

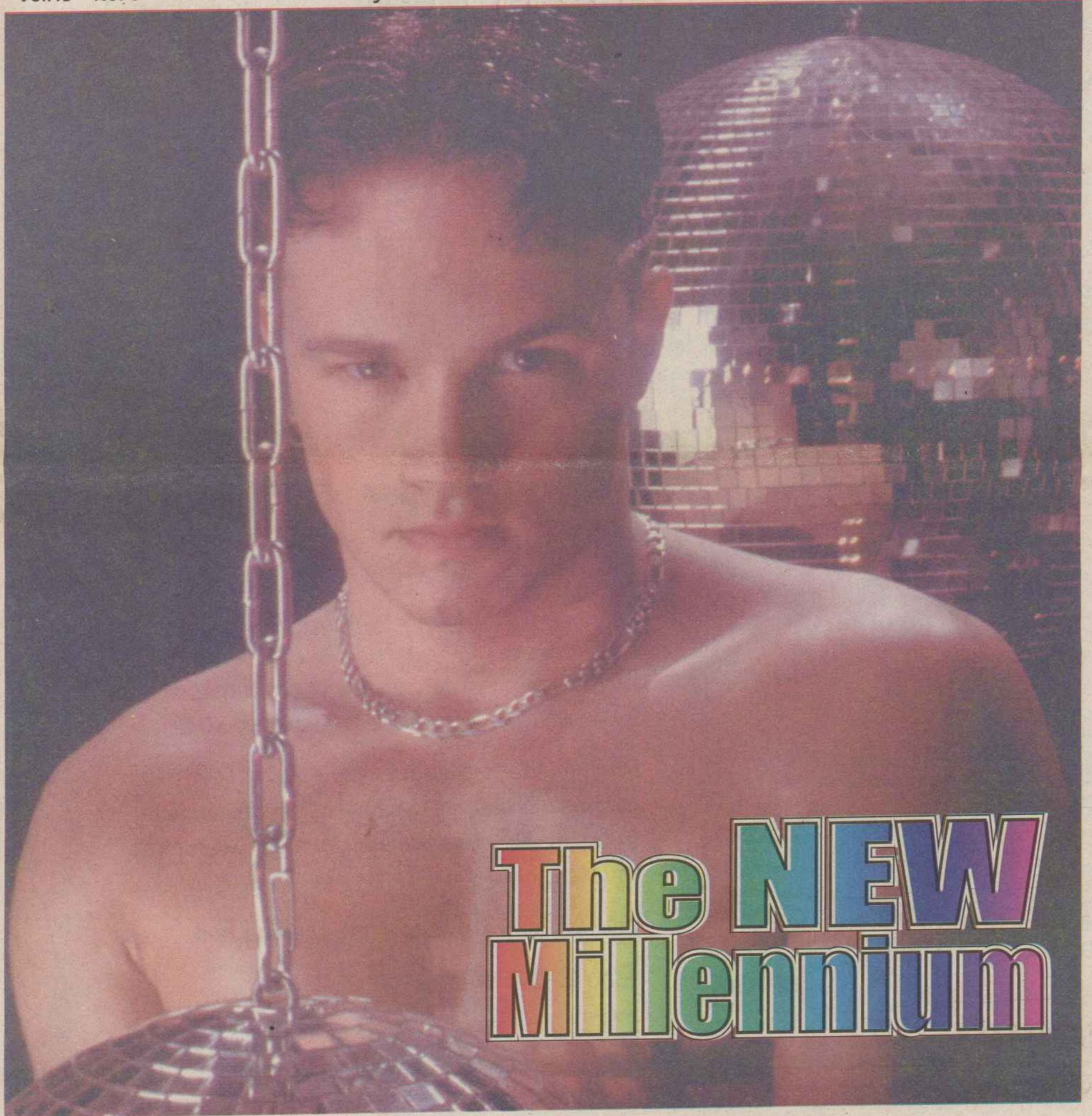
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**AP** Associated Press*Note from the Publisher***WI Light's Man of the Year 1999****Bill Meunier**

Often endings are just harbingers of new beginnings. As we end the year, decade, century and millenium, life will go on even as we all begin anew. For this newspaper, this is also a period of transition as the "Bill Meunier Era" gives way to our new Editor Nadine Walther. As we have been saying since this was first announced in September, Bill isn't really going anywhere, however, his role is changing.

Nadine is wonderful, and I hope the entire community will join me in welcoming her to her new position at the newspaper as well as her new high-profile role on behalf of LGBT Wisconsin. The initial response has been overwhelmingly favorable. As more and more of you get to meet her, there is no reason for that to change.

As the "Walther Era" begins, Meunier's role as Editor ends. Change within any organization should be about filling in gaps. In this case, it is also about redirecting personnel (myself included) into roles that are more suitable. It is also about preparing ourselves for a new and exciting challenge while leaving the newspaper operations primed for continued growth and journalistic excellence.

Adding full-time personnel and taking this 13-year-old newspaper weekly has been a challenge indeed. I hope, and believe, that it has been worthwhile. As you scan today's millenium summary, you will note that the Gay press plays an increasingly important role in the development of LGBT civil rights.

There are others who have played significant roles in that development of the Gay press within this state. You know the names. Many are still around and active. This missive is about one of those, outgoing Editor Bill Meunier. His unwavering dedication is sometimes overshadowed by a style that does not invite the compliments and recognition that many others have received. That does not, however, diminish his importance.

Very little of significance is done without the help of many. The various endeavors that Bill has involved himself are no different but then again, is his involvement just coincidence? I think not. Pardons to the hundreds of contributors to PrideFest, but it is undeniable history that under Bill's leadership the Fest grew from a small gathering in a park to a major festival held at the Summerfest grounds. Not all that much has changed since he left.

He has been a part of *Wisconsin Light* since its first publication; writing, selling ads and doing anything else that needed to get done. His commitment has been unwavering. That, despite extremely trying conditions and, at least sometimes, the scourge of some.

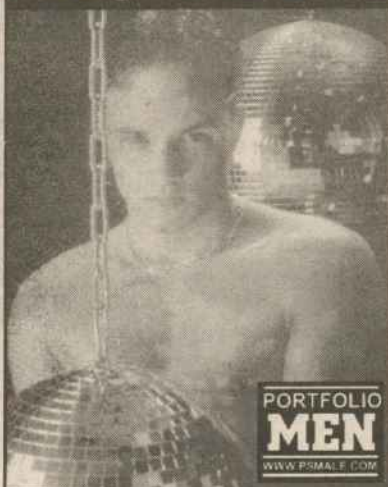
He believes in an engaged press that moves, cajoles and encourages institutions, within and without our community, to move towards enlightenment. Compliments and complaints nearly always follow. You're doing too much or not enough is the basic harangue.

Interestingly, for a journalist in a hot seat, criticism of him is rarely tied to factual error. In fact, he is complimented for an ability to turn discussions, interviews and research into an accurate reflection of the condition or events. That ability will serve him well as he continues his news role for this newspaper and expands the use of his skills and talents to a much broader audience over the World Wide Web.

One aspect of this gentleman that cannot be denied is his commitment to making the world a better place for our community. I believe that there is no one, and I mean no one, who works as hard on behalf of our community than Bill Meunier.

In that spirit, I take these final words to thank Bill for the historic role, dedication and fortitude that he has exhibited as the first Editor of Wisconsin's first weekly newspaper for the LGBT community. I also thank him, personally, for his support and patience as the sometimes inadequate infrastructure has been built. I ask all of you to join me in expressing those thanks to Bill. He is the man of the hour, the year and, I believe, the decade for LGBT Wisconsin.

Happy New Year!

Greg Quindel  
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# The Millenium: The First 900 Years . . . 1000 - 1899 A.D.

By Dr. Terry Boughner, PhD

Gay History is, perhaps, the most under-studied field in academics. That picture is changing as more and more scholars take up the study. Unfortunately, what they find is bits and pieces, many of them anecdotal and/or speculative in nature.

The reason for this is that few Gays in the past sat down to write. It was too dangerous. Chronicling Gay activity, could be misunderstood. It might be thought that you yourself were Gay.

At the same time, personal documents (part of the "stuff" of history) are relatively rare. It was even more dangerous to out-and-out admit you were in love - or lust - with someone of the same sex. Worse yet, was to put it on paper or whatever was used.

What we find are accounts, usually horrified, damning or both, telling about someone who was "fooling around" a bit too much. These accounts, as poor as they are as source materials, are about all we have.

For example, how credible would we think it would be if the only accounts we had of FDR's presidency were written by Republican Party leaders? You get the picture.

So what are we dealing regarding Gay history in the last 1,000 years? First, being Gay is not a choice as some modern studies show. You are born that way. This being the case, we can safely assume that the number of Gays then was about the same as it is now.

Throughout all but the end of the millenium, for most the Western world the situation was, and still is for many, a deeply closeted behavior and clandestine revelation of feelings. If you were rich and powerful, most of the time you got away with telling what you felt or did as long as you weren't too obvious about it.

If you were poor and got caught, you got killed. Simple as that.

## The Church Weighs In . . .

. . . as no word for "Gay" in Latin or Greek or in any of the ancient tongues. It was the Church that coined the word "sodomite" to describe us and it stuck. The persecution that has lasted until today was on.

Incidentally, the Church's persecution of us had been going on since the 4th Century. That's when Christianity became the state church of Rome.

There seems to have been a lot of male to male intimacy going on in the monasteries. In those days, it was thought impossible or irrelevant that women could fall in love with each other.

Peter Damian, born Pietro Damiani (1007-1072) who would later be declared a Saint, decided this business among the monks had to stop. In 1051, he published a little work titled *Liber Gomorbianus* which lashed out against "crimes against nature."

In bitter language, Damian wrote that Gays had succumbed to demons. "They should be burned!" Driving pen across paper, he banned us all to Hell. There's a whole lot else he thought should be done to us, but you get the idea.

To make sure his book got a hearing, he dedicated it to the Pope, Leo IX. To make sure he read it, Damian sent the Pope a copy. Pope Leo IX did read the book but ignored it.

The Christian Church at that time was splitting into Eastern and Western factions. Perhaps Leo had too much to think about to worry about the "sodomites" in his realm - or maybe not. There were, after all, five Gay popes that we know about and one woman who may or not be a myth.

Leo IX may have ignored Damian's call for the extermination of homosexuals, but Pope Gregory VII (Pope from 1073-1085) did not. In 1073 he went so far as to order the works of Sappho burned. Those poems, arguably the most beautiful in the Greek language, "were offensive to men" and might "entice them to the Devil's wiles." The Eastern Patriarch joined the Pope in this "noble" effort.

Not too many years later, they thought up a new reason for Lesbianism. According to *The Life of Saint Godeleve* woman fell in love with other woman because women in general had an "uncontrollable lust." In other words, if no man was available to satisfy them, a woman would seek sex with "another of her kind."

The western world was inhospitable to Gays and Lesbians but other parts of the globe were more accepting.

## Muslim Tolerance

In some Moslem lands, for example, the love of older men for a young man was tacitly approved. For example, a story recorded in a history of the Caliphate of Baghdad, relates the tale of Ahmed Al Beri, a famous poet who loved Fahad, a young man said to be "most beautiful."

Fahad loved Ahmed too. When Fahad unexpectedly fell ill and died, Ahmed was inconsolable. Many feared that he would never write again.

Ahmed took the boy's body and cremated it. He mixed his lover's ashes with clay and made a cup. He kept the cup beside him "so that he could sip sweet liquid from his lover's lips" as he wrote.

## An Oriental Flavor

In Japan, Tachibana Narisue compiled the *Kokon Chomonju*, which includes a number of romantic tales of male-male love, which was common in Japanese Buddhism.

According to Kobo Daishi and other Japanese commentators, male-male love was a Chinese custom. It was called "cut-sleeve" (duanxiu) in China. According to legend, a Sung Dynasty emperor, not wishing to wake his male lover, cut his sleeve so he wouldn't disturb the young man.

In 1632, *The Classified Brief History of Love* was published in China. In this book we find 2,000 years of Gay relationships in China detailed.

## The Very Early Americans

In Maya lands, as elsewhere among many Native American peoples, male-male love was an accepted fact of life. According to horrified Spanish chroniclers the Mayan parents of a young man would summon him to them and ask him if he wanted a girl or boy for his spouse.

Either way, they built the couple a house and gave the happy couple a lavish wedding feast. However, if he married a girl, he did not have to practice monogamy. If he married a boy, monogamy was the rule. The Spanish were appalled.

They were nearly beside themselves when they learned that if either of the two male spouses strayed, the other got to rub chili peppers all over his errant spouse's body while he slept.

Bernal Diaz del Castillo writes in high dudgeon to the King of Spain that these "savages" had to be "quickly made into Christians" because the Devil "already had his claws in their souls."

