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Senate Must Approve Revised Housing Bill

[Washington, D.C.]— On August 2, 1990, the House of Representatives approved crucial funding for housing subsidies for people with AIDS and HIV infection by a vote of 378 to 43.

The bill, HR 1180, the Housing and Community Development Act, appropriates \$150 million for direct rent subsidies, reconditioning of single-room occupancy units and AIDS housing information. The House version of the bill is designed to prevent homelessness before it occurs and offers greater protections than a companion bill passed by the Senate.

According to Peri Jude Radecic, legislative director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), "Unlike the Senate's housing bill which only deals with the housing needs of PWA's after they are kicked onto the street," the House bill "represents a cost-effective means of preventing homelessness, provides alternatives to costly hospital care, and targets help to prolong life."

The bill now goes into Conference Committee. The *New York Times* has reported that President Bush is expected to veto the bill if it strays too far from the Senate version.

NGLTF urges you to urge Bush to sign the bill with the AIDS housing appropriations. Write or call the President at: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500; (202) 456-1414.

Conservatives Furious With White House Aide Firing

By John Zeh

[Washington, D.C.]— President Bush's chief liaison to the religious right and other conservative constituencies lost his White House job for opposing Gays' attendance at White House bill-signings.

That report in *The Washington Times*, August 2, surprised, but pleased, national Gay and Lesbian leaders here, some of whom had witnessed Bush penning the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) a week earlier.

Bush's special assistant for public liaison, Doug Wead, was fired from his \$55,000 job August 1 by a deputy to Chief of Staff John Sununu. *The Times* said "several administration sources" blamed Wead's dismissal on opposition to invitations to Gay leaders to the signings of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act on April 23, 1990 and the ADA.

Wead criticized the invitations publicly and wrote letters to about a dozen complainants, blaming inclusion of Gays on staff error. The claim infuriated his more moderate boss, Bobbie Greene Kilberg, the paper reported, saying "a senior official" denied there had been an error.

The firing and conservatives' criticism of Bush indicates "how extensive the right wing is losing ground," said Robert Gray, Information Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "The White House, even the whole country, may be moving toward a more moderate position. Anti-democratic, extremist groups are running scared."

The White House withdrew invitations to seven American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) staffers.

This "squeeze play" is only one of many battles between Wead and liberals on Bush's staff, wrote conservative columnist Cal Thomas, former flack for the anti-Gay Moral Majority.

National media also reported that conservatives were furious at the

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Policeman Charged With Felony For Assaulting Grand Chute Man



Jim Strange plays the lead character in "Dr. Faustus" with David Janowiak (right) in the Dale Gutzman production which opens August 25 at the Pitman Theatre at Milwaukee's Alverno College. (See story on page six).

[Appleton, WI] In a report from the Associated Press, a Blanchardville, Wisconsin policeman accused of beating a hair stylist taunted as a homosexual will be charged with a felony under a new law designed to crack down on "hate" crimes, a prosecutor said on Monday, July 30.

An investigation continued into two other officers' roles in the weekend incident witnessed by several people at a bar near Appleton.

The policeman, identified on Tuesday, July 31, as Brian Brown, Jr., was charged with felony battery. The battery charge will be prosecuted as a felony "hate crime" based on a 1987 Wisconsin law that applies to attacks based on race, religion, ancestry, disability or sexual orientation, according to Outagamie County Assistant District Attorney John Des Jardins.

Blanchardville Police Chief Kevin Larson said the man is a part-time officer. Blanchardville, a community of 800, is located southwest of Madison.

Meanwhile, Des Jardins said he was reviewing reports involving the activities of two other officers — one from Marathon County and another from Kenosha — in the incident that occurred early Friday morning, July 27, 1990 in a parking lot outside a shopping mall tavern in Little Chute.

Witnesses said officers attending a party at the ~~club lounge near Appleton~~ to celebrate their completion of police training at Fox Valley Technical College assaulted a 20-year-old Grand Chute hair stylist.

