy's** being considered for that.

Romeo San Vicente's personal trainer once flirted with Pee Wee, but that name, you know... You can reach **Romeo** in care of **Wisconsin Light** or via e-mail RomeoDeep@aol.com. For more *Deep Inside Hollywood*, visit www.popcorn.com or www.Gay.com.

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OUT ON FILM

Trick

Review by John Jahn

Trick is a Gay romantic comedy that undoubtedly has great "crossover" appeal, which could easily become a mainstream hit. Unlike *In & Out* or *The Birdcage*, there's nothing embarrassing to the LGBT community in *Trick*. First time Director Jim Fall made the film with the primary intention of appealing to LGBT viewers, but there is enough charm and tenderness here that it's virtually impossible not to sympathize with the characters (exclusion clause for homophobes).

Gabe (Christian Campbell, Neve's brother) is an extremely cute, would-be Broadway songwriter whose inability to pen decent lyrics can be traced to a dearth of romance in his real life. We come to meet his inner circle of friends and acquaintances, including his boorish, straight roommate, Rich (Brad Beyer); best friend (and long ago girlfriend) Katherine (Tori Spelling); and nelly champion, Perry (Stephen Hayes), who spends his evenings singing tunes at a New York City piano bar.

When Gabe stops in for a rare drink at a Gay bar featuring exotic dancers, he catches the eye of one of them, Mark (John Paul Pitoc). It's mutual lust at first sight. Later on the subway, the two meet again and they decide to "trick" that night. The bulk of the movie then follows them on their mishap-filled quest for solitude. Despite what its title might suggest, *Trick's* central focus isn't sex. Superficially that's what it's about, but it doesn't take long before you see that what it's really concerned with are issues of intimacy and commitment.

Although starting off like a raunchy sex romp, the film turns out to be a light, frothy comedy, and for the most part it succeeds. It is sly and subtle in how it toys with our preconceptions. While the gorgeous male leads are anticipated to become involved in a hot sex scene, it never happens. In fact, that's the whole point - intimacy and love eventually win out over the immediate desire for a one-nighter.

The trio of central performances are terrific and the characters instantly likable. We get a real sense of their feelings and anxieties about relationships, career, living arrangements, etc., striking a truer chord than what we normally get in movies of this genre.

Despite not being graphic in its depiction of certain acts, the movie is frank in the way it deals with the characters' sexuality. The dialogue, while not brilliant, smacks of reality. But the strength of the script is not in what the characters say nor in the way it throws contrived obstacles in their paths. Instead, it's in the believable nature of the Gabe-Mark relationship - a key element that many big budget, mainstream romcoms lose sight of. This movie gets that "trick" (and a few others) absolutely right.

3 1/2 Stars

OUT in the theatre

Enrico IV

Review by John Jahn

Our perceptions of reality and the often-blurred line between what is real and what is illusion are the stuff of Luigi Pirandello's 1922 tragedy, *Enrico IV*. The play is the first production at the newly refurbished Miramar Theater at 2844 North Oakland Avenue in Milwaukee, and runs through August 29. Tickets to upcoming shows can be obtained by calling (414) 299-0435.

Enrico IV possesses a more or less traditional, Greek theater structure: two acts with exposition, climax and denouement. Unfortunately it also has something else of Aristotelian tragedies: long-windedness. Though the cast does its best to bring this play to life, ultimately they fail due to the innate inferiority of the product they are delivering. Simply put, this is not a very good play, and a poor choice to inaugurate a reopened house.

The title character, performed by Timothy Reynolds, purportedly believes he is the long dead Holy Roman Emperor, Henry IV. He's assisted in his delusion by four counselors: Landolph (David Parr), Harold (Brian Miracle), Ordulph (Dash Lea) and newcomer, Berthold (Steve

Langecker). Several of "Henry's" old friends arrive to assess his supposed madness and plot methods of snapping him out of it. In the second act, the "mad" Henry reveals surprises for all around him. It sounds like a decent idea for a play, but Pirandello's product, with Mark Musa's translation, totally ruins an interesting idea by subjecting it to drawn out, boring speeches full of ponderous prose.

As mentioned, the cast by-and-large gave it their best shot. I was especially impressed with Reynolds' effective displays of madness in his character. He also had a tendency to speak much too quietly at times, adding unneeded difficulty to the already onerous task of trying to get anything out of poorly written dialogue and endless monologues.