Later, the Aztecs made same-sex sex punishable by death. It didn't help them. In the conquest of Mexico, the Spanish, horrified by human sacrifice, swept most of the Aztecs away. They made most of



Montezuma III the great leader of the Aztecs, during the Spanish Inquisition.

those who were not killed by diseases brought by the Europeans, virtual slaves.

In what is now Panama, the Explorer Balboa discovered a whole tribe of cross-dressing Indians. Balboa was so put out that he captured 40 of them and fed them live to the dogs. The rest were killed outright.

## A European Rage

That tradition was a long-standing one. In the 13th and 14th centuries, a veritable rage against sodomy swept across Western Europe.

In 1256, Alfonso X of Castile issued the *1 Lex Siete Partidas*. This made sodomy a capital crime. For the first offense, the penalty was castration, a second offense was punishable by death.

France was not far behind its Spanish neighbors. A French law issued by Louis IX (Saint Louis) made sodomy punishable by burning at the stake. The trial was to be held before a Bishop, although the sentence (if found guilty), was carried out by the secular authorities.



King Louis IX setting out for the eighth crusade.

## Thus, the Church escaped killing people.

In 1327, English King Edward II was murdered. He got caught up in a power struggle between his estranged wife and the country's leading lords. Rumor (and Marlow's play) said Edward, who had at least two male lovers, was killed by a red-hot poker shoved up his anus.

Much later, at the end of the 19th Century, Queen Victoria was said to have remarked, "We can't afford to have another Edward II." Her Majesty was referring to the Prince of Wales' eldest son, Albert Edward, who certain evidence indicates was Gay. Albert Edward (Berti) conveniently (much too conveniently, some say) died and George, his brother, became heir.

As the fever against sodomy raged, the Church took action. In 1451, Pope Nicholas V, authorized the Inquisition. It's stated purpose was to prosecute sodomy. It was by this means that Leonardo Da Vinci was twice denounced for acts of sodomy.

In Spain, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella carried out the Holy Inquisition with a vengeance. Eventually the word "inquisition" would become almost synonymous with Spain, where it continued until the early 19th Century.



King Edward II



Leonardo da Vinci's (debateable) self portrait.



A drawing depicting Sappho and her lover, Alcaeus



## Michaelangelo Escapes

Michaelangelo was more circumspect. His poetry, written to a young man, remained unpublished until after his death. Even then, the male pronouns were changed to feminine ones. The truth came out when the originals and unexpurgated poems were published in 1863.

While he lived, though, Michaelangelo was constantly surrounded by young men. No one asked any questions. The artist was too famous. The young man who posed for his statue of David was said to be his lover, but again, no one said anything - or not too much anyway. Oh, there were whispers, but they weren't all that loud.

Lesser men than Michaelangelo would have been burned. Pope Julius II, the Warrior Pope, wanted his chapel (the Sistine Chapel), finished and perhaps, looked the other way. Still, the attacks on Gays did not lessen.

## Darkness- the 16th and 17th Centuries

In 1531, Martin Luther gave as one of the reasons for his break with the Roman Church, the "fact" that all Catholic monks and priests were sodomites. "All" is a little extreme.

The next year, in the Netherlands, then the property of the Hapsburgs, the Emperor Charles V ordered that sodomy be punishable by death. Hundreds of people were said to have been killed.

In 1631, the English Earl of Castlehaven was convicted of "unnatural relations" with his male servant. The chief witness against the Earl was his son, who was afraid the servant would inherit everything. The Earl lost his head. The servant was burned at the stake. The son got his father's estates.

By this time, the English colonies in America were gaining strength. The settlers were no more willing to tolerate Gays than their stay-in-the-mother-country cousins were.

In 1631 the Plymouth Colony promulgated making sodomy punishable by death. The same thing was true of Massachusetts, which eventually absorbed Plymouth.

Both colonies included women in their laws. In 1642, a Massachusetts woman was sentenced to be whipped for loving and have relations with another woman. In Plymouth, Sara Norman was forced to confess in public about her "unnatural relations" with Mary Hammon. Mary wasn't available to confess. She had fled the colony.



Painting of Chinese Emperor Kangxi

## More Tales From the Orient

On the other side of the world, things were different. In 1687, Japanese writer Ihara Saikaku published *The Great Mirror of Love*. It's a wonderful read. In it are 40 stories of love between two men. Some of them are samurai warriors and some are kabuki performers and their admirers.

In China, the Manchu Emperor Kangxi ordered three of his servants punished when he learned they'd told people about their procurement of young men for the emperor and his sons.

Apparently, a lot of young men had learned about the Imperial desires and were lining up to apply for the job. "One, two is enough!" bellowed Kangxi. "But a hundred or more is too much." Note that the Emperor was angry about the revelation of how his bed partners were found and not the revealing of his sexual proclivities.

Meanwhile, in the Paris of 1725, Police Chief Lieutenant-General Bruno Lenoir told the King that the city had "over 20,000 sodomites." 50 men were arrested and burned. A quarter of a century later, Bruno Lenoir and Jean Diot were burned when they were captured having sex together in the street.

## A Russian Ice Palace

About the same time, Russian Czar Peter the Great made male-male sex a crime for those in the military. However, outside the imperial army, same-sex relations remained perfectly legal. According to contemporary accounts, Gay sex was widespread.

One of Peter's successors, the Empress Anna had a different approach. It is said she fell in love with a beautiful young woman of her court. They reportedly spent hours and hours locked up in the Empress' bedroom.

Then, one day, the young woman announced she'd fallen in love with a guardsman. They would be married, she told her Majesty. Empress Anna was mightily upset but she dissembled. To one and all she announced that she was pleased as could be by the engagement and pending nuptials. To signify her pleasure, the Empress said she would give the happy couple a splendid banquet. She did.

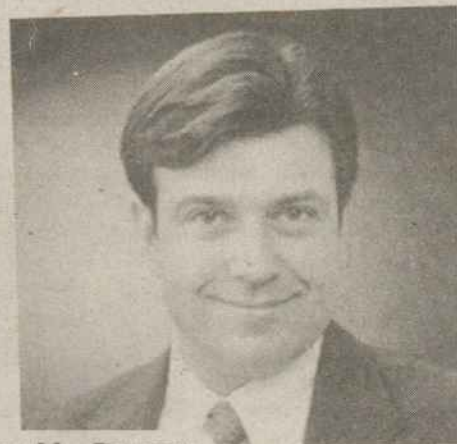
At the end of the dinner, the Empress announced she had a wedding gift to present, a splendid new palace. Those things aren't cheap and everyone was happy. It was winter. The Empress got everyone into troikas (sleds) and away they went. When they came to the palace, the Empress took the young couple inside, had them take off their clothes and climb into bed. It was the Empress herself who covered them. Guards were placed all around the palace so that no one would disturb.

In the morning, the Empress was sipping her coffee when she received the word that the young couple was dead. Empress Anna was not surprised in the least. The palace and everything in it, including the bed, was made entirely of ice.

The story of the Empress Anna's Ice Palace is famous in Russia. I have been told it many times while there. Whether it's true or not, no one seems to know or care.

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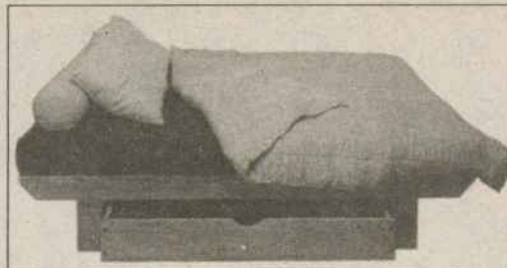
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# The 17 & 1800's

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## An 18th Century Enlightenment?

The 18th Century Enlightenment sweeping Western Europe brought at least a little change for Gays. Voltaire and Rousseau both wrote tracts pleading for toleration for Gays (women and men). They had little success.

The laws against Gays didn't soften in revolutionary America. However, just as they do today, the rumors flew about who was and who wasn't homosexual. For example, there was Washington and the handsome 18 year-old Lafayette.

My great great (I don't know how many greats) grandfather told a story that the American troops (such as they were) generally held that Washington and Lafayette were, as we would put it, "an item."

I've seen a letter that my grandfather wrote to his wife to tell her that after the Battle of Monmouth, Washington and Lafayette took a blanket, rolled up in it together under a tree and, arm in arm, fell asleep. Lest his wife be under any misimpression about what was going on, my great grandfather spelled it out - very carefully.

In another instance, the Prussian Friedrich von Steuban arrived in Valley Forge in the company of a handsome 17 year-old secretary. Fearing repercussions, von Steuban sent the young man back to the Prussia of Frederick the Great (who, given his homosexuality could be expected, to understand such things).

Von Steuban went on to train the men of the Continental Army without his secretary. Americans have yet to understand such things.

Let's not make any mistake here. The death penalty for sodomy was abolished or allowed to lapse in most countries, but the social and legal persecution went on - and on.



German officer Friedrich Von Steuben helped "drill" Continental Army soldiers (and, by all accounts, his personal secretary, too).

## Meeting, Greeting & Writing

In 1818 London police swooped down on the White Swan Pub, history's first known Gay bar. The patrons were all arrested and jailed. In Russia, in 1832, male-male sex was made a criminal offense for the first time. The penalty was 5 years exile in Siberia.

In Paris, the police swept the Tuileries Gardens, a popular cruising area. All the men they arrested were fined and their names published.

In 1860, Walt Whitman published the third edition of *Leaves of Grass*. The book now includes the homoerotic *Calamus Poems*. I'm no fan of Whitman, but he is known as America's first Gay poet.

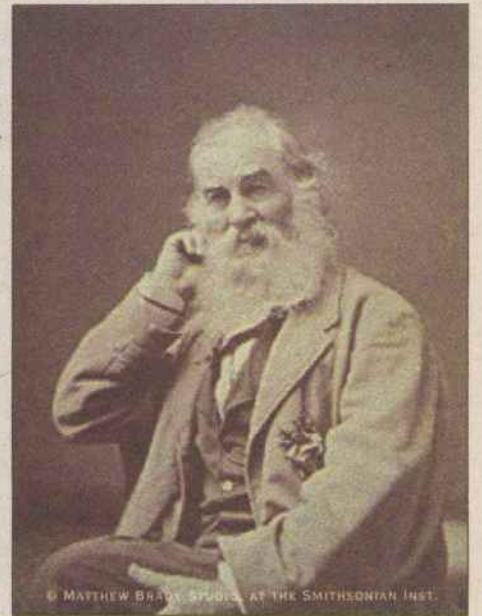
While the West stumbled toward toleration, Japan takes a lot of steps back and then forward again. In 1873, the government under the Emperor Meiji, criminalized same-sex love and relations between men. This didn't last long. Tradition can be a tough master. In 1883, the law was abolished.

At the same time, in 1880, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 6.3% of men imprisoned were for "crimes against nature."

And so it went for us. As the dawn of the 20th Century approached, the most significant advancement was that, in most of the world, it was not legal to kill Gays. The beginning of a new self-identified Gay social structure was evident. The fact that there were bars where Gays were welcome was new, but the cops raided them and arrested their patrons.

Things were better in the Far East and in some parts of Europe, but not much had changed in the U.S.

That was soon to be history - The Gay Rights Century was upon us.



Poet Walt Whitman in his older years.

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# The Gay Rights Century: 1900 - 1999

by Bill Meunier

*It began with the death of the world's most celebrated open homosexual, Oscar Wilde, his health drained by a sentence of two years at hard labor for the "crime" of loving another man. It ended with the Vermont Supreme Court declaring that same sex couples must be afforded the same rights as heterosexual married couples.*

The Gay rights movement has made stunning progress over the last 100 years.

This was aided by new technologies that made travel and the exchange of ideas easier. The 20th Century, is the Gay Rights Century and it has set the stage for more gains as we enter the next millennium.

It's important to understand the progress made towards LGBT equality has been incremental. The challenges faced by Gays and Lesbians in 1900, acceptance, equality under the law is still with us today.

The difference between then and now is the degree of difficulty those challenges pose. That difference manifests itself in a myriad ways. In June of this year, an estimated 300,000 people turned out for the San Francisco LGBT pride parade. Those pride marchers and millions of other Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transgendered people live in a world that was undreamed of at the beginning of the 20th century.

This article does not include all of the significant events and people that helped to create that world. It is an overview of the forces and trends that combined to shape not only how the general public views who define themselves as LGBT but how they view themselves as well.

## 1900-1920's: Asylums & Sub-cultures

It is difficult for those who have lived their adult lives in the post Stonewall era to imagine what it was like to be a homosexual as the new century dawned in 1900. Prisons and mental asylums awaited anyone, who was caught engaging in sexual relationships with members of their own sex.

Gay bars didn't exist at least not in the form they are today. Neither did Gay organizations, politicians, newspapers, pride celebrations or any of the other trappings of Gay culture that we take for granted. What did exist was an underground sub-culture that consisted of secret meeting places, social clubs and handful of establishments that were "homophile friendly."

