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## quest news update

This news and entertainment section contains all the news and features for this issue of Quest. In order for our staff to attend PrideFest 2007 and the Milwaukee LGBT Pride Parade, we have delayed the next issue (#9) until June 21, 2007

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## RELIGIOUS RIGHT FOUNDER JERRY FALWELL DEAD AT 73

### Anti-Gay Littered Legacy Includes Outhouses, PTL Water slides, & Tinky-Winky

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Lynchburg, Virginia** - The minister generally credited as launching the Religious Right and called one of the most anti-gay figures in annals of American politics has himself passed into history. TV evangelist and Moral Majority founder Rev. Jerry Falwell collapsed in the campus office at his Liberty University and died May 15. He was 73.

Falwell was discovered without a pulse and pronounced dead at a hospital an hour later. Dr. Carl Moore, Falwell's physician, said he had a heart condition and presumably died of a heart rhythm abnormality.

1973's *Roe Vs. Wade* Supreme Court abortion ruling stirred Falwell to abandon the evangelical movement's long tradition of separating matters of church and state, and ultimately led to his founding of the Moral Majority in 1979. Falwell claimed the Moral Majority got millions of conservative voters registered, resulting in Ronald Reagan's election victory and Republican Senate control in 1980.

"I shudder to think where the country would be right now if the religious right had not evolved," Falwell said in announcing his resignation as Moral Majority president in 1987.

Over the years, Falwell waged a landmark libel case against *Hustler* magazine founder Larry Flynt over a raunchy parody ad that claimed the preacher lost his virginity to his mother in an outhouse after a night of heavy drinking. He also slid down a Christian theme park water slide in a failed attempt to save Jim Bakker's PTL empire after the latter televangelist was caught in a gay sex scandal.

Falwell also angered Jews when he claimed that the biblical Anti-Christ was alive and a member of the Jewish community. But he focused his ire most repeatedly on the gay community: calling AIDS God's punishment for homosexuality, claiming a



children's television character was proselytizing the "gay agenda" to pre-schoolers, and directly blaming gays in part for 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Falwell showed his anti-gay side early. In 1977 he supported Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign to repeal a gay antidiscrimination ordinance passed in Dade County, Florida. In urging the repeal of the ordinance Falwell told one crowd "gay folks would just as soon kill you as look at you."

In the early days of the AIDS pandemic in the first years of the 1980's Falwell swayed public opinion

against people living with HIV. He announced that gays deserved the then always-fatal disease, claiming "AIDS is not just God's punishment for homosexuals, it is God's punishment for the society that tolerates homosexuals."

Probably Falwell's most hilarious anti-gay outburst occurred in February, 1999 when he denounced a British children's program as being part of the subversive "gay agenda." Falwell denounced the innocent world of the Teletubbies, claiming the BBC-produced children's show did not provide a good role model for children because one of the characters - Tinky Winky - was gay.

Falwell "outed" the ever-cheerful purple character with the triangular aerial on his head because he carried a handbag, and was outraged by the complete acceptance offered by Tinky Winky's friends Laa-Laa, Dipsy and Po. In his self-penned "Parents Alert: Tinky Winky Comes Out of the Closet" appearing in *National Liberty Journal*, Falwell wrote: "He is purple - the gay-pride color; and his antenna is shaped like a triangle - the gay-pride symbol."

Falwell claimed the "subtle depictions of gay sexuality are intentional." After the article caused an international uproar - mostly of derisive laughter - Falwell issued a follow-up, explanatory statement that read: "As a Christian I feel that role modeling the gay lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of children."

Two years later, after the September 11 attacks, Falwell said on fellow televangelist Pat Robertson's *700 Club*: "I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle. The ACLU, People For the American Way, all of them who have tried to secularize America. I point the finger in their face and say 'you helped this happen.'"

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Bowing to heavy criticism, Falwell later apologized for the remarks. However, after his own fellow "social conservatives" called him out for bowing to the liberal left, Falwell reversed himself, issuing a statement saying: "If we decide to change all the rules on which this Judeo-Christian nation was built, we cannot expect the Lord to put his shield of protection around us as he has in the past."

One of the greatest ironies of Falwell's anti-gay career was his use of now openly-gay author and minister Mel White to ghost-write the minister's autobiography. White - who was still in the closet at the time - was recruited to pen *Falwell: An Autobiography*, published in 1987.

White later came out publicly and exchanged a series of open letters with Falwell on the subject of homosexuality. White, who also founded the Soulforce movement to address Christianity's response to gay people, later met directly with Falwell to conduct a "dialogue" on the issue.

White remembered the meeting as he wrote about Falwell the day after his death. "So he said we would have an antiviolence summit, which 183 accredited news crews attended. It was an amazing thing," White said. "And then the minute he invit-

ed us, he started getting dumped on by all his fundamentalist friends and donors - big donors. Like Tim LaHaye and Gary Bauer and Jim Dobson at Focus on the Family. So he started pulling back, and after that event he refused to see me again."

White and his life partner Gary Nixon later moved Lynchburg in the hope that Falwell "would be tortured a bit by our presence and he would see a healthy gay couple and realize that he was wrong, because he's changed on other things."

"He died first, which was a chicken way out," White wrote on May 15.

Another gay community leader also offered condolences with caveats. "The death of a family member or friend is always a sad occasion and we express our condolences to all those who were close to the Rev. Jerry Falwell," NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman wrote in a statement to the press. "Unfortunately, we will always remember him as a founder and leader of America's anti-gay industry," Foreman added, "Someone who exacerbated the nation's appalling response to the onslaught of the AIDS epidemic, someone who demonized and vilified us for political gain and someone who used religion to divide rather than

unite our nation."

Others were less subtle. On the night of Falwell's death about a dozen people gathered in the Castro District Tuesday evening to mark the death of Jerry Falwell. Longtime AIDS activist Michael Petrelis organized the so-called "anti-memorial" and said gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders said would speak out about Falwell's past efforts to demonize the gay community.