The play is bereft of drama, and in another author's hands would likely have made a sparkling comedy. It also wouldn't have hurt to cut a good halfhour off the running time. The actors, set designer (Carl Eiche) and costume designer (Ellen M. Kozak) did fine work. It's too bad the playwright let them all down.

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OUT ON TV.

In its August/September episode, *In the Life*, America's only nationally broadcast program made by and for the LGBT community, focuses on the way films highlight and expose the Gay and Lesbian experience.

In the Life airs on WHA (Wisconsin Public TV) at 10pm, Monday August 23. It will air on Milwaukee's PBS station, Channel 10, on September 8 at 11pm.

The program features segments that will examine documentaries, experimental works and mainstream releases that provide insight about same-sex relationships that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago.

The Distributors

This story looks at three film distribution companies — Strand Releasing, Jour De Fete and First Run Features. All three have built reputations as companies that distribute films by and for Gay men and Lesbians.

This segment highlights how important these companies have been in bringing Gay images to the big screen. It has a special focus on Strand, which recently had a retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art for their tenth anniversary.

John Waters Profile

In the Life travels to Baltimore to discover the source of the inspiration that has propelled the career of film director John Waters. Waters is the openly-Gay film director of such camp classics as *Pink Flamingos* and *Hairspray*.

He tells *In the Life* how his Gay sensibility has been a common thread throughout his films. "Being Gay is too easy for me. Being Gay now is in every movie, so I have to twist that even," he says. "So I have to do a joke on that to make it 'gayly incorrect'... I like to break rules no matter who makes them. And I like to break them with humor."

Budapest Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

In the small Eastern European country of Hungary, there is a budding Gay and Lesbian movement. One sign of its growth is an expanding annual Gay and Lesbian film festival.

Part travelogue, part reporting, the segment explores how a film festival that puts Gay

and Lesbian images on the big screen helps to shape and inspire an emerging Gay community in Budapest. Filmmaker Alisa Lebow travels to Budapest to file this report for *In the Life*.

Battle for the Box: the Religious Right vs. Gay TV

This segment looks at the heated debate over *It's Elementary*, a documentary about the discussion of Gay issues in school classrooms. *It's Elementary* aired this summer on public television.

After an overview of the controversy that has dogged the documentary for over three years, *In the Life* looks at the challenge *It's Elementary* presented to PBS stations, and the Right's efforts to keep the program off the air.

Get Bruce!

This segment looks at the man who Billy Crystal, Bette Midler and Whoopi Goldberg call the funniest man in Hollywood. He's a Gay man known from the New Hollywood Squares, Bruce Vilanch.

The comedy writer is one of the most sought after funny guys in Hollywood. America is barely aware that much of the humor it enjoys today comes from the

mind of a Gay man.

The segment previews the soon to be released film, *Get Bruce*, which takes you behind the scenes of Hollywood's most glamorous events, and talks to Bruce about his work with the stars.

In the Life's 1999 Short Film and Video Contest

And the winner is: *Tomboy* by Donna Cater. Her entry is a five minute black and white film about how a girl's determination to follow her own "hoop dreams" makes her a college basketball star and publisher of the first-ever women's sports page.

In the Life found *Tomboy* to be an imaginative autobiographical account of an African-American tomboy's journey to success and self-acceptance.



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Lakeshore Gallery (Milwaukee), Reception from 6-9pm: *PHOTOARTICULATION*, diverse photographic works by artists Francis Ford and Steve Sellars. Plus, Young Chamber Musicians of Wisconsin will perform at 6pm. Exhibition runs through August 30, 4401 N. Oakland Ave. (414) 964-2540.

Lambda Legal Defense Fund Fundraiser (Milwaukee), 2nd annual fundraiser and Civil Rights Seminar, to support the work of the Midwest Regional Office. Featuring Matthew Roberts, Lambda's new Midwest Director. Seminar 4:30pm, Reception 5:30-8pm with a cocktail party and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$50 advance. Reservations: (312) 663-4413.

SAGE (Milwaukee), Film: *THE HOLLOW REED*, a Gay man and his lover try to gain custody of his son. LGBT Community Center, Small Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 170 S. 2nd St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee), Variety 2000: A Festival of Music, Theater, and Art of the 20th Century Avante Garde, Part 2: *EXPRESSIONISM'S: THE SELF TURNED INSIDE OUT*. Tonight at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm. \$8 / \$6 for Friends of the Allis/Senior and Students, children free. 1630 E. Royall, (414) 278-8295.

