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Governor Thompson Signs State Budget With Increase in Key AIDS Programs

Madison-- Governor Tommy Thompson signed the 1995-97 budget last Thursday, July 27, with modest increases in key AIDS programs.

The increases came amidst major budget cuts in many areas to accommodate the Governor's \$1 billion property tax relief program. "We are pleased and relieved," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). "We are in an era of budget cutting and the governor's willingness to increase AIDS funding, even if it's below the increase we need, is a commitment we appreciate."

The most important state AIDS funding is for the life care services grant which funds social workers who provide case management at all nine Wisconsin AIDS service organizations. The new state budget will increase this grant by 4%.

Our case loads are increasing by 20% each year so state funding is not keeping pace with the epidemic," Nelson said.

"These funds go right to the front lines of the epidemic to help people with HIV and AIDS gain the resources and support they need. We cannot retreat and we are determined to maintain services," Nelson said.

Earlier in the state budget process, the Joint Finance Committee with the leadership of Sen. Mary Panzer (R-Ozaukee) increased the lifecare services grant by 7%. But in the final moments of the budget process, Rep. Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha) removed \$75,000 from the life care grant and \$75,000 from federal community aides to create a new \$150,000 AIDS Prevention Initiative.

Nelson expressed disappointment in the Jensen initiative stating that the lifecare grant is the highest priority of the AIDS community and that it was an unacceptable strategy to pull funds from this AIDS care and support program for the new AIDS Prevention Initiative.

Nelson also cited that the fact that \$700,000 of new CDC Prevention Funds have been awarded to Wisconsin this year and is likely to be continued next year, thus making the Jensen Prevention Initiative less needed and meaningful.

Wisconsin Light has learned that Nelson's views were endorsed by all nine of Wisconsin's AIDS service organizations, which signed a joint letter asking the governor to veto the Jensen provision.

Senate Sends Ryan White CARE Act to House with Overwhelming Vote of 97-3

A Triumph for ARCW Advocacy



Grand Opening-- On July 18, ribbons were cut and the doors opened for the Rodney Scheel House in Madison. Ribbon cutters include: (l-r) Judy Wilcox, Eric Boberg, Cata Wilcox-Nash, Mark Pohan, MaryAlice Mowry, Warren Olson, Sherry Nelson, Melanie Ramey, Pam Geisler, Scott Christensen, Greg Scheel, Jo Scheel, and Eva Gallanter.

While I'm disappointed, I do applaud Rep. Jensen's good intention to help in the fight against AIDS," Nelson said. "I think this is a real opportunity for the AIDS community to work with him for meaningful AIDS policy in the future."

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MASN Board Excited About Their New Director Mary Turnquist

By John Quinlan

Madison-- After an extensive nation-wide search, the Board of Directors of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) has chosen Mary N. Turnquist of Madison as its new Executive Director. Bringing over 30 years of experience in community organizing, non-profit administration and social activism in Wisconsin to the job, Turnquist is expected to hit the ground running as she takes the helm of the 10-year-old, \$1.3 million organization.

"Our search committee was unanimous in its belief that Mary was the best candidate for this important position," said Mark Porter, MASN Board President. "She has what it takes to take MASN and guide it into the future."

"I am honored to become a part of this organization as it enters its second decade of service to communities in south central Wisconsin," Turnquist said. "MASN was born of a grassroots concern for individuals and families who were being devastated by this epidemic. This agency shines as a remarkable example of what can be accomplished when people are mobilized to care for one another."

Turnquist, who has spent the last year completing work on her Masters of Business Administration at Edgewood College, comes to MASN after 19 years with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. In her most recent position as Director of Human Resources, she oversaw management and training of 2000 employees at 180 program sites.

She has also served as South Central Wisconsin director of LSS, headquartered in Madison, where she has lived since moving from her long-time home of Wausau in 1988.

While in Wausau, Turnquist had served as a founder and the first board president of The

Women's Community, an agency serving low income women, including those experiencing domestic abuse. Begun as a grassroots effort that faced enormous obstacles in the conservative northern Wisconsin community, Turnquist worked side-by-side with about a dozen other dedicated women in making the dream of The Women's Community a reality. Under her leadership, it eventually grew to become a more than \$4 million agency with a state-wide reputation for success.



Mary Turnquist

At the same time, her work out of the Wausau office of LSS included developing programs with Indochinese refugees, developmentally disabled clients, runaway youth and latchkey children.

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A Dream is Realized as the Rodney Scheel House Opens its Doors in Madison

By John Quinlan

Madison--As the red ribbons were cut and the doors of the 22 unit Rodney Scheel House were officially opened, both laughter and sighs of relief filled the air as more than 100 people celebrated the spirit of shared accomplishment that pervaded the dedication on July 18. Named for a Gay and Lesbian community leader and bar owner who died of AIDS five years ago, the house will provide subsidized housing and supportive services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

"People kidded around with me and said I was kind of pushy because I made a point of being the first resident," said John McCoy. "It was really important to me. One has to catch hold of a shooting star." McCoy's remarks were met with delighted laughter and applause.

McCoy discovered three years ago that he was HIV infected and said he wondered "Where will I live when I can no longer work to afford decent housing?"

McCoy was not a Madison resident, but moved to the city, he said, because it "had a great ASO, MASN. And when I found out they were working on the Rodney Scheel House, I had some hope."

He spoke of his current place, a second story apartment with no laundry facilities. "There's no air conditioning and last week for four or five days, the inside was greater than 110 degrees." His current apartment took two thirds of his low fixed income.

McCoy expects to move into the Rodney Scheel House in two weeks. "I feel privileged to live here," he said. "I did not know Rodney, but...I've met his friends and his family, and it's (the House) a fitting tribute to him that the house bears his name."

Thanks to Senator Kohl

While over \$60,000 was raised by family and friends of Rodney Scheel for the project, it was, in large part, the efforts of Sen. Herb Kohl that resulted in \$1 million in federal funding for the project. Former city council member Eve Galanter, of Sen. Kohl's Madison office, was ecstatic that five years after initial discussions, the project was now a reality.

"I did not know Rodney Scheel," Galanter

Milwaukee-- The first floor vote by the new Republican Congress on AIDS came last Thursday, July 27, when the U.S. Senate voted almost unanimously to support the Ryan White CARE Act.

The surprising 97-3 vote came after contentious and often draconian debate to gut the bill by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

One Helms amendment would have prohibited use of CARE Act funds from promoting "the homosexual lifestyle." The amendment passed by a 54-46 margin with Wisconsin's senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold in opposition.

But later, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS) offered an amendment to gut the provisions of the Helms anti-Gay measure and it passed 73-27 with Kohl and Feingold in support.

It was with the leadership of Sen. Kassebaum that every Helms amendment was defeated bringing the Senate to its ultimate strong endorsement of the CARE Act.

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said. "But one day five years ago, I read in a newspaper a very moving account of his death as portrayed by his friend Pam Geisler. She talked about this dream Rodney had. And then, it was as if, by great serendipity, there was an answer from the government--ironically, perhaps--to a dream. At that time, the Department of Housing and Urban Development first made available funding for persons with AIDS for housing so that they could live in their communities just as Rodney had dreamed."

Galanter quoted the works of the 19th Century poet Edward Hale in evoking the can-do philosophy of those who had made the project a reality. "I am the only one, but still I am one," Hale wrote. "I cannot do everything, but still I can do something."

Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, who leads a city sometimes noted for civic projects that seem to take forever to become reality, noted the factors that had made the Scheel House exceptional.

"When we think about the long list of people who've made this project possible," Soglin said. "We come to realize that there's something going on here that is reflected in the people of our community. There's clearly an attitude here in Madison that recognizes that we don't expect government officials to do things for us. There's an attitude in this community that made this project work."

Soglin also praised the residents of the east side neighborhood where the house was built who had rallied behind the project in the last couple of years.

"Much has to be said for the residents of this neighborhood, who, despite the efforts of one or two individuals, have really been so cooperative in making sure that this project works," Soglin said.

Soglin was referring to the fact that two years before, after the site had been announced, more than a dozen phone threats of violence were received by board members.

On July 17, a special open house was held for neighborhood residents and residents have been encouraged to use the house's community room for neighborhood events.

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Jerry Johnson

National Spotlight--Several openly Gay and Lesbian state representatives were in Milwaukee July 16-20 for the National Conference of State Legislators' annual meeting including: (l-r) Rep. Glen Maxey (Texas); Rep. Ken Chevront (Arizona); Rep. Tammy Baldwin (Wisconsin); and Tim Van Zandt (Missouri).

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Teen Convicted of Murder of Gay Man

Greensburg, PA-AP- In an update to a story in the last issue, a teen-ager accused of murdering a Gay man in Smithton, Pennsylvania, was convicted of third-degree murder in the killing. A Westmoreland County Court jury deliberated for about seven hours before convicting Samuel L. Sethman, 19, of Jacobs Creek. The teen faces a maximum of 10 to 20 years in prison for the death of Paul Steckman. Westmoreland County DA James Fox, had sought a first-degree conviction, but believed testimony that Sethman was intoxicated at the time of the beating may have swayed the jury. A psychiatrist had testified that Sethman was too drunk to plot to kill Steckman.

'Suspicious' Fire Destroys Gay Publication

Phoenix, AZ-AP- A fire of suspicious origin destroyed the business which produces two newspapers that cater to the Gay community in Phoenix and nation-wide. Battalion Chief Phil Yeager said the fire began at a stairwell next to ACE Publishing and a design firm. Yeager said the origin was "suspicious," but that it would be a few days before it was known whether or not it was arson. ACE publishes *Echo Magazine* and the bimonthly newspaper *The X-Factor*.

"We're a target, there's no doubt about that," said Jeff Ofstedahl, general manager of *Echo*. "A lot of people out there think Gays and Lesbians have no right to exist. We've made some enemies along the way." Ofstedahl, 31, said that *Echo* expects to make its August 10 distribution date despite the fire, but the damage was great. "We lost our history, all of our archives, our photo files, 15 rolls of film from the 1993 March on Washington and pictures from last year's Gay Games in New York."

The magazine has a nation-wide circulation of 48,000 including 30,000 in the Phoenix area.

Phelps' Grandson Convicted of Spitting

Emporia, KS-AP- A grandson of rabidly anti-Gay Fred Phelps, Benjamin C. Phelps, was found guilty of battery for spitting on a Gay man during the picketing of a restaurant which has Gay employees. The trial was the fourth of six being held in Emporia, Kansas, on a change of venue for Fred Phelps and five members of his Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka. Charges against them stem from encounters that took place during demonstrations. Still awaiting trial are Fred Phelps on charges of battery, assault and two counts of disorderly conduct.

Trial Date Set for Man in Talk show Killing

Pontiac, MI-AP- A trial date has been scheduled for the man accused of fatally shooting an acquaintance who revealed his attraction for him on the "Jenny Jones" show. Jonathan Tyler Schmitz, 25, of Lake Orion is charged with first-degree murder and using a firearm in a felony. His trial has been scheduled for October 16, 1995. Schmitz was arrested March 9, after he called police to report he had just shot Scott Amedure, 32, at Amedure's Lake Orion home. He told police he felt publicly humiliated by the episode, which has not been broadcast.

Schmitz will appear before Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien on August 17, for a hearing that will determine whether statements he made to police will be admissible in his trial.

Schmitz's attorney, James Burdick, said that Amedure and staff members for the talk show humiliated Schmitz during the show's taping, laying the foundation for the shooting. "Jenny Jones bears a lot of the blame," he said. "We want Jenny Jones to describe what she thought would happen when they put (Schmitz) on the hot seat. It was a menagerie he was placed in--it was inexcusable."

Show officials have said that Schmitz was told before the show that his admirer could be a man or a woman.

Government Demands Gay Books be Removed from Book Fair

Harare, Zimbabwe-AP- The government of Zimbabwe has demanded a Gay literature exhibit be withdrawn from southern Africa's biggest book fair, accusing organizers of trying to force the "Gay lifestyle" on the public.

The Fair began on August 1. The theme this year is Freedom of Expression.

Some 450 publishers from 38 countries plan to participate, as well as some of Africa's best-known writers. In past years, Gay activists in Zimbabwe have been threatened with arrest. Meetings of Gay groups have been disrupted by government police and literature seized, but there have been no prosecutions.

Gay Naval Officer Files Lawsuit

Corvallis, OR-AP- A Navy officer who was ordered discharged with reduced severance pay after telling his superiors that he is Gay has filed a lawsuit over the Navy's actions. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Seattle, Washington, asks that Lt. Richard Watson, 33, be allowed to stay in the military. It asks Judge Thomas Zilly for an injunction barring the Navy from discharging him. Watson has also filed a discrimination complaint with Oregon State University's Navy ROTC program, where he was teaching last Fall when an acquaintance threatened to blackmail him.

To avoid that threat, in October, 1994, Watson told his commanding officer, Capt. Marvin Rice, that he is Gay. The Navy then took action against him under a federal policy that prohibits members of the military from revealing that they are Gay. Watson's federal lawsuit alleges that this "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates his due process rights as well as violates his First Amendment right to free speech.

Christopher Bakes, one of the attorneys representing Watson said that excluding him from the Navy is "as ludicrous as excluding women and, before that, Blacks."

Helms Kicks off 1996 Campaign

Raleigh, NC-AP- Saying he feels obligated to run again to make sure the Republicans remain in control of the Senate, Jesse Helms has kicked off his campaign to win a fifth term in Congress. "I got to thinking about that and I said, 'I cannot walk away.' I don't know what I would do to myself if I had decided to walk away and the U.S. Senate fell into the control of the Democratic Party. Helms was so emotional that he came close to tears. Helms would be 75 when he began his next term and 81 when he finished.

In response to the announcement, The Hatcher Center for Human Rights has begun a campaign to educate North Carolina voters about Helms. The Center plans several events including "countless" radio ads targeting the rural areas where Helms has much of his strength. For more information, call (910) 582-5076 or write: The Hatcher Center for Human Rights, 120 Amber Rd., Hamlet, NC 28345.

Right Wing Groups Bicker Over Money as Anti-Gay Measure is Cleared for a Vote

Portland, ME-- Maine's highest court gave the go-ahead Wednesday, July 26, to a November referendum on an initiated bill that would exclude Gay people from protection under state and local human rights laws.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court said the referendum question proposed by Concerned Maine Families (CMF) was neither misleading nor a disguised attempt to amend the state Constitution.

CMF is a Right Wing Christian organization with financial and other ties to Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition and Colorado For Family Values.

Unanimously affirming a lower court ruling, the justices rejected an appeal by the anti-referendum group Maine Won't Discriminate (MWD). MWD had argued that the CMF proposal would nullify state laws which protect groups ranging from veterans to "whistleblowers" who report illegal acts by employers.