A makeshift grave was surrounded by an assortment of signs, rainbow flags and teletubbies dolls at Castro and 18th streets. One signed read, "Falwell dies, but the rainbow lives." At least one person danced on the makeshift grave.

Yet despite his career-long anti-gay attitudes, Falwell will be remembered for "heresy." The Topeka-based Westboro Baptist Church announced it intended to state a protest at the funeral held May 22 at the Thomas Road Baptist Church, the church Falwell founded, in Lynchburg, Virginia. On its godhatesfags.com website, Westboro claimed it would "preach" outside the funeral "of the corrupt false prophet Jerry Falwell, who spent his entire life prophesying lies and false doctrines like 'God loves everyone.'"

## BIENNIAL BUDGET BARGAINING BRINGS NO DP BLESSINGS

### Bipartisan Bartering By-Product: Domestic Partner Benefits Out

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Madison** - Recent decisions by the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) on the 2007-9 biennial budget bill have brought mixed results for state's LGBT community. Governor Jim Doyle's proposed extension of domestic partner benefits to faculty and staff in the University of Wisconsin system made an early exit from the deliberations, while a May lopsided May 17 vote all but insures increased funding for HIV/AIDS care over the next two years.

In late April, co-chairs of the 16-member Joint Finance Committee State Senator Russ Decker (D-Weston) and Assembly Representative Kitty Rhoades (R-Hudson) agreed to pull 48 non-fiscal items identified by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau from in Doyle's original proposal. Key among the four dozen removed items was the plan to grant state employees in domestic partnerships access to health care benefits similar to those offered to married state employees.

The proposal may still be brought up in the finance committee, but would require the approval of both co-chairs plus nine votes in support of the plan before it could be included on the committee's final version of the budget. Though it may technically be possible, most insiders believe it is unlikely. Fair Wisconsin reported generating several thousand messages to committee members requesting the benefits be returned to the budget bill.

The procedural move sidestepped having to deal with growing complaint about UW-Madison, the state's lead campus, having greater difficulty remain-

ing competitive in retaining and recruiting top academics. The school is the only institution among the Big Ten not to offer domestic partner benefits.

According to Don Nelson, the assistant director of state relations at UW-Madison, the school has had trouble retaining faculty members in recent years. Nelson provided statistics demonstrating that Madison was able to retain only 57% of faculty members who were offered positions at out-of-state institutions last year.

"In the past, the university has usually retained 75% of faculty members who were offered positions outside the state," Nelson said. "(The proposal) is a business decision that allows us to be on the same footing as our other colleagues. We really find ourselves at a competitive disadvantage by not being able to offer this benefit."

On May 9, UW-Madison issued a statement announcing that the school "continues to actively pursue the ability to offer domestic partner health insurance benefits to its faculty and staff."

"The benefits issue is currently part of the state budget process, which UW-Madison faculty and staff are following intently," Laurie Beth Clark, vice provost for faculty and staff programs and campus point-person for the issue said in the statement.

The statement also pointed out that the total cost of such benefits in the statewide UW system would be an estimated \$550,000, a fact also alluded to in an "open letter" sent a day earlier by Chancellor John D. Wiley to his elected representatives in the Legislature, Assembly Representative Mark Pocan and State Senator Mark Miller, both Madison Democrats.

"Providing this benefit makes economic sense," Wiley wrote. "The estimated GPR (general public revenue) cost for this benefit UW System-wide is \$550,000, and for UW-Madison it is \$112,000. In one faculty loss alone, the university lost nearly \$3.4 million in private and federal gifts and grants. By any

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definition, a small GPR investment could yield significant financial benefits."

"In an environment of limited state resources and increased competition for our faculty and staff, we should do everything in our power to address the specific reasons people leave," Wiley continued. "We know for a certainty that this issue has been, and continues to be, a major factor for those faculty and staff who are being recruited by other universities. Being able to offer this benefit will allow us to continue to strategically address the recruitment and retention problem. It is crucial we stem this tide."

"I understand the budget process, particularly this year, is long and often unpredictable," Wiley concluded. "While the budget appears to be headed toward a conference committee, I strongly feel that the sooner we can secure this provision in the budget the better. Please feel free to call upon me anytime regarding this or any other issue."

The university has taken numerous steps to work with the state to enact change on the issue. For years, UW System has been in agreement with UW-Madison and has included domestic partner health insurance coverage in its compensation plan recommendations to the state.

The university also has a website ([www.news.wisc.edu/domesticPartnerBenefits](http://www.news.wisc.edu/domesticPartnerBenefits)) to help the campus community to track the issue through the budget process.

Though prospects appear dim at the Joint Finance Committee level, the domestic partner proposal still could be inserted in either or both the Senate or Assembly versions of the budget bill, but would have to face final scrutiny in the conference committee, the body that will resolve differences in the budget bills passed by the two chambers.

### 3RD ANNIVERSARY STUNNER: MASSACHUSETTS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RATES DECLINE

**Boston** - As people celebrated the third anniversary of same-sex marriage May 17, the state released statistics showing the number of gay marriages has dropped sharply since 2004. According to the state Department of Public Health, 6,121 gay couples married in the first seven months after gay marriage became legal on May 17, 2004.

In 2005, 2,060 gay couples married, and in 2006, the number declined to 1,427, down 31 percent from 2005. During this year through April 26, only 87 gay couples have tied the knot.

According to retired professor from the University of Massachusetts Patricia S. Griffin, a who married her longtime partner in 2004, it makes sense that most gay people would marry in the first year. When a right is denied and then suddenly granted, people tend to take advantage of it, she believes.

"People are now getting married at a more normal rate," Griffin said. "It's kind of settled down."

The statistics also show that 9,695 gay couples have married in this state. Of that total, 6,209 marriages, or 64%, are lesbian couples.

