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Jersey Stunner: The Guv is Gay!

Governor James E. McGreevey, a one-time rising star in the Democratic Party and twice-married father, announced his resignation

August 12 with the startling disclosure that he is gay and had an extra-marital affair with a man that he said threatened to undermine his "ability to govern."

Gov. James E. McGreevey

"My truth is that I am a gay American," McGreevey said at a Trenton news conference with his second wife by his side. He described decades of sexual confusion that dogged him through two marriages and ultimately led him to an act he called "wrong, foolish and inexcusable." "Given the circumstances surrounding the affair and its likely impact upon my family and my ability to govern, I have decided the right course of action is to resign," he said. McGreevey said his resignation would be effective November 15.

McGreevey, 47, refused to answer questions. "It makes little difference that as governor I am gay," he said but added that staying in office and keeping the affair and his sexual orientation secret would leave the governor's office "vulnerable to rumors, false allegations and threats of disclosure."

Anonymous sources close to McGreevey claimed the man involved in the affair was Golan Cipel, an Israeli poet who met the governor during a trip to Israel. One source added Cipel threatened McGreevey several weeks ago that unless he was paid "millions of dollars," Cipel would file a lawsuit against the governor charging him with sexual harassment.

Jerseyans gathered around radios and TV sets to listen to McGreevey's live news conference, and many were left in

shock. "It's a shame," one Middletown resident said. "He brought a lot of passion to the governor's office, but the fact is that it's not accepted in today's society and he's paying the consequences."

"His sexual orientation doesn't matter to me. I feel he's done a good job, holding the line on taxes," Donald Bowman, a Newark school district worker, said.

Democrat Senate President Richard J. Codey will become acting governor and serve out the remainder of McGreevey's term, which ends in early 2006. If McGreevey were to leave office before November 15, a special election would be held.

State Republicans were quick to respond and demanded McGreevey step aside immediately on August 13. Joe Kyrillos, chairman of the New Jersey Republican State Committee, called on



McGreevey to "do the right thing" and step down right away. Kyrillos claimed rumors about the affair, as well as his "suspicion that there will be more awkward stories in the days and weeks to come" and not political opportunism that prompted his call for McGreevey to quit immediately.

Gay and lesbian Jerseyans predictably supported the governor. "It is a very sad to thing to watch. It is kind of stunning, sad to me that in 2004 people are still having to struggle because of homophobia in society to come to terms with who they are," said Lambda Legal executive director Kevin Cathcart said.

McGreevey had a daughter with his first wife, Kari, who lives in British Columbia with the child. He has another daughter with his current wife, Dina. McGreevey spokesman Micah

Rasmussen declined to answer any questions about the future of McGreevey's marriage. McGreevey rose from mayor of suburban Woodbridge to state chief executive by his tenacious pursuit of party politics, winning the Statehouse in November 2001 by beating Republican Bret Schundler by 15%.

A former altar boy, he proudly discussed his Roman Catholic faith but publicly disagreed with church leaders over his support for abortion rights and same-sex domestic partnerships. He pushed for the state's domestic-partnership law, which went into effect earlier this year.

Mixed Messages Abound Nationwide On Same-Sex Marriage Missouri Ballot Defeat Followed by Court Rulings in Oregon, California & Louisiana

Both supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage have had plenty to cheer about nationwide in the last two weeks.

The August 3 passage of an anti-gay marriage amendment to the Missouri state Constitution by a 71 - 29% margin was a blistering defeat for the LGBT community. Missourians voted to ban same-sex marriage by amending the state's constitution to define marriage as only between a man and a woman. Slightly more than a million people voted to approve the constitutional amendment. Votes against the ballot measure totaled 437,563 according to results issued by the Missouri Secretary of State.

Missouri's Gay rights activists said they were obviously disappointed with the election results, but pleased with their organizing efforts. Considered a bellwether by some political observers, the vote in Missouri may signify how other states will respond. "We wanted to do better to give others hope," said Jeff Wunrow, deputy campaign manager for the Constitution Defense League. "But we are strong and resilient people."

Wunrow's Constitutional Defense League raised almost \$450,000 and reportedly identified more than 111,000 Missourians opposed to the amendment. By contrast, measure supporters spent only \$19,000 to secure their lopsided win. As one activist lamented, "no matter how much money we raise, we were organizing against one of the most deeply ingrained institutions in our society - that's why it's called 'organized' religion."

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HRC paid for four organizers to be on the ground in Missouri and contributed close to \$100,000 to defeat the amendment, according to Seth Kilbourn, HRC's national field organizer.

The day after the Missouri defeat saw a big win for gay marriage supporters. Gay couples can be married under Washington state law, because denying their right to do so is a violation of their constitutional rights, King County Superior Court Judge William L. Downing ruled August 4. "The denial to the plaintiffs of the right to marry constitutes a denial of substantive due process," Downing said in his ruling.

However, the decision was automatically stayed until the state Supreme Court reviews the case, meaning no marriage licenses can be issued until then,

said Jennifer Pizer, lead counsel in the case for Lambda Legal Defense in the case. "Judge Downing saw the couples in the courtroom and he's recognized that they are full and equal citizens of Washington. No more and no less," Pizer said.

Washington is one of 38 states with laws defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The Washington state couples challenged the state's Defense of Marriage Act, which restricts marriage to one man and one woman.

Arguing for the couples, attorney Bradley Bagshaw told Downing at a July hearing that the act violates the state constitution by depriving same-sex couples of the same privileges and immunities as other residents, and by depriving them of life, liberty or property without due process of law. Six couples filed the lawsuit in March after King County refused to grant them marriage licenses, and two other couples later joined the suit. A second lawsuit was filed in April by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 11 same-sex couples.

In his ruling, Downing criticized argu-

ments that a ban on same-sex marriage would protect children from harm that may be caused by being raised in a non-traditional family. "Although many may hold strong opinions on the subject, the fact is that there are no scientifically valid studies tending to establish a negative impact on the adjustment of children raised by an intact same-sex couple as compared with those raised by an intact opposite-sex couple," Downing wrote. "Excluding same-sex partners from civil marriage is not rationally related to any legitimate or compelling state interest."