The court refused to consider ramifications of the referendum proposal on existing statutes, saying to do so now would represent at least indirect involvement in the legislative process in violation of the separation of powers provision of the constitution.

"Any determinations about the constitutionality of the initiative if enacted would be premature at this time and more appropriately left for specific challenges in the future," the opinion stated.

Carolyn Cosby of Portland, CMF chairwoman, expressed delight at the ruling and applauded the court for brushing aside arguments about the referendum's potential impact.

"These were spurious issues which have nothing to do with the referendum," Cosby said. "They're fear tactics, which are being used to try to scare Maine people... This is a campaign about who qualifies for minority status."

Portland attorney Patricia Peard, representing referendum opponents, said she was disappointed but not surprised by the outcome of the appeal.

"We expected the court to find a way to not have to deal with the substance of the issue and that is in essence what it did," she said.

The court ruling came as Right Wing religious forces who want to deny equal rights to Gay people, bickered over strategy during the referendum campaign.

Cosby's group took issue with the Coalition

to End Special Rights, a like-minded organization chaired by Paul Madore, who led the successful attack on Lewiston's anti-Gay ordinance two years ago.

Like CMF, the Coalition has strong ties to national conservative religious groups that have targeted the repeal of all laws that provide civil rights protections to Gay people.

CMF, which collected 67,000 petition signatures to force the referendum, said "big right" groups from outside the state, like the Christian Coalition, should not be allowed to focus the debate on Gay civil rights because the proposal would bar new human rights protections for any group, not just Gay people.

In recent months, CMF has insisted the referendum seeks only to deny statutory protection from discrimination to groups that don't qualify under standards set by court rulings.

"Since minority status is not about morality, why discuss it at that level?" said Cosby, who suggested that her group's stance was viewed as a threat by national conservative religious groups that may be trying to stop the flow of campaign funds to her organization which they view as weak in the matter of homosexuality.

Madore expressed surprise at CMF's criticism, saying he thought both groups shared the same message in opposition to "special status."

But, he added, "if it were not for the nature of homosexuality and the behavior that is considered by the majority of Maine citizens as an objective disorder, there would not be a referendum, so I see no purpose for avoiding homosexuality as such."

In its latest campaign finance report, CMF said it raised a total of \$32,654 so far, and collected just \$11,219 between April 1 and July 5.

In contrast, Maine Won't Discriminate has raised a total of \$330,083, including \$188,624 between April 1 and July 5, much of it coming from outside the state.

Madore said he sees no problem with seeking money from outside Maine. He said the coalition wants to raise \$100,000 from within the state and \$150,000 from outside the state in support of its campaign.

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In His Own Words: Father Jason Samuel Talks about his Life and Faith

Editor's Note: In the last issue of Light, we carried a story by Royce Darby about Episcopal priest, Father Jason Samuel, and his acquittal of charges of having had sex with a young teenage boy.

In a follow up to that, Father Samuel speaks in his own words about his ordeal and the faith that saw him through.

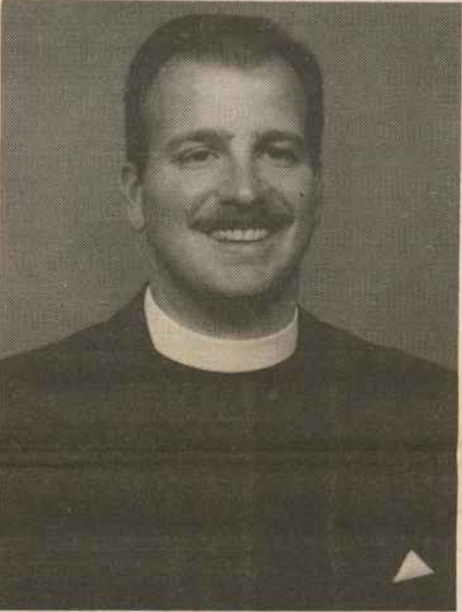
It (the ordeal) began for me when I was preparing for seminary as an openly Gay man. I had completely come out in my home in Shreveport, Louisiana, after I'd finished college. In preparing for that, (the seminary) I had already questioned myself, asking am I going to go into this vocation for all the wrong reasons or am I going to go in with honesty and integrity. Does the church need another screwed up priest. We have enough of those.

I decided that if I was to serve the church, I needed to do it honestly, as a priest who can serve his people, but also stand up for what he knows is right.

I had been brought up in a Fundamentalist background, Southern Baptist. I have four uncles who are Southern Baptist ministers.

In pursuing a vocation, I looked at several seminaries. The reason I was drawn to Nashotah House was that it was a place that emphasized parish ministry. It also emphasized the sacramental life of the church. It was founded by the Anglo-Catholic movement in the Episcopal Church to return to Catholic principles of both worship and social ideas which embraced the outcasts and the poor.

A lot of what Nashotah House was founded on was on that; that was good and true and Catholic in its principles of trying to be true to the Christian faith in embracing all people.



Father Jason Samuel

It didn't matter whether you were Gay or straight. You were there to serve God and the Church.

But when I got to Nashotah House, it had changed. The thing that has happened in the Episcopal Church has been a movement called the "Episcopal Synod of America." They are mostly associated with mainly "Anglo-Catholics" that are against women's ordination (though our Church has had women priests since 1976). They also oppose the ordination of homosexuals. They're very reactionary.

A lot of the founders are Gay Anglo-Catholic priests who have a self-loathing of themselves and speak out against Gay people, but are Gay themselves. That started to prevail at Nashotah House when I got there in 1987.

What was being called Anglo-Catholicism was really ritualistic Fundamentalism. I went to Oral Roberts University for my undergraduate degree and basically what I found (at Nashotah House) was a lot of people sounding like Jerry Falwell in drag.

It was scary. I had escaped Fundamentalism because I found it contrary to the gospel and I found it creeping in to a Church that had never held that position. They had a siege mentality at Nashotah House, like we're the only people preserving the "true" Catholic faith.

There were a lot of good people there who wrote to Board of Trustees and said 'We concerned. We're having women insulted in class and hearing Gays are going to burn in Hell' etc., etc.

The first year I was there, they came out with a statement saying that homosexuality is completely contrary to the Christian faith. So here I was in a den of wolves. They Gay people who were there all left—except me.

Things began to get a little rough. I went to one professor and confided in him that I was Gay. I had not told anyone else at that point. Within 30 days, the whole campus knew. That began the harassment.

I went through times having my door egged. I had my icon of Christ slashed. I was ignored. People wouldn't speak to me. Again, this was not everyone. But to those associated with the Synod, I was a bastard Christian and I should go somewhere else.

The thing was that they couldn't just write me off as a liberal and dismiss me. I was not

liberal, but a conservative. I believed in the lordship of Jesus Christ. I believed in all the things they did. The found that hard to believe, that I could, like they did, put their sexuality under the lordship of Christ.

I have always been completely open and I have grown up with a complete reverence for the Scriptures as the Word of God. What is unfortunate is that people abuse and misuse the Word of God.

"This cannot happen. This is not going to happen' and he became very angry with me."

Every instance in the Bible where it talks about homosexuality, it always talks about an abusive sexual relationship, a relationship in which you use and abuse other people. Abuse isn't loving. That's not talking about relationships.

What Scripture does is condemn irresponsible, abusive behavior, homosexual or heterosexual. It's not who you are, it's what you do with it.

Just last Saturday, the bishop told my congregation, "It makes no difference whether Jason is Gay or straight. That's completely irrelevant. What is relevant is how he lives his life. That's what matters."

There is no Gay or straight in the eyes of Christ.

The incident that came up that led to this trial came about because of a couple there, recently married. He was a seminarian. My accuser was his stepson and lived with them.

The boy, I noticed, spent a lot of time in the single student housing. He was in and out of rooms because we had an open door policy. Very casual. I was real leery about being around kids because I wanted to avoid any presumption of impropriety. I was very careful about that.

I'd heard his stepfather in the lunchroom call him 'a little fagot' so I knew there was trouble at home. I felt sorry for him, but it was not appropriate for me to give him counseling.

One evening, he came to my room and sat down on the couch next to me. He was very obviously very drunk—smelt like beer to me. He came on to me immediately. And I immediately said "no" and stood up and I said, "This cannot happen. This is not going to happen" and he became very angry with me because I did not accept him. There was all this issue of rejection that came out.

When he calmed down, and he did, I tried to explain to him that he was under age and that what he was doing was illegal. At the time, I didn't understand that he equated friendship with sex. I just found this out during the trial.

I became aware later that there were people who were involved with this kid who should not have been. I am appalled by that and sickened by it. It hurts the Church and its message and brings shame upon it.

This has been a year and a half of absolute Hell. The fact that I've been openly Gay just added fuel to ignorance that lies in our society. But I hope to see in my lifetime, the blessing of same-sex unions.

When I took my ordination vows, I vowed to live a wholesome life. To me that doesn't mean crawling around the park or picking up every tom, dick or harry that's nearby me. What it means is that I should be called to the same responsibility as straights.

If Gay people harp on and on about how we want the same rights as heterosexuals, we have to be ready to accept the responsibilities that come with them. For those of us who are Christians, that means a committed life in a monogamous relationship.

I thank God that the church sustained me and that truth and justice for once, was done in this.

Gay people need to have the freedom of expression within the Church to be who they are. If they're willing to take our talents and our money, they need to be able to accept us. If they don't want to do that, then don't even baptize us. If the Church is not willing to do what Jesus did, (accepting all people) they we're in the wrong business. More and more, that is happening and organizations like Integrity are helping to make it happen.

I've seen through this trial, the best and the worst of the Church. Fortunately, I've been surrounded by an unbelievable number of friends.

We as Gay people, need to learn from that. Just as we as Gay people don't want the church to write us off, we as a Gay community must be open and understanding and not let the bigots take over the church. Let us reclaim our faith!

Editor's Note: Integrity sends out a plea to the Gay and Lesbian community to help Jason with a huge financial debt. He owes thousands of dollars in legal fees and is behind in his taxes and has no way to pay his debts.

Please send any amount to: St. David's Episcopal Church, Legal Defense Fund for Father Samuel, 18327 W. Hillcrest Drive, New Berlin, WI 53141.

Recent Wisconsin Supreme Court Decision Ambivalent Victory for Lesbians and Gays

Analysis by Francis Carlton

A recent decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to enable circuit courts to order visitation rights in dissolved same-sex relationships (Holtzman v. Knott) represents an encouraging, but ultimately ambivalent, victory for the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community in Wisconsin.

The situation facing the Supreme Court involved a same-sex relationship between two women (Holtzman and Knott) that had endured for more than ten years. One of the women, Knott, was artificially inseminated and bore a child during the fifth year of the relationship. The family lived together for five years before the relationship fell apart and Knott left, taking the child with her.

Knott eventually denied Holtzman any visitation rights of the child. Holtzman then sought visitation rights and was denied by a circuit court, which ruled that Wisconsin family law did not recognize non-traditional relationship and so could not be construed to grant any visitation rights to Holtzman.

This holding was reversed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court by a narrow 4-3 vote, with the majority opinion written by Justice Shirley Abrahamson. She was able to get the support of traditional liberals Babsitch and Chief Justice Heffernan, and also managed to snag the swing vote of the moderate Justice, Janine Geske. It appears, however, that in order to get the support of Justice Geske, Abrahamson was compelled to write a decidedly defensive and narrow decision in favor of same-sex couples and their children.

Justice Abrahamson reasoned that while Wisconsin state law dealing with visitation rights does not recognize same-sex relationships, it also fails to specifically deny such rights in cases involving non-traditional families and in the face of this legislative silence, Wisconsin circuit courts may exercise their "equitable power to protect the best interest of a child by ordering visitation under circumstances not included in the statute."

This high court endorsement of judicial activism, however, does not compel circuit courts to look after the best interests of the children of same-sex couples. Rather, this is a decision left up to these courts.

And given that circuit court judges in Wisconsin are elected public officials, and are not infrequently less than progressive on issues dealing with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual individuals, one has to wonder how many of these courts will elect to exercise their equitable powers on behalf of non-traditional families.

Justice Abrahamson ruled that once a circuit court does decide to intervene in a dissolved same-sex relationship in which the non-biological parent is being denied visitation rights, the petitioning parent must surmount a multi-step evidentiary process.

The non-biological parent must prove, first, "that he or she has a parent-like relationship with the child," and second, "a significant triggering event justifies state intervention."

To prove the first element, a petitioning parent must show each of the following:

1. "That the biological or adopted parent consented to, and fostered, the petitioner's formation and establishment of a parent-like relationship with the child";
2. "That the petitioner and the child lived together in the same household";
3. "That the petitioner assumed obligations of parenthood by taking significant responsibility for the child's care, education and development";
4. "That the petitioner has been in a parental role for a length of time sufficient to have established with the child a bonded, dependent relationship parental in nature."

To prove that a significant triggering event justifies state intervention, the petitioner must

prove that the parent with custody of the child has interfered substantially with the petitioner's relationship with the child. Furthermore, the petitioner must be able to show that they requested court-ordered visitation within a reasonable time after the aforementioned interference.

Certainly the test laid out by Justice Abrahamson does not seem unreasonable. She also cautions that circuit courts that undertake the above analysis must always keep in mind the best interests of the involved child or children. She argues commendably, that the children of non-traditional relationships deserve as much state protection as the children of traditional relationships.

It is terribly apparent, however, that the visitation rights described by the Wisconsin Supreme Court as central to the best interests of children caught in disrupted families will only receive spotty protection across the state. That is, in areas served by relatively progressive circuit court judges, the visitation rights of same-sex couples may very well be vindicated. Perhaps, more commonly, however, many circuit courts will simply fail to act when faced with a claim of visitation rights by a parent who is party to a dissolved same-sex relationship.

Had Justice Abrahamson felt free to write a more progressive opinion, she might have required circuit courts to apply the multi-step test described above whenever same-sex couples dissolve and one of the parents is subsequently denied visitation rights. Had she done this, however, the swing vote of Justice Geske might have gone the other way and Abrahamson probably reasoned that half a loaf is better than none.

One might also take issue with Justice Abrahamson's contention that Wisconsin law does not protect the visitation rights of same-sex couples. She takes this position despite the rather open-ended statutory language dealing with visitation rights in the state of Wisconsin.

The relevant law reads, in part, that "Upon petition by a grandparent, great grandparent, stepparent or person who has maintained a relationship similar to a parent-child relationship with the child," the court may grant reasonable visitation rights...if that visitation is in the best interests of the child" (emphasis added).

It does not seem to require any great stretch of the imagination to interpret that law in a way that protects same-sex families.