Right-wing Massachusetts Family Institute spokesperson Kristian M. Mineau claimed the decline shows gay people aren't really serious about getting hitched. "The numbers are relatively small and dwindling rapidly," Mineau said. "The actual institution of marriage is not being sought after by the gay community."

However, hundreds of supporters celebrated the third anniversary at a party in Boston. "It's an his-

torical marker," Marc Solomon, campaign director of party host MassEquality said. "We've come a long way in a few years. More than 9,000 couples are married. It's been important for them, their kids and their families."

The state Supreme Judicial Court, voting 4-3, legalized gay marriage in November 2003. Governor Deval L. Patrick, a strong supporter of gay marriage, proclaimed May 17 "Marriage Equality Day."

Patrick opposes a move to put a question on the 2008 statewide ballot that, if approved by voters, would ban future gay marriages. Legislators are scheduled to vote on June 14 on whether to place on the ballot in 2008 a proposed constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

### UPDATE: U.S. NAVY ONCE AGAIN FIRES RECALLED OPENLY GAY

**Washington, D.C.** - The United States Navy has informed Petty Officer Second Class Jason Knight that it intends to fire him under the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law just weeks prior to completing his one-year commitment. Knight, an openly gay sailor, was recalled to active duty in June 2006 and recently completed a tour of duty in Kuwait, where he was open about his sexual orientation with his command and fellow sailors. Knight who had told his story to the newspaper *Stars & Stripes* (see also May 10 issue of *Quest*) was notified May 11 that he will be receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy based, in part, on his recent media interviews. Knight was scheduled to

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**The Men of Vegas Show at Club Nite Out**



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The bartenders took to the stage while the drag queens poured beer during Napalese Lounge's annual turnabout show in Green Bay May 12. Proceeds from the show benefited Rainbow Over Wisconsin and came the same time as the not-for-profit charitable foundation awarded a total of \$6200 to Appleton's GLBT Partnership and ARCW's Northeast regional prevention outreach programs.





end his commitment on May 28, but will face early dismissal because he chose to go public about his experience.

"Jason Knight was an exemplary sailor who gladly returned to active duty when our country needed him," Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) Director of law and policy Sharra E. Greer said. "Now, despite his dedication and service, and the praise of those he served alongside, the Navy has decided to fire him because he dared to tell his story and put a public face to the courage of lesbian and gay service personnel. Our nation should be embarrassed that our armed forces are forced to respond to Knight's selfless service with a government-sanctioned pink slip. 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' silences lesbians and gays and attempts to make them invisible. Because Knight refused invisibility, he will now be fired."

Knight, a trained Hebrew linguist, was re-called to active duty and served with Naval Customs Battalion Romeo in Kuwait. He told *Stars & Stripes* that, having 'come out' to his command during his previous enlistment, he saw no reason to hide his sexual orientation. Many of his colleagues spoke to the newspaper in support of him. "The Navy tends to keep people who don't want to be here, but Jason does," Petty Officer 1st Class Tisha Hanson told the paper. "[I]t doesn't bother me."

"I have now spent five years in the Navy, and I have loved every minute of it," Knight said following notification of his second dismissal. "It is unfortunate that in our country, which prides itself on being a beacon of liberty to the world, discrimination is still alive and well, even in our own government. I am

proud to be among the one million gay veterans who have answered the call to duty, and I look forward to working alongside them to topple this un-American and counter-productive law."

## PLANETOUT, INC. IN DEEP FINANCIAL DOO DOO

**Owner of Gay.com, Advocate, RSVP Cruises reports a dismal first quarter**

**San Francisco** - It turned heads in the 1990's as it gobbled up one top-flight gay brand after another - Gay.com, *The Advocate* and *Out* magazines, and RSVP Cruises. Now PlanetOut, Inc., the dominant media holding company catering to the gay community, is now just trying to survive.

The San Francisco-based company disclosed May 9 that without additional financing it will run out of money before the end of the year. PlanetOut management blamed declining subscriptions for personal ads, a shortfall in advertising revenue and trouble booking passengers on its gay-oriented cruises.

PlanetOut's dismal first-quarter earnings report disclosed that every segment of the business needs spilled red ink. The company reported it lost \$6.9 million in its fiscal first quarter, compared with a \$132,000 loss a year earlier. Revenue totaled \$16.8 million, down from \$17.6 million during the same period a year ago.

"This is deeply disappointing and concerning to me and the rest of the management team," Karen Magee, PlanetOut's chief executive officer, said in her explanation to market analysts. "We've got major work to do at PlanetOut to generate the healthy revenue growth and solid earnings per-

formance that I believe this company is capable of producing."

Magee still hopes for a turnaround over the next two years, during which the company plans to upgrade technology, reorganize and sell some assets, including its adult publishing business. However, PlanetOut will have to come up with an additional \$15 million to meet the terms of an existing loan, or face default. Without a cash infusion the lender could foreclose on PlanetOut's assets.

The company, which had \$11 million in cash and short-term investments at the end of the first quarter, said it would run out of money by year's end without additional financing.

Magee pointed to the poor performance by PlanetOut's RSVP travel agency, which offers cruises to destinations such as the Caribbean. Passenger occupancy has been less than expected and, as a result, the company has had to offer steep discounts to attract travelers and pay penalties to cruise lines. Also, PlanetOut's print and online advertising sales continued to sag over the first quarter. Subscriptions to online personals have also lagged amid growing competition from other gay-oriented websites and social networking giants MySpace and Facebook.

One bright spot, according to analyst Richard Ingrassia of Roth Capital Partners, is PlanetOut's name recognition and proven success in reaching the gay demographic.

However, investors sent PlanetOut's shares tumbling 33% over the next two days to close on May 11 at \$1.64, the lowest point since the company's initial public offering three years ago.