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison), *BOYS IN LOVE 2*: six short features, plus *BEAR SEX PARTY & BEAR TRACKS*. 8PM, for info, location, call (608) 244-8675 (eves.).

Queer History Project (Madison), Meeting to start compiling an historical archive of the Gay community in Madison. If you are interested in this, please feel invited to attend a meeting at Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 1344 E. Washington Ave., 5pm. FMI

call Steve or Brian at (608) 240-0891 or Scott at (608) 287-0807.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

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SAGE (Milwaukee), Annual Patio Party at the Boot Camp, 3pm, SAGE members and friends, men and women welcome. Beer and soda \$1, Free food at 5pm, door prizes.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Frontiers (Madison), Film Circle: *BOYS LIFE 2*, a short film compilation all focusing on being young and Gay, some of the best Gay shorts of the 90's. 7pm, call Dennis (608) 839-4060.

In the Life (statewide); PBS, WHA-TV airing of *In the Life*, 10 pm. Check your local listings.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

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: Swing Dance lessons, 8pm: advanced line dance, 9pm: open dancing.

River Rhythms (Milwaukee), Free concert at the Pere Marquette Park River Landing, 3rd & State Streets, 6-8pm. Picnic or purchase food and beverages. Big Nick & the Cydecos.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

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 Jerry Grillo and East Town Jazz Orchestra.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee), Variety 2000: A Festival of Music, Theater, and Art of the 20th Century Avante Garde, Part 2: *EXPRESSIONISM'S: THE SELF TURNED INSIDE OUT*. Tonight at 8:30pm, Saturday at 8pm. \$8 / \$6 for Friends of the Allis/Senior and Students, children free. 1630 E. Royall, (414) 278-8295.

Dale Gutzman Productions (Milwaukee), presentation of *Frankenstein in Love*. Brumder Mansion, 3046 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI (414) 873-1962. Through Aug. 29 and again the following weekend.

SAGE (Milwaukee), Especially for women, but men welcome: *BAR GIRLS* a romantic comedy about two women in love. LGBT Community Center, Small Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 170 S. 2nd St.

Wind Up Dolls Theatre (Milwaukee), *UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS* by Wendy Wasserstein. Tonight and tomorrow night, 8pm. Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Tickets \$12, reservations: (414) 224-0625.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Frontiers (Madison), Biking Around Lake Monona, 10am, call Bob (608) 244-3351. Meet at Orton Park near gazebo.

Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee), 1st annual FAMILY REUNION, 5-11pm. 5-9pm, Portraits, taken; 6-9pm, Hors d'oeuvres, light supper and dessert; 6-10pm, Indoor and Outdoor entertainment featuring Mrs. Fun, Cream City Chorus, Dear Ruthie and tours of the center. Admission levels range from \$35 to \$55 to \$100. See ad for details, or call the Center for more info: (414) 271-2656.

SSBL All Star Game (Milwaukee), At Mitchell Park (behind the Domes), game time 1pm. SSBL 1st Place Team vs. the SSBL All Stars. Come cheer on the players. A picnic will be going on to celebrate the final game of the '99 season. Free Beer, soda, and Food. Following the games, Woody's hosts the SSBL Awards ceremony and presentation of the team trophies, beginning at 4pm, \$5 beer bust.

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A Family Reunion You'll Actually Like!

LifeStyle

by Bill Meunier

Milwaukee – Anyone who has ever been to a family reunion knows that they can be a mixed bag. On the one hand, they bring an opportunity to engage in friendly banter with seldom seen relatives. On the other hand, they also put you into contact with Aunt Bess, who insists on kissing you on the mouth and fixing you up with that opposite sex person who lives down the street from her.

That's what makes the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's family reunion on Saturday, August 28 such a great idea. The reunion, which will run from 5pm to 9pm, takes the concept of family reunions but eliminates all of their unpleasant features that make us want to avoid them like the plague.

Our LGBT family is much bigger than our related ones. That's why in order to accommodate everyone, the Center is setting up a tent on the street outside of the Center in order to help accommodate all of the various activities that will be taking place.