Abrahamson argues, however, that the legislature only had the dissolution of marriage in mind when it wrote this law and since same-sex couples cannot legally marry in the state of Wisconsin, they do not fall under the law's provisions regarding visitation rights.

Interestingly, an Illinois appellate court recently ruled that that state's ambiguous adoption law does encompass same-sex couples and so Gay and Lesbian partners can adopt children.

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EDITORIAL

Forgotten Once Again

Once again we have been forgotten.

In the Sunday, July 30 edition of Milwaukee's *Journal Sentinel*, there is a review of a book titled *Preserving Memory: The Struggle to Create America's Holocaust Museum*, written by Edward T. Linenthal, a professor of religion and American culture at UW-Oshkosh. The book is said to detail the process by which the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. was created. We have not read the book--although we certainly intend to do so. Thus, it is not with the book that we take strong umbrage. It is with the review.

The review was written by Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff. According to the editor's note at the end, he "writes and lectures internationally on religious and moral topics." One can only hope that he gives a better account of himself in person than he does in print.

Wolkoff hones in on the debate over where the Museum should be located. New York? Outside the U.S.? Where?

Eventually, they decided to put it in Washington, D.C., but Wolkoff writes, that location "strengthened the claim of other victims to a place in the sun." Other victims that Wolkoff cites are Gypsies--and that's it! He goes on to write, "This (including other victims in the Museum) would have created the situation of Jewish victims sharing space with other ethnic groups..."

First of all, place in the sun!??? What sun? A place in the stygian morass of horror is more like it. The sun of Hellish fires that were lit by bigotry and fed by hate.

Millions upon millions of people, human beings, old, young, female, male, Gay and straight, were turned into powder and smoke in what Wolkoff refers to as "the Auschwitz pilgrimage."

And yes, the Gypsies suffered and died at the hands of the Nazis, as did the Jews in their millions, but Gay people suffered too. We suffered and we died at the hands of some of the most vile, satanic bigots which this world has known. We, Lesbian and Gay people, were rounded up to be slaughtered, rounded up to be exterminated for who are, which is exactly what Himmler said.

Either Wolkoff is ignorant of all this--in which case he should never have been allowed to review the book. Isn't it sort of usual that a reviewer should know something about the subject of the book he's reviewing?

Or his prejudices have gotten in his way.

And if Israel holds "redemptive status" as "the light at the end of the Holocaust," as Wolkoff writes, then where is our redemption? There is none except in memory and out of that growing the determination that we, Lesbians and Gays, will never let that thing happen again, never, not in this country and not anywhere else!

When we toured the Holocaust Museum, we met a man, a former prisoner of the camps. We expressed our sorrow and told him we were there to remember our people, Gay people. He said, "Ah yes, but your people deserved it."

That attitude will prevail until we realize that "the Holocaust is a concern of the entire American people," as Wolkoff writes; that it must be a burning concern for the Holocaust in its entirety, a blazing concern on the part of us all for every single human being who was driven to those camps, whether Wolkoff likes some of us or not.

In our ability as Gay people to keep that memory alive no matter how much others would like to forget us, and in our insistence that we will never, never let it happen again, is our redemption.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Outing--Again!??

By Terry Boughner

It's a recurring idea. We should out this one or that, drag them kicking and screaming out of the closet, away from their town houses or their posh hotels. Let them be honest. Let them be brought to their feet to stand, to bear the brunt of battle with the rest of us, so it is said, again--and yet again.

First of all, as I've said so many times before, I'm not into outing anybody. Don't get me wrong, I think it's healthy for a person to come out. I would do what I could to help and encourage someone to do it, but I won't force them, not by the power of the printed word.

Now, that having been said--again--let me add that if I were going to out somebody, if I had the proof-positive necessary to do that, politicians would be awfully far down on my list of those to out.

The people who we should encourage most urgently to come out are those who can be the strongest role models, not only for the LesBi-Gay community, but for the majority world. Maybe I'm just being cynical, but there aren't many politicians that fit that bill.

In days gone by, long by, people could and did say, "I want to be like Eleanor Roosevelt" or "I want to be like JFK." But when is the last time someone told you, "Gee, I want to be just like Congresswoman Von Bratwitz" or "I want to be just like Senator Broomwhistle"?

If someone is to be outed, make it someone who can have a genuine educational impact on society, Gay and straight. In this country, that role, at least of late, isn't filled by the solons of either party.

The people who have the highest profiles, the ones who impact us the most, are those in the entertainment industry; those in the theatre, but in the movies in particular.

For example, what if someone like, say, Tom Cruise or Madonna, came out, someone of their caliber? I would warrant that people like they are would have more impact, more influence, in guiding the thinking of the general public than if all the politicians in Congress got on the front steps of the Capitol and came out on the evening news. That's an exaggeration, but not much.

My point is that I think that we've got to realize (as many do) that one of our prime points of effort in our struggle for equal rights, is education of the moderate majority, young and old. As I see it, one of the most effective means of educating the public is through the entertainment industry and those who work in it.

I would suggest that a genuinely good, Gay-positive, blockbuster film done by an openly Gay superstar, would do more to influence the public toward us than anything else, politicians included.

One openly Lesbian or Gay superstar, safe and secure in their stardom, can do incalculable good. It is they, along with the sports figures, who are this society's role models. It is they who can educate, who can change opin-

ions, far more than we think.

And, I honestly believe that as the public becomes more educated, as they begin to learn about who we really are, the politicians will follow. After all, most politicians have only one aim in life: to get elected and stay that way. That's how it works.

I heartily resent closeted politicians. I think they're dishonest, but when it comes to impact, the palm goes to those in the entertainment industry. It's those we should work on. It is they who, I think, in coming out, can do the most good.

LETTERS

Transgendered Persons

TO THE EDITOR:

On page 8 of the June 22 *Wisconsin Light*, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) had an article promoting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). ENDA will do much to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation nationally. The bill has one glaring short coming, the absence of protection for Transgendered individuals.

Alternative versions of ENDA have been written that were inclusive, but these versions were not promoted even though there was congressional support for these versions. This bill can be amended or substituted to become inclusive.

Throughout this edition of *The Wisconsin Light* is evidence of the diversity of the Gay community including the Transgender and Drag. A review of Kate Bourne's book *Gender Outlaw*. Drag entertainers performing at Pride and Gemini Gender Group marching in Pride are there in this issue. Unfortunately, this portion of the Gay community is again being forgotten or deliberately ignored in legislation to protect our rights.

Brandon Teena, Marsha Johnson, Jesse Santiago, Richard Goldman, Harold Draper, Cammeron Tanner, and most recently Deborah Forte, have all lost their lives due to violence that accompanies Transphobia. Many more have lost gainful employment, housing and family due to ignorance and bigotry. Medical insurance companies specifically discriminate against Trans-people for medical coverage.

Locally, Wisconsin's AB70 provides no legal protection against discrimination for Trans-people. AB70 needs to be amended to insert Gender Identity wherever sexual orientation appears. Or, a definition of sexual orientation must be added that includes Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered.

Amending AB70 will require state legislators who are willing to step forward to write and sponsor this legislation. Nationally, only four cities, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle, afford any protection to Trans-people.

It's Time America! It's Time Wisconsin! It's time that all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organizations become fully inclusive of Trans-people. Inclusion in membership, leadership, mission statements, social activities and civil rights efforts should be a goal of all Gay organizations.

Action Wisconsin, the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, Positive Voice Wisconsin, PFLAG and Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns are

just some of the organizations locally and nationally who have done so. It's Time HRCF for inclusion of Trans-people in ENDA!

Jacquelyn Richter
Oshkosh

From South Africa

TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks for your kind and generous sponsorship of the *Wisconsin Light* over the past 2 years. It is a tremendous resource to the Gay and Lesbian community in our region, especially to those who have been afflicted with the HIV virus. It's a source of hope and encouragement.

Please, if you can, try and arrange further sponsorship for us here in South Africa, as we do not have the necessary funds to subscribe to *Light*. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our original sponsor. We cannot thank him enough.

On the Gay political agenda in South Africa, lots has happened in the last year. Firstly, all the major Gay and Lesbian organizations in the country have joined together to form a National Coalition. The aim of this coalition is to lobby parliament for the retention of the "sexual orientation" clause in the country's final constitution. (Our interim constitution includes and protects sexual orientation.)

Earlier this year, Sir Ian McKellen, the British Gay activist, visited South Africa. He performed his one-man play, *A Knight Out*, to raise money for a full-time lobbyist to the South African Parliament. His visit included a meeting with President Nelson Mandela, who was very encouraging and supportive of our Gay and Lesbian struggle.

Perhaps the high point of the year was the appointment of Mr. Edwin Cameron, an openly Gay man, as a Judge of the South African Supreme Court. This makes him the only openly Gay judge in the world.

Warm Greetings to all in Wisconsin.

Christopher David
Durban, South Africa

Editor's Note: Should anyone be willing to sponsor a subscription to the paper for Chris and his friends in South Africa, the money would be greatly appreciated. Sending the paper airmail to South Africa costs nearly \$100 per year.

Should anyone be interested in writing to Chris, his address is: Christopher David, 11 Battersea Avenue, Reservoir Hills, Durban, 4091, South Africa.

On the Military

TO THE EDITOR:

Terry Helvey, the homophobic killer serving a paroleable life term in Leavenworth for the cold-blooded murder of Allen Schindler due to his homosexuality, was reported to have stated in his pre-sentencing apology that "...I regret this incident happened and I feel like it could have been averted--had homosexuals not been allowed in the military." Unfortunately, this is the shallowness of thinking behind the don't ask, don't tell, hide and seek policy regarding Gay-folk serving their country in military uniform.

Had homophobes been screened out of our volunteer military services or trained in diversity awareness and respect for individual human differences, perhaps Mr. Schindler would be enjoying a productive life today and Mr. Helvey would not be seeking premature release under parole for his mercilessly vicious attack on a fellow servicemember.

Regardless of the specific military policy on military service for Gays, sexuality diversity awareness training classes should be instituted military-wide within newly implemented sexual harassment training programs, where such training belongs by its nature and by the definition of sexual harassment. This is necessary to help prevent such tragic events from continuing. Unfortunately, unnecessary homophobic and sexual innuendo continue to be used in training new military recruits in all of the services.

Homophobia is not essential to discipline, unit cohesion, esprit or morale or national security. It is the direct cause of disciplinary problems and compromises mission accomplishment.

As our military forces are increasingly called upon to police diverse civilian populations, it is important that the military undertake specific policies to prevent homophobes, racists, sexists, alcoholics, drug addicts and those lawless persons who were traditionally pardoned their civilian criminal punishments in lieu of enlisting in the military, from entering or remaining in uniform.

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sity awareness training programs to prevent the kinds of disciplinary problems which homophobia presents in the military, to protect straight and Gay military and civilian Americans and foreign civilians during deployments abroad.

It is time the military began living up to the "special place" image it portrays itself as and put fairness, honesty and patriotism above discrimination, bigotry and disrespect for the civilian chain of command.

Rand Knox
San Rafael, California

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As announced in the last few issues of the paper, deadlines for all copy except late breaking news, is the Friday before publication at 5:00 p.m. Due to our new printing schedule, there can be no exceptions.

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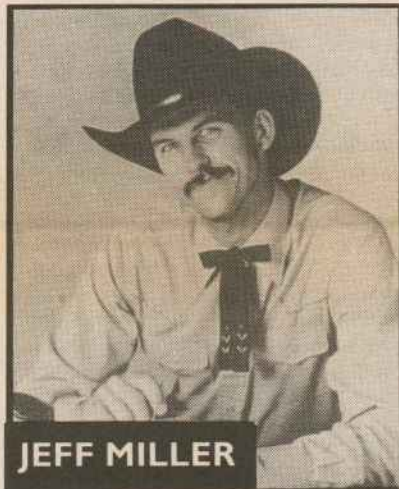
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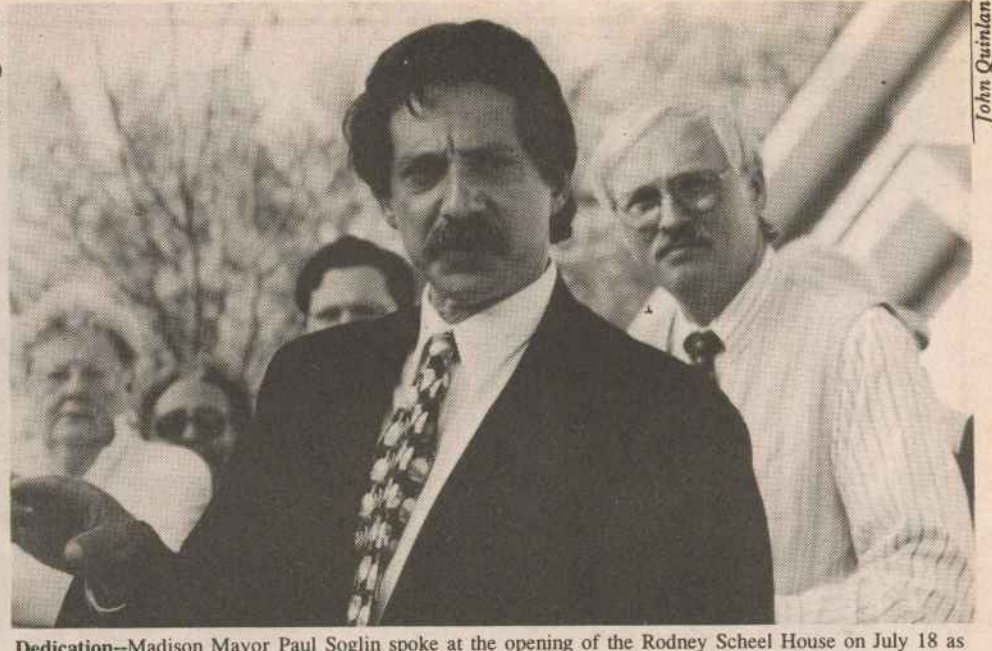
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Dedication--Madison Mayor Paul Soglin spoke at the opening of the Rodney Scheel House on July 18 as Dick Wagner looked on.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

What the Republican Congress Can Do to Others, It Can Do to Us as Well

Commentary by Bill Meunier

If nothing else, the Republican controlled Congress has proven that there is a substantial difference between the two major political parties. Gone is a government with compassion for its people. That government has been replaced by one that only has compassion for special interests and the wealthy.

In this corner is the NRA lobbyist sitting in a congressional staff seat at the Waco hearings. (Does anyone believe that if Koresh had been a Gay man molesting little boys instead of a heterosexual molesting little girls that any Republican would speak up in his defense?)