Witnesses said 12 to 15 officers were celebrating at a lounge where the incident erupted and many of the officers were drunk.

One officer started calling the hair stylist "a faggot and stuff," then removed the man's hat and put it on his own head, witnesses said.

When the man, who was attending a birthday party, walked to the bar, the policeman taunted and pushed him, making anti-Gay remarks, said hair salon owner Brian Brezinski.

Some officers eventually followed the man outside to the parking lot, where he was allegedly tackled, punched and kicked.

The man was taken to an Appleton hospital for treatment of bruised ribs and internal injuries and released, witnesses said.

In a related story, the *Milwaukee Journal* reported on Saturday, August 4, 1990 that two police instructors at Fox Valley Technical College have been suspended for what was reported as "offensive remarks about women and homosexuals." The two instructors were reportedly Appleton policemen in the college's police academy program.

Brian Brown Jr. was one of the academy's July graduates.

The *Journal* reports Stanley Spanbauer, director of the College as saying that the two instructors have been suspended without pay. The college won't hire any more part-time police instructors until the current investigation is completed, Spanbauer said.

diagnostic services, therapeutic measures and referrals to health-care providers. Testing must be voluntary and counseling must provide information on the health risks of promiscuous sexual activity and intravenous drug abuse.

From 1981, when AIDS was first observed, through June of this year, according to the *Times*, 139,765 cases of the disease were reported, and 85,430 of these have died. Gay and bisexual men account for more than 60 percent of the cases.

Women's Equality Day Celebrates Liberation Movement on August 25

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]— Dozens of women's groups and community organizations will gather in Milwaukee's Washington Park on Saturday, August 25, to celebrate Women's Equality Day. The afternoon of food, fun, entertainment, politics, speakers and sports will run from Noon to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Women's Equality Day 1990 marks the 70th anniversary of some women gaining

Mahoffey, whose pop and jazz tunes grace the Cafe Melange every Sunday night. Madison's dynamic Stephanie Galetti will be on hand to perform her riveting blend of blues and gospel as well.

Speakers will address issues of continuing concern to women: reproductive choice, Lesbian rights, peace, the environment, childcare, welfare rights, violence against women, employment problems and more. A voter registration booth will be set up to sign on new voters.

The main event, including entertainment and speakers will be located in the Washington Park Community Building (Pavilion). The park is just off N. 40th and W. Lisbon and W. Roberts. Picnic area #1 in the park has also been reserved for those who want to bring their own grills and food. A volleyball net and kids games will also be offered there.

Among the many groups organizing and participating in the Women's are: the National Organization for Women, the Lesbian Alliance, the Center for Women's Studies at UWM, Hurricane Productions, Welfare Warriors, Earth Day Milwaukee, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Silver Space, the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee and the League of Women Voters.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call either 276-6935 or 444-0220.



the right to vote and the 20th anniversary of the first big march for "women's liberation" in New York City. Everyone is invited to join in celebrating the many accomplishments of feminist activists. The event will also focus on the many critical issues still facing women.

Music for the event will be provided by Milwaukee's own Blomberg and

Congress Passes AIDS Resources Act To Help Stressed Cities

[Washington, D.C.]— In what the *New York Times* termed "the Government's most significant effort by far to help pay for the testing and treatment of people exposed to the AIDS virus," Congress, on August 3, 1990, passed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Act. The bill would provide broad assistance to communities hardest hit by the disease including \$275 million a year for emergency aid to hospitals and clinics, \$275 million for state aid programs and additional money for treatment of children infected with HIV.

Under the bill, money would go to cities with more than 2,000 cases or ones with

high per-capita rates of the disease.

The Bush administration did not support the bill, but Administration officials, according to the *Times* said the President is likely to sign it.

The bill requires that states have criminal laws permitting the prosecution of people with AIDS who intentionally infect others through sexual contacts, blood donations or the sharing of needles. States may treat intentional transmission as a form of attempted homicide or assault with a deadly weapon.

States would be able to use the funds for five purposes: testing for HIV infection, counseling, clinical and