King County Executive Ron Sims, a defendant in the lawsuit, said the ruling was a powerful affirmation of equal rights. "I think marriage is an incredibly wonderful institution and that people who love each other should be allowed to be involved in it," Sims said. When first urged to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, Sims said he wouldn't do it because the licenses wouldn't have any legal meaning in a state that didn't recognize him. But he invited the couples to sue. No date has been scheduled for the necessary higher court review at *Quest's* deadline.

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Right: At Club Night Out.

Above: Brandy Wells performs at Club Night Out.

Top Left: Gene performs a number from Chicago

Top Right: Julie, her son and her sister (also featured on the cover.)

Middle Left: Keith wondering just how shy Loren really is!

All photos were sent courtesy of Fran Cherney :-)

Then on August 12 - in a move that will likely spur a new round of litigation about whether California's Constitution allows the weddings - the California Supreme Court voided the nearly 4,000 same-sex marriages sanctioned in San Francisco earlier this year. The seven justices unanimously said Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision to issue the licenses and perform the ceremonies violated a 1977 state law that defines marriage as a union between a man & woman.

In a separate 5-2 vote the justices nullified the 3,995 marriages performed between February 12 and March 11, the date of the court's order to halt the weddings.

However, the court focused its ruling on the limits of local government authority, and did not resolve whether the California Constitution would permit a same-sex marriage. That question will have to wait as a flurry of lawsuits and countersuits over the gay weddings rise through the state's courts.

Chief Justice Ronald George, writing for the majority, noted that Thursday's ruling doesn't address "the substantive legal rights of same sex couples." Instead, it insists that local officials can't legislate state law from city halls or county government centers.

While the same-sex marriages had virtually no legal value, their nullification dismayed

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license in San Francisco. "Del is 83 years old and I am 79," Lyon said. "After being together for more than 50 years, it is a terrible blow to have the rights and protections of marriage taken away from us."

Newsom also was defiant at a news conference at City Hall, where he appeared with city officials, many of them gay and lesbian, and spoke to a number of couples who he had allowed to get married. He said that his "heart was heavy" that the marriages were voided, but vowed to carry on the city's constitutional challenge. "There is nothing that any court decision or politician can do that will take that (wedding) moment away," Newsom said. "I'm proud of those 4,000 couples."

With their same-sex marriages yanked away by the court ruling, many gay and lesbian couples were left wondering what will happen to the benefits they briefly received, such as family insurance discounts and medical coverage. The court ruling came as many gay newlyweds were in the process of asserting legal rights to benefits only married couples enjoy. The ruling means that the marriages were never valid under the law. Some of the gays and lesbians who joyfully got married

under the ornate dome of San Francisco's City Hall quickly applied for marriage benefits.

Valid marriages not only ensure parental rights - they are key to a wide variety of financial benefits, affecting taxes, inheritance, insurance, Social Security and retirement. And while neither the federal government nor California recognized the marriages in the six months before they were nullified, a host of lawsuits were filed asserting their legitimacy. Those remain in the state's court system. The lawsuits over the San Francisco weddings have been consolidated into one case. The next step is the filing of legal briefs, due in San Francisco Superior Court on September 8.

On August 13, a New Orleans judge temporarily blocked a vote next month on a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages in Louisiana. Judge Christopher Bruno ruled that September 18 is not a statewide election date as the state's Constitution requires. But he suspended his order to let the state appeal, and set an August 20 trial on making his order permanent.

Louisiana already has a law stating marriage can only be between a man and a woman. The Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages to

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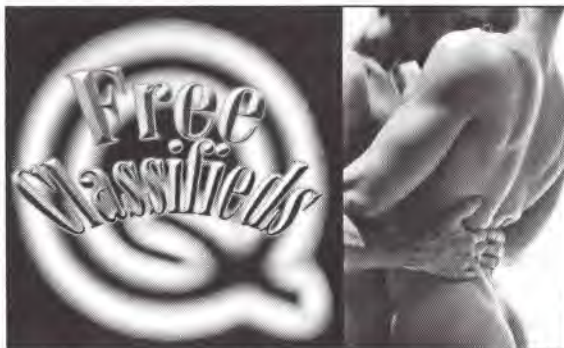
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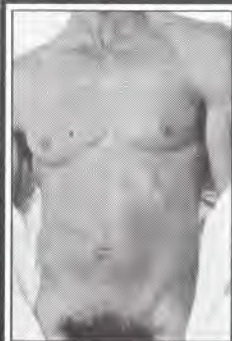
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protect that state law in the Constitution. The amendment requires a vote.

Amendment opponents sued to block the vote, arguing the amendment would violate the state Constitution, which guarantees the rights to enter into contracts and own property. Bruno ruled the Constitution requires the amendment vote come as part of a statewide election - and that this year's only statewide election will be November 2.

Assistant Louisiana State Attorney Roy Mongrue said he would appeal immediately to the state Supreme Court. During the August 13 hearing, Mongrue argued that people change their minds - and have a right to change their Constitution. "People cannot pass an unrepeatable Constitution," he said. Under the state election code, Mongrue argued, Louisiana's September primary and November runoff are defined as statewide elections.

John Rawls, an attorney for amendment opponents, hailed Bruno's order. "This is a great day for the Louisiana state Constitution," he said. "All Louisianians fall into one minority or another. The Constitution is there to protect minorities from the majority."

Rawls, representing a group called The Forum for Equality and three individuals who sued to block the amendment, said the proposal is clearly unconstitutional.

al. "If an amendment is clearly unconstitutional, every taxpayer and every voter has the right to prevent money from being spent to mess up the ballot," he said.

Louisiana - where there are now three nearly identical lawsuits on the gay marriage issue - is among at least 11 states where voters decide this fall whether their constitutions should forbid gay marriage. Prior to the court stay Louisiana residents were to vote on the same issue September 18. Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah are to vote November 2. Initiatives that may reach the voters in 2004 still are pending in Michigan, North Dakota and Ohio.

An amendment to replace gay marriage in Massachusetts with civil unions will appear on the November 2006 ballot if the Legislature approves it in the 2005-06 session. It was the November, 2003 landmark ruling by Massachusetts' top court allowing gay marriage that began the entire same-sex marriage debate.