Over there in the Congressional ante-room is the corporate lobbyist out in the open, writing speeches for Congressional representatives who need help defending their anti-environmental regulation vote.

Of course there are those within our community who applaud the GOP stands on various issues. You just have to suspect the wisdom of people who would celebrate their avowed enemies gaining power over them.

The Slaves didn't celebrate the Southern victories during the Civil War, and the Jews didn't rejoice over the Nazi blitzkrieg either. As Gays and Lesbians we have little reason to rejoice in the Republican take over of Congress.

Unable to accept themselves they do not expect others to accept them either.

They have adopted a collaborationist attitude yelling "Me Too." They say their support of the GOP will moderate it. Isn't that the same argument used by French collaborators who worked with the Nazi's during WWII?

Meanwhile they cheer as the philosophical underpinnings of the struggle for equality are attacked one by one.

The real fight isn't over whether or not there will be Affirmative Action. The real fight is over whether or not the government will take action to address institutionalized discrimination.

The real fight isn't over whether or not immigrants should receive state sponsored medical care, it's over whether or not everyone living within the borders of this country will be treated equally.

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The real fight isn't over tort reform, its over whether or not an average citizen will be able to seek justice through the courts.

Fairness, justice, equality, a government that strives to create a level playing field so that all of its constituents have an equal chance to succeed, all of these principles are at stake in dozens of battles being fought in the corridors

of power.

It may seem easy for white Lesbians and Gays to shrug their shoulders over efforts to reduce or eliminate affirmative action programs. The fact is that Affirmative Action works. Can we expect the government to grant us legal protections when it won't continue programs that successfully combat discrimination for other groups?

In other words if the government can't or won't take steps to insure equal opportunities for women and people of color, its unlikely that it will take steps to provide equality under the law for us.

In fact hasn't the radical right demanded that government agencies stop including sexual orientation in their diversity training sessions?

It may be tempting for some of us to believe that the so called immigration reforms have nothing to do with us. But can we expect a government that singles people out and says in effect "The law doesn't apply to you," not to do the same to us?

In fact hasn't the government in several instances denied federal funds to any organization that "promotes or teaches acceptance of homosexuality."

It may seem that limiting judgements and discouraging lawsuits is a good idea. But if the federal government can tell any citizen when he/she can seek redress in the courts, can't it tell that to others as well?

It's a small step for a government that has decided to make plaintiffs who lose product liability suits indebted for the defendants legal fees and putting the same strictures in the law for those who sue in discrimination cases.

English-only laws may look like a good idea. They would save money and make things easier for government agencies. But if the government can force people to speak a certain way can't it also try to limit speech in other ways as well?

In fact the last session of Congress came dangerously close to passing legislation cutting off funds to any school district that teaches acceptance of homosexuality.

The point is that like it or not America's Gays and Lesbians are not an island unto themselves. The same arguments being used by the radical right to beat down other minorities can, are and will continue to be used against us. The same reasoning that goes into limiting access to government programs for some groups can and will be used against us.

We must recognize this. The danger to one oppressed group is a danger to all oppressed groups including us. If we can't stand up for justice because it is the right thing to do, let us at least understand this. If we fail to stand with others now, who will be left standing to help us?

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Latest Survey Indicates that Anti-Gay Measure in Idaho Faces Uphill Battle

Boise, ID--An independent public opinion survey released on July 26, suggests that despite its near-victory in 1994 the Right Wing Christian Idaho Citizens Alliance may face a more antagonistic electorate in its 1996 campaign to enact a measure that would deprive Gay people of civil rights.

But Alliance founder, Kelly Walton, discounted the appearance of a trend against the proposition.

The sixth annual Idaho Public Policy Opinion Survey, conducted this winter by the Boise State University Survey Research Center, found only 38 percent of the respondents who went to the polls last November said they voted for the initiative even though it polled 49.6 percent of the vote.

Center Director David Scudder said the seeming contradiction could be the result of "selective memory" in which the respondents, knowing the outcome of the election and the events and rhetoric that followed it, expressed the way they wish they had voted.

And when coupled with the fifth annual survey's results on pre-election public opinion on the anti-Gay initiative, there appears to be growing opposition to the prohibition against state or local laws protecting Gay people from discrimination.

In the survey conducted in the Fall of 1993, 57 percent of those with a position on the issue said they favored the anti-Gay initiative.

A year later when the polls closed, just under 50 percent voted for it, and the new survey of 572 people conducted in late February and early March found just 38 percent saying they supported Proposition One.

The poll of randomly selected respondents statewide had a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

In addition, 44 percent opposed legislative action to implement any of the provisions of the initiative, which included a ban on same-sex marriages which are not currently legally recognized in the state.

Walton suggested, however, that as with polls preceding last Fall's election that showed Proposition One being decisively defeated, respondents may have again not been candid about their feelings.

"The biggest factor in polling on this issue is that the people planning on voting yes don't really want anybody to know they're voting yes or why they're voting yes," he said. "And there is an intimidation factor on this. They don't know who the pollster is and they don't want to wind up having retribution go against them."

Walton is currently considering whether to modify his new initiative in response to criticism from Attorney General Alan Lance be-

fore beginning to collect the 41,335 registered voter signatures needed to put it on the November 1996 ballot.

Walton has maintained that the loss last Fall by just 3,100 votes was in large part due to the fact that a significant number of voters were confused and believed that to prohibit anti-discrimination laws for Gay people needed to vote "no."

"I think the tide is turning," Walton said when he formally proposed the new version of the initiative. He specifically cited the huge Republican victories in Idaho and nationwide last Fall as evidence of shifting public sentiment.

And the new Boise State survey substantiated that. It found that Republicans or people leaning that way were much more likely to have voted for the initiative than either independents or Democrats, who comprise 51 percent of the electorate.

But more telling of the worst electoral defeat Idaho Democrats have suffered in generations was the finding twice as many of the Democrats and independents as Republicans acknowledged not voting at all in 1994.

The survey also indicated that the influx of relatively wealthy southern Californians into Idaho bolstered support for the initiative in opposition to the supposition of political analysts that the dramatic in-migration during the height of Idaho's economic boom was diluting the state's traditional conservative bent.

Among the findings were that voters who have lived in Idaho for a long time were more likely to have opposed the initiative than relative newcomers and that comparatively rich voters were more likely to vote for it. In fact, more than half of the respondents with incomes over \$50,000 a year voted for the initiative.

The survey also found seeming contradictions. While 43 percent said they had friends or relatives who were Gay, only 20 percent said they had a positive attitude toward Gay people and 41 percent said Gay people have more political clout than they deserved.

Brian Bergquist, a leader of the coalition that defeated the alliance campaign in 1994, said those findings suggest Idahoans do not necessarily believe their personal opinions should become the law of the land.

"That is what I think the United States is about," Bergquist said. "It's OK for people to have different kinds of views."

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Corporate America is Steadily Increasing Its Advertising Outreach to the Gay Market

New York, NY-- Corporate America increased its spending on advertising in Gay-oriented publications by 16.2 percent this year, according to a study released Monday, July 24.

Companies such as AT&T, Saab, Absolut and Dial-A-Mattress are among the businesses that have expanded their marketing campaigns to target Gays, the study by New York-based

Mulryan-Nash found.

"The key thing here is that advertisers are starting to recognize that Gays have a lot more disposable income than the average consumer," said David Mulryan, a partner in the agency, which specializes in Gay advertising.

The nationwide survey of 128 Gay-oriented publications, which included Wisconsin Light, found that advertising spending rose to \$61.6 million this year from \$53 million last year.

Much of that spending, Mulryan noted, came from travel and liquor companies and car dealerships. Both industries are among the small, but growing number of businesses that have tried to lure Gay consumers, he said.

Car makers are the latest entry into the Gay market. The first was Saab, which reached out to Gays when it began to advertise in the alternative press in 1994. Saturn followed earlier this year, Mulryan said.

Other automakers might be forced to advertise in Gay publications to keep up with their competitors, he said.

"We've already seen it happen in the liquor category," Mulryan said.

Ever since Absolut started running ads in the Gay press in 1979, there has been a steady increase in ads from companies such as Tanqueray, Stoli and Skyy.

There also has been a continuing rise in ads from such mainstream companies as AT&T and, most recently, Dial-A-Mattress, Mulryan said.

The New York-based bedding company launched its campaign in October 1994, said marketing director Ronald Tiogson. He said 3 percent to 5 percent of the company's sales are from Gay customers.

Dial-A-Mattress began targeting its Gay consumers, with ads that feature the headline: "Who you sleep with is your business. How you sleep is ours."

Gay publications also picked up more ad sales from the entertainment industry, particularly for the increasing numbers of Gay-oriented films and off-Broadway and Broadway shows.

But the two largest advertisers were Gay clubs and bars, which accounted for about 30 percent in ad sales. The two were followed by classified ads, which made up about 12 percent of the business.

"Those three are still going to outnumber big businesses in the market," Mulryan said. "There isn't a lot of clutter in this market yet."

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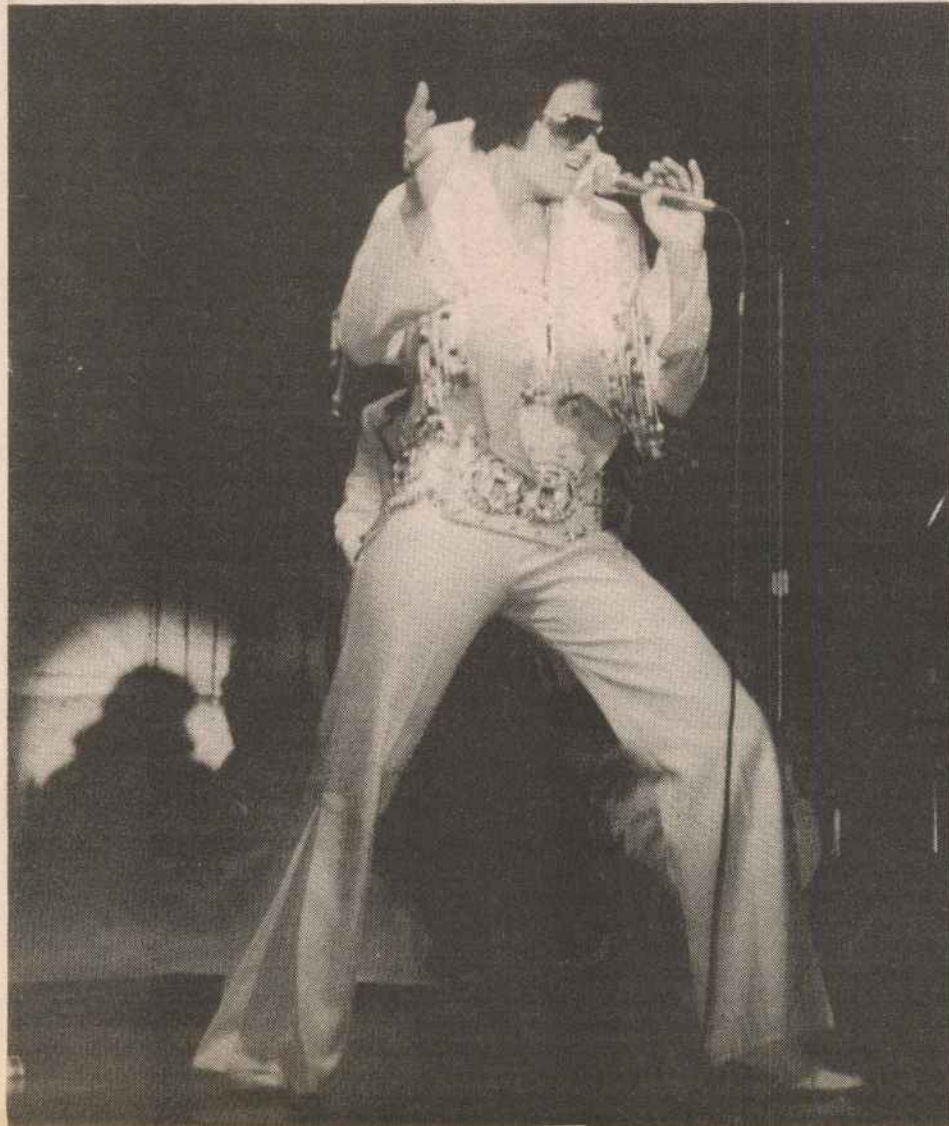
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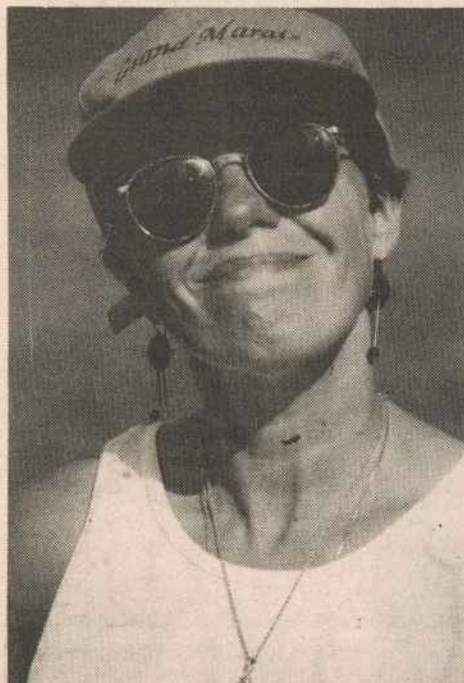
Stoney Jones as Elvis Presley

Milwaukee's Lesbian Variety Show Will Showcase a Star-Studded Array of Talent

Milwaukee-- Due to the overwhelming success of last year's show, the 1995 Lesbian Variety Show, *Starry Starry Night*, will be a two-night event: Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19 with a different program each night. Both shows will be held at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, at 7:30 p.m.

An array of fabulous performers will grace the stage, from acrobats and bagpipe music to performance artists and vocalists.

Among the featured artists will be songwriter/vocalist Mari Hang who is returning for a repeat performance at the show.



Diane Bloom

Hang has performed throughout Milwaukee for many years. She was at Summerfest, opening for Holly Near in the 1980's and in May, 1995, opened for Lynn Lavner. Hang is currently working on a new CD titled "Simply Mari."

Also appearing at *Starry Starry Night* will be Diane Bloom. Bloom has sung with numerous choruses in the Milwaukee area. She is a charter member of the Milwaukee women's chorus, Maiden Voyage, and helped found and

direct the Mukwonago Feminist Singers and Eaters. She has been performing with the Fest City Singers for the past two seasons, most recently as the lead in Peter Mortenson's musical, *A Charmed Circle*.

Bloom has sung and played guitar at the Madison Lesbian Variety Show and conducted a sing-a-long at the Pabst Theater's 100th anniversary block party.