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## EIGHTY GAY MEN ARRESTED IN IRAN

**New York City** - Iran's arbitrary arrests of thousands of men and women in recent weeks under the banner of "countering immoral behavior" threaten basic rights to privacy, Human Rights Watch announced here May 17. Human Rights Watch called for the immediate release of all those detained as part of this campaign, including more than 80 people seized in a raid on a private gathering in the city of Esfahan on May 10, 2007.

"In Iran, the walls of homes are transparent and

the halls of justice are opaque," Joe Stork, deputy director of the Middle East division of Human Rights Watch, said. "This 'morality' campaign shows how fragile respect for privacy and personal dignity is in Iran today."

Eighty members of the Iranian gay community reportedly have been arrested by the security personnel in the town Isfahan, according to the Iranian Queer Organization (IRQO) reports.

"Close to 10 PM on May 10th, security forces

raided Farhad's birthday party, brutally assaulted the host, his parents, and all the guests. Everyone at the party were arrested on the spot," the IRQO website reported.

On Sunday May 13, IRQO received news that "the arrestees were under severe tortures and in bad conditions in the jail in Isfahan. Their lives are in danger." Homosexuality is a capital crime under Sharia, or Islamic, law in Iran. Some international gay rights groups believe that more than 4,000 lesbians and gay men have been executed since the Ayatollahs seized power in 1979.

## OUTREACH AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

**Madison** - The 15th Annual OutReach Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Friday, July 20, 2007 in the Main Ballroom of the Monona Terrace. OutReach is again turning to the community to solicit award nominations in the following categories: Women of the Year, Man of the Year, Ally of the Year, Organization of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The agency will also accept nominations for Lifetime Achievement and Political Courage Award.

Although OutReach will seek nominations in all categories, this does not guarantee that awards will be presented in all categories, according to Development Director Nikki Baumbblatt. Nominations form can be picked-up directly at the OutReach offices, 600 Williamson St. or obtained online at the OutReach website: [www.outreachinc.com](http://www.outreachinc.com).

## ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR OUTREACH 2007-08 OUTREACH DIRECTORY

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## WISCONSIN CREAM CITY CHORUS OFFERS "IN OUR OWN WORDS"

**Milwaukee** - On Saturday, June 23, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (WCCC) will present "In Our Own Words," a unique show that is more musical than cabaret performance. The final concert of the WCCC's 20th Anniversary season, the show promises to be a fun-filled evening as the chorus takes a humorous yet poignant look back at its first 20 years. Playfully woven together into a single story by Artistic Director Kristen L. Weber, the

show is built entirely of all-original songs by members of the WCCC past and present with a couple parody numbers - always a hit with the WCCC audience - thrown in for good measure.

The 7:30 PM show, which will be held at the Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water Street, will also include the chorus' annual silent auction. Available items include a score and CD of *Hairspray* autographed by Marc Shaiman, tickets to many sports and arts events, a wide variety of musical CDs by popular artists, gift baskets from "A Woman's Touch" and "Central Bark," and much more. Additional donations of items are always welcome.

Tickets for the show are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door (if still available). Seating is limited, so don't delay. Tickets are available through chorus members, or by contacting the chorus office by email at: [info@creamcitychorus.org](mailto:info@creamcitychorus.org), by phone at: 414-276-8787, or by mail addressed to WCCC Tickets, 315 W. Court Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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## HARBOR ROOM CLOSES BRIEFLY DUE TO LICENSE SNAFU

**Milwaukee** - A question over the validity of a liquor license following the death of the agent holding the permit briefly cause the popular leather bar Harbor Room to close briefly earlier this month. Harbor Room corporate partner Myron "Mick" Engebretson passed away suddenly following a coronary, and in the transition the bar was closed briefly after the police - who reportedly received an anonymous tip that the venue was operating without a valid license - reviewed the matter and could not determine whether the bar could remain open.

However, with the assistance of his alderman, surviving partner Gregg Fitzpatrick was able to straighten out the snafu. It also turned out that the bar was never in violation of any ordinance following the death of the agent holding the liquor license. Fitzpatrick also pointed out there has never been a violation of any type charged against the Harbor Room in its 7 year history.

A grand "re-opening" celebration is planned shortly, according to Fitzpatrick.

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# RAVENS OWNER OPENS UP ABOUT NEW CLUB'S OPENING

Interview by Mike Fitzpatrick

**Appleton** - It may seem hard to believe, but it has been a decade since the Pivot Club, one of the largest gay dance and show bars in the state, closed its doors. Most LGBT folks over a certain age living in northeast Wisconsin likely made at least one trek to the huge club with its enormous thrust stage, extravagant laser-filled lighting system, expansive outdoor patio and plush-padded, curved seating booths. They also might remember the pot-hole covered parking lot and the often cop car-filled drive out into the country to get to and from the Pivot.



We're a 'big city club.' We're purple and silver with red accents and lighting. It's a hot bar. It's a white-collar bar and something that Appleton needs.

**Quest:** There hasn't been a dance bar that catered to the gay community since the Pivot Club closed down.

**Korn:** We're going to try fill that void. I was never fortunate enough to go to the Pivot. I was too young, but I've heard stories. We have room for 170 people. We're also going to have a closed-in patio to accommodate the smokers.

**Quest:** Will Appleton's no smoking ordinance be a challenge for you?

**Korn:** I don't think so. We're kind of a destination bar. People that are used to coming to Appleton know they have to go outside to smoke. Quite honestly, it's nice to go home and not smell like cigarettes. It keeps the bar cleaner. It's (the no-smoking law) is going to go statewide, so it's going to become a non-issue, I think.

**Quest:** What else do we need to know?

**Korn:** We're going to have a website: [www.ravenslounge.net](http://www.ravenslounge.net). We've also got a happy hour every day from 5-8 PM. Buy one-get one martinis, drink specials including \$10 off bottles of wine. I've got a great wine selection too. I'm a liquor salesman by day and a bar owner by night - this is my life!