Four states - Alaska, Hawaii, Nebraska and Nevada - already have anti-gay marriage amendments in their state Constitutions. President Bush's push for changing the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriage continues to be campaign fodder this election year.

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The recent Broadway revival of the parody of B 1950's horror and sci-fi films, had to find a way to insure that, while "Rocky Horror Fans" were encouraged to respond at certain times, they were kept in control, so that "normal" theatre audiences could still enjoy the show. Clever ad-libs and the use of a talented and very vocal ensemble solved the problem. The show uses film clips, special effects, crazy costumes, and controlled audience responses to tell the story of Brad and Janet and their adventures one stormy evening as they arrive at "The Frankenstein Mansion" to find a birthday party in full swing. The birth being celebrated is that of Rocky, Dr. Frankenfurter's new creation.

Yes, the audience is encouraged to get up and join the cast in dancing the famous "Time Warp." Yes there is a rock and roll monster named Eddie who literally crashes the party to sing a song called "Hot Patootie," and yes, there are gender reversals and lots of kinky comedy. It's a perfect vehicle in other words,

for Dale Gutzman's Off the Wall Theatre.

Gutzman will direct, with music direction by Ernest Brusubardis, who will also put together and lead the band, and choreography by Nancy Vissintainer Armstrong. The environmental setting will be created by David Roper. Dr., Frankenfurter, surly one of the most lavishly over done roles ever created for the stage or screen, whose entrance and opening song, "Sweet Transvestite" has become legendary, will be portrayed by Karl Miller. Karl has won praise for his performances with The Skylight Theatre, Broadway Baby, Bialistock and Bloom, and has worked with Dale for a dozen years, including doing shows in Asia. Brad Majors, the young nerdy hero, will be played by Joe Fransee, also a Skylight Theatre performer. Janet Weiss, the virginal heroine will be performed by Off The Wall regular Sharon Rise, who was last seen in "THE WILD PARTY." Rocky (the Creature) will be played by Kirk Thomsen who recently appeared in RSVP Productions' "JEFFREY" and has been in several Gutzman shows

in the last year. Riff Raff, the ghoulish butler will be portrayed by Robert Hirschi, who in addition to being one of Milwaukee's better known actors, has sung for years with his own rock band. Another rock band vocalist and performance artist, Aaron Kopec will play Eddie. Frankenfurter's assistants, Magenta and Columbia, will be played by Samantha Rise and Kristen Pagankoph. Dale Gutzman will narrate and interact with the audience.

Off the wall will present "THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW" Wed. through Sun. Sept. 8th through 19th. Shows on Wed. and Thurs. are at 7:30, Fri. and Sat. at 8:00 p.m. and Sun. at 4:30. TWO SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOWS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR Sat. Sept. 11 and 18th.

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For more information about the show or production photos please call Dale Gutzman at 414 873-1962



Please Sir, May I Have Another?

Finishing Touches and Moving On

By the time this issue hits the stands, we will be mere days from the Argonauts/Castaways Joint Run 2004 at the Kamke farm near Hilbert. The farm has been a flurry of activity over the past few weeks as both clubs apply "finishing touches" to what we have lovingly come to call the "Hilbert Hilton." Yes, it's just a barn, but with all the hard work, dedication and effort, and yes- money- that have gone into the facility, it should be a Hilton.

Both clubs have worked exceptionally hard this year, in preparation for the biggest crowd ever to attend the clubs' joint outdoor run- or camp weekend, if you prefer. Delegates from the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC) will be descending on the run for MACC's fall conference meeting. With the delegates often come other members of their clubs who might not otherwise attend the event were it not for the conference meeting. Adding to the excitement is the fact that this year is a special anniversary year- 30 years for MACC, 30 years for the Argonauts, and 25 years for the Castaways.

Both clubs have some exciting things planned and I'll be sure to report on them afterwards- some are surprises, and I wouldn't want to spoil a surprise.

Speaking of surprises, I was not at all surprised to hear that there was some negative feedback from the Mr. Harbor Room contest held in Milwaukee on July 24. As I mentioned in the last column, there's always someone who is not happy with the outcome of a contest, and this time the individuals who were not so happy were quite vocal, even going so far as to write letters to my publisher.

I was very glad that these concerns were voiced, and I was very

glad to have the opportunity to look into the "allegations" of inappropriate scoring by certain judges. (Jeez, that word "allegations" makes it all sound so serious!)

Just to put the "finishing touch" on that issue, I'll report that I did do some investigating. In fact, I did a very close study of the scoring, and can honestly say that no single judge's scoring altered the outcome to the point

where the declared

winner

would

not

have

won.

My

investigation

confirmed

that Steve

Rose was

unquestionably the

favored contestant, and that his

performance on stage at the contest

was scored clearly higher than

any of the other contestants.

That being said, I'll also say

this- the other contestants were

incredibly close. All of the contestants

did a fantastic job, and all of them

can be proud.

Unfortunately, when there are

four contestants and only three

trophies, someone goes home

without a trophy- no matter how

close the scores are.

My own experience with scoring

Argonauts contests also confirms

just how close these things can be.

I've seen the difference of a few

percentage points make the difference

between winning and not even placing.

It's amazing how close these contests can be,

and it's also amazing how much

importance some people attach to the outcome.

Fairness and integrity in judging are imperative- otherwise why even bother with a contest? Just give the sash to whoever you want to have it. On the other hand, let's not forget- It's JUST a leatherman contest- not the presidential election, for Chrissakes. However, in the future, I stand prepared to double check for anyone's incorrectly punched chads.

Enough already.

With the

Joint Run

upon us,

it's also

time to

bid

adieu to

the current

Mr.

North

woods,

John

Weiler. I

can't say enough

good things about this guy.

John has been an incredible

ambassador for the Argonauts, he

has done a tremendous amount of

work for the club, and he has

become a very dear friend.

