



# The Wisconsin Light

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

## February 12 Statewide Network Meeting Planned By Baldwin

[Madison]- State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) is putting out a call to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual organizations and individuals to join forces in a state-wide network.

"The objective of the organization is to get Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals from all over Wisconsin in communication with one another. We must develop a powerful statewide organization that will be prepared to fight the assaults on our community and our rights," Baldwin said.

The network is in the early development stages and has had two organizational meetings so far. "At this point, we are trying to build a comprehensive list of LesBiGay organizations and resources. We are also brainstorming ideas as to how the network should operate," Baldwin noted.

The premise of the organization is to have a united organization that will: 1) React quickly to legislative and judicial attacks;

2) Monitor the Religious Right; And 3), that will support LesBiGay initiatives, policy and legislation.

The work will be done by training Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people how to more effectively use our governmental system.

"We want to be able to have a member of the LesBiGay community and friends in every legislative district in the state who will lobby and write letters to their senators and representatives. We must be able to send a clear message to legislators that they each have many Gay and Lesbian constituents and that we will hold them accountable for their actions," Baldwin said.

Every interested individual and group is invited to attend the next organizational meeting that will take place on Saturday, February 12, beginning at noon, at the State Capitol in Madison. For more information, please call Rep. Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.

## Intense AIDS Cure Research Program Bill in Congress

[Washington, D.C.]— On Saturday, January 22, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and AIDS activists and lobbyists from around the country gathered in the nation's capitol for a one-day National Legislative Strategy Conference focusing on a bill Rep. Nadler recently introduced into the House of Representatives. The bill, HR 3310, would establish an intensive, coordinated AIDS cure research program much like the Manhattan research project during World War II which developed the atomic bomb.

The Conference was attended by Rep. Nadler and members of his staff as well as representatives of the White House Office of AIDS Policy, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Association of People with AIDS, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the AIDS Survival Project, Gay and Lesbian Americans, and ACT UP chapters from around the nation. The meeting was held at the Institute for Policy Studies. Over 50 people participated.

HR 3310, also known as the "AIDS Cure Project," was first introduced into Congress on October 29, 1993. The bill will undergo minor changes and be reintroduced by Nadler within several weeks.

The AIDS Cure Project would focus a team of diverse researchers on the search for a cure for AIDS. The project would be free from government red tape and what has been called "the excessive influence of the pharmaceutical industry."

Conference attendees decided to use

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## Homophobic Preacher, Lou Sheldon, To Speak At Waukesha Rally

Is Founder and Leader of Traditional Values Coalition



A RIVETING FILM— Madonna stars in the new film, "Dangerous Game" which is now playing in theaters across the country. The film is actually a movie-within-a-movie and explores what happens when art becomes life for a film director. James Russo also stars.

## Madison's New Harvest Foundation Creating Endowment Fund

[Madison]- The New Harvest Board of Directors has voted to establish an endowment fund in the hope of attracting new and additional contributions from persons seeking a more permanent vehicle for charitable gifts.

A legally separate entity, the New Harvest Foundation Endowment will be funded by designated donations from individuals and by bequests from wills and trusts. It will also be augmented by a semi-annual allocation of 10% of general donations to the Foundation.

Since its formation in 1984, New Harvest has relied on current contributions of members to fund its semi-annual grants to various programs advancing the community, according to Foundation Co-chair Paul Gibler. This has meant in years when contributions declined, grants had to be cut back correspondingly, he said. Such was the case in the recent 1991-1992 grant cycles.

"We envision our Endowment attracting larger donations to New Harvest, particularly through bequests made upon death," Gibler explained. "We also foresee money coming from corporate donations to designated programs and possibly from grants received from other charitable foundations."

This would mean a more stable source of funds for New Harvest, he predicted, and an income flow that could allow more and larger grants.

The Endowment would operate under strict guidelines imposed by law and Board policy. The funds would have to be conservatively invested in a specified mix of stocks and bonds. An investment manager would be hired. No principal or interest could be disbursed from the

Endowment until it had attained a minimum of \$50,000 in assets.