Now a new club - located smack in the middle of Appleton's city center - has opened and is staking a claim to the Pivot legacy. Ravens, set just a brief walk from the Lawrence University campus at 215 E. College Avenue, opened May 9 and has seen its patronage "doubling nightly," according to co-owner Jared Korn. *Quest's* Mike Fitzpatrick talked with Jared about the new venue during a break from another busy night recently.

**Quest:** Tell me about Ravens.

**Korn:** "Well, it's Appleton's newest martini lounge - slash - dance bar - slash - video bar. It's our second weekend open and each day we've been doubling the business. It's strictly been by word of mouth. *Quest* will be our first ad. Right now I've almost got a full house!"

**Quest:** What are the attractions of Ravens? Is it a gay bar, a mixed bar?

**Korn:** "This bar is whatever anyone who comes in the door wants it to be. Right now it's about 90% gay. It's gay owned and operated. Right now it's mostly men, from 21 to 65 so it's all over the place!"

**Quest:** Are you the sole owner of Ravens?

**Korn:** No. I've got a business partner. His name is Mike Pautz from Black Creek, but he's in town most of the time.

**Quest:** What kind of music will be playing?

**Korn:** "In the back bar - we're going to have a separate name (for it) - will be open Thursday through Saturday with a resident DJ, Mark Bray. We also will be bringing in visiting deejays. Dancing will start about 10 o'clock. Videos will run all night. The beat will be a lot heavier and a lot louder in the back.

"The front also will be a video lounge. We're not gonna have (TV shows like) 'Wheel of Fortune.' Just music videos with a good beat.

"There's also a lounge area where it's quieter for a little more intimate conversation."

**Quest:** Describe what makes Ravens so exciting.

**Korn:** "We're one of a kind right now in Appleton.



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## EVA SHIFFRIN NAMED AS NEW FAIR WISCONSIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Madison** - The Fair Wisconsin and Fair Wisconsin Education Fund board of directors have announced the selection of Eva Shiffrin as the new Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin. Shiffrin came to Fair Wisconsin from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, where she served as the staff attorney since 2002. Shiffrin was active during the Fair Wisconsin amendment campaign in 2006 and a founding member of Attorney's Against the Ban, a working group of lawyers that educated the public on the potential legal impact of the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions.

Shiffrin has been an LGBT rights advocate for over twenty years beginning in high school. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Fair Wisconsin from both the legal and non-profit sector. Shiffrin has also worked as an attorney for the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups and an instructor for the University of Wisconsin Law School. She received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin and her undergraduate degree from Indiana University.

"I am thrilled and excited to join Fair Wisconsin and look forward to leading it into the future," Shiffrin said in a formal press release. "Fair Wisconsin is a powerful voice for Wisconsin's LGBT citizens and we will continue to fight for fairness and equality for all Wisconsin families."

Shiffrin's employment brings to an end a five month period of interim directorships by former Communications Director Josh Freker and Development Director Heather Couburn. Freker was named interim director after the resignation of Chris Ott last December. Ott has since taken a position with the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Couburn was named to succeed Freker after he accepted a position as Policy Director for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence in March.

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Current undergraduate and graduate students as well as new freshman, transfer and graduate students admitted to the UW-Madison for the upcoming year are welcome to apply.

Application deadline is June 15, 2007, which is different from the current posted date on application documents, is incorrect, according to Eric W. Trekell of the UW LGBT Campus Center. Successful recipients will be invited (but not required) to attend a recognition ceremony during Madison Pride weekend, July 21-22, 2007.

Applicants do not need to identify as LGBT; as allies who have demonstrated advocacy on behalf of the LGBT communities are often awarded this scholarship, too. Other criteria include: demonstrated financial need and evidence of academic success in college or high school.

For complete details and application materials, visit the Wisconsin Alumni Association website at: [www.uwalumni.com](http://www.uwalumni.com)

## ANGELS OF HOPE MCC APPLETON MOVES


**Appleton** - The Appleton congregation of Angels of Hope MCC has moved into a new space as of May 13. The congregation is now using the chapel in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 724 E South River Drive, just across the Fox river from downtown Appleton. The worship time remains the same at 6:00 PM Sundays.

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Proceeds from the event will be donated to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Milwaukee food pantry to help those affected by HIV/AIDS. There is no cover charge for this event. Rather, the cost of the first drink each guest orders will be donated to ARCW. Additional donations will also be accepted.

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Established in 1968, This Is It! - located at 418 E. Wells Street in Milwaukee - is an authentic cocktail lounge that caters to the gay community, and boasts a great jukebox of standards, jazz, disco, classic rock and country with a mix of current hits. For more information on this event

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**Friday, May 25**

Haror Room (Milw) Grand Re-opening Party

**Thursday, May 31**

MONA's (Milw) Pride Idol Competition

**Saturday, June 2**

City Lights Chill (Milw) Full Moon Party

Madison Gay Video Club "Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds" (Culture Q, 2006)  
"Mirage" (Raging Stallion) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org> , 244-8675 (evenings)

**June 8-9-10**

**N.W. LGBT Camp Out**

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**Sunday, June 10**

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**Saturday, June 16**

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Saturday, June 16 - Madison Gay Video Club "Whispering Moon (Austria)"  
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**Sunday, June 17**

Monas (Milwaukee) Three Strikes Productions Miss IT Milw 2007 Contest  
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Club 5 (Madison) Miss Capitol City WI USofA 2007 10pm

**Saturday, June 23**

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus "In Our Own Words" 7:30 P.M.  
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**Wednesday, June 27**