It had been only thirty years since the term "homosexual" was used by a sympathetic Hungarian doctor, Karoly Maria Kerbeny in a letter to her friend, Karl Heinrich Ulrich, a German Gay leader. It would be many years before anyone use the term "Gay" to describe homosexuals.

In 1900, the struggle for acceptance did not include anything as advanced as Gay marriage. It was an effort to convince the public and the government that homosexuality is a natural condition that did not deserve long prison sentences and treatments at mental institutions.

European intellectuals, who used anthologies, largely carried the struggle; novels, plays and studies to make the case that that homosexuality was a natural condition that didn't warrant prison sentences and treatments at mental institutions. Notables like Germany's Magnus Hirschfeld, and Elisar Von Kupffer along with Anna Weirauch spread the idea that the "love that dare not speak its name" was not perversion.

Even that was progress. For the first time, the word "homosexual" was used publicly. Most of the public including the vast majority of homosexuals ignored the growing debate. Nevertheless, it would have an effect.

It was in Europe where that effect was most pronounced. In many European countries, there were organized efforts to repeal laws that criminalized Gay sex.

Even in Czarist Russia, the winds of change were blowing. Influenced by Hirschfeld's writings, Vladimir Nabokov led a movement to decriminalize Gay sex. He was able to convince the government to reduce the penalty homosexuality from a minimum of five years of exile in Siberia to imprisonment for at least three months. In 1917, the Bolsheviks abolished the entire legal code including Russia's anti-sodomy laws.

While some raised their voices in the political arena others where raising their pens. In 1902 English author, Edward Carpenter published *Iolaus: An Anthology of Friendship* the first English language anthology on same-sex love from "pagan" times to the 1900's. His was one of several anthologies that put a human face on homosexuality and presented the "radical" notion that homosexuals deserved to be treated with dignity.

Novels with Gay and Lesbian themes were also making an appearance. American author Arthur J. Cohen's 1899 novel *A Marriage Below Zero* was still in circula-

tion as the new century began. Russian Bisexual author Lidiya Zinovyeva-Annibal published *33 Abominations* an explicit Lesbian novel in 1907. These and other works of fiction joined with scholarly papers, pamphlets and other printed materials to challenge popular beliefs about homosexuality.

In America, progress was slow. On February 21, 1903, New York Police conducted the first recorded raid on a Gay bathhouse and arrested 26 of its 78 patrons. Twelve of the arrested men were tried and convicted. The courts gave them sentences that ranged from 4 to 20 years in prison.

Change was in the winds in America too. In 1912, Marie Jenney Howe formed Heterodoxy, a New York club for "free willed women." The group, which was open to Lesbians and straight women, would continue to hold biweekly meetings in Greenwich Village until 1940. It very well may have been America's first Lesbian organization.

Other groups also formed in other cities. Like Orthodoxy, they didn't call themselves homosexual organizations that would be too risky. They were social clubs, book reading clubs, and debating clubs. Whatever they called themselves, these organizations established a support network for those, who knew of their existence.

In 1915, Emma Goldman created controversy with her U.S. speaking tour. The married but openly Lesbian woman crossed the country defending homosexuality, free love, birth control and pacifism. Gay men and Lesbian flocked to her lectures.

As is the case today, for every action there is a reaction. The writings, books, plays and speeches helped to raised public awareness about homosexuality and for the first time presented arguments for accepting homosexuals as human beings. As the ideas they brought forth began to seep into public consciousness those, who opposed them marshaled their forces.

## 1920-1940's: Progress & Repression

The post World War I, pre-World War II era was marked by progress and repression. Little by little homosexuality inched towards a more open presence in society, but those who saw it as a perversion were active too.

In 1921, the British House of Commons decided to correct the "oversight" it made when it failed to include penalties for Lesbian sex in the "gross indecencies act" of 1885. The act only applied to men because the Victorian era lawmakers, who wrote it, could not bring themselves to believe that some women would prefer other women to men.

Fortunately for British Lesbians, the House of Lords rejected the new law arguing that passing it would simply publicize something that most British women didn't know anything about. It may seem strange now, but on one level, the whole affair showed progress, because it represents a growing recognition that Lesbians *do* exist.

Further proof of their existence kept cropping up in America. For example, in 1922, *The Gods of Vengeance* a German play that includes two Lesbian scenes made its American premier at the Provincetown Playhouse. It was the first time Lesbian scenes were presented on an American stage.

It wasn't Lesbians that interested the US Senate Naval Affairs Commission. In July 1921, the Commission issued its *Report on Alleged Immoral Conditions and Practices at the Naval Training Station, Newport RI*. The report said that officers under the command of Franklin Roosevelt the former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, forced enlisted men to engage in "immoral practices" so they could trap "perverts" in the Navy. The report even included Gay male cruising areas where the sailors were sent. The historical records are silent on how whether the Commission report increased or decreased their popularity.

In an especially ominous sign of things to come, in 1923, a group of Nazi thugs opened fire on a Vienna "homophile" gathering wounding several people in the crowd.

Back in the States, the New York police kept their guns holstered, while they raided predominantly Gay restaurants and clubs in 1925. By May of that year only three of the 26 Gay restaurants and "personality clubs" New York's LGBT community opened in 1920 remained in business. While the cops were busy in the Village, African American Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals were putting together the Harlem Renaissance, the first documented African American LGBT sub culture.



Emma Goldman, 1869-1940, a major figure in the history of American radicalism & feminism.



Elisar Von Kupffer edited this Anthology: *Lieblingsminne und Freundesliebe in der Welt-literature*, in 1900.



Vladimir Nabokov in Berlin, 1925



Josephine Baker in *Chocolate Dandies*, part of the Harlem Renaissance included a heavy Gay & Lesbian sub-culture

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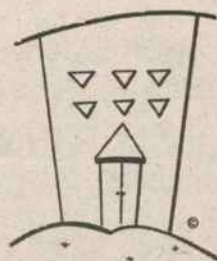
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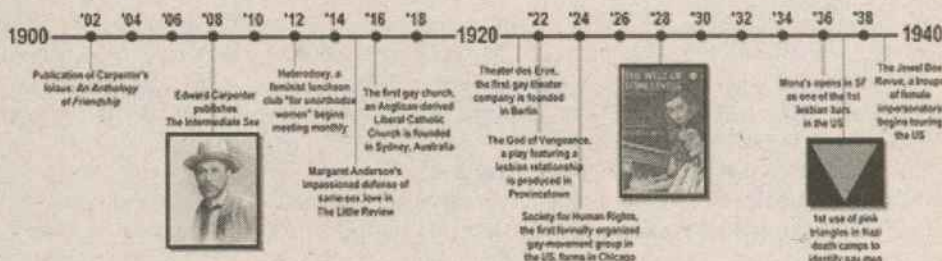
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New York's finest weren't the only Police force to raid businesses that catered to homosexuals. In every major American City, local Police routinely roused Gay friendly bars and arrested those they found inside. In some cities it was illegal to serve alcohol to "known homosexuals." As often as not, the unfortunate customers found their names printed in the next edition of the local daily newspaper. Careers and marriages were ruined family ties were cut.

In 1925, Chicago police arrested the entire membership of America's first Gay rights group, the Society for Human Rights. Eventually the Courts cleared them but the group was dead and the lesson was learned. America was not ready to talk about rights for homosexuals.

Three years later, the United Kingdom banned *The Well of Loneliness*, the first widely read English novel written to address Lesbianism. Many believe that the Radclyffe Hall book virtually defined Lesbianism for over 40 years. That definition would have to wait for 21 years before it would be seen in England. By 1943, Hall's story of a woman, raised as man, would be translated into 14 languages. To this day, it has never gone out of print.



Radclyffe Hall had this book banned, but it became the first widely read English novel to address lesbianism.

In 1930, the Homophile movement won its first major victory when Denmark became the first country to decriminalize Gay sex.

The Danes were the exception to the rule. In the mid-thirties, the Nazi's decimated Germany's homophile groups, which had led the way in Europe. Communist Russia launched its own campaign of terror aimed at Gays. Although the Soviet Union had abolished its anti-homosexual laws in 1917, Stalin's regime maintained a purge of suspected homosexuals in major cities throughout his country. Tens of thousands were arrested and sent to prison camps.

In the US New York Mayor Fiorelo La Guardia ordered a 1939 "clean up" of Gay and Lesbian bars. Most of the City's best-known LGBT establishments were shutdown in an attempt to brighten New York's image for the 1939 Worlds Fair. One of them, Gloria's, sued the City arguing that New York law did not allow it to allow to close down a bar simply because it catered to homosexuals. The courts didn't buy it. The bar remained closed.

As the 1930's ended, there were signs of growing resistance at least among European Gays and Lesbians. In 1939 a group of Dutch Gay men formed *Right to Live* one of the first - if not the first - organizations in the world to advocate for an open Gay subculture. Paris became the new Gay capitol of Europe as increasing numbers of Gay Parisians lived open lives.

All of that was about to change. War was on the horizon.

**1940: Pink Triangles & 'Blue' Discharges**

As it did in almost every area of life, World War II had a profound effect on efforts to advance Gay equality. The Nazi holocaust virtually wiped out Europe's homophile movement. No one knows how many Gays and Lesbians died in German concentration camps, but estimates range from 100,000 to over 1,000,000. The pink triangle that known homosexuals were forced to wear would later become a symbol of liberation, but in war torn Europe it was the equivalent of a death warrant.

Gays and Lesbians served their countries on both sides of the war. They kept their sexual orientation quiet. The Nazi's executed Gay German soldiers. America gave out "blue discharges" to suspected homosexuals. Just as the pink triangle marked European Gays for life, so did the blue pieces of paper handed out by the American military. Discharged soldiers, sailors and airmen had to explain why there were not in the military.

The end of the war brought liberation to most Europeans but not to its LGBT citizens. Unlike the leaders of other oppressed groups, the leaders of Europe's Gay communities were not welcomed in other countries as the Nazi juggernaut approached. In fact concentration camp prisoners wearing pink triangles remained prisoners even after the camps were liberated by American and British troops. Their liberators looked at them as criminals.

Like other veterans, those LGBT vets, who made it through returned home fundamentally changed. Gay service members met others like themselves and realized they were not alone.



The Eldorado Nightclub (circa February-March 1933), A famed destination in Berlin for lesbians, homosexual men, transvestites of both sexes, and slumming tourists during the Weimer Republic, the Eldorado was one of the first queer establishments closed by the Nazis when Hitler came to power.





Pamphlets size novels like this followed the World War II era.

They returned to their homes wanting the freedoms that they risked their lives to gain for others.

Getting that freedom would be difficult. Post war Europe had more pressing matters to deal with than Gay rights. The Soviet Union maintained a huge army that subjugated Eastern half of the continent and threatened Western Europe as well. Bombed out cities and shattered economies had to be quickly rebuilt.

Europe's homophile movement lost more than its leadership. Many of the laws the Nazi's and their sympathizers put on the books of occupied countries would remain in force for years to come. The Nazi's were defeated, but the anti-homosexual mentality they implanted remained. Even post war Paris banned men from dancing together.

The torch of liberation passed over the Atlantic to the United States.

Post war America had its own set of problems. America and its allies won the war against Fascism was one but the cold war against communism pervaded the atmosphere. France and Italy were teetering on the brink of becoming communist states. So did Greece and Turkey.

Anyone who was different was suspect. In fact, Senator Joe McCarthy (R-WI) targeted homosexuals allegedly working at the State Department even before he went

after the communists.

Conservatives tried to link homosexuality with communism. Up to that point, the vast majority of Americans viewed homosexuals as degenerates. Now they saw them as a threat to national security as well.

Yet, there was progress. While they weren't ready for a public rebellion, America's Gays and Lesbians were willing to take small steps that would lead to greater acceptance.

The American LGBT press was born in June 1947 when Edith Eyde, a Los Angeles secretary using the pen name Lisa Ben typed and mailed 12 copies of *Vice Versa* "America's Gayest Magazine," to her friends.

Eyde stopping mailing her 12-page magazine after a friend warned her that she could be charged with using the US mail to distribute obscene material. *Vice Versa* contained news articles, movie and theater reviews, a bibliography of books of interest to Lesbians, letters and creative writing, but even that was considered obscene.

In January of 1948, Gore Vidal's acclaimed *The City and the Pillar* is published. It's the first widely read American

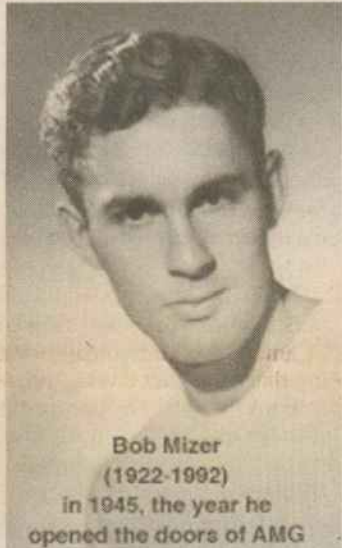


Ed Fury, one of Mizer's Models.

novel with Gay male characters. Although Vidal's publisher forced him to change to the ending to an unhappy one, the positive light he shed on Gay men is a literary breakthrough. That same month, *The Kinsey Report* rocked America with its documentation of same sex acts among American men.