Her performance at this year's variety show will consist of two original pieces, both written in honor of her partner, Sharon Richards.

The King Isn't Dead Elvis Comes to Milwaukee

Linda Jones will be appearing at the Variety show. Billed as the only female Elvis act in the country, Jones' impersonation of "The King" has been acclaimed as one of the most realistic portrayals to shatter any stage.

"Everyone gets all shook up when I perform attired in full Elvis regalia," said the celebrity look-alike who hails from Gurnee, Illinois. "Much of the audience doesn't know how to react."

Jones has performed as Elvis in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, but she says she prefers to perform in Chicago-area nightclubs.

Newlywed Game

Included in the Friday show will be the *Starry Starry Night Newlywed Game*, where members of the audience can participate.

An after-show party is planned with special performances by MOOK on Friday and Starburst on Saturday in the Theatre Cabaret.

Tickets are \$12 per show and available at AfterWords Bookstore, Designing Men, High Wind Books, Just Us, Outpost Natural Foods and People's Books. A two-night pass is available for \$20 by sending payment and a SASE to: LAMM Education Fund, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Tickets may be charged to Visa or Mastercard by calling (414) 264-2600.

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Milwaukee's Paradise Theatre To Mark Fifth Anniversary with Free Film

Milwaukee-- This August marks the Fifth Anniversary of classics at the Paradise Theatre, 62nd and Greenfield, in West Allis. Weekly Classics at the Paradise started August 1, 1990, with Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn in *The African Queen*.

Five years later, the new August-September Weekly Classics schedule starts with the restored release of *A Star is Born* starring Judy Garland and James Mason. In between, the Paradise has screened over 260 Weekly Classics, 22 silent films with live accompaniment, and 26 midnight movies.

The Paradise, an authentic movie palace, is currently the only cinema of this type in the Midwest and one of only a handful across the country. Neither Chicago nor New York have repertory cinemas showing classic films.

'2 Boys in a Bed On a Cold Winter's Night,' Off-Broadway's New Gay Play, is Sex and Love at the Extremes

New York, NY-- A large bed anchors center stage in James Edwin Parker's new play, a graphic slice of contemporary Gay life now on view off-Broadway at Theater Off Park.

It is the playing field for *2 Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night*, a title that sets the scene for Parker's brief chronicle of an overnight encounter between two thirtysomething New Yorkers. They meet in a bar, have sex and then must decide if it's worth the effort to get to know each other.

Parker's play deals with a much more specific situation than the current Broadway success, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* Terrence McNally's Tony Award winner is an expansive, leisurely look at eight Gay friends over three Summer holiday weekends.

McNally had time to develop his creations. In *2 Boys*, Parker sets himself an almost impossible task: His play is short-- it runs only 70 minutes.

The brevity of the evening forces him to make do with a kind of shorthand. Not only does character development occur in resume style, but Parker also skims the last 20 years of Gay history, pre- and post-AIDS.

The two men indulge in a rapid, machine-gun reverie for a past when sex was carefree and the sound of music was disco.

Yet these new acquaintances also engage in a destructive mating dance that Parker puts on stage with a sure sense of the dramatic. Director Thomas Caruso mines the fireworks for maximum tension. And as is the case with McNally's play, the drama is accompanied by casual total nudity.

One of the bedmates, Daryl, desperately wants a relationship. He's a preppy graphics designer still hung up, 20 years later, on his boarding school crush.

The other, Peter, is a pragmatic construction worker brimming with self-confidence and a need for casual sex.

Robert Gomes captures Daryl's high anxiety, as well as the vaguely narcissistic, self-absorbed quality of a man utterly consumed by his problems.

Michael Curry is the brash blond party boy, a perfectly buffed body harboring a bit of sadism. His construction worker taunts the desperate Daryl, while at the same time revealing his own set of troubles. Not an easy task to pull off, but Curry more than accomplishes the job.

Playwright Parker has an ear for the intricacies that punctuate the conversation between these two lonely men. Daryl wants to talk after sex, to learn everything he possibly can about his sleep-over guest; Peter, like many straight boys after sex with a woman, just wants a good night's rest.

Their opposite personalities create genuine dramatic conflict.

It's at those moments that *2 Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night* succeeds in putting on stage two real people, not just types who are looking for their own idealized version of love.

Each year at this time, the Paradise always presents a free film in order to thank the audience and the community for their support. In previous years, these films have included *A Room With A View*, *Modern Times*, and *Cinema Paradiso*.

This year, the Paradise presents two free films to thank the classics audience twice as much for their support in these last five years.

On Monday, August 14, the Classic Birthday Party begins at 7:00 p.m. with *The Little Princess*, starring Shirley Temple. The party continues at 9:00 p.m. with *Peking Opera Blues*.

The Little Princess is a heartwarming story of a young girl left in a harsh London boarding school when her father must go abroad to fight in the Boer War.

Peking Opera Blues is a fast-paced and thrilling product of the Hong Kong film industry that will appeal to anyone who likes good entertainment.

The August-September schedule continues the Paradise's new series of silent films with live piano accompaniment. Brennan Cornwall will accompany Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* in August and Buster Keaton's *Spite Marriage* in September.

The Paradise is proud to present *Ben Hur* in awe-inspiring 70mm. The Paradise is the only theatre in Wisconsin capable of showing 70mm films.

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At a Cost of \$175 Million, Will 'Waterworld' Succeed?

By John Horn

Universal City, CA-- Unmerciful ocean currents. Deadly script problems. Huge cost overruns. A directorial walkout. Cutthroat media. *Waterworld* has faced just about every obstacle except one: the audience-- and that began on Friday, July 28.

The most expensive movie ever made arrives in theaters after a nightmarish year of struggle. Now for the opening scene: a web-toed Kevin Costner urinates in a cup and drinks its purified contents.

Books may be written about the many things that went wrong making *Waterworld*. But because the film cost some \$175 million, the final chapter of the *Waterworld* story can't be written until the crowds decide whether the futuristic thriller is worth the price of admission.

There are two tests for *Waterworld*-- one accounting and the other artistic.

The movie will have to gross about \$150 million in U.S. theaters to be on course to break even when foreign, home video and other markets are tallied.

Potentially more important is the appeal of the story itself-- a dark portrait of a post-apocalyptic world where melted polar ice caps have inundated almost all of the Earth's dry land.

Costner plays a character named the Mariner, an often churlish loner who, as an unfiled part of the script has it, murdered his own father. The Mariner lives on a hodge-podge trimaran.

The boat is the Mariner's escape not only from dangerous hoodlums named Smokers (led by Dennis Hopper) but also from any other human contact: He wants to be left alone.

With mutated toes and tiny slit-like gills behind his ears, the Mariner is able to swim at Olympian speed, a handy talent given the abundance of ocean.

The battle-filled story follows the Mariner as he reluctantly rescues a young girl named Enola (Tina Majorino) and her adoptive mother, Helen (Jeanne Tripplehorn), from the Smokers.

Enola bears on her back a strange tattoo that may be a map to dry land--whoever has Enola, therefore, has hope. A key plot point that never made it to the screen helps explain Enola's link to soil: She was found as an infant floating at sea, bobbing in a basket with dirt in it.

The debut of *Waterworld* has been preceded by the most negative media coverage of any movie since 1963's *Cleopatra*, which cost \$213 million in current dollars. The most expensive movie made before *Waterworld* was last year's *True Lies*, which cost about \$115 million.



Water, Water Everywhere--In the futuristic action/adventure "Waterworld," Kevin Costner stars as the Mariner, an enigmatic hero who leads a dying, aquatic civilization on a quest for mythical Dryland.

'Clueless' is Slightly Dopey, But a Truly Feel-Good Parody of Teen Comedies

By Glenn Bishop

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful daughter living with her kindly, often distracted, always eccentric father. Not only was she beautiful, she was very popular, way too clever for her own good and, to put it kindly, she often sought the role of matchmaker, invariably with disastrous results.

Story sound familiar? That's right! Jane Austen's *Emma* of course. No, wait! This is a review of that bright new teen comedy, *Clueless*. Whatever.

Let's see. *Clueless* follows young and attractive Cher, who lives alone with her eccentric,

often distracted father. One of the most popular girls at Beverly Hills high, Cher relies on wit and her natural cleverness to achieve the grades that she isn't able to earn through traditional methods.

Her response to the accusation of being too self-absorbed is to set herself on a matchmaking mission involving two of her least cooperative teachers, dull old Mr. Hall and poor Miss Geist.

Even though Miss Geist is definitely no Betty ("great looking"), this bit of matchmaking proves a snap.

Project No. 2 however, is an even greater challenge: Thai. Cher first seeks to transform Thai and then to set her up with the handsome, but oh so dumb Elton. Disaster! Elton really is in love with Cher. Boy, this is all sounding familiar.

Clueless seemingly has all the elements in place for being a typical brainless Hollywood Summer teen-night date flick. The territory is certainly familiar to most in the audience:

Beverly Hills.

effortless abandon, crafted a smart, very funny romantic teen comedy, fearlessly taking characters, situations and fashion statement over the top. Yet, just when Heckerling has found new levels of outrageousness, there emerges some wonderful moment of perceptive social satire.

For Cher and Dionne, her best friend, what is "clued-in" and what is "clueless" is of highest importance. Cher, self-assuredly feels that she is totally clued-in on music, fashion, and relationships, i.e. the really important things in life.

In Thai, Cher seizes the opportunity to do a totally clued-in makeover. But somewhere along the way to the mall, something goes terribly wrong. When Thai becomes more popular than she is, Cher realizes that she has been perhaps a bit "clueless" about a good many things in life.

Everyone lives happily ever after, of course, making *Clueless* one of the true "feel good" movies this Summer. Alicia Silverstone is a delight as Cher, maybe not the brightest girl in

'Kids', a Movie About New York City Teens that Treats the Audience Like Children

By Michael Kuchawara

Los Angeles, CA-- Inner-city kids who spend their time shoplifting, popping pills, having unsafe sex and nearly beating a Gay kid to death. An apathetic teen-ager whose favorite pastime was seducing virgin women.

This is *Kids*, a certifiably controversial movie that was the talk of the Cannes Film Festival. In the United States, it's being issued without a rating as an alternative to being branded off-limits to youth under 17.

An unsparing account of contemporary adolescents, *Kids* is indeed disturbing, but it has nothing on African American ghetto movies such as *Boyz n the Hood* or *Menace II Society*. There are no drive-by shootings or gang wars. No one smokes crack or gets thrown in jail.

But what would have been accepted as nothing new in a John Singleton film now is supposed to be shocking.

The feature debut of photographer Larry Clark, known for his explicit pictures of teen drug use and sexuality, *Kids* is a pseudodocumentary that follows a group of New York City teens over a period of 24 hours.

The principal kid is Telly, who deflowers women who are virgins, mumbling like Brando as he beds them down. The rest of the time, he and his buddy Casper, who looks and talks like a junior Keith Richards, jump subway turnstiles, shoplift from convenience stores, beat up another youngster because they think he's Gay, scream at other Gays and use various mind-altering substances.

The makers of *Kids* are promoting the film by saying it's "authentic." But the point isn't whether all these things really happen. Of course, they do. The point is how these situations are presented. What kinds of judgments, if any, are being made about these youngsters and what assumptions are being made about the audience?

Kids is skillfully made, with fluid pacing and sharp, believable dialogue by 22-year-old Harmony Korine, whom Clark met while filming skateboarders in Manhattan's Washington Square Park. The director also used skateboarders to play some of the characters, and he got good, natural performances out of them.

Like the 1960s hit *Blow Up*, Clark uses a detached, fatalistic style to show us a world of alienated youth. Underneath this cool surface, however, is a sense of disapproval, even hysteria. The camera treats everything equally, and everything is underlined with a single refrain: *LOOK WHAT THE WORLD HAS*

COME TO.

There's something puritanical about *Kids*. It's one thing to condemn homophobia and rape and unsafe sex, but why does the camera linger on a kid's tattoo, or on Telly's mother as she breast feeds her baby in front of Telly and Casper? Are tattoos a sign of depravity? Are we supposed to think of Telly's mother as immoral, and blame her for her son's behavior?

Kids is a movie that treats the audience like children; it never stops reminding us how terrible things are. If a cat enters a room, someone's going to give it a smack. If a scene takes place on a subway car, a legless beggar is sure to turn up. Clark even stoops to the most clichéd metaphor for fragile innocence: a curly haired little girl holding out a doll.

Miramax Films, the overseer of *Kids*, is a master of exploiting controversy to sell a film. It did so with *Priest* and *The Crying Game* and now *Kids*.

Kids raises some important issues, but you shouldn't have to buy tickets to watch a public service announcement. That people are making money from this is truly a cautionary tale.

Kids has a running time of 91 minutes. The producer is Cary Woods and the executive producers are Cathy Konrad, Christine Vachon and Lauren Zalaznick.

Kids opens on Friday, August 11, at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

SCHEEL HOUSE

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Scheel House officials are confident that these efforts are paying off and that any remaining animosity is isolated to a small number of individuals.

However, despite this, as recently as a month ago, someone had torched a storage shed on the property.

Especially delighted by the realization of Rodney Scheel's dream were his family and friends who had worked tirelessly to make the house a reality. These included his mother and father, Jo and Doc Scheel, his sister, Sherry Nelson, his close friend, Pam Geisler, and his partner, Warren Olson.

In his final months of life, Scheel, who felt fortunate to have financial security, began to dream of providing a place for people living with AIDS who were not as fortunate as he was. He and his friends had originally envisioned a house that was just that--a converted old house, but it was a vision that soon became transformed in ways that no one dared imagine.



Drive In Time--Cher (Alicia Silverstone, left); Dianne (Stacey Dash, right) and Tai (Brittany Murphy) are friends in "Clueless."

Way familiar are Cher and her friends, who are, not surprisingly way too affluent, way too clever for their own good and way too fashionably dressed. Again, typical teen comedy characters.

Then again, typical Hollywood teen comedies rarely have one of literature's most beloved books as a foundation, but then again, *Clueless* is not your typical Hollywood teen comedy.

In the dual role as both director and screenwriter, Amy Heckerling has with seemingly

homeroom, but surprisingly perceptive in the least likely situations.

Paul Rudd scores as Cher's initially clueless ex-stepbrother and Justin Walker is a sensation as the illusive Christian, the boy for whom Cher is willing to give up her virginity.