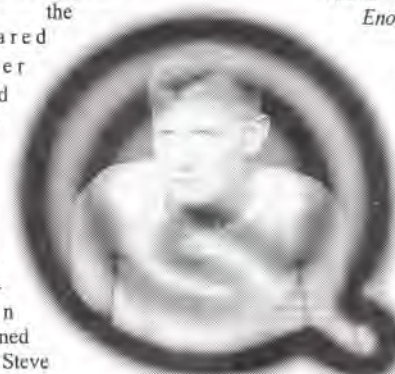
Although he may be giving up the

sash at Joint Run 2004, I do hope

that he won't become a stranger to

us. In fact, I'm going to do every-

thing in my power to make sure



that he doesn't forget us- up to and including physically abducting him at the farm and bringing him back to Green Bay in the trunk of my car.

Saying farewell to John, Mr. Northwoods 2003/2004 is not a "finishing touch," because I intend to see him around a lot, but thanking him for his extraordinary year of service to the Club is. No one could have done it better, John. You are the real deal.

Moving On.

The AIDS Walk is coming up on Sunday, September 26. A small group of us are organizing a statewide Leather/Levi/Bear team, called the "Give AIDS the BOOT" team. We have set a goal of at least 50 team members and a fund-raising goal of \$5,000. You can check out the team on the AIDS Walk web site:

<http://www.aidswalkwisc.org>. I'd like to see YOU on our team, walking with me in Milwaukee, wearing your BOOTS.

I invite all of you to join the team, and to raise funds for AIDS Service Organizations throughout Wisconsin. If you cannot participate on the team, I encourage you to support the team with your donation.

You can donate online or in person to any person on the team. I'm proud to report that the Argonauts of Wisconsin have already contributed \$500 in support of the "BOOT" team. Let's show AIDS Service Organizations and their clients that they are sup-

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We will soon be organizing team fundraisers at area bars as well as collecting pledges and donations on an individual basis; If the team meets or exceeds its goal of \$5000, I've pledged to complete the 6.2 mile walk wearing nothing but my boots and a leather pride flag. Ooh. Sexy? Maybe not so much.

Upcoming Events:

August 27-29: Great Lakes Leather Alliance Weekend; Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information, visit the GLLA web site at <http://www.greatlakesleather.org>.

September 11-12: "Give AIDS the BOOT" team fundraiser at Cricket's Fox River Lounge; 701 Broadway, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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MOVIE REVIEW "A Home at the End of the World"

by Glenn Bishop

When a big Hollywood star decides to "play gay," it is big news. You don't believe Glenn? Just check out most issues of The Advocate, the LGBT community's primary news magazine. This otherwise fine publication has long had an extraordinary fascination with straight celebrities, offering cover stories of those heterosexual actors taking on the challenges of playing a queer role with absurd frequency.

One need look no further than the issue currently on newsstands in which handsome has-been Antonio Sabato Jr. "bares (his) body and his soul to talk about his new gay role and wild past."

Antonio Sabato Jr.?

The focus of this review is bad-boy action-star extraordinaire Colin Farrell who takes on a bisexual character in the cinematic adaptation of Michael Cunningham's novel, "A Home at the End of the World."

Cunningham's novel must have remarkable back in 1990, the year it was published, offering the possibility of an alternative family of two men, one woman and a baby. For good measure, throw in an AIDS subplot and the result was a novel which the mainstream press nearly wet themselves collectively in offering praising.

Young Jonathan (Dallas Roberts as an adult) is a lonely, geeky mess of a kid until he meets Bobby (Colin Farrell as an adult) who awakens Jonathan's world with pot and new music. They become inseparable; Jonathan's family even adopting the poor lad when Bobby's father dies – Bobby's mother and brother both having died previously. Not surprisingly, there are, of course, the usual occurrences of sexual fumbling that often occur between boys.

Jonathan eventually goes to New York



City to be gay and Bobby... well, Bobby stays with Jonathan's family. Eventually Bobby is deserted even by his adopted parents and at the tender age of 25, turns up on Jonathan's doorstep where he soon finds a new home with Jonathan and his roommate Clare (Robin Wright Penn). Here Cunningham dabbles in the possibility of a family somewhat less than traditional. Fitful even at the start, Clare and Bobby become sexually involved and it isn't long before baby makes... four!

Fleeing the big city, a home is soon found at the outskirts of Woodstock. Idyllic as it might at first appear, can happiness be found at this home which is perhaps not quite at the end of the world?

Newcomer Dallas Roberts nicely fleshes out Jonathan, bringing a warmth and likeability to Cunningham's all too often infuriating protagonist. Robin Wright Penn never seems quite at home with Clare, unable to capture her paradox as a woman who treasures of an image of herself as an

alternative earth mother while secretly really wanting a safe, traditional family.

And how does Colin Farrell fare as the bisexual Bobby? As the simple, eager to please Bobby, someone wanting everyone around him safe and happy, Farrell's Bobby is convincingly adorable.

Will Glenn be the only moviegoer who thinks that Farrell seems much more convincingly comfortable in his intimate scenes with Dallas Robert's Jonathan than with Robin Wright Penn's Clare?

Just the facts...

Much controversy surrounds Colin Farrell's celebrated full-frontal shot being edited from the film's final print. Farrell has been quoted, "I know the reason that it was cut out was that it just wasn't right. If anything, it's a beautiful, gentle moment and a f***ing large cock with huge balls, is just f***ing jarring."

No word yet as to whether the DVD will include any bits snipped from the film.

For all about the film, check out the official web site at

<http://wip.warnerbros.com/ahome/>

The film runs 93 minutes and has an "R" rating: R, for strong drug content, sexuality, nudity, language and a disturbing accident

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"A Home at the End of the World," while not a film without its problems, is thoughtful and well-acted and really, about as good a mainstream effort as Glenn has seen in some time and worth a Full Price ticket. Had the film been made years ago, its impact would have likely been comparable to that of "Philadelphia." Yet despite the current atmosphere rife with the debate of gay marriage, Cunningham's genial saga seems oddly quaint and old-fashioned.



At the Theatre

by Glenn Bishop

An Interview with Gareth Hendee, director of the Chamber Theatre's forthcoming production of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch"

After another summer of festivals, theatre is beginning to re-emerge from its usual warm-weather sojourn. Coming to the Broadway Theatre Center's Cabot Theatre is the Chamber Theatre much anticipated Milwaukee premiere of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" which opens Friday August 20th

Many theatergoers will be familiar with this gender-bending rock opera from the 2001 film version starring the show's creator John Cameron Mitchell.

