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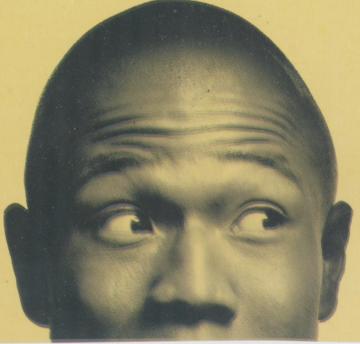
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### WHEREAS.

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That Saturday, July 31, 1999, be declared

### **Pride Festival Day**

In and for the citizens of the City of Harrisburg, Capital of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with all citizens urged to reflect upon the importance of tolerance and respect for all persons within our diverse American diaspora.

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May 17, 1999

Dr. Eric W. Selvey, Pride Chair Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania P.O. Box 5065 Harrisburg, PA 17110-0065

Dear Dr. Selvey:

I write to you today in support, recognition and celebration of the eighth annual gathering of the Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania (Pride Fest '99). It is truly my pleasure to congratulate you on your eighth year of accomplishment and it is my honor to be able to share in the celebration of a bright new year of festivities.

The Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania has had increased success with each passing year for almost eight years. I believe it is important to allot a time for events, such as this one, that are so rich in cultural and educational growth. It is wonderful that all of our friends and families can enjoy and share in the cultivation that this brings to Harrisburg each year.

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### Message from the Chair of PRIDE FEST '99 - Dr. Eric W. Selvey

t's time again to proudly celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community of Central Pennsylvania. What a year it has been since last we met!

You now know we're back within Harrisburg's environs via its beautiful Riverfront Park; a move heartily supported by the City of Harrisburg and you know about our featured performer---CeCe Peniston---who will enhance a list of great local talent prominently featured at Pride Fest '99. However, did you know that:

★ the first Pride Show held at The Tap Room (a predominately straight establishment) yielded the largest collection from a single show in the Pride Tour---\$1,050!

\* we received sponsorships from Hecht's, The Wall, Minuteman Press, the gay and lesbian bars, who continue to provide great support for this annual event, and our first national sponsor---Mindspring Internet Services

\* the S5,000 Glenda & Friends Productions raised on behalf of Pride Fest '99 is S3,000 over her effort last year

★ last October's Gaytoberfest block party, an intentional gift to the community to the tune of \$1,500, ended up with a loss of only \$200 thanks to the gay bars that worked tirelessly with PFCP to make it a success,

PFCP's affiliation with the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg (GLSH) has provided a mutually higher profile among LGBT's by bringing together the elements of our diverse community.

→ PFCP, a charitable organization, has given \$1,000 each to the American Cancer Society and the AIDS Community Alliance?

Many positive firsts will hopefully continue within our community via next year's wish list which includes:

- \* the extension of the length and time of this year's Gaytoberfest block party,
- \* our first parade to kick off Pride Fest 2000,
- \* bringing a nationally known artist to appear in concert the night prior to Pride Fest 2000,
- \* the creation of a Gay & Lesbian Film Festival in Harrisburg,
- \* the addition of money towards the new Harrisburg Gay & Lesbian Funding Partnership (see ad included).

There are those within the LGBT community who will dismiss these ambitions while others will emulate the *Little Red Hen's* friends who wanted it all without pitching in to help. Given their vision, will, energy and motivation, the cream of the volunteer effort, both gay and straight, will rise to the top to realize these goals. This year's Pride Fest is due in part to a handful of enthusiastic individuals who I gratly thank and will always treasure dearly. All bridge building endeavors must be supported both morally and financially by all members, organizations, families and friends of the LGBT community for all of us to succeed as a people.