You won't have to worry about offending Aunt Lucille by refusing to eat her kerosene tasting homemade pickles. The food at this family reunion will be first class. A light supper, hors d'ouvres and desserts provided by Jack Norman Catering, and Lixx Frozen Custard and Juice Bar will tantalize your taste



buds and make it difficult to keep on your diet.

At least you'll have an excuse for the extra calories, unlike your Aunt Marge who falls off the wagon whenever she "smells" a Suzy – Q.

There won't be any need to cover your ears and run when Uncle Bob decides to regale you (and every other poor soul within earshot) with "the best concertina playing this side of Lincoln Ave." The entertainment for this reunion includes Mrs. Fun, the Cream City Chorus, and *Wisconsin Light's* own Dear Ruthie.

As Milwaukee music lovers know, Mrs. Fun is one of the best groups around. They toured with the Indigo Girls and have a national reputation. The Cream City Chorus, a group of LGBT and supportive singers, will offer up a

blend of fine harmonies. Dear Ruthie will... well Dear Ruthie will be herself, which is to say that there's no telling what surprises she will pull out of her hat, sleeve and/or purse. (We hear she's scouring the Trailer Park to get ready.)

Just like any family reunion, this one will have a festive celebratory atmosphere. You won't be celebrating your 40-year-old cousin Ted's big promotion – to crew chief at Burger King. Nor will anyone be chattering away about how that little brat, Jimmy, is doing so well in school that he's called to Principal's to give advice on a daily basis.

Don't get the idea that this is some sort of boring political event; it isn't. However, the events of the past year have given our "family" cause to celebrate. Neil Albrecht, Executive Director of the LGBT Center, sums it up well. "This has been a tremendous year for Milwaukee's LGBT community," he says. "In the last twelve months, we have seen the opening of a Community Center, passage of the Domestic Partner Registry and a remarkable rise in youth leadership through the formation of Project Q. This is truly the time and place to celebrate our victories."

Yes, those are real victories. They aren't at all like your sister-in-law's finally successful attempts to convince little Bobby to stop throwing marbles in the path of her mother's walker.

There will also be a chance to take a tour of the Center and see the great job that volunteers have done with making it like a home away from home. They did a much better job than Uncle Phil did with his house. He still can't understand why his neighbors don't see the artistic beauty of his chartreuse and puce paint job.

That's right. You get food, great entertainment and great company to be with, and it's all in support of a worthy cause. No, we aren't talking about causes like the ones your cousin Jack pushes. You did know that there really isn't an organization dedicated to the preservation of bell-bottoms and leisure suits, didn't you?

This cause is the LGBT Community Center, its youth programs, information and advocacy services and its library. Since opening in November of last year, the Center has made a real difference. Literally hundreds of people go through its doors every month.

Once they're inside, those folks attend meetings, get information, help with important things like the push for our new Domestic Partners Registry, socialize, watch movies, and read books from the library. The library contains serious and non-serious fiction and non-fiction books. It's not at all similar to your 15-year-old cousin's "library," which consists of *Playboys* and *Hustlers* hidden away in his room.

In order to support the Center and attend the reunion, you have to have a ticket. The folks at the Center have come up with three



Those purchasing Foundation level tickets get a free Family Reunion T-shirt and a "family portrait."

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different tickets so that everyone who wants to attend (and you know you do) can afford to do so.

Tickets start at \$35 for the Folk admission level. The Foundation level is \$55. The Family level is \$100. Those purchasing Foundation level tickets get a free Family Reunion T-shirt and a "family portrait." Family level ticket holders receive two T-shirts and the photo. Family level tickets will admit two adults.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Family Reunion is brought to you through the generosity of the Cream City Chorus, Lixx Frozen Custard and Juice Bar, Mark Luko, Miller Brewing, Sweet Bush In, Walker's Point Web Site Development and *Wisconsin Light*.

Don't miss out on this family reunion. To reserve your tickets, call the Center at (414) 271-2656 today.



Neil Albrecht is Executive Director of the LGBT Community Center.

OUT IN CYBERSPACE



Reach Out & Touch Someone

by Michael Stewart

For the last four years, one of the Internet's most overused buzzwords has been "convergence." It was originally coined to promote the idea that staring at a computer monitor and gazing with a similarly vacant look at a television screen were pretty much the same.

The phrase is now used with equal frequency to describe any melding of an offline activity with an online one. With the headlong rush to Internet-ize anything that moves, many opportunities come along that Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgendered netizens can take advantage of.