Two months later the Veterans Benevolent Association formed in New York to help Gay male vets with legal and employment problems. Around 100 jointed and VBA's socials attracted hundreds more.

The Athletic Model Guild is born in 1949. Its establishment spurs a host of other magazines that publish semi-nude photos of male physiques. A Gay consciousness was growing. It would take some time before that consciousness would take root and blossom but the seeds had been sown.



**Bob Mizer**  
(1922-1992)  
in 1945, the year he opened the doors of AMG

Bob Mizer, creator of the Athletic Model Guild.

### 1950's: Laying the Foundation

Most Gays and Lesbians believe that the Gay rights movement began with the Stonewall riots in 1969. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Stonewall uprising was a watershed event, but it didn't come out of the blue. What happened at the Stonewall Inn was magnified in importance because of the foundation that had been built prior to those fateful days in June 1969. That foundation was laid in earnest in the 1950's and 1960's.

It was a formidable task. The vast majority of American homosexuals remained deep in the closet and not without good reason. Police raids on LGBT bars increased. Politicians campaigned on promises to root the homosexual menace out of government. In December 1950 a US Senate Committee issued a report that claimed homosexuals are security risks not only because they are vulnerable to blackmail, but because homosexuality perverts "moral fiber."

The purges did not stop the homophile movement from growing in strength in America. Just as the United States was assuming a larger role in the post world war, its Gay and Lesbian citizens began to assume a leading role in advancing the idea of LGBT equality. The Gay community with the greatest potential, the American Gay community was coming alive. The sleeping giant had finally been prodded and pushed enough to awaken.

The awakening took many forms. A new homophile group the Mattachine Society formed in 1951. Named after a secret 15th century all male fraternity, the Mattachine would be publishing a magazine by the middle of the decade. The Mattachine was based in California but there were chapters in Chicago, Washington DC, New York and other cities. It was the closest America's homosexuals had come to a national organization.

The Daughters of Bilitis established an even more extensive network. Founded by four Lesbian couples, including Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon the group established chapters on both coasts and in many of the cities in between. Beginning in October 1956, the Daughters published *The Ladder* a monthly Lesbian journal.

Both of these groups became mired in conflicts between competing forces. Due to its willingness to take on issues like police entrapment, the Mattachine was wildly popular. Three years after its founding the group was taken over by conservatives who were determined to keep a low profile and avoid confrontation.

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The effect was catastrophic. Membership and meeting attendance drastically declined. The Mattachine found itself under attack from other Gays, who believed it was all too willing to accept the status quo. By the early 1960's the Mattachine ceased to exist although a few of its chapters continued to function.

The Daughters of Bilitis faced a similar problem. Some Lesbians believed the group's primary purpose should be a social one, others sought a group that would be a force for social change. The conflict tore the DOB apart and it disbanded in 1970.

The Daughters and the Mattachine had a major impact. They were the first public homosexual groups in America. Their internal strife showed that the mood of LGBT America was changing. Growing numbers of Gays and Lesbians were no longer content to keep a low profile.

Homophile groups were forming in Europe too. In the Netherlands, the surviving members of *Right to Live*, started a new group that maintained the philosophy of living as openly Gay people. The Culture and Recreation Center quickly became the largest homophile group in the world. In France and in Great Britain, new national homophile organizations also formed in the early 1950's.

Even in the wake of horrors that Nazi theories of superiority inflicted on Europe, many European governments carried out harassment of their Gay citizens. In one notable example, Alan Turing, the brilliant English mathematician and inventor of the computer was among over 1,500 men charged under the gross indecency act. A court gave him a choice between a prison sentence or hormonal therapy. He chose the latter; the effect of was devastating. Turing committed suicide at age 41 without waiting for the "treatments" to finish.

On this side of the Atlantic, Canada's Mounties formed a special unit to expose Gays and Lesbians who hold government posts and the Canadian parliament banned LGBT immigration.

The horror stories from the 1950's still chill us today. In Sioux City Iowa 29 men accused of homosexuality were sent to mental asylums, as a "prevention measure," after the murder of a boy. Miami police arrested hundreds of men in Gay bars and even on beaches frequented by Gays. The American Psychiatric Association included homosexuality as a mental illness in its first official list of mental disorders.

In New York's Greenwich Village tour busses stopped at known homosexual meeting places. The tour guide would then escort the visitors through the location as Gays and Lesbians had to sit quietly and be stared at like animals in a zoo.

In 1953 President Dwight Eisenhower signed an Executive order that officially banned Gays and Lesbians from federal employment.

As bad as things seemed, the battle was not a one-sided affair. The repression brought increased resistance. The resistance brought enough victories to give hope.

One of the most significant victories came in 1958 when the US Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision reversing three lower court rulings that the Postal service could classify pro-homosexual materials as obscene and refuse to deliver them. In the 1950's any printed material that mentioned homosexuality in a positive light was deemed to be pornographic. The gates to the national distribution of pro-Gay material had swung wide open.

There were other victories too. The word homosexual was finally replacing more derogatory terms commonly used to describe Gays and Lesbians. The Black Cat a San Francisco Lesbian bar won a State Supreme Court ruling that the City by the Bay could not revoke its license because it served homosexual patrons.

The 1950's were a key decade for the burgeoning Gay rights movement. They included many firsts. The first Lesbian and Gay studies program was organized in Los Angeles. The first nationally distributed LGBT publications became available. The first public Gay protest took place.

As the decade drew to a close there was growing discontent with Gay organizations, many of which counseled keeping quiet and acting straight. Tired of public denunciations, weary of Police raids, Gays and Lesbians debated the nature of their movement.

On one side so called moderates advised against launching any public campaigns to change sodomy laws or fight discrimination. This faction believed that the role of Gay organizations was to help homosexuals blend in with society. On the other side, "radicals" argued that the "homophile" strategy would perpetuate bigotry. The debate raged on into the 1960's.

## 1960's: Going Public

Despite the infighting progress was made as America's Gays had become increasingly visible and strident.

The media played a key role in bringing that about that progress. New regional newspapers that target Gays and Lesbians began to circulate in the US, Europe and Canada. In September 1968, WBAL, a New York radio station, began broadcasting *Symposium* a weekly news and information show for Gays and Lesbians. It's the world's first regularly scheduled Gay program.

In June 1964 Life Magazine ran a cover story entitled, *Homosexuality in America*. The article accompanied by pictures taken at a San Francisco leather bar, shattered the myth that all Gay men are feminine in nature. Five months later Gay activist Randy Wicker became the first openly Gay person to appear on national television when he is a guest on *The Les Crane Show*.

The first Gay protests aimed at the federal government occurred in the 1960's. On May 29, 1965 10 demonstrators dressed in business attire gain national media attention when they picket the White House to protest against anti-Gay discrimination. By the of the summer, picket lines were set up outside of the Pentagon and the State Department as well.



Alan Turing, in 1946, computer scientist, mathematician, charged with 'gross indecency'.

In 1962, Illinois became the first state to decriminalize LGBT sex when it quietly dropped its sodomy law during a rewriting of its entire criminal code. The New Jersey and New York, State Supreme Courts ruled that bars could not be denied liquor licenses because they served Gays and Lesbians. In 1966, America's first Gay community center was opened by the Society for Individual Rights (SIR) in San Francisco.

Advances were being made in other parts of the world as well. In 1962 the English Society of Friends, the Quakers, became the first Christian church to call for tolerance of homosexuality. New pro-Gay groups were formed in Europe and Canada.

In 1967 England decriminalized Gay sex between consenting adults over the age of 21. Later that year, the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union voted to urge the repeal of all sodomy laws. In the decades that follow ACLU attorneys will play a key role in convincing courts to void sodomy laws.

Despite the progress the repression continued. Bar raids were common especially if the Police payoff was late. Transgendered people risked arrest for cross-dressing. Across the country local Police did their best to intimidate LGBT groups.

In 1960 Cuban dictator Fidel Castro ordered Cuban Gays rounded up and put in camps. In 1966 Mao Zedong's Red Guards victimized thousands of Chinese Gays and Lesbians. Gay leaders publicly denounced Mao and Castro straining their relationships with counter culture activists.

By 1969, it seemed clear that LGBT rage was building. In 1967 Los Angeles area Gays rioted over a brutal police raid on Patch II, a Wilmington Gay bar. The raid left several patrons seriously injured. In the wake of the protests the publishers of a small newsletter *PRIDE* decided to publish America's first truly national magazine, *The Advocate*.

The rage would come to a boil in New York on June 28, 1969 with the Stonewall riots. The immediate cause of the Stonewall uprising was a police raid on the Stonewall Inn. But beneath the fuse lit by the New York Police Department on that fateful night was a powder keg of resentment.

The riots shocked America. They also shocked Gay conservatives, some of whom denounced the rioters. The Stonewall uprising ended the debate over what strategy should be used to advance the Gay cause. As the hail of rocks and bottles crashed on the streets around the Stonewall, they sounded the death toll of the homophile movement. The Gay liberation movement was born.

In July, militant activists publicly separated themselves from the "homophile movement" and formed the Gay Liberation Front. The newly found militancy manifested itself in a variety of ways. Large-scale protests, some of them accompanied by violence, erupted from coast to coast. The genie was out of the bottle. No one could put it back in again.

## 1970's: Gay Liberation

The multi-faceted approach adopted by the LGBT movement in the 1960's continued in the 1970's. Emboldened by the Stonewall uprising and increasing sympathy from the public American Gays and Lesbian proved they really are everywhere by pressing their unions, churches, and professional associations to take stands against anti-Gay bigotry.

The breadth of the Gay liberation became obvious by the many gains that were made in the 70's.

The American Bar Association and the American Medical Association came out against the anti-sodomy laws. So did the American Association of Social workers. The United Church of Christ became the first Christian Church to ordain an openly Gay man.

In July 1972, Ann Arbor Michigan passed the first comprehensive Gay rights ordinance. Two years later, Kathy Koachenko would sit on the Ann Arbor City Council as America's first openly Lesbian elected official.

In 1973, America's first truly national LGBT organization the National Gay Task Force was formed. The NGTF would later become NGLTF after adding the words "and Lesbian" to its name.

In December 1975 the American Psychiatric Association dropped homosexuality from its list of mental disorders an action taken by the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists the year before. LGBT people were finally free of the stigma of mental illness.

The first LGBT organizations sprang up in Australia and South America. But all was not well. The US Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of sodomy laws in Virginia and Florida. In 1971, Austria repealed its sodomy laws but passed legislation that made public statements or joining a group favoring homosexuality a crime. Meanwhile an English court found that LGBT personal ads were indecent even though Gay sex between adults was by then legal in the United Kingdom. In 1975 Mozambique's government began incarcerating Gays in "re-education camps."

Divisions began to appear in the Gay Liberation movement. Tired of the second class status given to them by Gay men, Lesbians began to form their own organizations and Lesbian separatism was born.

The Stonewall riots ushered in an era of militancy, but not all LGBT people were militant, in fact most still sat in the closet. That would soon change due to two watershed events.

In January 1977, Singer and Orange Juice spokeswoman Anita Bryant launched her "Save Our Children" campaign to repeal a Dade County, Florida Gay civil rights law. The ordinance was voted



From a 70's Gay Liberation Front Poster





Rita Mae Brown's *(Rubyfruit Jungle)* was published in 1973. The Lesbian coming of age story continues to sell million's of copies

down by a 2 to 1 margin in a June 7 referendum. But the campaign, which accused Lesbians and Gays of corrupting children sparked outrage among Gay conservatives and moderates.

Bryant's campaign established a model that would be used by the religious right. It also shocked moderate Gays and Lesbians into joining local and national groups to fight what they considered to be an attack on their morals. The infusion of cash and volunteer time they brought with them was badly needed.

Two and half weeks after the Dade county vote LGBT America gave a response to Anita Bryant by turning out in unprecedented numbers for Gay pride celebrations around the country. In November Harvey Milk rode the wave of anger to become the first openly Gay official in a major US city. Milk who was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanked Bryant for her help as he claimed victory on election night.

Milk would become a Gay icon when he was assassinated two weeks after leading a successful effort to defeat a statewide anti-Gay referendum in California. His killer Dan White also murdered San Francisco's pro-Gay Mayor George Moscone.

LGBT America was shocked again when on May 21, 1979 White was convicted of manslaughter rather than murder. San Francisco Gays and Lesbian rioted until early morning hours, burning police cars and storming City Hall.

Gay anger over the White verdict was a major topic of conversation six months later when 100,000 Gays and Lesbians attended the first National March on Washington. Along with the Dade County referendum, it served as a wake up call for America's LGBT community. Another wake up call was on the way, AIDS.