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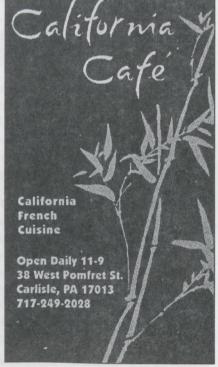
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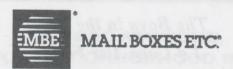
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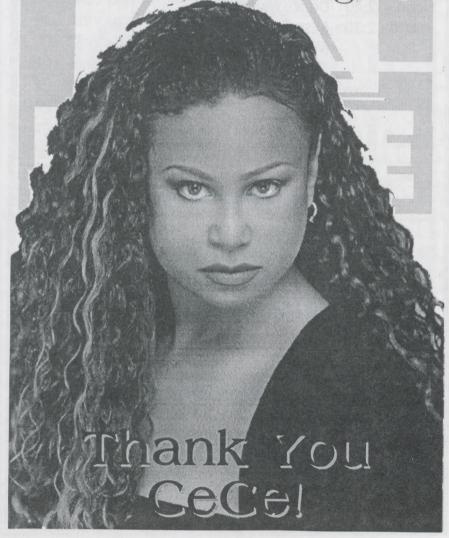
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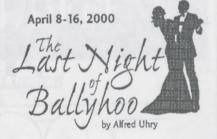
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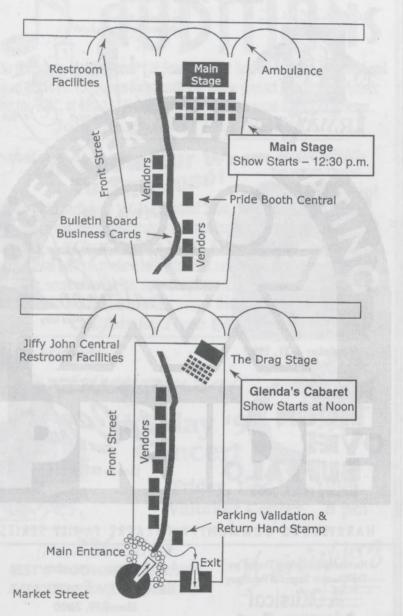
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### The March Towards Equality Began 30 Years Ago

We are the Stonewall girls. We wear our hair in curls. We wear no underwear. We wear show our pubic hair. We wear our dungarees. Above our nelly knees!

To think the death of Judy Garland contributed to the genesis of the gay civil rights movement would not be far from fact. The revered actress, whose fragile life mirrored the lives of many a gay man, was gone. Six days later, Friday, June 28, 1969, the body of the 47-year-old actress/singer lay before 20,000 who waited patiently to pay their last respects. Before the weekend was through, the passing of "Dorothy" would sound the death knell for a community who tired of official institutional abuse.

The last four years saw the New York State Liquor Authority enforce an antiquated law declaring the congregation of three or more gays reason enough to revoke an establishment's license thus opening the door to raids on suspected gay bars. Cries from outraged gays resulted in Mayor John Lindsay eliminating the harsh laws and banning the entrapment policies enforced by New York's

police force in an attempt to protect the homosexual populace.

Why did Stonewall begin? The police directed their attention to Gay, straight, black and Hispanic after hour drinking establishments that lacked licenses prior to June 1969. Four clubs were successfully raided and closed down by authorities during May and June 1969. Patrons ran out of places to go as well as patience with the men in blue.

Judy was buried a few hours when the police focued their attention on 53 Christopher Street. The atmosphere was tinged with well-placed suspicion. Temperatures and tensions ran high leading to the emotionally-charged events

that became the Stonewall riots.

Officers of the New York City Police Department and agents of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board entered the gay Christopher Street after hours establishmen at 3:30 am. Though employees were told they were looking for violations, the authorities proceded to arrest the bartenders for serving without a license and told patrons to vacate the premises. Patrons one by one filed through the door, but instead of leaving quietly into the night, the crowd remained close by. Some waiting for friends; others simply waiting.

The crowd witnessed the arrival of the paddy wagon which was not a new occurance; the arrest of those without ID's or who wore gender bending attire was common as was the rough treatment these new felons received. Perhaps it was the shouts of *pig* or the campy chants developed on the spot or the handling of individuals like common criminals that triggered the hurling of the first coin, bottle or brick that erupted in a free-for-all melee. That moment of

rebellion saw the sea change for gay rights begin.