Director Gareth Hendee, who helmed the Chamber Theatre's production of "Dirty Blonde" a few years back, took time out of his rehearsal period to talk about "Hedwig," a show he's followed since John Cameron Mitchell first donned the now infamous persona. "I was there the night that John first did the character of Hedwig in front of an audience which was pretty wild. It was camp and silly but I didn't think that it had a lot of depth, when I first saw it. Hedwig, out of context, just singing a song." Once Mitchell and Stephen Trask devised "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." Hendee admits to being very impressed, "When I saw the show, I was just blown away by it."

A groundbreaking off-Broadway sensation, "Hedwig" tells the story of an East German boy named Hansel who grows up gay, falls in love with a U.S. soldier, undergoing a sex-change operation to be able to follow him to America. A botched operation that leaves a little too much behind (thus the title) inevitably leading Hansel - now Hedwig looking for the one person that will make her whole.

The stage version is quite different from the film, according to Hendee. "The play takes place at one concert event. So, it is really a rock concert with monologues. It is a little more compact and intense than the movie because

what we see is the sort of breakdown that Hedwig goes through all in one evening."

"The actor playing 'Hedwig' has to play all the different parts. It is different, in a way, than a one-person show where they are really playing multiple roles, like Lily Tomlin. Here Hedwig tells us the stories, slipping in & out of all the roles, so it is refracted through her character."

The actor taking on the challenge of Hedwig is a North Carolina native, David Colbert. Colbert is no stranger to the show, having donned the Hedwig-wig twice before to great acclaim. Says Hendee, "He has a great voice, trained as an opera singer but has a great rock voice as well. He'll be doing the role in New York for a big benefit for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS in November."

Finally, what about the Chamber Theatre usual audience of theatergoers? Long a standard-bearer for the works of playwright George Bernard Shaw, the Chamber Theatre is clearly widening their horizons with "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

In many ways it is a really big departure for them," says Hendee, "but in some ways it is true to who they are because of it has a philosophical and literary basis. It is just being told in a very contemporary way."

"There will be people who aren't sure what it is and it will take them a little while to get used to what is being presented. But as the play progresses and the heart of the story comes through, I hope they will begin to accept Hedwig and her message."

If you go...

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch" opens Friday, August 20 at the Broadway Theatre Center's Cabot Theatre located at 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee Historic Third Ward. Tickets are available from the Broadway Theatre Box Office, (414) 291-7800. Seats are reserved and are \$37. "Hedwig" continues through Sunday, September 5.



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Massachusetts: International Study Says No Impact By Same-Sex Unions On "Traditional" Marriage

International statistics do not support the argument of U.S. conservatives that allowing same-sex marriage will undermine traditional marriage, a recently-published study has found. Research by University of Massachusetts economist Lee Badgett, for the Council on Contemporary Families and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, found that marriage-like registered partnerships in multiple Scandinavian nations and the full same-sex marriages in the Netherlands have had no measurable impact on so-called "traditional" marriages. The study found that 77% of Norwegian couples with children and 75% of Dutch couples with children are married. In contrast only 72% of such U.S. couples are married..

"There have been no increases in divorce, cohabitation or out-of-wedlock childbirth, and in Denmark there has been an increase in the heterosexual marriage rate since the country instituted same-sex registered partnerships in 1989," Badgett said in his July report. "The Scandinavian and Dutch experience suggests that there is little reason to worry that heterosexual people will flee marriage if gay and lesbian couples get the same rights."



Missouri: Gay Candidate Nears Seat in Statehouse

On the same day Missouri voters approved a constitutional ban on gay marriage, they also brought Jeanette Mott Oxford a step closer to becoming their state's first openly gay state lawmaker. Oxford took 42.2 % of the 4,025 ballots cast in the August 3 Democratic primary for the St. Louis-based District 59 seat in the state House. Missouri does not employ a runoff system, making Oxford the Democratic nominee on the November 2 ballot, where she will face Libertarian candidate Robert J. Christophel. No Republican is running in the heavily Democratic district and Christophel received only 10 votes in the primary, leaving Oxford poised to win the seat in November.

Utah: Candidates Oppose Gay Marriage Ban

Utah's three candidates for attorney general jointly announced their opposition August 6 to a ballot measure banning gay marriage, saying it is so poorly written it could strip away fundamental rights for unmarried heterosexual couples. Residents will vote November 2 on the proposed amendment to the state constitution, which would define marriage in Utah as between a man and a woman and deny legal benefits to any other domestic union.

It was the second part that drew the most opposition from

the three candidates. "I just think it goes too far and actually hurts Utahns," said incumbent Republican Attorney General Mark Shurtleff.

In a joint statement, Shurtleff, Democrat Greg Skordas and Libertarian Andrew McCullough said the amendment would prohibit the Legislature from extending even the most basic partnership rights to unmarried couples, such as rights to hospital visitations, to emergency medical decision-making and to inheritance.

"However well-intentioned this may be, there will be unintended consequences," Rob Latham, a spokesman for McCullough, said. He said McCullough opposes both parts of the proposed amendment.

One of the amendment's co-sponsors, Republican state Senator Chris Buttarse, defended the two-pronged proposal. "If you believe that marriage is only between a man or woman, part two is absolutely necessary," he said.

The Utah amendment's language mirrors that of a similar measure passed by the Wisconsin legislature earlier this year.

Washington DC: HRC PAC Features Wisconsin's Feingold in Campaign Contribution Pitch

The political action committee of the Human Rights Campaign is solicit-

ing dollars nationwide for the reelection campaign of Wisconsin's U.S. Senator Russ Feingold. Feingold is the only incumbent senator profiled in the first group of half-dozen Congressional candidates on the HRC PAC's "e-Quality Candidates" website.

The goal of the campaign, according to the website, is to "help (the) HRC elect allies who will champion the cause of equality and stand up to anti-gay legislation." Site visitors can read profiles on the six featured candidates, see the entire list of the PAC's e-Quality Candidates, and - if they wish - securely donate to individual or multiple campaigns up to federal election law limits.