Shelter Club (Green Bay) - Free HIV Testing & Hep A/B Vax 8-10pm

**Thursday, June 28**

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**Wednesday, June 20**

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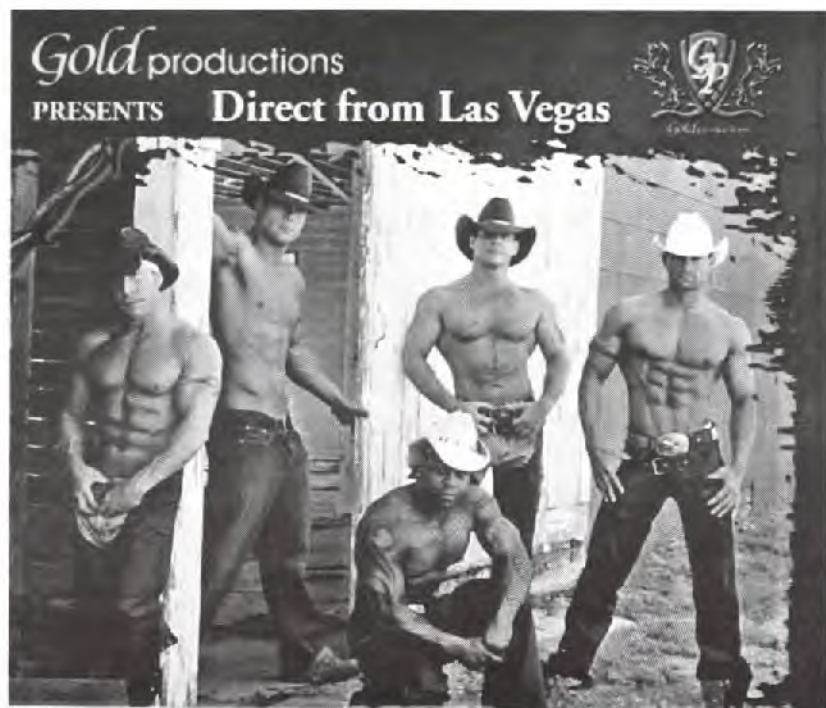
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Dear Barbie,

How do I know for sure if my partner loves me? --

*Signed, Insecure Lover*

**Hello Insecure Lover,**

Many couples have relationship issues that need to be worked on. So let's address some of the issues for maintaining a happy and healthy romantic relationship. The following is a list some of the most popular therapeutic suggestions:

- 1) Take responsibility for your own emotions and the way you feel.
- 2) Focus on learning from the conflict.
- 3) It is destructive to do things out of obligation, fear or guilt. Instead, your behavior needs to come from your desires.
- 4) Avoid using your fear & guilt to control others.
- 5) When you get angry with your lover, be aware that you might be trying to change your partner by making his/her wrong. People often get angry to protect themselves from getting hurt.
- 6) Before you explain your feelings to your significant other, ask yourself, "What's my motivation for telling him/her my feelings?" Are you lecturing your partner in order to manipulate him/her to do what you want him/her to do? The healthy way of handling a conflict is to say, "We both have something to learn from this situation."
- 7) Think of conflict as an opportunity that can lead to growth.
- 8) Realize that you choose whether or not to react or interact with the other person.
- 9) Sometimes conflict can be a vicious circle. For example, if your partner throws out a hook and you bite on it—you both had a part to play in it.
- 10) The words you speak do not matter as much as the intentions and tone of voice behind those words.
- 11) When your lover is upset with you, say to him/her, "I don't understand your reasons. What is the reason for your reaction?"
- 12) If your angered partner continues to verbally abuse

## Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

*Disclaimer: Although the author of this syndicated column holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, the tongue-in-cheek advice given is for entertainment only and is not a substitute for therapy. Send your questions to Uncle Barbie: AskUncleBarbie@aol.com. Barbie responds to all emails...whether you deserve it or not.*

you, ask him/her, "You do not have the right to hurt me?"

13) Take a moment to examine how you protect yourself (your defenses). Why do you protect yourself? What is the hope you have in protecting yourself? Do you want to change your lover? What are the consequences of using these protection mechanisms?

14) Next, explore where you developed these protections. How did you learn them? Who did you learn them from? What are your fears, beliefs and expectations (past and present)? What is the fear underneath your protection mechanisms? Do you think that you will be unlovable? Where and how did you become so afraid?

15) Question your erroneous or irrational beliefs, which often cause pain in your relationship.

16) Consider your values. What do you think is the right way to live? Do you blame your partner for not living the way you think he/she should?

17) And finally, before acting or speaking, always remember to ask yourself, "What are my intentions, and what can I learn from this experience?"

All of these suggestions are the best way I know to maintain a healthy and happy relationship with your sexual partner. I wish you all the best.  
Love the one you are with, Barbie

**Dear Uncle Barbie,**

I enjoy walking, but get tired of always having to do it alone. How could I meet a gay / lesbian / bisexual / transgendered walking companion who shares at least some of my many interests (nature, arts, sciences, history)? *Signed, Lonely*

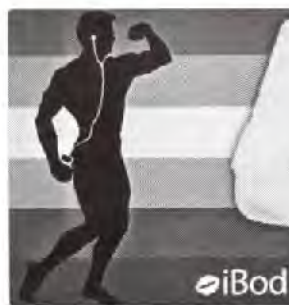


An inspiration for deviants everywhere!

**Hello Lonely,**

If I were you, I would take out a personal ad, and see who responds to your request for a G.L.B.T. walking companion. Next, I would start talking to my friends and co-workers to see if any of them know of anyone who may want to go for an occasional walk with you. You may find a fellow walker at one of the discussion groups that meet at your local gay & lesbian center. Just ask around. You will find someone, sooner or later. It's like fishing—keep your lure in the water until you get a bite! (Or even a nibble. Wink, wink!)  
Keep on trolling, Barbie

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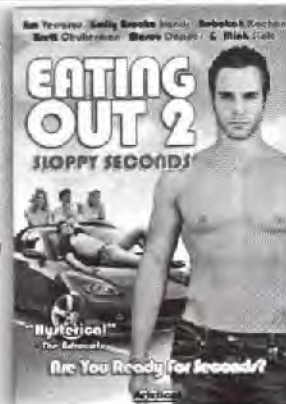
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# NEW ON DVD by Glenn Bishop

## **EATING OUT 2: SLOPPY SECONDS**

Unlike the majority of loyal *Quest* readers, Glenn wasn't a huge fan of "Eating Out," hunky guys and gratuitous male nudity notwithstanding. When the screener for the sequel, aptly titled "Sloppy Seconds," arrived on Glenn's doorstep, it was received with some trepidation.