For the first time, members of the gay community---people of color, gays, lesbians, drag queens---came together to openly rebel what had always been considered the enemy. The barricading of the police inside Stonewall startled the most unsuspecting of agents who assumend the incident would be just another routine raid. When it was over, Stonewall become code for "no more" and the modern gay rights movement was ushered in.

### What is the NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY FUNDING PARTNERSHIP?

The National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership (known hereafter as The Partnership) was established in 1993 as a collaborative funding initiative between national funders and local community foundations to encourage foundations and corporate giving programs nationwide to support programs and projects serving lesbian and gay men.

### HOW MANY CITIES ARE A PART OF THIS EFFORT?

The Partnership, through local foundations, and with the help of nationally known businesses, has funded lesbian and gay initiatives in Albany, Nashville, Miami, D.C., San Francisco, Santa Fe, Tuscon as well as in Colorado, Massachusetts, New Hampshire.

### HOW MUCH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO COMMUNITIES SO FAR?

Lighteen community foundations have been awarded grants totaling \$1.8 million which has been matched by an additional \$2 million at the local level.

### HOW MUCH HAS HARRISBURG BEEN AWARDED?

arrisburg has been awarded a two-year grant of \$50,000 each. Harrisburg's goal is to raise \$50,000 by December 31, 1999 so that every dollar raised can be matched 1:1 total \$100,000 by year's end. The same applies for the year 2000.

### HOW HAS THE MONEY BEEN USED SO FAR?

our hundred grants have been awarded to a wide range of organizations that serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) populations in their communities assisting LGBT youth, public educations programs, anti-homophobia and anti-violence projects, grassroots organizing projects, support groups, lesbian health issues, media, arts and cultural programs germane to the LGBT community. Projects reaching people of color and rural populations as well as LGBT infrastructure and capacity building have also been funded.

### WHERE WILL LOCALLY RAISED FUNDS GO TOWARDS?

A needs assessment will be conducted to pinpoint areas sorely lacking within Harrisburg's LGBT community. This assessment will include interviews with individuals and groups within and outside the LGBT community.

### WHO WILL DECIDE WHERE THESE FUNDS GO?

An advisory panel consisting of a cross section of the heterosexual and LGBT communities and representative of age, color, profession, religion and business background, has been created and will be responsible for the conduct of the needs assessment and the decisions concerning financial disbursements.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW AND WHERE IS THIS LEADING?

Currently, initial fundraising priorities and the needs assessment is underway. The ultimate goal of The Harrisburg Partnership is to make the Greater Harrisburg Community a model of positive change for gay and lesbian communities nationwide. This includes being a vehicle to build collaboration and civil dialogue between the heterosexual and LGBT communities.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

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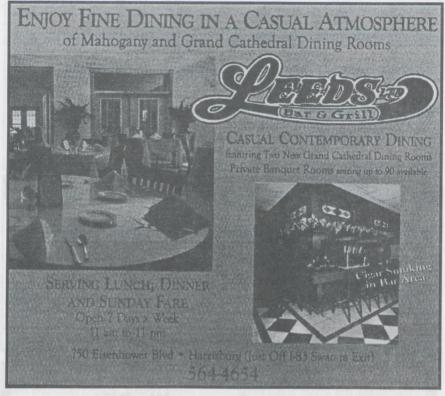
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- 2. To refer all questions and requests to the Pride Fest spokesperson as designated by the standard operating procedures or, in lieu thereof, the Board of Directors.
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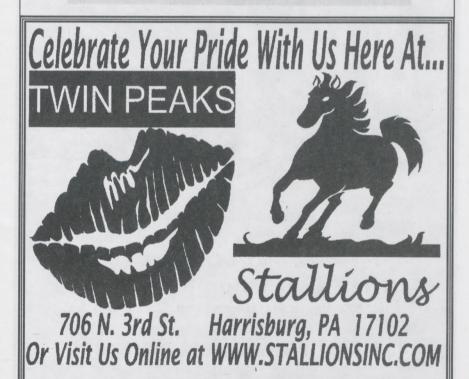
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