One of the chief issues the LGBT community has always faced is that of personal privacy. For many of us, discretion is merely a preference. However, for others — typically those in rural and conservative areas or those who are taking the first tentative steps in the exploration of their sexual identity — absolute anonymity is essential.

The wide public acceptance of the Internet and its e-mailing capabilities has done much to free us from the discomfort or inability to freely give out our phone numbers. On the other hand, e-mail has always suffered from one major disability: the "e." To those without safe access to a computer or Internet appliance, your e-mail address is useless. Imagine, however, a net-based service that's of equal value to those who aren't "wired."

Just launched at the beginning of August is the new "MessageClick.Com" service, online at <http://www.messageclick.com>. As a brand new start-up, it's not quite ready for prime time, but if the idea of a free service that can forward faxes and voice-mail messages to your e-mail sounds appealing, it's worth checking out and registering early.

As of this writing, MessageClick.Com is only handing out numbers in the 718 area code (a part of New York City), but the site promises to have local service available in most parts of the country within a month. Toll-free 800-numbers will also be available in the fall.

Once you've registered for a free account, MessageClick.Com generates a telephone number which you're invited to give out to those from whom you'd like to hear. Assuming that tasty morsel you met at the bar really does call, he'll hear a standard voice-mail system, which will ask him to leave a message.

It's at this point that the whole "convergence" concept comes into play. After your caller has recorded their message for you, MessageClick.Com's servers encode it into the commonly used Real Audio format. Then they send the resulting file to you as an e-mail attachment.

Almost any Internet-capable machine already has the RealNetwork's RealPlayer installed, but those who might want to upgrade their capabilities can download the current version at no charge from www.real.com/products/player/download-realplayer.html. Anyone with the current version of the Windows Media Player also has the ability to play the attached files.

If you have the occasional need to receive facsimiles, MessageClick.Com can also transmit these to you by way of your e-mail. Senders merely dial the number on their own fax machine and transmit their documents normally.

In either case, sent messages arrive in your e-mailbox within a few moments. Several tests of the voice-mail features showed the quality of the encoded voice messages to be equal to what you'd get from any remote messaging system. Furthermore, their transmission to you as file attachments allows you to save the really important ones for as long as you like.

Until MessageClick.Com's area code coverage includes the 414, 608, 715 and 920 areas, the service isn't yet universally useful. Keep in mind, though, that with all the Baby Bells' carrying-on about the dearth of available telephone numbers, the savvy net user will register early to avoid being shut out.

The author can be reached at michaelstewart@michaelstewart.com.

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BIFF 'N BUNKY

by KEITH N ANDERSON





Dear Ruthie

A box of Seltzers, four corn pads, half-a-bottle of Pepto and a neck brace later, I can finally say that PrideFest is over. Boy, what a time I had!

Pearl was busy with a Wrestle-Mania event down in Philly. I missed her dearly, but had a helluva time anyway! Perfect weather, perfect shirtless chests, wonderful people, wonderful half-naked men, short beer lines, short shorts – needless to say, this is why I had to get a neck brace.

I wasn't about to pay my insurance premium to get one, so the man who does my nails, Mr. Kim, wrapped some paper towel around an old piece of insulation he got from his attic. He bound the whole thing together with some duct tape, Band-Aids and one of those Glu-Sticks, so I should be sitting pretty for awhile. He promises it's not asbestos. I've been letting the cat sleep on the pillow right next to me, so we'll see about that soon enough.

I'm sort of crabby 'cause I can't move my head, which means I can't do my neck aerobics — if this neck gets any flabbier, people are going to start thinking I'm Bob Dole. I'm also pooped out from Pride, Possums, Parties and Parades.

Speaking of which, did you go to the parade? Did you hear that guy call me a pervert? (Man, there's a lot of P's in this column.)

What was that all about? I'm riding in the parade in the love-

ly Wisconsin Light car provided by Phil (another P!). With me is the lovelier Charlotte Young and Wisconsin's only openly Gay State Representative Mark Pocan (another P).

Along comes this guy riding the witch's bike from the Wizard of Oz. He's got these religious signs on the back of it. Well, that's if you can call signs like that religious — I think not!

The guy has the nerve to call me a pervert!

Where does he get off calling me that? He doesn't even know the sweet Ruthie! I don't recall reading about the disciples standing on street corners yellin' at advice columnists!