## 1980's: Clouded By AIDS

The 1980's will be remembered as the decade of AIDS. For most of the world AIDS was a largely heterosexual disease; but in America and Europe, the vast majority of cases were among Gay men.

AIDS loomed over everything. Lesbians separatists cared for sick and dying Gay men. Revelations that the Reagan administration had deliberately covered up evidence of the disease shocked apolitical Gay men into becoming active participants in the electoral process.

Many of them also took the streets as Gay professionals who had eschewed radical action and joined ACT-UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. ACT-UP used attention grabbing demonstrations to force public attention to AIDS related issues.

By the time 500,000 marchers wound their way through the streets of the Capital during the second march on Washington in 1987, the AIDS name quilt took up nearly two full blocks of space on the Capitol mall.

Efforts to achieve LGBT equality took a back seat to the need to raise money and establish services to fight the ravages of AIDS. Despite the devastation of the AIDS pandemic, significant progress towards LGBT civil rights continued.

In 1981, the European Court for Human Rights ordered Northern Ireland to decriminalize Gay sex acts in the first of what would become a string of rulings aimed that opening European society to Gay people.

In 1982, Wisconsin became the first state to approve an LGBT civil rights law. Massachusetts joined Wisconsin six years later. By the end of the decade there would be two openly Gay Congressmen, Gerry Studds and Barney Frank both of whom were Democrats from Massachusetts. A monumental sign of changing hearts, the US Postal service, which up to the late 1950's refused to accept pro-Gay material issued a 1989 stamp commemorating Gay pride on the 20 anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

Domestic partnership (DP) became an issue. In Canada the Quebec Parliament authorized domestic partnership benefits for LGBT couples in 1982. Two years later, Berkley California became the first American City to offer DP benefits to its employees. In 1989, Denmark authorized registered partnerships for LGBT couples. The Danes gave the couples the rights and responsibilities of marriage except for the adoption of children, artificial insemination and wedding ceremonies in state Lutheran churches.

There are cultural advances too. The political progress was reflected in the arts and culture of the time. *Making Love* the first mainstream movie to show Gays in a positive light was a modest financial success after a nationwide run. TV programs began to show Gay characters and LGBT guests became regularly featured on popular talk shows.

Sports became an important facet of LGBT life in America. In 1982, over 50,000 people attended the first Gay Games, which were held in San Francisco. LGBT softball leagues grew in numbers.

In 1985 *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk* won the Oscar for best documentary. The 1986 film *Desert Hearts* was the first Lesbian produced film about Lesbians to be commercially released in the US. When William Hurt won the 1986 Oscar for Best Actor for his portrayal of an imprisoned Gay hairdresser in *Kiss of the Spider Woman* he became the first actor to win an Academy Award for a Gay role.

Anti-Gay measures continued to make the news. England's Gays and Lesbians rallied in oppo-

sition to Section 28, a Margaret Thatcher proposal. It made it illegal for local governments to do anything that might "promote homosexuality" including teaching that homosexuality was acceptable. Section 28 passed through the English parliament and took effect in May 1988. In Iran the government beheaded Gays and organized public stonings of Lesbians.

In 1986, by a vote of 5 to 4 the US Supreme Court would rule that Georgia had the right to arrest a Gay man for having sex in the privacy of his home. Justice William Brennan who voted with the majority later said that he made a mistake and he deeply regretted it. Although the Supreme Court felt that sodomy laws were acceptable many Americans didn't. Over a dozen states including Wisconsin repealed theirs during the 80's.

## 1990's: Focusing on Civil Rights

By 1990, the shock of the AIDS crisis was wearing off. The attention of the LGBT community again focused on Gay Civil Rights

Several hallmarks of discrimination fell by the wayside in the early '90's. Germany's infamous paragraph 175 was finally repealed in December 1991. The 1871 law inspired German intellectuals to raise their voices and pens in defense of homosexuality. In Eastern Europe, the collapse of the Soviet bloc gave rise to LGBT rights groups. In China, the government decriminalized same sex intimacy.

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In the United States Constitutional challenges succeeded in overturning sodomy laws in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Georgia. LGBT America played an essential role in the election of an openly pro-Gay President William Jefferson Clinton. The President would both delight and disappoint LGBT civil rights advocates. The President publicly called for the passage of Gay rights legislation. He supported lifting the ban on security clearances for Gays and Lesbians, and appointed openly LGBT people to cabinet level positions. He called for increased funding for the war on the AIDS, he banned anti-Gay discrimination in federal employment, and he insisted that federal employees receive diversity training on Gay issues. The President won a two year battle to post America's first openly Gay Ambassador, James Hormel, to the American Embassy in Luxembourg.

The President fails to deliver on a major campaign promise, lifting the ban on homosexuality in the military. Clinton agrees to a compromise known as Don't Ask Don't Tell Don't pursue. The policy is a failure. Discharges handed to Gay and Lesbian service members increased, as the Pentagon made no effort to enforce its provision. By the end of the decade, the United States is the only NATO country to ban openly Gay people from its military.

In the 1996 presidential election, most LGBT voters cast their vote for Clinton. The President was reelected for a second term.

Although the 1990's were marked by progress, they also saw their share of repression. In an attempt to roll back LGBT civil rights gains, America's Religious right employed a new tactic. Backed and supported by religious right organizations amendments to state constitutions were introduced. The LGBT community expressed outrage over Colorado's approval of Amendment 2, which banned Gay rights legislation.

What seemed to be a major defeat later turned out to be a major victory when the US Supreme Court issued a ringing denunciation of anti-Gay bigotry in declaring that Amendment 2 is unconstitutional in 1996.

The LGBT civil rights movement continues to grow. In 1993, over 1,000,000 Gay people march on Washington. This offered further evidence that, for growing numbers of Gay and Lesbians, the closet door was wide open.

The American LGBT movement became more institutionalized. The radicalism of ACT-UP and Queer Nation was largely gone by 1995 and hundreds of thousands joined the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and statewide organizations such as ACTION Wisconsin.

America's Gays and Lesbians opened their checkbooks to support the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

Major milestones are won on the international scene. The Republic of South Africa became the first country to enshrine LGBT rights in its constitution.

The European Union required its member states to ban discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. It decriminalized consensual sex acts between adults. The European Court ordered Great Britain to allow Gays to serve in its military.

Several European countries and Australia appointed openly Gay Ambassadors. In 1993, the World Health Organization announced that it no longer considers homosexuality to be a "disease." In the late 1990's African leaders threatening persecution of Gays and Lesbians are roundly condemned by the US and European governments.

The issue of Gay marriage began to take the center stage. By the end of the decade, France, Sweden, Canada, Norway, Finland, Holland and Denmark had legalized some form of domestic partnership that gave legal rights and protections to same sex couples.

The United States continued to lag behind its European allies. Voters in Alaska and Hawaii approved constitutional amendments to ban same sex marriages after the Supreme Courts of those states indicated they would legalize them. America stands alone as the only Western country that has failed to offer federal civil rights protections to its LGBT citizens.

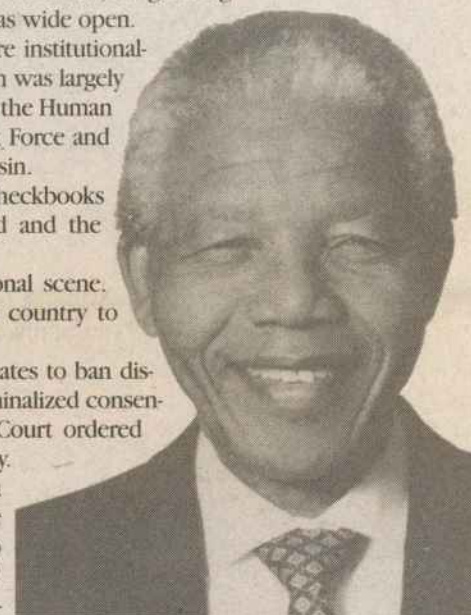
America's Gays and Lesbians can look back on the 1990's as breakthrough years. There are indications that the American public believes that they deserve legal protection against discrimination. The number of openly LGBT elected officials has increased tenfold and now includes an openly Lesbian Congresswoman, Wisconsin's own Tammy Baldwin.

Gay and Lesbian characters have appeared on network television in record numbers. Films with Gay themes are doing well in the nation's theaters. Public opinion polls show that solid majorities favor civil rights protections for America's LGBT citizens.

There are still battles to be fought as the murders of Matthew Shepard, Billy Jack Gaither and Brandon Teena, and anti-Gay persecutions in parts of Africa, the Middle East and South America show.

**When one looks back and sees how far the LGBT community has come it is obvious to all that all Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered people have a right to enter the new millennium with confidence and with pride!**

Sources of information for this article include: Complete Queer The Gay and Lesbian Encyclopedia Out in All Directions the WI Light archives, and the author's conversations with noted Gay leaders including Torrie Osbourn, Eldon Murray, the late Jim Kepner, and John O'Brien.



South African President Nelson Mansella insisted on including Gay Civil Rights in his country's new constitution.





## AIDS Network Awarded \$50K grant

**Madison** - Santa, in the form of the Milwaukee Foundation Corporation's Wisconsin AIDS Fund, gave an early present to the AIDS Network when he delivered a one-year, \$50,000 grant for its prevention services, including "Networks", needle exchange program in Madison, Beloit and Janesville.

Bob Power, AIDS Network Executive Director praised the donation, saying "This comes as an affirmation of the outstanding efforts our employees have been making in the areas of prevention and client services. This grant award is a holiday message telling our community that AIDS Network is working hard and responsibly for all of us!"

As the state designated AIDS Service Organization (ASO), the Network reports that 21% of all HIV infections in their 13 county, South Central Wisconsin area have some link to injection drug use. Among women, this percentage is even higher, 35%.

Networks is one component of a complete set of prevention services which include HIV antibody testing, prevention education and planning, and referrals to support services. These additional non-taxpayer dollars will allow the organization to continue their current community-based collaborations and expand their efforts with emerging persons and groups most at risk for infection.

AIDS Network, formerly the Madison AIDS Support Network, is the ASO for the following counties: Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, LaFayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk. Service funding comes from private sources, the United Way and federal, state and local entities.

Besides the Madison location, they also have offices in Janesville and Beloit offering services and support, information on community resources for persons with HIV/AIDS, their families and interested community members.

## Sex, Guys & Viral Load

**Madison** - A new six week "speak easy" discussion group for HIV+ Gay and Bi Men will begin on Tuesday, January 18 and run once per week through February 22.

Possible topics for discussion include: barebacking, disclosure (when, where and who to tell), medications and your health, HIV and the Gay community... and more. Take advantage of this chance to discuss issues important to you.

Facilitated by the AIDS Network, refreshments will be provided, and for those worried about transportation, arrangements can be made. Meetings will be held at the WilMar Community Center, 953 Jennifer Street in Madison. For more information or transportation questions, call (608) 252-6540, ext. 14. RSVP's are appreciated, but not necessary.

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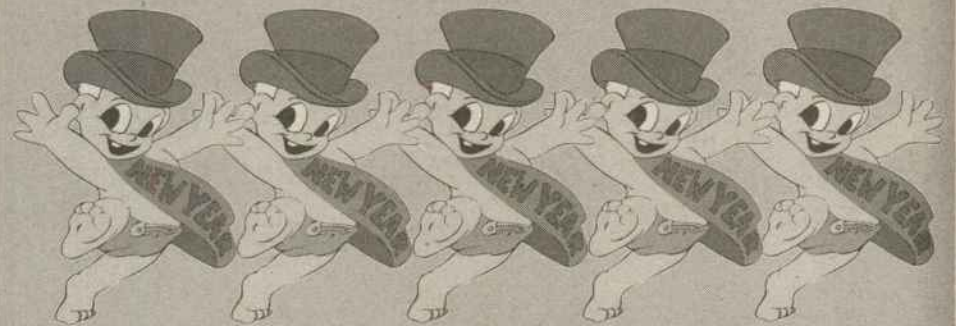
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**New Year's Eve Millennium Celebration, New Thought Community Church (Milwaukee):** Experience a different kind of church that respects your unique spiritual path. Special location: Galleria/ War Memorial, 1700 N. Lincoln Mem. Drive; 7pm (414) 273-1970.

**New Year's Eve Party/Dance, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 9pm-1am, donation suggested, appetizers, party favors, dancing. 2408 N. Farwell Ave.

**Open Today, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Open from 6-10pm, enjoy the early evening with friends in a safe, no-alcohol, no-smoking environment. Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.; (414) 271-2656.

**Pink Party, OutReach (Madison):** The biggest party of its kind for LGBTs in the Midwest at The Civic Center. Live cabaret, line dancing, comedy and DJ until 4am. Call (608) 255-8582 for tickets, or pick up at the door ranging from \$12 (dance only starts 10:30pm) to \$35 for Treats and Tunes package which begins at 9pm. 122 State Street.

**1 Sat. Madison Gay Video Club, MGVC (Madison):** Special New Year's Party, Top Videos of 1999. Call evenings for the location; 8pm; (608) 244-8675.