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Feingold is characterized as a "committed ally." The site's profile reads: "Feingold has served in the U.S. Senate since 1993, and was a member of the Wisconsin state Senate before coming to Congress. He showed his support for the GLBT community early by voting against codifying the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy into law about a month after taking office. Since then he has voted with our community on numerous occasions, including voting against the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 and voting for the Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2000. Feingold is the highest ranking Democrat on the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, a particularly important position as the Federal Marriage Amendment comes under its jurisdiction. He has been one of the most vocal opponents of that proposal, an effort to write discrimination into the U.S. Constitution. Also, Feingold is a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the

Permanent Partners Immigration Act. He consistently earns high ratings on the HRC scorecard."

The HRC PAC site also gives the lowdown on Feingold's challengers. According to the site, "Feingold's Republican challenger will not be known until after the September primary. The most formidable challengers are state Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Welch, construction company executive Tim Michels, and automotive dealer Russ Darrow. Welch and Michels have publicly supported the FMA, while Darrow claims to be undecided on this issue. Feingold's opponents are well-funded. Two are millionaires who have already put significant sums of personal money into their campaigns, with the promise of much more to come."

The E-Quality Candidates site is located in the Campaigns & Elections portion of the Human Rights Campaign website at www.hrc.org.

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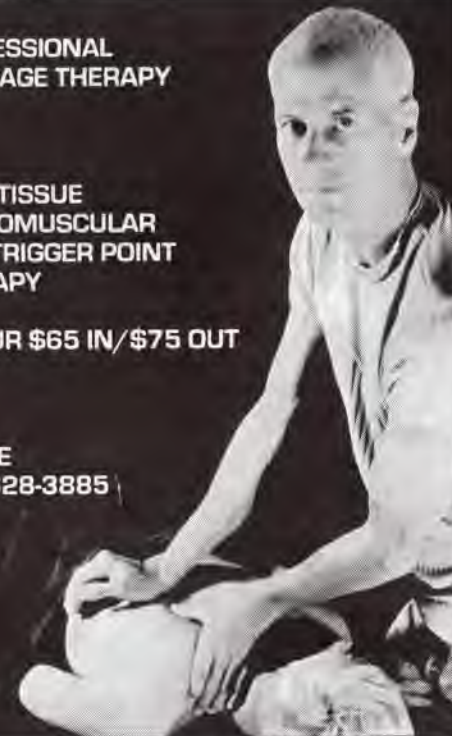
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Wednesday, August 18 pm
STD Specialties free HIV & syphilis testing, 10pm-1am, **Fluid**

Thursday, August 19

Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Open mic jam hosted by Pita, from the reggae band Unity, 7-9 pm
STD Specialties free HIV & syphilis testing, 10pm-1am, **Club Boom**

Friday, August 20

Boom (Milw.) Men Magazine's 20th Anniversary Tour Across America; show us your bod, chance to be seen in an upcoming issue of *Men* magazine

Fluid (Milw.) Beach Party! Swimsuit contest, 10 pm; \$100 1st prize

Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Galynne Goodwill, a soulful voice & melodic guitar, 7 pm

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Saturday, August 21

Boom (Milw.) Colt Studios's Marcus Iron & Dean Phoenix appear

SAGE/Milw. - Theatre Outing at Chamber Theatre, 158 N. Broadway. Specially priced SAGE tickets are only \$25 for *Hedwig & the Angry Inch*. Reservations due by Aug. 16 - (414) 224-0517

Sunday, August 22

SAGE/Milw. Dining Out Group having brunch at the Astor Street Hotel, 920 E. Juneau Ave. Bloody Marys at 11:30 am, noon brunch. \$6.95 to \$8.95 + drinks & beverage. (Sept. 15 evening dining outing will be at Potawatomi Bingo Casino. Reserve now 414/224-0517)

Wednesday, August 25

Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Art Circle, jewelry making w/ Jen Allyn, 7 pm

STD Specialties free HIV & syphilis testing, 10pm-1am, **Woody's**

Thursday, August 26

Fluid (Milw.) Post Office Party, 10

Friday, August 27
Harmony Cafe (Appleton) Dave Tisdale & his band, live music, 7 pm

Saturday, August 28
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STD Specialties free HIV & syphilis testing, 10pm-1am, **Club 219**

Sunday, August 29
Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.) August White Party, benefit for the G/L Community Trust Fund, 3-9 pm. Suggested donation, \$10. Comp. wine, hors d'oeuvres, food, good company. Cash bar.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
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Saturday, Sept. 4
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Saturday, Sept. 11
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Wednesday, Sept. 15
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Saturday, Sept. 18
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Sturgeon Bay: Court Proceedings Begin In Hate Crime Charges -

The five men accused of turning a June 6 Jacksonport bar brawl into full-fledged gay bashing had their initial appearance in court here August 9. Defendants Andrew Ostrand, Josh Sawyer, Mark Sawyer, and Robert Wagner of Egg Harbor and Adam Bley of Sturgeon Bay appeared before Door County Circuit Court Judge D. Todd Ehlers.

The four Egg Harbor men face misdemeanor disorderly conduct and battery charges and the so-called "hate crime" enhancer felony penalty of "substantial battery with intent to cause bodily harm" when the person "intentionally selects the person against whom the crime... in whole or in part because of the actor's belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of that property, whether

or not the actor's belief or perception was correct."

The Sawyers were released on \$3000 signature bonds each. Ostrand and Wagner signed \$2,500 bonds Bley was charged solely with misdemeanor disorderly conduct and as released on a \$500 bond. The five defendants were also charged to maintain absolute sobriety and have no contact with the two victims, Darrin Day and Bryon Groeschl, or the four other eyewitnesses who signed statements about the altercation.

Attorneys for the defendants sought to have all charges dropped for lack of evidence but focused on having the hate crime penalty enhancer dismissed above all. Though attorneys claimed no evidence exist, numerous signed eyewitness statements in the police report seem to indicate otherwise, including what appears to be a very damaging statement by Tina Ostrand, a sister of one of the defendants charged with the hate crime enhancer.

Judge Ehlers took the motions under advisement and the hearing was continued until 3 PM on September 10.

