

Summerfest Update

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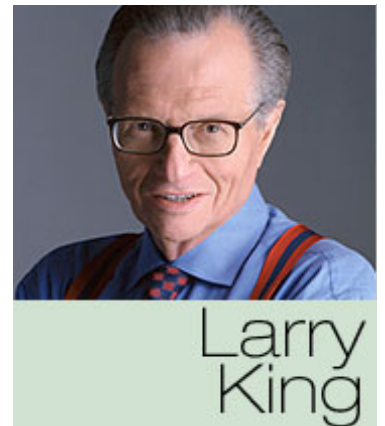
- No purses or backpacks allowed on the grounds this year.
- June 27th through July 7th
- New mid gate
- New roof over Leinie Lodge
- Improved line-up from 2001
- Bring you sunscreen

Bratwurst Shmatwurst

The sporting press keeps telling me that Milwaukee has something special with their bratwurst and their tailgating, but for my money the best summertime treat is a Nathan's original on Coney Island. Always has, always will be...There are supposed to be new security measures at the Summerfest this year. The fact is there can't be too much security with all of the terrorism talk we have had since September 11th...I met Liza's new husband the other day. Believe me, he isn't gay as rumored. Speaking of happy couples, when are Ray and Dawn going to finally get hitched?... Speaking of security measures, how are the twins go-

ing to sneak their vodka onto the grounds this year?...Baseball hasn't been the same since the Dodgers left Brooklyn and expansion has done nothing but dilute the talent. None-the-less we have the all-star game in Milwaukee this year. That means there are no games during fest week so they can get the field into shape. Former *USA Today* columnist Larry King pens this exclusive piece for *Summerfest Update*

What a shame... The BoDeans are playing Summerfest for what seems like the 15th year in a row. It wouldn't be the same without them...The Twins are having babies! It doesn't seem like it was that long ago that they were kids themselves...Don't worry Kay, there is a nice



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fellow out there looking for a gal like you...Is the rumor true that Barbra is going to stay at the Plaza?...My friend Donald Trump is looking to buy Summerfest. I can guarantee that will put some class into the act... Enjoy yourselves. Don't drink too much.

Festing Babies

Though we have been fighting it fiercely, adulthood finds us all and eventually we grow up. Some of our fellow festers have even been married and now are having babies. Congratulations go to Bob

and Annemarie Buehler for their little Bobbie, and to Sue and Jim Tiegs for their upcoming miracle on June 25th. The moment of truth is at hand. Will they disappear from our fold like Sharon Peck and the Cincy

girls after they wed and bred, or will they continue to party with us? Kudos to Candace Zimmer for her continued patronage even after becoming a mom (and her figure didn't change a bit).

The Twins' Rules for the Fest

By Candace, Sue, Kay and Sharon

The Summerfest Newsletter Assignment

After all of these years we get to write an article. How many times after 10 hours of partying did we all agree we should have our own newsletter. We have our own rules of Fest survival.

1. Don't eat or you won't get drunk. However, afterward you must all stand around the big pot of roast beef with fork in hand and devour as much as you can as quickly as you can.
2. If you must eat during the day and you bring it back to the table, anyone can eat it. We are all still haunted by the sobbing wails Sharon let out over her missing slice of pizza.
3. You are allowed (and sometimes encouraged) to take a nap in the grassy knoll. DO NOT take a nap in a bathroom stall. Sue will get very upset with you and you will have to throw those clothes away.
4. You must take a turn carrying the "Mom Bag".
5. You are not permitted to discard any plastic bottles until the last day. They are washed and refilled with the next day's supply of vodka.
6. Pole 6. If you get lost go there. If you are too drunk to find it, we will not wait for you.
7. Find the bounciest tables. Kay carefully screens several and for some reason usually wins the award for the first bruise (and the biggest).
8. NEVER, EVER, pick a table designed

for the handicapped. It is quite a shock to jump down from the top and there isn't a bench. For some reason several of us have ended up on the table next to us instead - head first.