Hmmm... maybe that's because they didn't have newspapers with advice columnists to tell them to stop banging on those bibles and open them up once in awhile.

Enough of that. Let's talk about... me! I and my gal-pal, Miss Ain't B' Gotten from Boot Camp, were honored with the Tommy Polubinsky Possum (more P's!) Queen Memorial Award.

I just have to say thank you once again to everyone involved for this honor. And a big wet smooch to Anita Make Over from Ball Game for taking home the title.

Well, I gotta run. It's time to rub mashed cucumber on my feet and rotate my ankles. I'm feeling pretty tired, so let's answer a few short ones.

Dear Ruthie,
What's with your neck?

• **Gobble-Lover**

Dear Gobble,
Shut up. I'm working on it!

Dear Ruthie,
I've got a rocket in my pocket, and baby I'm ready to roll.
Prince Wannabe

Dear Prince,
I don't know what the hell you're talking about, but if that's a bottle rocket – STOP, DROP AND ROLL! You don't need my permission, now get someone to call 911.

Dear Ruthie,
Mention me in your column. Please.
Theresa

Dear Theresa,
Okay, for you and all of the people I personally told I would mention in my column, here you go: Theresa, Danielle, Jackie, Geraldo, Gus, Dan, Charo, Doug, Todd, Sharon, Fergie, the Pope, my dry cleaning lady (I forgot your name), Estelle, Spatula, Betty, Oprah and Snoop-Doggy. There! Ya happy?

Dear Ruthie,
Were you at the Cher concert? It was fabulous. I love Cher. I was calling you, but you didn't seem to hear me.
Life after Love Believer
(Picture of guy in drag as Cher included)

Dear Lover,
Well, imagine that — a Gay guy who likes Cher. Gee, I had better start having my mail screened before I put myself through a shock like that again. I'm only kidding with ya, sugar-booger.

Yes, I was there. But I doubt you saw me. My date ditched me and left a pretty hefty bill at the concession stand. I didn't have any money, so I had to work off the bill by cleaning toilets. I could hear Cher well, though, while cleaning the second floor ladies room, upper south wing, fourth stall from the left.

When I saw my date the next day, his only excuse was that he had to make and hang some signs on his old bike for a parade... hey... wait a minute!

Editor's note: Since Ruthie ran off to look for some religious nut (and his bike), it's left to me to remind you to keep those letters coming. You can send them to her care of Wisconsin Light, 225 S. Second Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Or you can fax her at (414) 226-0096 or email her via [wilight.com](http://www.wilight.com).



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News... Madison's Millenium is no more. The bar has now undergone another metamorphous. It's now called the **Rainbow Room**. This is the fifth name change in like three years. The new owners, Terry, Jim and Ed, are real sweethearts. And all of them are wonderfully Gay!

Terry and Jim worked at the **Comic Strip** bar, which actually managed to give Jell-O shots a good name in Mad Town. The **Comic Strip** is primarily a straight bar, but it's also situated between the **Cardinal** and the old **Manoeuvres**, so it had a lot of rainbow flavored customers too. They also ran the Christmas Shop. My spies tell me that Madisonians have greeted the change over with open arms and wild applause.

Confidential... Honey the only complaints I got from anyone (other than you) was that I was too kind, way too kind.

Recaps... They were cheering on the Pack at **Ball Game** as the Green and Gold opened

NIGHTS OUT

Young who came from Washington DC to represent the Human Rights Campaign, Editor and Publisher Frances "Franco" Stevens of *Curve* magazine, and our openly Gay State Rep from Madison, Mark Pocan.

Also on hand were Charles Daniels from the *Queer TV* program, his co-host Mike Lisowski who is also the **PrideFest** Co-Chair, Miss Mustique, the fabulous Doug Kwikkel of Miller and many others notables. We all had a great time.

There was another great party last week. My spies tell me that the new Human Rights League launched its PAC at a festive backyard affair on Milwaukee's East Side.

That ever so cute and fabulous couple, Jim and Bill, hosted it.

Tammy Baldwin gave a great speech - like when doesn't she? PAC chairman Brenda Lewison wore her most politically incorrect hat - she looked fabulous! There was an announcement that we finally have an openly LGBT person running for office, a Lesbian who is running for Alderman. Our Publisher Greg Quindel was there too.

The friendly folks munched appetizers and raised \$6,000 for the upcoming elections. That's really good for a first event. I hear everyone had a great time.