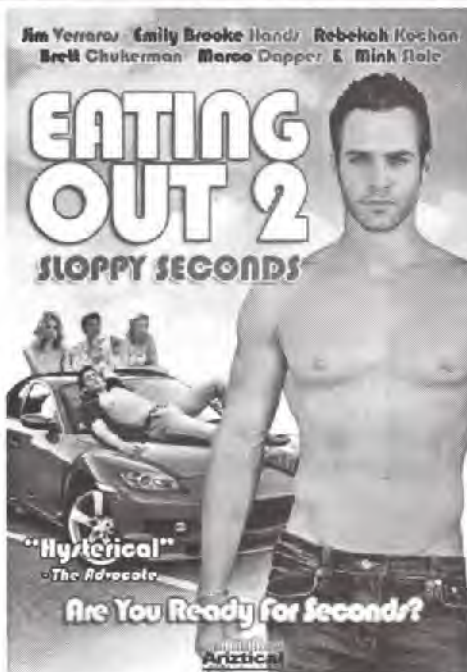
But not to worry. "Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds" is bright, very funny and far superior to the original in every way. The hot guys are even hotter and the full-frontal male nudity even more fabulously gratuitous. Who could ask for anything more?

While Ryan Carnes is sadly absent, former *Idol*, Jim Verraros, returns from the first film as Kyle. As "Sloppy Seconds" begins, Kyle has just been dumped by flirty boyfriend Marc (Brett Chukerman, who replaces Ryan Carnes). Kyle is monumentally devastated – for all of about two seconds. All thoughts of Marc vanish in a heartbeat when his art class gets a nude model – Troy (Marco Dapper) from Illinois. Troy's naked perfection is absolutely spellbinding. Plan to hit the pause button here...

Now, how about a truly surprising plot twist: Kyle immediately sets out to woo the shy, sexually ambivalent Troy. Gee, Glenn sure didn't see that one coming...

And just how does Kyle set off to bed the hunky Troy? By insisting he's actually a "reformed" gay man. Not only does Kyle claim to be truly, madly, deeply in lust with his slutty gal pal Tiffani (Rebekah Kochan), but he takes Troy by the hand and sets off for the campus "ex-gay" support group, "Homo No More," led by another collegiate cutie, Jacob (Scott Vickaryous).

Yes, once again screenwriter Q. Allan Brocka along with director by Paul Bartell, gleefully plays with notions of gay, straight and bi-sexuality, managing to find



plenty of laughs lurking behind every imaginable stereotype.

But what about Marc? Despite having dumped Kyle, he's really rather jealous at the attention his former boyfriend is showing Troy and decides to try to seduce Troy as well. In a moment of sheer comic (not to mention erotic) bliss, Marc pretends he's to join Troy modeling nude for art class. Troy (not mention Glenn) was suitably impressed with Marc's impressively sculpted form and ample endowment and the two lads become fast

## **Buy It, Rent It or Forget It**

Come on, let's get serious. Along with a handful of other titles, the recent hit, *Another Gay Movie*, *Beautiful Thing*, *Latter Days*, *Adventures of Pricilla*, and the original *Eating Out*, *Sloppy Seconds* is an essential addition for all gay DVD collections. Here's a cute, fun movie with plenty of eye candy and a rather surprising message.

## **Just the facts...**

"Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds" has a running time of 85 minutes and is in English. "Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds" is available on DVD on May 29<sup>th</sup> with a SRP of \$24.99. DVD extras include a "Behind the Scenes" featurette, a photo gallery plus a commentary track with cast & crew. Look for John Waters regular Mink Stole as Kyle's mother and James Michael Bobby, the hottie from *Cowboy Junction*, as the nerdy, ex-gay wannabe, Allan.

friends.

Who will win this cinematic quest to bed the adorably chiseled Troy? How far will Kyle with supposed girlfriend Tiffani to prove he's man enough? Can Marc's gal pal Gwen (Emily Brooke Hands) manage to stage managed Marc seduction of Troy without Troy realizing what is happening? Will Jacob's impure thoughts of hottie Octavio (Adrian Quinonez) lead him into temptation?

Happily, when *Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds* reaches its hilarious, if unexpected finale, everyone proves a winner.

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  6. My Egyptian Lover — Space Cowboy
  7. He's The Greatest Dancer (Shapeshifters Remix) — Dannii Minogue
  8. Konichiwa Bitches (Trentemoller Remix) — Robyn
  9. I Could Fall In Love With You (Monteverde Extended Mix) — Erasure
  10. Mamma Mia — Shana Vanguarde
  11. One Night In Bangkok (Vinylshakerz Screen Cut) — Vinylshakerz
  12. Lucky — Lucky Twice
  13. Blue Monday (Thierry from Paris Remix) — 2 Touch featuring Pakito
  14. I'm Too Sexy (Liquid Nation's New Yrk Pussy Club) — Right Said Fred
  15. Earth Intruders — Bjork

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# Thank You Sir:

by Jeff Hicks

## Your Leathers ?

For most people in the Leather Scene, their "Leathers" focus around the [Leather Jacket] . Many also have the boots / vest / chaps / and Special 'uniform/ fetish', pieces.