Tensions have run high throughout Door County since word spread about the early June incident. In addition to the multiple versions of what occurred allegedly put out by the those charged, ongoing letters to the editor and weblogs at the *Door County Advocate* and the *Door County Compass* have kept the story in front of the locals. *Quest* has received several signed letters via mail from those involved with the story and has chosen to publish none, rather than further inflame sentiments against the victims.



Neely O'Hara had a benefit show for Continental at the Office Night Club

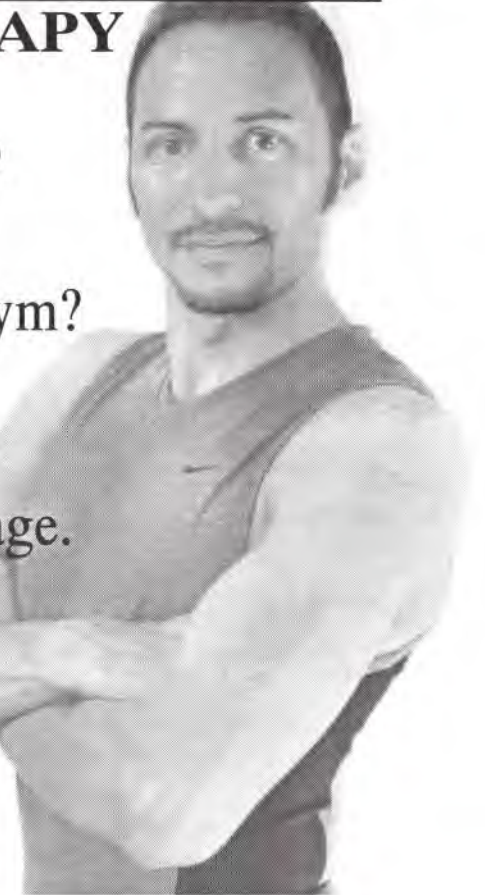
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Green Bay: Guernsey Gala Tops \$8100

The 13th annual Guernsey Gala raised more than \$8100, according to final results announced at the grand finale held at AJ's on July 31. In an extremely close competition, Carol Brazeau took the tiara for the Napalese Lounge, edging out runner-up Terry Tetzlaff of AJ's by about \$70. Brazeau raised \$3664 to Tetzlaff's \$3595.25. Distant third and fourth places went respectively to Nicholas "James" Moyles, who represented Cricket's Fox River Lounge, and Joe Charles, who was the Historic West Theatre's candidate.

The \$8153.25 final Guernsey tally has been donated to the Social Services program at ARCW. The funds augment the agency's Emergency Financial Assistance program which helps those living with HIV/AIDS deal with disease-related budgetary crises. All money raised by the Guernsey Gala is distributed to clients and other PWAs working with the Green Bay office.

According to 2004 Guernsey coordinator Marilyn Schroeder, the baker's dozen edition of the gala tipped the fund raiser's lifetime total of funds raised past \$120,000. The Guernsey Gala has been sponsored and organized by Rainbow Over Wisconsin since 2003.

Green Bay: International Phone Scam Targets Quest Publisher -

Quick response by area activists appear to have quashed the latest Wisconsin return of a phone scam that has plagued the gay community nationwide. Beginning mid-afternoon on August 9 several business offices and individuals in the Green Bay area were contacted by a person representing himself as Mark Mariucci of the Historic West Theatre in Green Bay. Mariucci is also the publisher of *Quest*. The caller claimed that he was visiting Montreal, incapacitated in some way (the story varied from being the victim of an assault to sudden illness) and needed emergency funds wired to him.

The phone scam involving Mariucci came just two hours after suspicious calls regarding local gay bars and gay friendly groups and churches were received by a number of Green Bay cell phone users. Within two and a half hours, email alerts sent to the LGBT

and supportive community statewide and phone calls to other area LGBT community leaders, businesses and organizations appear to have thwarted the callers. Law enforcement officials were given several 514 area code numbers reportedly used in the scam.

This is a repeat of a phone scam that targeted Action Wisconsin's former President and veteran board member Mike Fitzpatrick four years ago and ARCW's Executive Director Doug Nelson two years ago. Other highly visible Wisconsin LGBT community figures from the leather and entertainment communities have also

been targets of previous phone scams.

Other well known members of the gay community nationwide have had their names and good reputations used to defraud multiple LGBT groups, religious and secular charities or private individuals out of thousands of dollars by convincing well meaning people to transfer funds via wire transfer services such as Western Union. The scam artists also have used public phones and frequently changed the names of their targeted "victim" to complicate and confuse the issue.

Because the amounts of money are too small to trigger an FBI investigation and the crime covers multiple law enforcement jurisdictions, the scam artists have been successful for many years. Gay communities in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and Texas have been targeted in the last 3 years. According to Rev. Elaine Thomas of



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Konitzer as transgendered, and at her request, began administering hormone therapy. She began developing breasts and other female characteristics, but prison authorities refuse to treat her as a woman or allow her to wear a women's prison uniform. According to State Department of Corrections' policy the type of clothing and property given men and women is based on their genitals.

"The hormone therapy caused her to grow breasts," court-appointed lawyer Jennifer Frakes told the *Wisconsin State Journal*. "But she's not allowed to have a bra." Konitzer is currently housed in the Wisconsin Resource Center. The facility is a Department of Health and Family Services medium-security lockup for inmates unable to adjust in other medium - and maximum - security prisons.

In court filings connected to the suit Konitzer said that it was unfair and unconstitutional for the state to approve the hormone therapy and then deny an operation to complete her transformation. Konitzer is serving a 128-year sentence for several armed robberies committed between April and June 1994. The case could have an effect outside Wisconsin, as other transgendered inmates have started to take prison officials to court over their treatment across the country.

Madison, Milwaukee: Proteus Fund Awards \$100,000 to Two State Groups -

The Madison-based Action Wisconsin Education Fund (AWEF) and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will split a \$100,000 grant from the Proteus Fund. The social justice fund promotes philanthropic strategies to "revitalize democracy and foster new leadership and ideas." AWEF has received \$66,667 and the community center has received \$33,333, a total of \$100,000 from Proteus' State Strategies Fund (SSF).