Speaking of great times, I had one at the five person B-Day party last Sunday in Fox

Point. There was great food, lots of good company and a breathtaking view of the lake. Tony from **This Is It** and Peter from **Fluid** were tending bar. I also saw the cocktail and Possum Queen Ricks from the **Ball Game** and Spike from **219**. My still single and still cute friend, Tommy Kuehl, who works the back bar at **La Cage** on Saturday nights, was there too.

Come to think of it, there were many other great friends there. They included our Publisher, Editor, Copy Editor and founders Terry and Jerry. It's great to see Terry again. Tommy and Loren were also there. So were John Griffin from the Human Rights League and Scott Gunkel from HRL and the Cream City Foundation.

I chatted with charming Doug Nelson from ARCW, who I never get to see enough of because he's so busy. Tom Reed (of Miller Brewing), our 1997 Man of the Year, was there. He said that those Gay TV ads Miller was supposed to put on were pulled because they were horrible, not for any other reason.

Karen Valentine was on hand and so were her co-workers, Jon Martin and Jim Moore, from Landmark Enterprises - that fabulous company that promotes LGBT and other special events. Of course, our main hosts, Ross and Robert, were there. They were charming and gracious as ever.

So to Ross D., Scott M., Margaret F., Juan R. and Tony R., Happy B-Day. Now that you are all finally legal (ahem!), I will see you at your favorite establishment.

I hope to see you out and about soon, too. Meanwhile, stay safe and be proud.

Dusty AFTER DARK

their season last Saturday. They take their Packers seriously at this popular bar, where bartender Rick, AKA Possum Queen 1999, is still beaming over his surprise win. Stop in and offer him your personal congratulations. *There are a lot of Rick's at this place.* There's cocktail hour Rick and owner Rick and then there's Possum Queen Rick, who happens to be the tallest of the bunch. They are all fabulous people.

Speaking of the Pack, **In Between** may be gone, but Kurt's Packer parties live on. They've made the **Switch**. Kurt, the Packer glasses, and a nice crowd was on hand for the Packer opener at **Switch**. The Pack looked fabulous and so did many of those who were rooting for them.

There aren't any Ricks over at **This Is It**, but I had a great time when I was there. Bartender Tony has a new day job, but you can still see him there two nights a week!

There aren't any Ricks over at the **Boot Camp** either, but there is a Si and he gives away cool cash on Wednesday nights. It's been awhile since I won (hint, hint) but I always have a great time anyway.

Parties, Parties Let's Have a Party... In my last column, I didn't get to tell you about the fab party we had* at **PrideFest** in the Miller Pavilion. There were lots of nice folks there including some of the panelists from our Directions 2000 group. They included Charlotte



Having fun at PrideFest '99.



Anita Makeover, the Possum Queen for the new millenium, thanks the Ballgame and everyone who made her campaign a success and for raising a record-breaking amount for HIV-AIDS-related causes.

Going Out

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Triangle (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing and counseling from 9pm-midnight.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Rainbow Room (Madison), (Formerly Kirby's/Millennium) Opening under all new ownership.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Barracks/Club 5 (Madison), Unicorns Club Night, 3rd Saturday of the month.

Fannies (Milwaukee), Fantasy Show, featuring male and female dancers, 9:30pm.

Rainbow Room (Madison), (Formerly Kirby's/Millennium) Under all new ownership. Mr. Gay WI Benefit Show, with special guests. \$2 cover includes a free rail drink or beer. 10:30pm showtime.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee), 3rd Annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin Summer Carnival, Games, raffles, food, drink specials, 1-9pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Boot Camp (Milwaukee), Annual Patio Party for SAGE-Milwaukee, 3pm, SAGE members and friends, men and women welcome, Beer and soda \$1, Free food at 5pm, door prizes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Club 219 (Milwaukee), Miss Cosmopolitan USofA pageant.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Rainbow Room (Madison), (Formerly Kirby's/Millennium) Under all new ownership. Cher Tickets and CD giveaways. Everytime you purchase a drink, you will be eligible for drawings for Cher tickets or CD's, from 8pm-2am.

Switch (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing and counseling from 9pm-midnight.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Za's (Green Bay), Deserea Triumph Benefit Show.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Clubhouse Filling Station (Kenosha), Wisconsin United, Leather Fetish. During the afternoon. FML email: Bootboy2U@aol.com.