With the approach of "I Mr L", Having our Leathers in top condition is often a strong focus. With that in mind I am approaching the last few steps of restoring my Leather Jacket. It is now 36 yr's old. The Leather hasn't degraded too far to be acceptable but does need a little attention. It has some dryness, and some old cat claw marks on the shoulders. It needs cleaning, some dying, and then oiling. All of the seams that were loose have been restitched. New 'nylon' thread instead of the old cotton. Still needs a new lining but that will have to wait. Many will say, "Why even keep a Jacket so old and decrepit? Therein lies my tale ...

I have mentioned before how I came to have been given / rewarded for earning / That Leather Motorcycle style jacket in Nov. of 1971. Needless to say I was taken aback with the Honor, and respect afforded me at so early a stage in my learning. This reaction was from an understanding of the meaning of the time. For many years the gay scene had been denigrated extensively and even more so the Leather scene. *Those* people were just too strange for words. That is a large part of why so many did not wear the Jacket in all public situations. It was a special symbol of an interest and appreciation of the Dom / sub lifestyle that had grown out of the post WW-2 motorcycle set. This was what could be called a closed fraternity. There were no club organizations. There were very few "out" places to gather or events to go to. Very little was known about the entire life or lifestyle. The extent of how far underground it was will never be fully known. Those details are lost to the ages. My invitation to try an introduction to the scene happened quite accidentally after my response to a few unintentional comments during a lunch conversation. After a 9 day introduction; and 3 months guided coaching, I was encouraged to explore on my own. However one of my training / mentoring couples saw fit to present me with the Jacket after a weekend gathering. This now meant that if I went to the NYC Eagle or TY's wearing the jacket I would be questioned on why I would wear the Jacket, and if response was appropriate, afforded a degree of respect for having "EARNED" my "Leathers". Without the Internet at that time this was a part of my profile, and implied a 'handle' that would have meaning among people of Leather. Today it does not imply as much as it once did. A part of that is because at that time, Leather Motorcycle Jackets implied a very "Outcast" type of person. A rebel or undesirable type. Society looked down on anybody wearing such garb. It was not a favorable fashion statement. You had to be ready to be "unacceptable" to almost all if you wanted to wear your Jacket.

So that is why I would keep the old thing. Now away from the key board to finish the cleaning of the Jacket preparatory to dye touch-up, then a full oiling to show it's full potential as a symbol of a dedicated 'person of Leather' . Any questions: Ask boy jeff H.

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Joel Rittle, SAGE Milwaukee, Counseling  
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## LGBT Neighborhood Associations

**Bay View GAYS**  
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bvgpresident@bvgays.com  
www.bvgays.com

**Washington Heights Rainbow Association**  
Association  
(414) 258-8834  
washhtsrainbow@aol.com  
www.washingtonheightsrainbow.org

**Wauwatosa Rainbow Association**  
(aka Rainbow Fireflies)  
(414) 774-9470  
tosarainbow@yahoo.com



# Milwaukee LGBT Groups and Organizations

## LGBT Social Groups

**Black and White Men Together**  
PO BOX 091475 Milwaukee, WI 53209  
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bwmtmilwaukee@aol.com  
www.bwmtmilwaukee.org

**The Brunch Club**  
jennieragland@wi.rr.com

**Femme Mafia Milwaukee**  
www.myspace.com/femmefiamke

**Rainbow Families**  
315 W Cour Street  
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Milwaukee, WI 53212  
mkerainbowfamilies@hotmail.com

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info@brewcitybears.org  
www.brewcitybears.org

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review2004@yahoo.com  
www.queerchurch.org

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office@underwoodchurch.com  
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office@lakeparklutheran.com  
www.lakeparklutheran.com

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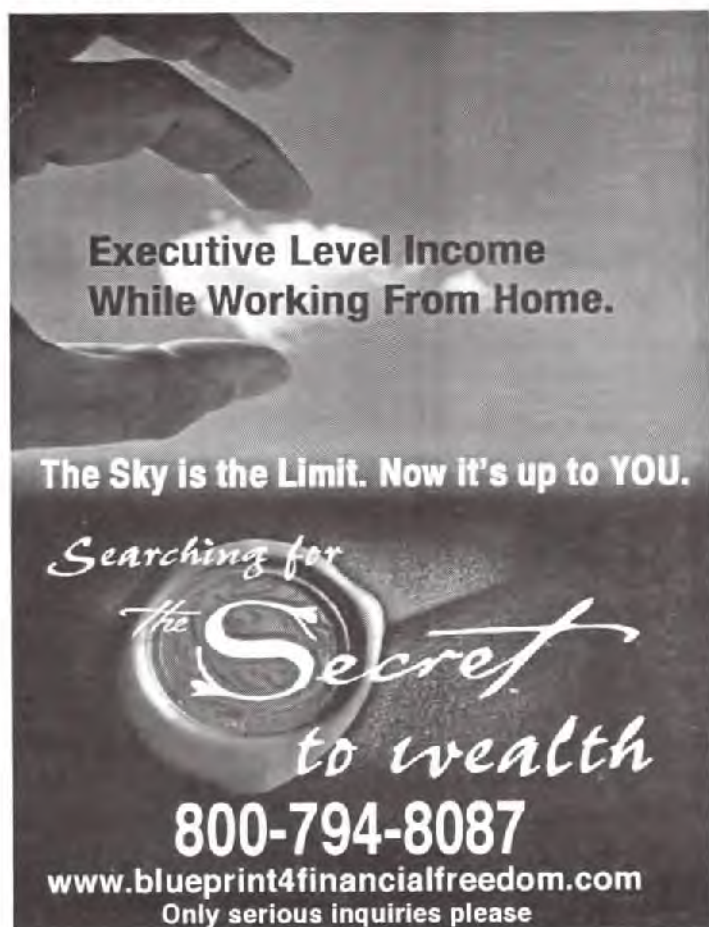
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**Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin**  
820 Plankinton Ave  
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www.bestd.org

**Children Service Society of Wisconsin**  
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www.cssw.org

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(920)651-1226

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