SSF is a collaborative grantmaking program supporting innovative state-level strategies to increase civic participation in political life, empower underrepresented constituencies, and promote political reform. Designed to capitalize on the problems and opportunities associated with devolution, SSF is built on the premise that progressive change at the state level is more likely to succeed if individual, single-issue groups can be unified into influential and powerful state-wide coalitions.

The coalitions supported by the SSF reflect the unique political cultures of the various home states, but they also share common characteristics. They are all permanent, statewide entities that define themselves chiefly by their progressive points of view, rather than by advocacy of any single issue, or by the support they receive from any one constituency. All pursue multi-issue agendas, and enjoy remarkable breadth of representation, including unions, LGBT communities, civil rights groups, economic justice and community organizations, women's groups, health and environmental organizations. These diverse coalitions encourage collective civic engagement, develop the potential of member groups to impact state-level public policy and governance, and develop new public leaders representative of, and accountable to, underrepresented constituencies.

The Wisconsin grant comes as both AWEF and Center

Advocates prepare to battle the anti-gay marriage amendment to the state constitution with massive educational outreach. According to the Proteus grant award, Wisconsin is "one of the promising states" to see a defeat of the marriage amendment ballot initiative.

Since it was founded in 1999, the State Strategies Fund has awarded \$2,170,000 to 26 state coalitions promoting citizen participation in key policy arenas such as campaign finance reform, fair tax policy, affordable health care and the environment. The organizational and staffing structure of the SSF, as well as its depth of knowledge of the field, make it possible for foundations and donors to support state-level organizations located throughout the United States, without the risk and burden of expanding program staff or developing new expertise.

Funders who have joined this collaborative include: the Ford Foundation, Open Society Institute, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, the Unitarian Universalist Veatch program, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Educational Foundation of America, among others.

Milwaukee: Sexual Violence Support Group Meets Monthly -

The Sexual Violence Support Group for LGBTQI (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex) survivors of sexual abuse/assault and the "secondary victims" - partners, family members, friends, etc. - meets at the Friends Meeting House, 3224 N. Gordon Place, on the fourth Monday of each month.

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All proceeds from the dinner and auction will benefit Rainbow Over Wisconsin's Community Enrichment Fund grant program. To date the CEF program has funded or underwritten over \$60,000 in programs and projects conducted by more than two dozen local, regional and statewide groups that directly benefit the LGBT community in central, eastern and northeast Wisconsin.

The \$25 tickets are available from individual ROW members and member businesses in Green Bay, Appleton and Sheboygan. ROW is also seeking additional table sponsors to join the dozen or so who have already volunteered. To purchase tickets or sponsor a table at the event, call Nancy at 920-432-9646. You may also email ROW at rainbowoverwi@athenet.net.

LaCrosse: Community Center's "Smash Debut" Prompts September Open House Plans

The July 30 Meet and Greet, the first official event for the Seven Rivers LGBT Resource Center here has been called an unqualified success. Resource center staff estimated that approximately 100-120 people attended, and the enthusiasm was contagious. Attendees signed up for the multiple interest groups, and the center is in the process of

following up with people on those lists to organize participation in those activities.

According to center staff, many attendees also made generous contributions through memberships and the "Buy A Day" donation program, which will help the center purchase liability insurance needed to satisfy lease requirements. According to staffers, funds raised at the Meet and Greet also will pay several months' rent.

At their August 9 meeting, the center's board committed to a formal Open House on Saturday, September 18, from 4-10 PM at the center's office space, 115 E. 5th St., Suite 408. Plans were also begun for the center's first annual meeting to be held in January 2005, at which members will vote for a board of directors and on various other matters. Working committees have begun their tasks too. However, the center still needs volunteers to serve on the public relations, space and volunteer program committees.

The center also needs various items for their space. Members of the area's LGBT community who have anything to donate are asked to email the center at info@7riverslgbt.org or write via US mail to LGBT Resource Center of the 7 Rivers Region, PO Box 3313, La Crosse, WI 54602-3313. More information about the Open House and other events happening at the resource center can be obtained by visiting the center's website at www.7riverslgbt.org.

Madison: Trans Prisoner Sues For Sex Change Surgery

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the city's Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church, the MCC denomination has been a particular target of the scam artists.

The international phone scam comes just two weeks after reports of a new "Nigerian" email scam targeting the US gay community. A popular e-mail scam featuring a foreign diplomat typically promising millions of dollars in exchange for an advance fee began specifically targeting gay men at the end of July. However, internet-savvy types have warned that the plea to "help rebuild the first gay club in Nigeria" is evidently a new angle on a well-known scheme.

"My dear Gay brother, I am Gay Prince Frank Tutu the only son of Chief. Dr. Martins Tutu the owner of Black Gay Club in Nigeria," began one such recent e-mail, riddled with grammatical errors.

The gay appeal "is a definite 419 letter," Brian Wizard said. "It's just another letter with another angle. These criminals also target churches, religious groups and especially businesses. This is new - I've not heard of this one before. I suppose [targeting gays] is a good angle." Wizard is the straight author of *Nigerian 419 Scam Game Over!*

While there are legitimate gay organizations in Nigeria that need funding, international gay advocates suggest using caution if such an e-mail is received. "It is not atypical for groups to seek support," Paula Ettelbrick, executive director of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, said. "But it is always a good idea to check in with the group, and it appears there is no group named [in the new e-mail]. We do have gay people working in Nigeria and, as you can imagine, it is a fairly closeted place."

In almost all cases, the recent "gay" e-mails appear to come from an African country, usually Nigeria, but other examples received alleged to be from Sierra Leone, Senegal, the Ivory Coast, Togo, Ghana, Liberia, Angola, Chad and South Africa.

Green Bay: Tickets For ROW Benefit Go On Sale - August 17 marked the ticket sale kick-off date for "An Evening With Rainbow Over Wisconsin," a dinner, auction and dance benefitting the northeast Wisconsin charitable foundation being held Saturday, October 9 at the Swan Club in DePere. The first-ever event will feature



2004 Guernsey Gala Queen Carol Brazeau (left) of Napalese Lounge poses with ROW's Guernsey coordinator Marilyn Schroeder following the July 31 finale. photo by Mike Fitzpatrick



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