Clueless is a real sleeper, probably just as dopey as the previews (and ad campaign) would indicate, but with a marvelous sense of awareness in its parody of teen comedies. Don't be clueless, go to *Clueless!*

Rating: \$\$\$\$\$ (on a scale of \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)



Catherine Deneuve in Luis Bunuel's "Belle Du Jour"

'Belle Du Jour' is a Gem, a Welcome Relief from Summer's Dredd-ful Blahs

By Glenn Bishop

In typical Summer movie fashion, Dredd-ful superhero flicks and Water-logged disaster epics are the norm for America's movie screens this year. Up against these over-hyped, half-baked Summer blockbusters are the occasional small cinematic gems that seem to come and go in the blink of the eye. One such film is Miramax's current reissue of Luis Brunuel's long unavailable erotic masterpiece, *Belle Du Jour*.

Shocking and dazzling to audiences back in the late 1960's for its daring exploration of the complexities of love and sex and fantasy, *Belle Du Jour* remains a striking film, rich in irony and fascinating on many intellectual and emotional levels.

The star of *Belle Du Jour* is a young and radiant Catherine Deneuve (Severine), a newly wedded bourgeois Parisian housewife. Immaculately bedecked in her Yves St. Laurent frocks, Severine is unable to show her glamorously handsome surgeon husband, Pierre, the slightest display of physical affection, yet incessantly falls victim to day dreams of the most humiliating sexual episodes.

These highly charged, elaborate sexual dramas effectively bracket *Belle Du Jour*, propelling the course of the film as Severine quietly acquiesces to her fatally disastrous descent into a double life as a high-priced prostitute.

For many Gay men and Lesbians, this double life will seem strikingly familiar. Despite all of the trappings of wealth and status and

fabulous material possessions that surround her, Severine's life remains empty and unfulfilled.

While she appears to love Pierre, she does not desire him.

When an acquaintance tells Severine of a fashionable brothel run by one Mme. Anais, she seizes this opportunity as the only avenue open to her in the quest to live out her erotic fantasies.

Deneuve is mesmerizing as Severine, cool as ice, never betraying the dark secrets that lurk in her heart. Nevertheless, her meticulously constructed facade slowly begins to crumble with her arrival at Mme. Anais's. As *Belle du Jour*, Severine's true soul can finally emerge.

Severine learns that her newly emerging sexual freedom is not without its costs. An entanglement with a violent, obsessive client (Pierre Clementi) propels the film to its shocking and shattering climax.

In its portrayal of the exploration of sexual desires outside the heterosexual norm, Lesbian and Gay audiences are sure to find much of interest in *Belle Du Jour*. Brunuel hints at the Lesbian attraction between the self-assured Mme. Anais and Severine, yet this attraction remains outside the parameters of Severine's erotic fantasies. Still, Lesbians and Gay men alike are sure to find Deneuve's Severine a ravishing and compelling heroine.

Belle Du Jour opens Friday, August 4, at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

Rating: \$\$\$\$\$ (Scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$)

In the Heart of the Bible Belt, Gays and Straights Enjoy the Same Clubs

Little Rock, AR-- The performer on the stage flaunts it for the audience, arms pumping and legs pulsing to the beat of the music.

The men in the audience go wild, clapping and shouting: "Ye-a-a-h-h!" A few make their way to the edge of the stage to offer dollar bills, folded lengthwise, that are snapped up by the performer, who offers coy looks in return but never misses a beat of the music.

Yes, there's a long tradition of girlie shows in the Bible Belt. The Southern Baptists have always winked at that--and winked--and the man sitting next to you on a bar stool might be the minister, there with his son.

But this particular show is not exactly traditional. It's neither a tent on the midway of a county fair, nor one of the topless nightclubs that have sprung up in recent years.

And those women onstage aren't women, not biological ones, anyway.

The Gay entertainment scene has become big business in Little Rock, Arkansas with a lot of help from straight customers who like to dance to loud music.

Female impersonators or male strippers perform weekly at Discovery, a private club operating at the end of a commercial building between a hilly residential neighborhood and the Arkansas River.

The attractions at Discovery, and a companion club called Backstreet, include country-western dance lessons, dance competitions, a quiet Lesbian bar, a quiet Western-theme bar, pool tables and, perhaps most importantly, several dance floors where the volume of the music prevents customers from communicating except by gesture and expression.

"This room, on the weekends, you can't move, it's solid," says Bob Gale, standing in the disco-dance section of Discovery and pointing out four boxes stacked onstage that he labeled "earthquake speakers."

"It's deafening--the louder the better, that's the way they like it," he said.

On a recent Friday night, the light show--darting spotlights, pulsing lasers and beams reflecting from faceted globes--was as compelling as the sight of the dancers flailing on

the floor to the throbbing beat. Those on the dance floor performed before an audience of onlookers gathered around the edges, drinks in hand, working up the nerve to join the dancers or taking a rest from the vigorous exercise.

Gale manages both clubs, separated in the warehouse-like structure by another tenant, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

"We have the most diverse clientele you've ever seen," Gale said.

The two clubs are operated as separate entities, with Backstreet open seven nights a week from 9:00 p.m. until the early morning hours, and Discovery operating the same hours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The customers at Backstreet, week-night or weekend, tend to be mostly Gay, Gale said, while the mix at Discovery includes a lot of straights--probably 40 percent, he said.

"It's been great exposure for the Gay community," he adds.

Backstreet is broken up inside into three distinct rooms around a lobby--decorated to look like a street in a Western frontier town. A room bearing the street number 501 is a "dance hall" where a disc jockey spins CDs; Miss Kitty's Country-Western Saloon has country music playing at background levels "so people can go and sit and talk," Gale said; and the door under street number 701 leads to a Lesbian bar.

"People tend to like smaller areas that look full," Gale said, instead of one big room that would overwhelm members of small groups.

On weekends, when Discovery is open, Backstreet "tends to be the early place," Gale said. "They go there first, and then to Discovery" as the other club fills up with late-night patrons turned out at closing time from night-spots elsewhere in the city that must close at 1:00 a.m. because they don't have private-club liquor licenses.

"We have a 'late shift' (of customers) after 2:00 a.m.," Gale said. "That's when we get a lot of our straight clientele."

Gale, 39, a Chicago native, came to Arkansas 12 years ago as manager of a supermarket

at Hot Springs. "You can imagine what that was like," he said, "going to Hot Springs from a city of 3 million-plus."

After two years at Hot Springs, he came to Little Rock in 1985 to manage Discovery, which had moved to its current location four years earlier from a site in the city's southwest, where it was first opened in 1978. Backstreet was opened in 1991, he said.

"We needed more space," he said, because Discovery had become more popular as it attracted more and more straight customers.

The clubs advertise very little--"maybe once a year, for special shows"--relying instead on

word-of-mouth to spread the news, he said.

"We got a lot of publicity during the Clinton campaign," he said. "We were a hangout for campaign workers from both political parties."

With the growing popularity, business has approximately doubled in the 10 years he has managed the operations, Gale said, with membership in the two clubs now totalling about 4,000. Members pay \$12 a year for each club, and \$3 to enter Discovery on the nights it is open. Guests pay a \$6 cover charge.

"Most members belong to both," Gale said.

'A Century of Oz' Exhibit is on Display In Kansas to Celebrate the Book and Film

Wamego, KS-- More than wheat, more than prairie, even more than basketball and dull, endless fields of corn, Kansas is probably best known as the home to Dorothy and Toto before their trip to Oz. This, regardless of the fact that most of the story didn't take place there.

And instead of trying to shed that image, a Kansas community is trying to cash in on it.

The Columbian Museum, a restored turn-of-the-century theater in Wamego that reopened late last year after a \$2 million fund drive, is trying to attract tourists with its "A Century of Oz" exhibit.

And what could be more appropriate than a Wizard of Oz show-- "the largest Oz collection ever displayed" according to organizers--by a native Kansan in the heart of Kansas?

More than 3,000 items from the private collection of Tod Machin, a Wamego native who now lives in Kansas City, Missouri, are on display in this northeast Kansas town this summer.

The collection, arranged in chronological order, includes more than just memorabilia from the 1939 MGM movie that starred Judy Garland.

The exhibit begins with an open first edition of the book that started it all: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, published in 1900 as a political tract designed to promote the idea of coining silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold.

"The collection covers all 95 years and represents that time period as well as illustrates the history of Oz," Machin said. "It gives you a look at movie making, animation, literature, film production, and marketing and merchandising."

The collection ranges from dolls to games to

coat hangers, from books to movies to movie posters, from movie costume replicas to original costume sketches--in short, just about everything that could possibly have an Oz theme.

Machin, 34, began collecting Oz memorabilia in 1981 when he was a student at Kansas State University.

"Everybody in my family has an interest in antiques and collecting," he said. "I did a college term paper on the film and interviewed a Munchkin. Then I decided to see how many other cast members I could find."

Machin's interest in Oz came naturally, he says, because his grandparents had a farm near Wamego.

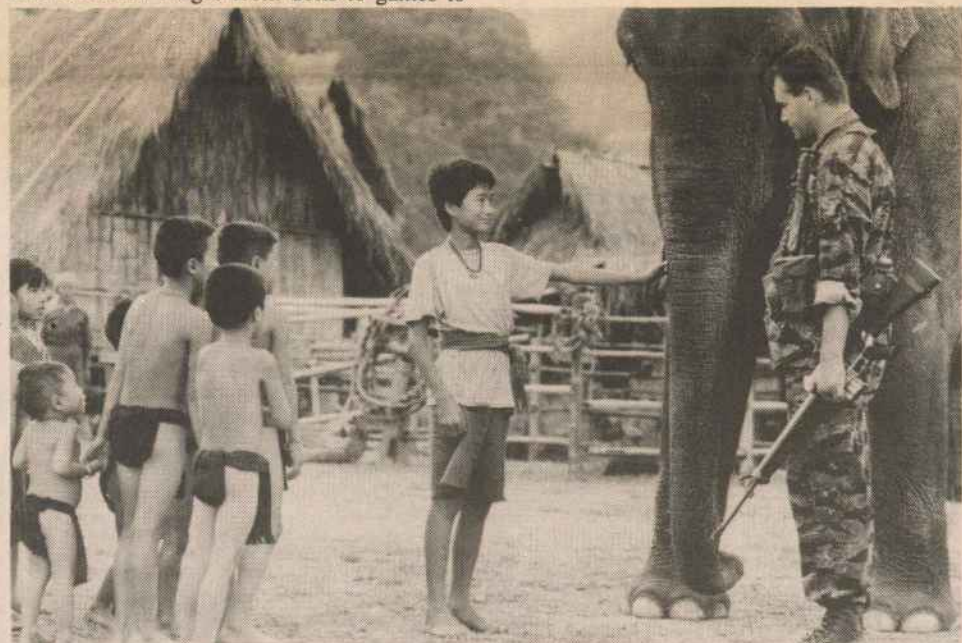
"It was a chicken farm just like the Gales' (in the *Wizard of Oz*)," he recalls. "That was something I could really relate to, chickens. For years I considered the *Wizard of Oz* a document of Kansas history and not a fairy tale. I really believed in it."

Machin said the message he found in Oz is "that you really have to look to yourself to get what you want out of life."

Though Wamego, about 90 miles west of Kansas City, isn't a major tourist attraction, more than 3,000 people saw the collection in its first three weeks, Thibodeau said.

Machin thinks that interest in Oz will increase the next few years, because the 60th anniversary of the movie is in 1999 and the 100th anniversary of the first book is the following year.

Editor's Note: The *Wizard of Oz* Exhibition runs through Labor Day at The Columbian Theatre in Wamego. Hours are 9-5 Monday through Saturday and 1-5 Sunday. Tickets are \$3.50. Further information is available at 1-800-899-1893.



Sky High Adventure--A comic battle of wills and an outrageous test of endurance ensues when a young Vietnamese boy named Linh (Dinh Thien Le, center) accompanies five Green Berets, including Captain T. C. Doyle (Ray Liotta, right) through rough jungle to deliver Bo-Tat (Tai, right) the elephant to an eager Montagnard village, in Walt Disney Pictures' new live-action comedy/adventure "Operation Dumbo Drop."

Action Wisconsin Meeting

Milwaukee-- Action Wisconsin Region II monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting place is at the Prospect Building, 2266 N. Prospect Avenue, Suite #324.

The United To Hold Workshop

Madison-- The United, Madison's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual agency for social change, will present a workshop entitled "Your Own Worst Enemy: Confronting Internalized Homophobia." In this workshop, participants will identify, examine and begin to transform the ways negative messages about homosexuality are internalized. The workshop is free and open to members of the LesBiGay community, friends and allies. Refreshments provided.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. Check "Today in the Union" for exact room location.

August PFLAG-Milwaukee Meeting

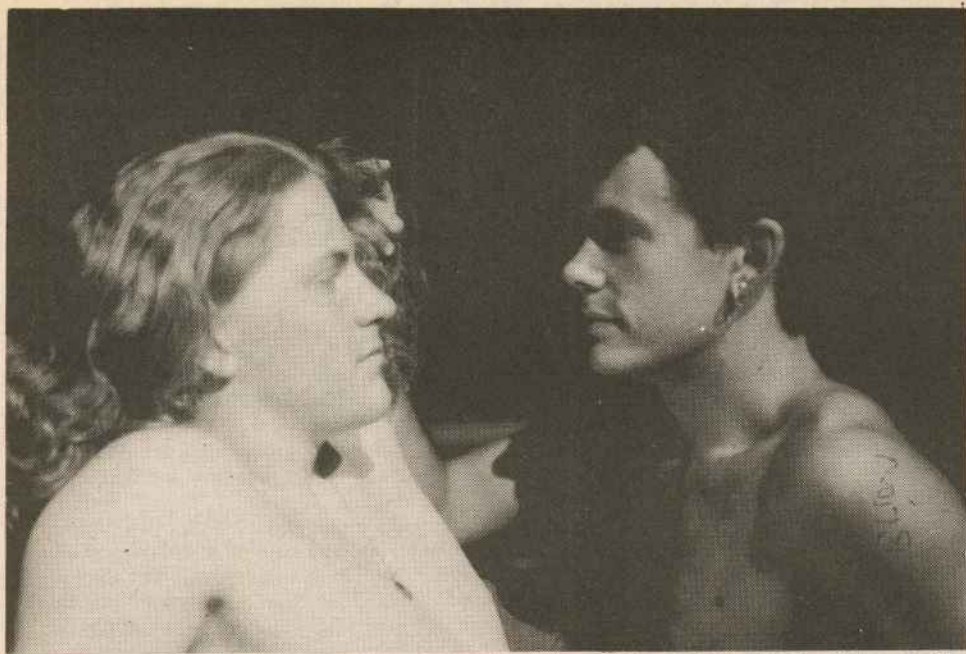
Milwaukee-- The video, *Straight from the Heart*, an Academy Award nominated documentary by Dee Mosbacher, will be featured at the Sunday evening, August 20, meeting of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)-Milwaukee chapter. The meeting is held at a Wauwatosa location from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. For further details, ask for Sandy at (414) 962-9320 weekdays.

Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee-- The Gay Men's Discussion Group will present a program on Sero-Positive Relationships on Sunday, August 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. The facilitator will be Gary Hollander, Ph.D.

All relationships present opportunities and challenges to the men involved. Dating or on-going relationships between men in which one is HIV+ and one is HIV- present some unique issues. Some of the topics to be explored are: What impact does our health status have in choosing sexual partners or in committing to an on-going relationship?; What opportunities do sero-different (or sero-discordant) relationships offer?

Preregistration is not required and the cost is a \$3 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.



Personal Time--Ryan Roogackers is Trick and John Mack plays Nick in "Talking with Jacob" August 13-15 in Appleton.

Fox Valley's Actors' Workshop Debuts 'Talking with Jacob' by John Mack

Manasha, WI-- Plays about Gay people have never been produced in the Fox Valley...until this Summer. The Actors' Workshop, in conjunction with Act 2 Ltd., proudly announces the production of **Talking with Jacob**, a comedy by local playwright John Mack.

Jacob takes Gays out of the closet and onto the live stage...and not even in the safety of "The Bars." Act 2 Ltd., a growing Appleton production company, is supporting this performance through the donation of their facilities: The Little Sandwich Theatre in Appleton's Valley Fair Mall.

Why do a Gay play in the Fox Valley? Two reasons: 1. It's never been done before. 2. Any act of visibility and openness increases awareness and becomes a possible catalyst for acceptance.

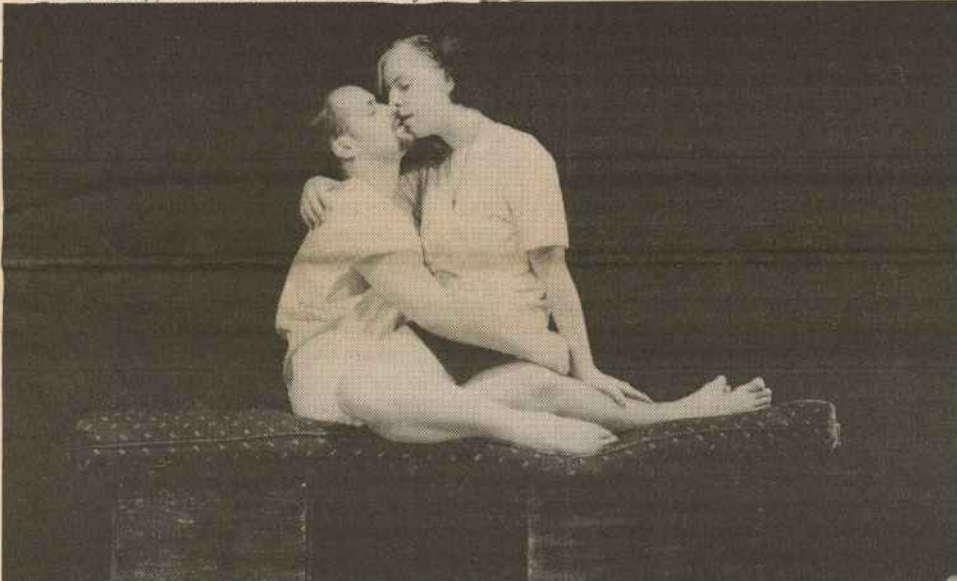
But basically, it's about time the Valley saw

that there is more to the Gay experience than Ru Paul and **The Crying Game**.

The members of The Actors' Workshop believe this production can help to open eyes, hearts and minds of those who attend. They want to emphasize the seriousness of Gay lives, but know that laughter is often the most healing of medicines.

Performances are at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, August 13, 14 and 15. Tickets are \$6 and all profits will be donated to the Fox Valley AIDS Project. Your attendance not only supports a more open Gay community, but your dollars will go to a worthy cause.

Tickets may be reserved by calling Act 2 at (414) 738-9804, or may be purchased at the door.



Love and Danger-- Matthew Powell Poulson (Torch) and Amanda Jones (Blue) in rehearsal for Mercury Players' "Beirut."

Madison's Mercury Players Present 'Beirut', A Play About Love in a Dangerous Time

Madison-- It is the "near future," in a room in the Lower East Side in New York City. A young man named Torch has been quarantined after testing positive for a nameless disease. His girlfriend, Blue, who has tested negative, risks her life sneaking into "Beirut," the quarantine zone, to be with him.

In a world divided into positives and negatives, sex for a negative is a capital crime. Halfway through the story, when the two are interrupted by a government disease inspector, Blue tries to pass as a positive in order to stay with Torch.

This is the story of the play, **Beirut**, being put on by the Mercury Players Company of Madison.

According to Marcy Weiland, the Mercury Players' Artistic Director, **Beirut** is a "what if about love in the neo-plague years. The plague is not AIDS and the lovers are not Gay, but the issue is the same: When love is dangerous, what happens to you?"

On June 21 of this year, Weiland says, she read about the arson and vandalism at the site of the Rodney Scheel House. According to one telephone threat, residents don't want "these people" in their neighborhood. "**Beirut** invites you to consider: What if 'that person' was you?"

Beirut is a one-act play written by Alan Bowne and has been performed off-Broadway. The part of Blue proved to be a breakthrough role for actresses Marisa Tomei and Laura San Giacomo.

In Madison, the play is directed by Weiland and features Matthew Powell Poulson, Amanda Jones and Pete Selbo.

The play will be performed at The Brave Hearts Theater Building, 1988 Atwood Avenue (at Schenks Corners) on August 4 and 5, 11 and 12, 18 and 19 and 25 and 26 beginning each night at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7. For reservations, call (608) 249-9299.

GAMMA to Celebrate 15th Anniversary With Annual Boat Ride on August 12

Milwaukee-- The Southeastern Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian community is invited to help GAMMA celebrate its fifteenth anniversary as a corporation aboard the SS Iroquois. A full moon is expected.

This annual boatripe will be held on Saturday, August 12, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Departure will be from the Iroquois dock on the Milwaukee River near Clybourn. Advance tickets at \$12 per person are available from the Triangle Bar (135 E. National Ave.) or by mail from GAMMA at P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Those tickets ordered by mail should include the name(s) of the participants. Tickets will be held at the dock.

The cruise will feature a cash bar, free snacks, a giant birthday cake, music and dancing. All past members of GAMMA are especially invited to this special "Cake On The Lake" celebration.

GAMMA is an outdoor sports/social organization with membership of over 200 men and women from throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

For more information, call (414) 963-9833.



Julie Andrews in the film "Victor/Victoria"

The Queer World of 'Victor/Victoria' Arrives in Chicago Prior to Broadway

By William Randall Beard

Julie Andrews in drag, in the 1982 film, **Victor/Victoria**, is one of the quintessential Gay images of the 1980's. Now, 13 years later, she's back, in a stage version of the story which had its world premiere in Minneapolis on June 18 on its way to Broadway, opening on October 25, prior to a month of previews. The musical is now playing through September 3 at Chicago's Shubert Theatre.

What's old is new again--and decidedly more Queer. The musical is much more Gay-positive than the film.

In the familiar story, Andrews plays Victoria Grant, an unemployed opera singer in 1935 Paris. Under the tutelage of a Gay cabaret performer, Toddy (Tony Roberts), she begins pretending to be a man in order to create a sensation as a female impersonator. She falls in love with a Chicago gangster, King Marchan (Michael Nouri), who is in Paris with his moll, Norma (Rachel York), and bodyguard, Squash (Gregory Jbara).

Minneapolis was chosen as the site for the world premiere because, as producer Tony Adams explained, "It was imperative that we have a sophisticated theatre audience used to seeing major productions. We needed sophisticated feedback." The Twin Cities has more theatres, per capita, than any other city in the country.

The decision was also based on Minneapolis' geographic distance from New York. It offered the opportunity for developing the show away from the glare of the New York critics.

As we saw it here in Minneapolis during its four-week run, the show was still very much a work-in-progress. They never performed the same show twice. Changes in dialogue, staging and musical numbers were installed daily as the cast worked from noon to midnight. Over the run, the show was cut by more than half an hour.

Aficionados of the film will recognize much of the play's dialogue, but there is also a much more frank discussion of homosexuality. This becomes clear right from the start as Toddy cruises his way through his opening number.

More significant is the relationship between Victor and King. In the film, King hides in Victor's bathroom and spies on him/her. When he kisses her, he already knows that she's a woman.

In the play, he's unable to make that discovery and in his big song, "King's Dilemma," he struggles with the possibility of loving a man, musing on taking his "boyfriend" back to Chicago. When he ultimately kisses Victor, he chooses to do so on the basis of love rather than gender.

The relationship between Toddy and Squash was only hinted at in 1982. They now have several scenes, including a celebration of Squash's coming out. At one point, Toddy blows him a kiss which Squash reaches out to catch in a gesture that is a sweet and tender affirmation of their love.

It's sad that they have no song together. That was an early casualty of the overlong second act.

Even Victor's ballad, "Crazy World," takes on an added resonance in the stage version. In the film, it's simply a song that Victor sings on-stage at the nightclub.

In the play, it's her reaction to catching sight of herself in a mirror, for the first time in a tux. The song becomes a more immediate and poignant reflection of her gender escapades.

Adams pointed out that much of this Gay content would have been impossible back in 1982. "But thank god we're all comfortable making those decisions today!" he exclaimed.

The show was incredibly popular while it was in Minnesota, earning more than \$3 million in ticket sales during its brief run. It clearly appeals to a broad section of the theatre-going public, not only Gay men, but also older audiences who come to see Andrews, and Lesbians.

Andrews has been a Lesbian icon for decades. "So many women realized that they were dykes after **The Sound of Music**, one audience member explained. Women came to **Victor/Victoria**, sometimes in groups of 20 to indulge their crushes.

And they were not disappointed. In another scene not in the film, Norma asks King to dance, but he declines, encouraging Victor to oblige. What follows is a tango between Andrews and York that is sensuously erotic. It is also screamingly funny, as Victor continuously forgets that he/she's supposed to lead.

With her grueling schedule, Andrews has not been available to the public, but her reputation for sweetness has been well-earned. At an early performance, the malfunctioning of a hydraulic lift caused a 15 minute delay in a scene change. She came out in front of the show curtain and entertained the audience during the interim. That kind of largesse proved typical.

The irony that this quintessentially Gay musical was created by a bunch of straight men is not lost on producer Adams. He claimed that those involved felt a greater responsibility, being straight, to be authentic to the Gay experience. And they've created a show that maintains a nice balance, allowing Gay people to feel honored by it, while inviting in heterosexual people as well.

Typical of the men in the production is Jbara, who in addition to playing Squash, will also be appearing in the new film **Jeffrey**, as a preoperative transsexual. Though straight, he has dealt with these issues in his family.

He has two siblings, a brother and a sister, who are both Gay. "It's not really my mission," he said, "but I feel no compunction about doing these roles because of the way I grew up."

This production of **Victor/Victoria** is modeling a world where Gay and straight artists alike can comfortably create a work without regard to orientation. That would be a Queer world indeed!

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Gay Leaders Wonder How the Supreme Court Will Go on Colorado's Amendment 2

Analysis by Katherine Hoffman

Washington, D.C.- They say prophets don't have to actually see the future. All they have to have is the skill and sensitivity to understand current trends and be able to forecast where they're going. If that's the case, then Gay leaders in Washington and nation-wide are using sandpaper on their abilities to make them tender enough to foresee what decision the U.S. Supreme Court will hand down next term on anti-Gay initiatives like Colorado's Amendment 2.

For many, the sense they get from recent decisions handed down by the High Court in the area of civil rights is not good.

For example, in *Adarand v. Colorado*, in a 5-4 decision, the court ruled that the government must demonstrate a compelling reason--"strict scrutiny"-- behind affirmative action programs which favor racial minorities. Civil rights supporters, Gay as well as straight, say this will make it extremely difficult to continue programs which have sought to remedy racial discrimination.

In another example, in *Missouri v. Jenkins*, in another 5-4 split, the court ruled that there are "practicable" limits to what actions judges can order to remedy the effects of past segregation. Like *Adarand*, this case is seen as a sign that the majority on the court is hostile to civil rights.

In both these cases--and in *Miller v. Johnson*--the decision was 5-4.

In *Miller*, held that race may not, in most instances, be used as a basis for drawing congressional boundaries.

The justices forming the conservative majority each time were: Chief Justice William Rehnquist (a Nixon and Reagan appointee and native of Milwaukee); Antonin Scalia, Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy (all three Reagan appointees) and Clarence Thomas, a Bush appointee who has openly vowed to be as conservative as it is possible to get.

The general agreement among workers in the civil rights arena is that the decisions in these cases and others as well, treat civil rights claims with a backward look. That being the case, the Court is far less likely to look ahead to open new areas of civil rights, which is what Lesbians and Gay leaders are fighting for.

If there is any cause for hope at all, Gay leaders say it comes in the person of Associate

Justice David Souter and in the opinion that he wrote in *Hurley v. Glib*.

The case involved the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, where a Gay group wanted to march while carrying a banner identifying themselves. The veterans organization which organized the parade, refused, saying that the parade was a "private" event. Therefore, they could include or exclude who and what they would. They denied the Gays the right to march and carry their banner.

Many Gays were understandably upset when the court sided unanimously with the veterans, but upon reflection, Gay legal experts see several aspects of the decision that are encouraging to the cause of Gay/Lesbian civil rights.

For one thing, since the court ruled that in identifying oneself as Gay, a message is being conveyed, the justices are thought by legal experts to be strengthening those challenging the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military.

Equally as important, if not far more significant, is the fact that for the first time in its history, the court used the terms "Gay, Lesbian" and "Bisexual," when always before it had used the word "homosexual" to describe us. This is seen as a small, but meaningful advance.

Souter's opinion, say Gay leaders, was also unmatched in the respect it accorded the Gay civil rights movement and the laws, currently on the books in the several states, that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation such as Wisconsin's does.

Souter wrote that such laws are "well within" a state's power to enact vis a vis any group (including Lesbians and Gays) that the legislature has reason to believe is subject to discrimination.

Souter also wrote that Gay people "have as much claim to unqualified social acceptance as heterosexuals."

By contrast, look at the 1986 High Court decision in *Bowers v. Hardwick* which upheld Georgia's sodomy laws. Gay people were referred to as "homosexuals" and said in the majority opinion that there was no connection between the Gay people and family and marriage. Gay sex was compared to "victimless crimes" such as the illegal use of drugs.

Of great significance, Gay leaders say, is the fact that the *Hurley* decision was a unanimous decision in which the "conservative five"

joined in concurring to Souter's opinion instead of writing ones of their own.