**Millennium Open House, Afterwords Books (Milwaukee):** Open Noon-5pm. 2710 N. Murray, 963-9089.

**New Year's Day Open House, Frontier's Gay/BI Men's Group (Madison):** Open House, spend the first afternoon of the year socializing with friends at the beautiful home of Larry, conversation, music and fun card games. Larry's, call for location: 1-5pm, (608) 233-9008.

**Open Today, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Open from 6-10pm, enjoy friends in a safe, no-alcohol, no-smoking environment. See Dick Clark's new crystal ball.

**2 Sun. Packer Party, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** Packer party at noon, dinner at 1pm. 2408 N. Farwell Ave.

**Positive Support Group, ARCW LaCrosse (LaCrosse):** 6-8pm, 1707 Main St., Suite 420, (608) 785-9866. Every first Sunday.

**The Jubilee Year and the New Millennium, Rebuilding Faith (Milwaukee):** Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30am-noon at Holy Trinity Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. Speaker May Rose Acceturo. Fred: (414) 481-8543.

**3 Mon. Membership Drop In Night/Social, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** First Sunday of the Month, 7-9pm; Board Games, pool and ping pong, snacks and coffee. Free for members, \$2 for others. 170 S. 2nd St., (414) 271-2656.

**10 Mon. Book Club, Afterwords Books (Milwaukee):** Discussion of Nureyev: His Life by Diane Solway. Everyone welcome! 2710 N. Murray, 963-9089.

**15 Sat. Open House, Pride Fest (Milwaukee):** Open House from 6-10pm at its new office, 907 S. 1st Street. See the digs, share your ideas.

**Auditions for True to Desire, Brandon Marsh Entertainment (Milwaukee):** The Movie True to

Desire is the continuation of the 1995 MATA cable series, bringing back some of the same old characters and adding a few new ones. This 2 hour made for TV project is looking for nine main characters (7 men between 20-50 and 2 women 30-45); and secondary characters (9 men 20-65 and 3 women 25-55). Extras will also be needed. Pre-production starts on January 29, photography starts March 1. Second date is January 16, which will also be callbacks. For further information, call (414) 617-9598 or Fax (414) 226-4630. Brandon's office: 316 N. Milwaukee St., Room 316. 1pm,

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**AA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 8pm: AA Group 494 (12/12). Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Gay/BI Men's Alanon Group, United Methodist Church (Madison):** Every Wednesday at 6pm, 1127 University Ave., FMI call (608) 846-2860.

**Couple/Swing/Line/2 Step Lessons and Dance, Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls (Madison):** Learn various dance moves, then participate in open dancing, smoke free environment, cash bar, all welcome. Every Wednesday, Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. 7pm-12am; \$3 suggested donation. (608) 255-9131

**GLB Veterans Meeting, Madison Vet Center (Madison):** Meets every Wednesday, 5pm at 147 S. Butler, call (608) 262-7084.

**HIV/AIDS Support Group, Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr. (Green Bay):** Free, confidential, open to all affected/infected with the virus. Meets first and third Wednesdays at 311 S. Jefferson St., 7:30-9pm. Call (920) 437-4325.

**Les/BI Curious Women's Group, LGBT Campus Center (Madison):** Open to interested UWM women, meets every Wednesday at 8pm, at the LGBT Campus Center, UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

**Nothing To Hide, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4 9pm

**Queer Chicks, (Madison):** Social group for women meets every Wednesday at 7pm, 219 N. Hamilton St., (608) 265-3344

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**AA/SCA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** AA/Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA), 7pm. Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Gay Men's Writing Group, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** First Thursday and third Monday of the month, for writers, poets, essayists and all other wordsmiths. Write, share and critique each others work. 170 S. 2nd Street; 6pm call (414) 271-2656.

**Non-denominational Religious Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** Every Thursday, 1239 W. Mineral St. 7pm (414) 383-1100

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**AA meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 5:30pm: AA Sixty Minutes Group (Topic); 7pm: AA Group 794 (Step/Topic). Plus FLM Night, screens at 8:15pm. Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

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**Youth Drop In Activities, Project Q (Milwaukee):** art projects, movies, game nights, tutoring, support and discussion groups. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 5-10:30pm; (414) 223-3220

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**AA Meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** Group 1094, meets at 7:30pm; Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; (414) 276-6936

**Gay Film Screenings, Madison Gay Video Club**

(Madison): Screens non-X and X-rated Gay men's films every other Saturday at 8pm. Call eves for location/info: (608) 244-8675.

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**AA Meetings, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 10:30am: Group 394 (Step/Topic); 10:30am: Al-Anon Papillion Group; 6pm: SCA (Sexual Compulsives); 8pm: AA Group 1394 (Big Book). Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell Ave.; 7pm, (414) 276-6936

**Celebration Services, New Thought Community Church (Milwaukee):** Experience a different kind of church that respects your unique spiritual path. Every Sunday, Congregation Emmau-El, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.; 10:30am, (414) 273-1970.

**Chorus Practice, Perfect Harmony (Madison):** Practices 7-9pm, at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington. Ed (608) 849-3861.

**Non-denominational Religious Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** 1239 W. Mineral St. 11am (414) 383-1100

**Pineapple, (Sheboygan):** Political individuals negotiating exchange, attitude plus pride leads to Equality Newly formed LGBT support group in the Sheboygan Lakeshore area, meeting the needs of the community. Socialize, discuss and participate. 7pm, Call (920) 451-8722.

**Square Dancing, Cream City Squares (Milwaukee):** Lessons and dancing every Sunday 1-4pm, call for location: (414) 445-8080.

**Worship Services, Metropolitan Community Church (Appleton):** Every Sunday, 7pm; 815 N. Richmond.

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**Living With AIDS/HIV, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4 6pm

**Nothing To Hide, WYOU (Madison):** Cable Channel 4 4pm

**PFLAG Outreach, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Milwaukee):** Chapter representative available for support, education and advocacy. Feel free to drop in, parents, too! Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 6-9pm;

**Positive Support Group, ARCW LaCrosse (LaCrosse):** 6-8pm, 1707 Main St., Suite 420, (608) 785-9866. 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month.

**Queer TV, (Milwaukee):** Warner Cable television show, MATA channel 47. 7pm

**Youth Drop In Activities, Project Q (Milwaukee):** Socializing, tutoring, art projects, movies, game nights, support & discussion groups. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. 4:30-9pm. (414) 223-3220

**Lesbian 12 Step Al Anon Group, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Meets every Tuesday; 12 step recovery group for relatives or friends of alcoholics. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. LGBT Center, 170 S. 2nd St., 7:30-9:30pm; (414) 271-2656.

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# Letters

## AIDS at the Millennium

A new millennium, a new century, and a New Year combine to make this transition in time one that will be remembered throughout history.

No history of our time however will be written without a solemn chapter on the AIDS epidemic. Today 50 million people are infected with HIV. With no cure or prevention vaccine on the horizon, the exponential fury of the AIDS epidemic severely threatens entire cultures in developing countries in the world.

In America we have experienced the devastation of AIDS over the past 18 years with one million people infected with HIV and more deaths from AIDS than all the Americans who died in all of the wars of the 20th Century.

Recently, new HIV drug treatments have extended lives and reduced the AIDS death rates giving everyone new hope for a cure. But our hopes may be dashed by mounting scientific evidence that these drugs cannot completely eradicate HIV from the body and their long-term use may pose serious health threats such as coronary artery disease.

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases predicts that unless aggressive prevention strategies are universally embraced throughout the nations of the world, the worst of the AIDS epidemic will occur in the 21st Century.

The bottom line for ARCW is that our work is far from over and our challenges continues to mount. One advantage we have today is that we know much more about HIV itself, how to prevent it and how to treat it.

We know that our needle exchange program saves lives and that our harm reduction strategies get drug users into treatment. We know that our legal services program helps our clients overcome discrimination. We know that our food service and housing program provide them with the necessities of life and, therefore a fighting chance to succeed with complex HIV treatment regimens.

We also know that we must constantly retool our services to meet emergency needs such as the integration of Hepatitis C prevention and testing with our needle exchange program, and our vocational counseling service for those who have regained their health and want to rejoin the workforce.

As we enter the new millennium we are better prepared than ever before to keep pace with the AIDS epidemic. But the defeat of AIDS will only come with a greater investment of energy, courage and financial resources by public and private institutions and caring individuals throughout the world.

Doug Nelson  
Executive Director, ARCW

### Editorial Comment:

*The entire staff of WI Light hopes and prays for the day that there is a cure and a vaccine for AIDS. Until then, WI Light joins in thankfulness with our entire community for organizations such as ARCW. Your work is invaluable and we appreciate it.*

## BestD Comments

Our thanks to you for your two part story on the 25 years of service of Milwaukee's BESTD Clinic. It was particularly gratifying since the 25th anniversary actually came and went without mention in Wisconsin's Gay press. (Notable exception was Michael Johnston's column in *In Step*; thank you, Michael!).

We want to underscore the fact that while a few individuals were mentioned in the series, it is the countless dedicated and nameless volunteers through the 25 years that have made the Clinic work for Milwaukee's LGBT Community. Their selfless, professional and sensitive work provides the services and programs of BESTD.

I want to address Mark Behar's theoretical query about where Gay men are going for treatment. They are still being treated at BESTD! We are still seeing the same numbers of men who have sex with men, but at the same time we are seeing equal numbers of heterosexual men; therefore the total number of clients has risen dramatically.

Ross Walker  
BESTD Clinic

*Corrections to our two part BESTD Clinic 25 Years Young cover story: BESTD does not test for hepatitis A and C, but it does test for Hepatitis B. Also we misspelled the name of a key volunteer, Chuck Poulson.*

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# Cinema Review

# Top 10 Films of 1999

## Reviews by John Jahn

About half way through the last year I was beginning to think about my annual Top Ten list. I was not a happy camper. 1999 was turning out to be a highly mediocre year for the big screen. There were several movies that I had certainly liked such as *October Sky*, *Tea With Mussolini*, *The Phantom Menace* and *Instinct* but I just couldn't see them on my best of the year list. Thankfully, the Fall and Winter months brought forth, in rapid succession, every movie that ended up on my list. I don't have to hang my head in shame about any of them.

The year saw the continuation of many trends, which have been building for years. Special effects showcases such as *The Phantom Menace*, *The Matrix* and *The Mummy* did exceptionally well. Independents continued to grab attention away from Hollywood blockbusters with small budget films like *The Blair Witch Project* and Wisconsin's homegrown *American Movie*. The public's appetite for gratuitous sex, excessive violence and raw language was more than satiated by fare like *Fight Club*, *American Pie* and *South Park*.

LGBT-themed movies showed our community in three dimensions this year, possessing fewer stereotypical characters than in years past. In general, they were much better films than those of previous years. Included in this category were touching love stories (*Trick*, *Better Than Chocolate*); comedies (*Happy, Texas*); and serious dramas (*Boys Don't Cry*). There's even a good chance the latter may garner an Oscar nomination or two.

Of the nearly 80 films I saw in 1999, the cream of the crop, ranked 1 to 10, are given below. They certainly exemplify the variety of movies that made the grade last year. They range from the sentimental and touchingly sweet (*The Straight Story*), the comic and endearing (*Toy Story 2*,

*Man On the Moon*), the quirky and imaginative (*Being John Malkovich*, *The Sixth Sense*), to the compellingly dramatic (*The Green Mile*, *The Insider*). All-in-

all, 1999 ended up with some top-notch films, but no single movie rose head-and-shoulders above the rest. It should make for an unpredictable Academy Awards show!



Hilary Swank

### 10. Boys Don't Cry

Director **Kimberly Pierce's** heart-stopping take on the last few weeks in the life of transgendered Teena

Brandon, superbly played by **Hilary Swank**. This powerful film forces the viewer to confront head-on the visceral results of intolerance and hatred. Already, supporting actress **Chloë Sevigny** has been receiving awards and acclaim for her fine work as Teena's girlfriend, **Lisa Lambert**.



Matt Damon

### 9. The Talented Mr. Ripley

Gorgeous guys **Matt Damon** and **Jude Law** are at center stage in this fascinating, Hitchcockian thriller set in 1950's Italy. Damon expertly plays Tom Ripley, a Gay sociopath and schemer, who nevertheless comes off as a victim of his own internal demons and social class bigotry. Clearly this represents Damon's best work since *Good Will Hunting*.

### 8. Toy Story 2

This entirely computer animated film is the rare sequel which ends up superior to the original, which itself was a stunning creation. *TS2* combines loads of humor aimed at adults as well as older kids, a touching and sweet story, and stars lending their voices to characters more fully developed than in the first film. Most of all, though, *TS2* is just amazing to behold, given its flawless animation.