The Foundation will be making an announcement to current donors explaining the workings of the Endowment in detail and soliciting contributions.

### Other News

In other news from the New Harvest Foundation, the Foundation has backed the recruitment of 200 Wisconsin Lesbian and Gay athletes to participate in the 1994 Gay Games IV, Team Wisconsin, coordinating body for the Games in this state, received a grant of \$1,100 to help defray administrative and organizational costs.

In the coming months, Team Wisconsin will be soliciting both athletes and financial sponsors for them through publicity and advertising. A pre-games kick-off celebration is planned in Madison in the Spring, according to Christine Boyd, a co-commissioner of the state project and a participant in the 1990 Gay Games.

Boyd said in 1990, Wisconsin athletes met for the first time under the state flag just prior to the opening ceremonies. "This time we hope to unite Wisconsin athletes and develop state pride prior to the games," she said.

Athletes representing the state will be outfitted with matching uniforms by Team Wisconsin. They will also be informed of new developments on the games through a periodic news letter.

By the end of last year, some 63 people, mostly from Madison, had expressed interest in participating in Gay Games IV, Boyd said.

[Milwaukee]- "What the Los Angeles Times considers 'Gay bashers' and 'homophobics' are in actuality concerned individuals who feel that homosexuality is not written or prescribed in the genetic code..."

"Festivals are just the first step in their strategy. The festival was to neutralize and defuse people's keenly held emotional feelings and make homosexuality just another choice; like choosing chocolate or strawberry ice cream."

"We would have no argument if they had stayed in the closet."

All of the above are from Lou Sheldon being quoted in a report prepared by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Sheldon, 59, a Presbyterian minister, is the founder and leader of the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC), a California, Orange County-based Right Wing religious group. TVC has the reputation for being one of the most homophobic groups in the nation. TVC, with an income in excess of \$1 million a year, claims 15 chapters in 17 states composed of 15,000 churches throughout the country, according to a report prepared by People for the American Way.

TVC campaigns reproductive rights and advocates the teaching of the creation myth in the schools. But the prime thrust of its efforts, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is directed against Lesbians, Gays and the achievement of our civil rights.

Sheldon, who served as a close religious advisor to George Bush's re-election campaign, threw TVC's weight behind the drive for the Colorado anti-Gay ban and the drives in other cities as well, according to *The Arizona Republic*.

Sheldon will be in Wisconsin on February 12 at the Waukesha Expo Center speaking on the topic of "Gay and Lesbian Special Rights" beginning at 8:00 p.m. He is being sponsored by Wisconsin Christians United (WCU), a Religious Right Wing group directed by Ralph Ovadal of Monroe, Wisconsin. WCU split off from Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition reportedly because the Coalition had gotten too liberal.

Sheldon's visit to Wisconsin is being promoted on WVCY radio, a station owned by Vic Eliason, on a program called "Homefront" hosted by Ingrid Guzman. Guzman, an avowed Christian, has said she believes "Homosexuality is an abomination in the face of the Lord."

According to unconfirmed reports reaching *Wisconsin Light*, Sheldon will be speaking against State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's (D-Madison) soon to be proposed domestic partners legislation. Similar reports say that Sheldon will be speaking against Wisconsin's Gay Rights Law.

**Sheldon the Man: I Really Am Straight**

In an interview published in *Los Angeles Magazine*, Sheldon was described as "Son of (Jerry) Falwell," a title which he disclaimed. "Falwell fired a round," Sheldon is quoted as saying. "But where was the infantry to come once the enemy (Lesbians and Gays) was hit? That's what I want to do is create the infantry..."

In the interview, Sheldon is quoted as saying that the only thing that "really bugs me" is when Gay protesters accuse him of being a latent Gay man.

"I am such a straight person in terms of the whole heterosexual marital relationship," he said. In another part of the interview he boasted, "My wife says I ought to write books on how to make

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