9. Once a table is found (usually the same as the day and years before), no one else is allowed to sit or stand on it. Anything and everything must be done to hold the entire table.
10. Crying is a buzz kill. It is not allowed.
11. If it rains and Sharon gets you a poncho, you must thank her profusely. A card the next day would also be nice.
12. You are not allowed, especially Candace, to use someone else's camera to take self-portraits of your body parts. They may show up life-sized next year at the Fest.
13. The Marcus Amphitheater is off limits. It is also a buzz kill.
14. You are encouraged to bring in kid toys (Twister, Water Guns). They are excellent chic and dude magnets.
15. You are only allowed to aim the water guns below the neck, unless you are aiming for Kay. Then a high-powered, Super Soaker is recommended for maximum drenching.
16. The Ultimate Buzz Kill - being married with children. Once in this cate-



Half of the Twins with our fest-master

gory, the number of times one is found dancing nearly naked on tables is rare, if at all.

Every year we faithfully hold a table while the men go off looking for chicks. We don't mind. Is there a chance they may find a table that has more fun? Not likely. We know that at the end of the day the men will come back to our table. Why? Could it be because we are all low-maintenance and frugal? They recognize truly talented women? (Who else can walk for blocks perfectly balancing a bottle of booze in their crack)? Is it because the second Saturday of Summerfest someone is sure to make out with Fred?

The reasons we tell ourselves could quite possibly be different from reality but nonetheless we will faithfully be there and look forward to doing it.

Candace and Kay aren't really twins. In fact, Candace is not really a relative. But it's easier to say they are after a couple of beers.

Pins and other promotions

The Summerfest pin has always been the best bargain for admission since it was introduced in 1990, but our favorite deal is gone. Northwest Airlines used to sponsor free admission and two free beers to all



This year's pin looks like a broach.

of their Worldperks members. Unfortunately, that deal is no more. But consider this: on Thursday 27th you can get in free for a can of soup but on Friday the 28th you need to donate a piano or clarinet. When the donation costs

more than a full price ticket you probably aren't getting a good deal. I'm hoping they will announce "shot day" where you get a boilermaker for the regular price of a beer. Or tattoo day, where you get free admission if you let them tattoo your arm. That would be cool.

Kings, Queens, Rookies and Jills

Since every Rookie of the Year from previous fests has failed to show up for his or her sophomore year, we have decided to withhold naming the 2001 Rookie of the Year until we see if he or she actually shows up. Does that mean our 2000 Rookie of the Year, Michele Cilurzo maintains her crown? Only if she shows up, and the early indication is that she would rather tour Italy instead. It's not like Italy won't still be there in August. It's a matter of priorities!



The 2001 rookie crop. Is there a Rookie of the Year in the group?

Our reigning Jill-of-the-Jungle, Kay Casper, did show up last year and promises appearances this year so she will continue in that post until dethroned by someone else (or until she figures out whether last year's article about her was a tribute or a slam).



It's on the Web

For those who haven't clicked on our website lately, there is a discussion page to post your comments to friends and lovers and for all to see. Notices can be posted anonymously but in those cases they must be funny. In addition there are photo albums of the last 12 years of the fest and the last nine years of the newsletter for download. A rather humorous screensaver of Ray and Dawn in love is cheesy enough to be enjoyed by all

and a screensaver with rotating images of the 2001 fest is now available for download. There has been a Women's Corps page for some time, and for some reason doesn't really attract the babes. Can't figure that one out. There are also several interactive polls to let all of

our fellow festers let their opinions count in important Summerfest topics. Check it out today.

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It's About the Music

While we might have a few beers and do a little flirting while we're at the fest, the real reason we are there is for the music. While last year's line-up was fairly disappointing this year's is fairly decent. Brian Setzer gets promoted from the



They come for the chicks

Miller stage to the Marcus. Tom Petty comes back and Sheryl Crow makes an appearance. The BoDeans

have their standard Marcus night and the Eagles cap off the week. On the side stages we get some retro has-beens like the B-52's INXS and the Violent Femmes. The one thing good about has been bands is that they know their place and put on a good show. Hope to see you there.

A Little Rain Never Stopped This Bunch



The ponchos make a wonderful gift

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