### 7. Being John Malkovich

An amazing accomplishment by novice Director **Spike Jonze**, this film combines uniqueness, unexpected twists and quiriness into that rarest of films: a comedy with depth of plot and characters. *Malkovich* contains great performances by its title character, **John Cusack** and **Cameron**



John Cusack in Being John Malkovich



Cameron Diaz

**Diaz**. It expertly combines laughs with serious looks at the nature of identity, manipulation, ethics, commercialism and addiction.

### 6. The Straight Story

**David Lynch** does Disney! Lynch comes completely out of character to give us this beautifully filmed, perfectly framed, carefully paced, true-life story of an elderly man (**Richard Farnsworth**) setting out on the trip of a lifetime. The most amazing thing about this film, about a 320-mile lawnmower trek to Mt. Zion, WI, is that it actually happened.



Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman

### 5. Man On the Moon

**Jim Carrey** brings to life the late, highly controversial, perplexing comedian, **Andy Kaufman**, who breezed across America's stage in the late '70s and early '80s. Carrey was truly involved in a labor of love, putting great energy and enthusiasm into this stunningly accurate, in depth portrayal. A funny and touching film.

### 4. The Sixth Sense

An intelligent and ultimately heart-warming ghost story. **Bruce Willis** was simply great in his portrayal of a sympathetic doctor trying to help a young boy suffering from frightening encounters with ghosts. The film was atmospheric, spooky, at times jolting and, in the end, quite surprising and thought provoking.

### 3. The Green Mile

Director **Frank Darabont's** excellent, touching, often wrenching film based on a superior **Stephen King** novel. Credit not only goes to its fascinating story of a miracle-working death-row inmate, but also to fine performances by **Tom Hanks**, Gay actor **Michael Jetter**, and a true sensation as the mysterious **John Coffey**, **Michael Clarke Duncan**.

### 2. American Beauty

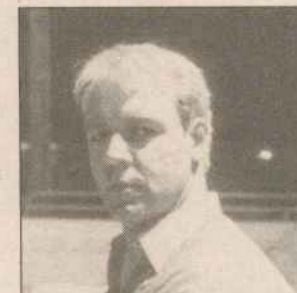
Director **Sam Mendes'** powerful film, uncovering the facade of American suburbia, displaying its hidden dysfunction's, repression's and unfulfilled dreams. **Kevin Spacey** is superb as an apathetic family man undergoing a mid-life crisis; so is **Annette Bening** as his money grubbing, status-conscious wife. There is a great supporting performance by **Chris Cooper** as their neighbor - an ex-Marine and homophobe with something interesting to hide. This is the finest combination of drama and black humor as you'll ever find.



Al Pacino in the Insider

### 1. The Insider

Finally, my choice as best film in 1999. *The Insider* was the only film that had it all. Three of the year's best acting performances came via **Christopher Plummer** as *60 Minutes* investigative reporter Mike Wallace; **Al Pacino** as a driven producer of the show; and **Russell Crowe** as the tobacco company whistleblower. Pacino guides through a world of threats and lies. The film is all the more compelling because it actually happened. *The Insider* is a completely riveting drama, reminiscent of another classic of the genre, *All the President's Men*, and that's high praise indeed.



Russell Crowe in the Insider



## Spotlight Premiere Events

**31 Fri.** **Swing-O-Matics, Milw. Art Museum (Milwaukee):** FirStar New Year's Eve last chance to see the exhibitions *The Last Show of the Century: A history of the 20th Century Through Its Art and Roy Lichtenstein Prints*. Enjoy the sounds of the 30s and 40s. MAM, Lincoln Memorial Drive, Until midnight. (414) 224-3841.

**7 Fri.** **Gallery Opening, Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee):** Oil paintings by Lars-Birger Sponberg (Midwest landscapes) and Wendy Schwartz (10inch by 10 inch still life's of fruit. 241 N. Broadway, (414) 289-0855.

**The Music of Copland & Brahms, Milw. Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee):** The millennium begins with composers who reached out to connect with the past in a program featuring Brahms and Copland, featuring the MSO and MSO Chorus under the direction of Andreas Delfs. Featuring organist Thomas Murray. Continues through Sunday; Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center, \$17-60; (414) 291-7605.

**What Corbin Knew, The Rep (Madison):** World premiere comedy by Jeffrey Hatcher asks you to Question Reality. Two disparate couples are brought together in a bullet-proof, soundproof, Plexiglas corporate skybox of a new community arena in a midsize American city by the lonely box leaser Corbin, as they play a swift game of social maneuvering that forces them to rethink their somewhat absurd lives. Continues through Jan. 20; 122 State St.; \$20-25 tickets; (608) 266-9055.

**8 Sat.** **Walt Disney Art Classics Show, Art Elements Gallery (Mequon):** Cells, sericels, original animation drawings, giclee, lithography and serigraphy. From 75 years of Disney's animated characters; this show is from the art and collectibles division of Disney Co. Continues through Feb. 6; 10050 N. Port Washington Rd.; (262) 241-7040.

**13 Thu.** **Home Away From Home, Danceworks Dreamtime Studio (Milwaukee):** A mixed media show by Janet Lew Carr, documenting her journey to China and Senegal, and some work by other local artisans. Show runs through March 13, and is free. 1661 N. Water St.; (414) 277-8480. **Home Cookin', Danceworks Performance Co. (Milwaukee):** An evening of nine new works by the members of DPC serving up a banquet of premieres of contemporary dance, straight from the oven. Continues through Jan. 23; 1661 N. Water St.; Tickets \$12 (\$10 students/srs) (414) 277-8480.

**14 Fri.** **The Pirates of Penzance, Village Playhouse (Wauwatosa):** A new version of this wacky, irreverent and entertaining farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policeman, dim-witted young lovers, dewy-eyed daughters and an eccentric Major General, all morally bound to the often ridiculous dictates of honor and duty. Continues tomorrow and next weekend; p Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center St.; 8pm, \$10 advance/students/seniors, \$12 general public.

**15 Sat.** **Auditions for True to Desire, Brandon Marsh Entertainment (Milwaukee):** The Movie *True to Desire* is the continuation of the 1995 MATA cable series, bringing back some of the same old characters and adding a few new ones. This 2 hour made for TV project is looking for nine main characters (7 men between 20-50 and 2 women 30-45); and secondary characters (9 men 20-65 and 3 women 25-55). Extras will also be needed. Pre-production starts on January 29, photography starts March 1. Second date is January 16, which will also be callbacks). For further information, call (414) 617-9598 or Fax (414) 226-4630. Brandon's office: 316 N. Milwaukee St.,

Room 316. 1pm,

**16 Sun.** **Exhibition: George Washington, Architect, Villa Terrace (Milwaukee):** Traveling panel exhibition commemorates the 200th anniversary of Washington's death, exploring the little known aspect of his life as a highly accomplished, self taught builder. His influences, design, vision of a grand American capital city and legacy. Today's opening reception from 1-4 includes refreshments and music. Continues through Feb. 27, 2220 N. Terrace; **Gallery Exhibition, Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee):** Mary Theisen Helm: *My Life as Art, Past and Present 1950-2000* opens today featuring a 50 year retrospect through watercolors, oils, pastels and drawings. Public reception includes violin and cello music by Syrinx, refreshments. Continues through Feb. 27; 1630 E. Royall Place; 1-4pm today, \$3, \$2 stu/srs, members free; (414) 278-8295.

## Spotlight Now Appearing

**A Christmas Quarrel, Melanec's Wheelhouse (Milwaukee):** Through Jan. 31; 2178 N. Riverboat Rd., (414) 264-6060.

**Curt Frankenstein, Art Elements Gallery (Mequon):** Paintings and Etchings. Continues through Dec. 31. 10050 N. Pt. Washington Rd. (262) 241-7040

**FOCAL Collects Exhibitions, Charles Allis Art Museum (Milwaukee):** A juried gallery exhibition of fine art and decorative arts collected by Friends of Charles Allis. Drawings, paintings, etchings, engravings, masks, lithos and woodcut prints. Continues through Jan. 9; 1630 E. Royall Place, (414) 278-8295.

**Forever Plaid, Marcus Center Vogel Hall (Milwaukee):** A heavenly musical hit parade. Continues through Feb. 13; Vogel Hall, 123 E. State St. \$28.50-36.50 (414) 273-7206

**Gallery Show: Small scale Artwork, Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milwaukee):** Artwork Both Small and Significant, featuring small-scale work of local and national artists in a variety of media. Continues through Dec. 31; 1 N. Broadway, (414) 289-0855

**Greetings, Sunset Playhouse (Elm Grove):** Continues through Dec. 31, 800 Elm Grove Rd.; (262) 782-4430.

**Old Friends Gather, Rep's Stackner Cabaret (Milwaukee):** The season continues with this salute to the spectacular career of Paul Simon, and encompasses nearly every era of his career, and it a tribute to his artistry. Continues through Jan. 9; Stackner Cabaret, Milwaukee Center, 2nd floor, 108 E. Wells. time varies, Tickets range from \$15-25, call (414) 224-9490.

**Retablo Art Exhibit, Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee):** Retablos are a traditional Mexican art form with brightly colored paintings on various shapes and forms made of tin. Continues through Jan. 8, 911 W. National Ave., (414) 672-2787.

**The Marriage of Bette and Boo, Boulevard Ensemble Alley Season (Milwaukee):** Christopher Durang's dark comedy which includes divorce, still-born babies, insanity, death and senility with razor sharp attacks on organized religion, modern medicine and nuclear families. Continues through Jan. 11, Studio Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.; all shows at 7:30pm. all tickets \$10, call (414) 744-5757.

**Mass Appeal, Boulevard Studio Theatre (Milwaukee):** Bill C. Davis' heartfelt, two person comic play between an older Priest and a younger rebellious one. Continues through Jan. 9, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.; tickets from \$11-16. Call: (414) 744-5757

## Dear Ruthie



Okay people, listen up - I've got something to say and I want you to pay attention. Plus, I've had few martinis. A few dozen.

We've reached the beginning of the New Year and I'm sick and tired of everyone talking the end of the millennium, and no one talking about the beginning of one instead. Therefore, I'd like to give you my predictions for what will happen in the year 2000.

I've done this every year for the last three years and most of what I say comes true ... well... some of it does ... okay, I'm zero for three, but this year is going to be it. Fasten your seat belt and put on your helmet, because you're about to board Ruthie's shuttle into the year 2000!

- Next year that awful *Suddenly Susan* show will be cancelled, leaving the talented Kathy Griffin as queen of syndicated comedy and patron saint of redheaded fag hags.
- Fabio will finally realize how much he loves me and drop the restraining order. We will buy a camper and vacation at the Grand Canyon. We'll make money selling locks of his hair over Gay Globe .com *WI Light's* soon to up and running Internet site.
- Since so many Gay men are being kicked out of the parks, the Milwaukee County Public Transit System will become the latest place for tea-room-type sex. Bus drivers permitting such behavior will stick little pink triangles on the backs of their sun visors to communicate their openness to the public.
- The Milwaukee County Transit system will report a huge increase in profits.
- After her come-back album fails, Linda Carter will go psycho and act as a sniper on a rooftop outside the Grammy Awards. She gets a special award for picking off Marilyn Manson.
- Marilyn Manson rises from the dead to record an album - no one notices any difference.
- The world is shocked when Clinton admits that the GAP dress was really his.
- Ricky Martin will release a CD featuring only accordion music. He'll call the CD *Living' La Vida Polka*.
- Matt Damen and Ben Affleck will tie the knot. There will be much outrage and several pissed-off heteros with nothing better to worry about.

- Mike Ditka and Brett Farve will tie the knot. There will be much discussion and compassion as heteros say, "That's okay. It's none of my business. To each his own."
- The phrases, "As if," "Whatever," "Too much information," and "Don't go there" will be outlawed. Offenders will face the death sentence or be forced to live with Jessie Helms.
- Pro-Wrestlers will no longer be allowed to run for political office after Stone Cold Phillips becomes a White House advisor and takes the First Lady out with a folding chair to the head.

Okay, folks that's it. I've got a good feeling about my predictions this year. What about you?

Dear Ruthie,

I've committed myself to stop smoking for the upcoming year. I did so only because my lover said she was making it her New Years resolution and that she needed me to join her. I said I would stop as of January 1, 2000. Honestly, I have no intention of stopping. My lips said I would stop, but my mind was like, "Okay, I can smoke at work and brush my teeth before I leave. I can smoke after she leaves the house in the morning." You get the idea.

So now, I'm wondering if I should just tell her that I'm going to try, but that I'll encourage her to stop. Or, if I should just pretend like I'm stopping too. I want to quit smoking, but I have to do it on my own terms, and I agreed to quit on her terms. I Don't Know What To Do.

(Name withheld by request)

Dear Smoking Person,  
Well, you've got yourself in a little pickle here, sister. Honey, you made your bed; now lie in it—just don't fall asleep with a cigarette in your hand!

Your friend is trying to do something positive and you promised to help her I think you should stick with it. Try to ignore those plots you have to sneak a puff. Tell her that you planned to sneak a smoke behind her back but have now changed your mind. That should make you think twice before stealing smoke.