Fannies (Milwaukee), Sugar Shack Reunion Party, old friends, old music, old prices, 8pm-on.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay), Disco Nites show.

Woody's (Milwaukee), SSBL All Star Games at Mitchell Park (behind the Domes), game time 1pm. SSBL 1st Place Team vs. the SSBL All Stars. Come cheer on the players. A picnic will be going on to celebrate the final game of the '99 season. Free Beer, soda, and Food. Following the games, Woody's hosts the SSBL Awards ceremony and presentation of the team trophies, beginning at 4pm, \$5 beer bust.

LIVE WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

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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.

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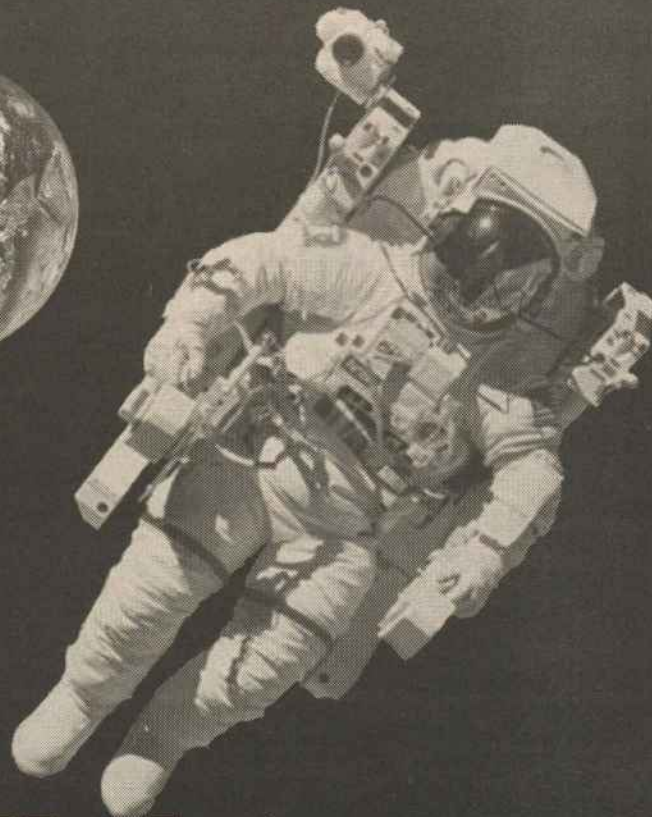
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Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
EAU CLAIRE (715)			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
GREEN BAY (920)			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
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
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
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Rainbow Room	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
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	276-2711
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 5pm, 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
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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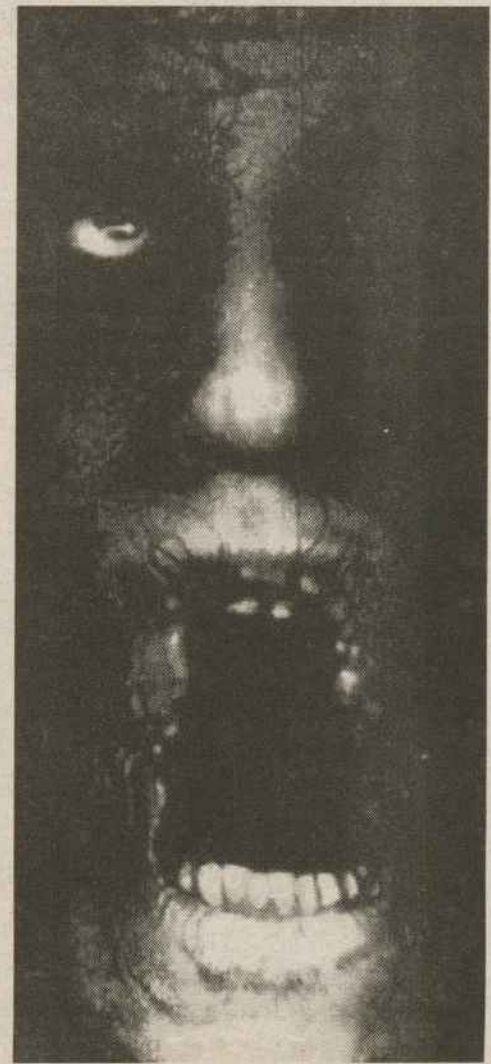
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