I know it's hard, but you promised her you'd do something that's very important to her. Don't fail before you even begin. Even if you feel you can't do it at this time, make the effort for her.

What are some of your New Year predictions? Send them to me and maybe I'll publish a bunch of them. Tell me your hopes, fears beliefs for what lies ahead in our little community. Send them to Dear Ruthie, care of: *The Wisconsin Light*, 225 S 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI, 53202. Or, drop me an e-mail at [www.wilight.com](http://www.wilight.com). Just mark the message to my attention so the honeys at the *WI Light* office know what it's about.



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# Sports

by Bob Melig



## Neoteric – The New Millennium In Wisconsin Gay Sports

**Y**ES, that's it. Modern, New, Novel. It could be all that and more. Since I'm a lousy prognosticator, here's my wishes for next year:

- 1) Along with best wishes for the New Brewers, the New Bucks, a new Coach for the Packers, and the New Ball Park, a matured Gay/Lesbian Sports Community.
- 2) Beginning with a fresh sense of purpose.
- 3) A local Sports Federation which can promote LGBT participation in sports, entice and fascinate fans and players and promote greater sponsor involvement.
- 4) The launching of a new era in Milwaukee Sports leadership.
- 5) The inter-city involvement of all major Wisconsin Gay areas in all sorts of sports with the hosting of many invitational sport tournaments – inter-mural, regional and national.

For the most part the elements are here: a fine cadre of new leadership, Quality athletes, know how, and tradition. What's missing? Promotional finesse, out-reach, creating an experience and a melding of know how of past leaders with the new leadership.

Much more on a Sports Federation later. For now it's time to put each sport's house in order for the new millenium, learn to deal with Generation X, and understand the role that Gay sports can play in our community.

Unlike "straight" sports, LGBT sports are more than the games. They are an entry port for many of those in the closet. They are a training ground for new community leaders. They are a meeting ground for many.

Yes, it's more than a game.

Our sports help create a higher level of expectations on the part of the participants. The Leagues can meet or disappoint by dint of the ability and savvy of the leadership in its ability to involve the entire membership and program a season to meet those participant expectations.

It's as much the afterwards, as it is the game. It's as much during the week with

new friends, as it is the game. It's being included, appreciated, honored by leadership opportunities, and expanding beyond just the ball field, court or lane. Inter-league and inter-sport comradeship and recognition can be the frosting on the cake.

When I hear "no one is interested anymore", I ask why? When I hear "no one wants to do anything", I ask who have you asked? I have lots of questions and a sore chin, some avoidance, and far more encouragement than I ever expected. It's going to be an exciting new year in Wisconsin Gay Sports.

### Darts Spew On Wednesdays

If you get the Bulls Eye, it's a feat. Getting 279 is a Mt. Everest. Mark from the Ballgame Darts team has done it in week 13, with lots of weeks to go. Right on his heels is Junior from 1100 with 275, and Scott of the BG with 271.

Rounding out the top ten are Bruce B (Woody's Ray) 244, Arnie (BG) 243, Dale R (Switch) 242, Joe D (219 Rogers) 228, Ron Y (Docks) 237, Dave (Triangle) 230 and Ken (of 219 Rogers) with 228. And, there a lots of others who are in my category, 1 or 2 each.

Leading the League after week 13 are: the Ballgame with 129 wins, 219 Rogers with 105, and Woody's Ray's with 103. With a good chance to rise dramatically in the standings are the next level of teams: Docks 89, Woody's BC's 85, 1100 Club 83, and Triangle 78 wins each. Having lots of fun are the 219 Madonnas With 47 AND Fluid with 34 wins.

Being a hat wearer, I love this next one – Hat Tricks: Mark (BG) 13, and Scott (BG) 9. I don't know what a 4 Round Out is, but Mark of the Ballgame has got 17 and Jerry S of Woody's BC's, and Scott of (BG) have 11. Great going I guess.

Now here's my category – where I belong: BUSTS (and not because of my past life). If I were a player it would be nice to have the company of good sports like Curt of Woody's who leads with 31 and is tied with Cubby of 219 Madonna's. But they ain't running away with the title, Kurt B of Woody's Ray, Ron at Docks, Kurt of Woody's have 30. It's a tight race folks, stayed tuned for the finals. While the most talented players bust, these guys go for the fun, and take it from me, they are having a ball.

### Greetings and Wishes to...

Our Heisman man Ron Dayne and to our Rose Bowl Badgers! Go Bucky! Ron Wolf will (or should) have a new theme song – get a coach, get a coach, get a coooooach. My best to Hernandez of the Brewers (I just had to say that).

Here's hoping for a great and memorable Milwaukee Classic and another stupendous HIT Tournament. Best Wishes for the Gay Tennis National tournament Milwaukee will sponsor. And Finally, success to every League. May every LGBT sport prosper, achieve and gain more and more fans. Keep us informed, we love to tell your great stories.



# We've Waited Long Enough



## THIS IS IT!

### The New Millennium Begins!

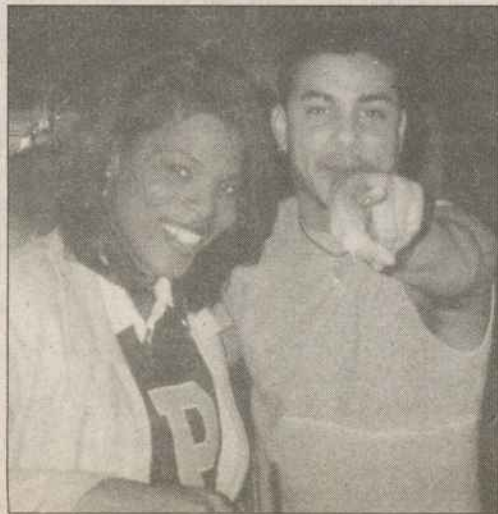
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# out with Dusty

Due too Dusty running off with Santa to Florida, she missed her deadline, but Dusty will be back in the January 12th issue.



*Papa Razzi attack at 219.*



*Danny & Rick at the Ballgame Christmas Eve.*



*Are they or aren't they at Dish.*



*At the Ballgame on Christmas Eve.*



*Our Editor Bill "when can I start running the Internet" Meunier and Jamie at the Triangle.*



*C'est la Vie: John Clayton and some of his staff.*



*Partying at 219*



*WLight's Terry Boughner making the rounds on Christmas Eve.*



*"He is mine" at South Water Street Docks*



*A couple of handsome men at Switch.*



*Dish, Christmas Eve.*

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# WLight BAR GUIDE

<b>APPLETON (920)</b>			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
<b>BELOIT (608)</b>			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54302	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54302	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	1351 Cedar, 54302	432-9646
Sass	WM, Sp	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54302	435-5476
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	MW, J, DJ	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Rainbow's End	Wm, J, E	417 Jay St., 54601	782-9802
My Place	Mw, J, K, E, F	3201 South Ave., 54601	788-9073
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
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, J	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, J	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F, J	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E, J	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E, K, D	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E, J, D	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; 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, K	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 &amp; Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, Sp, J	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, J	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, Sp, J	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 5-9pm, 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, J	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
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
<b>SHEBOYGAN (920)</b>			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
<b>SUPERIOR (715)</b>			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm, J	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

M-Men • W-Women • G/S-Gay/Straight • F-Food • DJ-Disk Jockey • V-Video  
L/L-Levi/Leather • E-Entertainment • Sp-Sports • K-Karaoke • J-Jukebox • D-Dancing

## Nights out Events

**31 fri.** **Club House/Capers-Illusions, New Years Break-a-way Party (Kenosha):** Your choice: \$5 admission includes: one split of champagne or for \$10: Champagne, all you can eat buffet in the restaurant. Stay-over accommodations available, call 888-248-3744 for details. (Rooms include free admission and buffet)  
**Millenium Fun, Fluid (Milwaukee):** 331/2 hours of fun, free champagne and buffet at midnight, \$5 cover. DJ John Murges at 3am.  
**Millennium Celebration, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Open around the clock, food, fun, favors, buffet at 1:30am.

**Millennium Masquerade Party, Fannies (Milwaukee):** Free! Masks (or bring your own), party favors, balloons with great prizes, champagne; costumes optional.  
**Millennium New Year's Party, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Free hats and horns.  
**New Millenium Celebration, Club 5 Planet Q (Madison):** Live DJ - John at 10pm, Free buffet and champagne at midnight, shots by Deserea, party hats and favors. Open until 6am. Restaurant serving from 5-10pm with special features on the menu, complimentary champagne with each entree.

**New Millennium Eve Party, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** Hats, horns and lots of cheer, buffet starting at 2am.  
**New Year's Bash, Dish (Milwaukee):** Where do you want to be? Two floors of Millenium madness. Dance Club party downstairs, Disco Party upstairs. Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, party favors.

**New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball, Club 94 (Kenosha):** Special Performances all evening, breakfast buffet after midnight, party favors, shot specials, and great music.

**New Year's Eve Party, Woody's (Milwaukee):** Open 4pm-4am; midnight balloon drop with great prize\$, party favors, champagne and buffet.

**New Year's Eve Y2K, Za's (Green Bay):** 100 lucky winners for \$2000 in gift certificates (inside before midnight. Cover: \$10 before 12; \$12 12-2am; \$5 after 2am. Complimentary champagne toast, party favors, buffet, cameos.  
**New Year's Package, Switch (Milwaukee):** \$50 package includes Open Bar from 9pm-2am (top shelf, rail, tap & bottle beers, wine and soda); champagne and party favors at midnight, buffet. Bar stays open until noon on Saturday.

**Party, Ray's (Madison):** All night long, hats, horns and champagne.

**Ring in 2000, LaCage (Milwaukee):** Complimentary champagne, gourmet buffet, party favors, top 10 video countdown from 9pm-11:59pm; then at midnight, the first big party of the century.

**1 sat.** **New Millenium Celebration, Club 5 (Madison):** Reopening at 11am for New Year's Day brunch.

**Badger Blast, Woody's (Milwaukee):** Rose Bowl Party, open 2pm, tailgate starts at 4, \$5 beer bust, complimentary buffet. Free shots with every score.

**New Year's Day/Badgers RoseBowl, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Badgers Football Party.

**New Year's Day/Rose Bowl, Switch (Milwaukee):** Re-open at 3pm for the game, wear Red and get a Bucky off any drink.

**6 thu.** **Anonymous HIV Testing and Counseling, LaCage (Milwaukee):** BestD Clinic offers testing from 10pm-1am, Free.

**7 fri.** **Dee Dee Winter's Farewell Show, Za's (Green Bay):** 10:30pm, don't miss it!

**8 sat.** **Oberons Club Night, Eagle (Milwaukee):** 10pm.

**13 thu.** **HIV Testing and Counseling, Fluid (Milwaukee):** Free, anonymous, sponsored by BestD Clinic, from 9pm-midnight.

**15 sat.** **T.C. Hammond's Millennium Special, Za's (Green Bay):** Guests include: Holly Hot Damn, CC Domino, Justine D'Zire, Kelli Jo Klein at 10:30pm.

**Winterquest 26, Argonauts (Green Bay):** Celebrate the 26th annual Winterquest. Festivities include wine and cheese reception with entertainment 3-6pm, and formal banquet and installation of new officers 6pm, at Za's. Donation \$45 advance, \$50 after Jan. 8.

**Note: This bar calendar is divided into two sections, one time special events by date as above, and ongoing weekly entertainment as below. Updates can be faxed to (414) 226-0096, mailed, or emailed to: rong@wilight.com. Deadline is noon, Friday before the following week's Wed. cover date.**

### every wed.

**Karaoke, Barbie Dolls Playhouse (Milwaukee):** 10pm

**Karaoke, Fannies (Milwaukee):** Every other week.

**Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** 11pm

### every thu.

**Karaoke, Switch (Milwaukee):** 9pm

**Talent Night, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** Lily White & Nova D'vine alternate hosting Talent night including female impersonators. Midnight

### every fri.

**Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** 11:30pm

**Shoreline, LaCage (Milwaukee):** 2 step and line dancing lessons from 9-10, dancing until 11pm

**Showcase, LaCage (Milwaukee):** Female impersonators, dancers and guests.

### every sat.

**Female Impersonators Show, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** 11pm

**LGBT Two Steppin', Shoreline at Fannies (Milwaukee):** Shoreline hosts two step and line dancing, lessons from 8-9pm, dance until midnight. 1st Saturday of the month. 8pm.

**Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** 11:30pm

### every sun.

**Female Impersonators, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** Female Impersonators, two shows. 8:30pm & 12

**Female Impersonators Show, Club 5 (Madison):** 10pm

**Male Dancers, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** Auditions welcome at 10pm. 11pm

**Showcase, LaCage (Milwaukee):** Female impersonators, dancers and guests, Customer Appreciation night, no cover; beer bust 10pm-close. Showtime 11:30pm.

### every tue.

**Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** Amateurs welcome to audition, bring a t-strap, no g-strings allowed. 10:30pm



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