Still, Hurley may be faint hope. There is no doubt that the "conservative five" have solidified themselves and it will not be easy to get one of them to break off and join the moderate four.

The upshot is that there are bad signs miti-

gated by a few glimmers of light. Few here in D.C. believe that they have their prophecy skills honed to the required sensitivity to be able to foretell what's going to happen next term when Colorado's Amendment 2 comes before the court.

The overall signs are not good. That's all many Gay leaders will say.

CFV Lauches Campaign to End Gay Film Festivals in Colorado Among Other Things

Colorado Springs, CO-- The Right Wing group that authored anti-Gay Amendment 2 that seeks to deny Gay people their civil rights, has launched a grassroots campaign against "homosexuality, pornography and violence."

Colorado for Family Values (CFV) is circulating petitions among voters in El Paso, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo and Archuleta counties for a resolution promoting its attempt to establish what it terms "community standards."

CFV is strongly connected to numerous other Right Wing religious groups throughout the country that are promoting anti-Gay legislation.

Since Colorado voters approved Amendment 2 in 1992, the Colorado Springs-based group has been organizing in communities across Colorado to promote its anti-pornography and anti-Gay themes. The two it equates as varieties on a single theme.

The amendment, which bans anti-discrimination laws for Gay people, has never taken effect because of legal challenges. The Colorado Supreme Court has declared it unconstitutional, and the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the state's appeal of that decision.

Colorado for Family Values President Kevin Tebedo said his group's latest campaign is not intended to use the concept of majority-rule to deny rights to Gay people.

TURNQUIST

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Without exception, a wide variety of community activists in Wausau contacted by *The Light* praised Turnquist's dedication and abilities.

Jerry Madison, Congressman David Obey's chief of staff, described Turnquist as "just fantastic. No one in Wausau would have anything but good things to say about her. She is an exceptional network builder and can work with any group. She is a fine choice."

Wausau community leader Phyllis Birmingham who has known Turnquist for more than 20 years, echoes Madison's assessment. "I have nothing but excellent things to say about her values and her sense of professionalism," she said. "She is extremely competent--and well organized. So well organized in fact, that those of us who are her friends used to kid her about it. You're very lucky to have her."

The LesBiGay Community

Turnquist recognizes that the epidemic is affecting an increasingly diverse range of communities and individuals, but nonetheless believes outreach and education in the Gay and Lesbian community must remain a top priority.

"The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community is among the groups which dominate MASN's client group and which are among the focus of our outreach and risk-prevention efforts," she said. "We have to work with and through channels that members of this important community know and trust. This means close working relationships with a host of organizations, agencies, community groups and networks, both formal and informal, which may be able to pass on the message more effectively than our own staff or volunteers."

While Turnquist acknowledges that the fight for the rights of people affected by HIV and AIDS has significant overlap with the Gay and Lesbian movement for civil rights, she also

"The purpose (of the petition) is to initiate some dialogue and discussion with the voters and elected officials as to some community standards," he said.

But Gay advocacy groups and the American Civil Liberties Union said they see the potential for abuse.

"Americans are organized under two philosophies. One is majority rule, but we're also balanced by libertarian rights, the right of people to be free from government interference in their lives," said ACLU legal director David Miller.

"While the majority can pass all the laws they want, the bottom line is that it can't interfere with constitutional rights by the mere will of 50 percent plus-one," he said.

Rick Cendo of Equality Colorado said he sees an insidious intent in the Colorado for Family Values resolution.

"This is just the next step in the agenda," Cendo said. "The ultimate next step is the criminalization of Gay behavior, which then can translate easily into the criminalization of the Gay people themselves, because there's not a lot of legal distinction between the two."

One of the things Tebedo would like to stop is Gay film festivals, one of which was held recently in Colorado Springs.

He said that "those things" were against community standards. "If we had community standards laws, those wouldn't exist."

notes that the two fights are independent movements.

However, echoing a theme that resonates with her lifelong commitment to civil rights, she observes how inextricably intertwined these movements are.

"We have to respect where another voice may carry more impact than our own and assures that that voice is also heard," she said. "We can not be jealous when assuming our position of leadership in the fight against this epidemic--we must work together and every voice must be heard."

Turnquist the administrator is also Turnquist the published poet. In a profession often wracked by burnout, she made it clear to MASN's search committee that she knows the value of maintaining inner health, balance and vitality in her own life.

Through the two weeks of extensive meetings and research that preceded her official first day of work on August 1, Turnquist has had some time to reflect on the challenges that await her.

"My vision is that MASN can be an instrument of healing," she said. "Healing in the lives of persons affected by this disease, and healing in our individual and community response to it."

Editor's Note: This article was written by John Quinlan, who served as a member of the MASN Executive Director Search Committee, with the assistance of MASN Community Relations Coordinator Denise Starkey.

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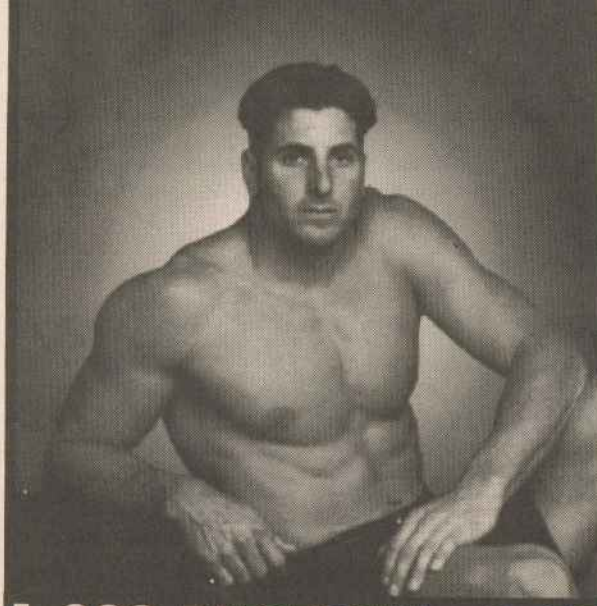
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Appleton **LOOKING FOR A LOVER** "I'm a 24 y/o GWM, 6ft, 150lbs. brn/brn. I'm lkg2 get together with someone 18-30 for a poss. relationship. I have lots of interests." #3034

Jamesville **PRE-OP** "39 y/o pre-op TS, parent of 2. I'm lkg4 someone to share some things with. call me." #3214

Wisconsin **HEY GUY'S** "I'm a 20 y/o WM, 6'4, 160lbs. brn/brn. I'm lkg4 someone to get to know. I have lots of interests." #3229

Wisconsin **HOT FOR TEACHER** I'm a 35 y/o man. I'm 200lbs and I like to go to movies and out to dinner. I'm new to the scene. #4444

Madison **NEW KID IN TOWN:** my name is Rick and I'm new to the area. I'm a 30 y/o BWM lkg2 meet the same. call me! #1095

Appleton **ANYTHING ONCE:** 28 y/o GWM lkg4 other bi or gay men 18-30 y/o into experimenting new and different things. I love to please people and I will try anything once. call me! #45881

Madison **SITTIN' ON TOP OF THE WORLD;** my name is Jeff, I'm 5'8 145lbs and 28 y/o I'm lkg4 a well built , hairy guy top guys. call me! #46038

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Kenosha **HEAVY WEIGHT:** Tom, lkg4 gdlkg heavy weight men for fun and friendship. call me and lve a msg. #42264

Madison **FRIENDS FIRST:** Troy, lkg2 meet someone 19-35 for a LTR. friends first! lkg2 185lbs blk/brn. lkg2 into swimming, tennis and dancing now and then. #44310

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Green Bay/Appleton **LETS GO CAMPING:** 30 y/o GWM, 5'10, 200lbs, brn/brn. lkg2 meet others in my area. I'm not into the bar scene. I enjoy camping, boating, computers and more. #46185

Milwaukee **LATEX AND LEATHER:** my name is Jim, lkg4 a man 35-45 who can show me ropes of latex and leather. I'm avail. in the mornings. call me! #44535

Milwaukee **HEY BROTHER:** single GBM lkg4 other GBM. lkg4 a straight acting masc. BM who's lkg4 a rlnshp. #42045

Cleveland **REAL MEN ONLY:** Robert, african american 20 y/o M lkg4 a real BM for a change. you must be very masc. and athletic. bi and straight men a+ #10027

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Grenade **NO CAR BUT LOTS OF HOPE** "I don't have a car. I'm 5'9, 160lbs. blonde/blue. I have an average build and I like to do a lot of things. call me." #3419

Green Bay **FRIENDS FIRST:** 24 y/o GWM lkg4 someone to have a good time with. I'd like to be friends first, then a poss. relationship. If you are 18-30 and have a slim build, call me, hairy chest a +. #46216

Appleton **EASY GOING:** Andy, 19 y/o 5'10 150lbs and in gd shape. lkg4 fun and lkg4 easy going and romantic. lkg4 someone around my age for friendship and poss. LTR. call me! #44581

Milwaukee **WEEKEND GET TOGETHER:** 29 y/o bi WM 6ft 175lbs in good shape. lkg4 another GWM into working out and hot fun for a casual weekend get together. call me! #42048

Madison **CLEAN SHAVEN GUY:** 21 y/o 6'2 185lb clean shaven dude into pool, swimming and water sports. I love to cuddle and go for walks. lkg4 a serious relationship with a cool guy. #37975

Madison **TOP THIS** "my name is Jeff. If you are in central Wis. call me. I'm a very hot 28 y/o btm. If you are a very experienced top man, call me." #3517

Green Bay **LETS SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER:** 36 y/o guy into hiking, biking, outdoors and more. I'm lkg4 someone to spend some time with. #46267

WI **LOOKING FOR FRIENDS:** Troy, 21 y/o 6'2 blk/brn lkg4 a social drinker/smoker and I work alot. lkg4 friends and maybe more. call me. #37975

Rapids **FRIENDSHIP FIRST:** Bill, 5'10 155lbs into exercise and quiet eve's at home, lkg4 frndshp and companionship. call me! #42098

Appleton **NICE GUY:** 43 y/o 6'2 195lb bi WM lkg4 friendship with another guy. please call me! #43693

Appleton **MARRIAGE MINDED** "I'm 41 y/o and lkg4 a long term relationship. I'm tall, well built and would like to meet someone for long term love." #3533

North East **LETS GO FOR A RIDE:** my name is Jim and I'm into biking. I would like to meet some other semi-serious guy's into biking. If you are lkg4 someone to ride with, call me, lets ride together. #22935

Oshkosh **FIRST TIMER:** 39 y/o guy lkg2 meet men to have fun with. this is my first time and lkg4 real curious! call me. #44751

Milwaukee **DRESS ME UP:** Bi WM intrstd in crossdressing, lkg4 inexperience and lkg4 someone to show me the ropes. I want my fem side brought out in me. #42223

La Cross **YOU GOT IT, I WANT IT:** 19 y/o GWM in search of well end'w'd rowdy mexicans who know how to take control! #43743

Eau Claire **BOTTOM LINE** "I'm 30 y/o and I like quiet nights at home, movies and country music. I'm 5'8, 210lbs. please call me." #3548

Appleton/Green Bay **HEY GUY'S** :my name is Andy. I'm 19 y/o 5'10, 150lbs in good shape. I like anything and anyone not boring. #46428

Milwaukee **HONEST AND SINCERE:** 40 y/o GWM 170lb proff'l, honest, quiet, sincere, hiv- lkg2 meet the same! #37975

Milwaukee **FULL LOAD:** Brian 26y/o 5'8 160lbs lkg4 guy's 18-28 into the outdoors. sports and movies. call me. #42238

Madison **LET LOOSE:** tattr. smooth wm in my late 20's lkg2 let loose, lkg4 tall men who like to be pleased, call me! #43837

Madison **NEW AT THIS** inexperienced 25 y/o WM lkg4 an athletic GWM for friendship. #3558

Milwaukee **ROUGHNECKS:** I'm lkg4 young roughneck brothers or Hispanic men for hot fun. #46493

Milwaukee **NEW KID IN TOWN:** GWM mid 20's 5'6 musc. masc. intelligent, passionate and no drugs. lkg4 friends and someone to spend some time with. call me! #44992

Milwaukee **BIG BOY:** Tom, mid 30's gd lkg GWM 250lbs lkg4 guy's same age and weight for good times. #42264

Madison **THIS CAN BE FUN:** Bob, 27 y/o bi WM lkg4 bi or curious males throughout the state, lkg4 muscular and lkg4 other guys in great shape, this can be fun, coal #43861

Madison **NO STRINGS** "I'm a 38 y/o GWM lkg4 a gay or bi guy up to 40 for hot, no strings fun." #3600

North East **LETS GO FOR A RIDE:** summer's here and it's time to go biking. I'm lkg2 meet other cyclist for road of off road cycling. call me, lets set up a ride. #46768

Milwaukee **LETS WRESTLE:** 5'9 180lbs smooth, musc. and well built. lkg4 other guy's who are musc and smooth for hot wrestling. call me! #45324

Madison **BOTTOMS UP:** Jeff, 5'18 145lbs lkg4 a hairy tp to show this hot sub btm a good time, call me. #42314

Kenosha **KENOSHA COMPANION:** 21 y/o 6'1 180lb dude lkg4 a companion 18-25 for fun and friendship. call me. #43897

Madison **SHOW ME** "married, bi and lkg2 get together for exploration. call me." #3725

Milwaukee **OUTDOOR FUN:** my name is Greg. I'm 28 y/o and I'm lkg4 men 18-35 who like to be outdoors and have a good time. call me! #46783

Waukesha **5'8 170lbs** brn/brn 38 y/o lkg4 guy's under 35 into sports, horses, dancing and working out. call me! #45218

Adams County **DADDY BEAR:** Chuck, 42 y/o 6'2 235lb daddy bear lkg4 aggressive boys 18-30 hairy or smooth to show me a good time. call me! #42320

Milwaukee **CAN YOU TOP THIS?:** vers. btm lkg4 vers. slim tops under 30 , couples are a + #44085

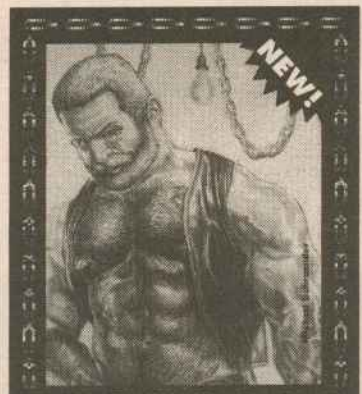
Madison **PICK UP THAT PHONE** my name is Spike. I need to have hot phone fun. I'm a btm boy and I like to be told what to do. call me. #3848

Milwaukee **WET AND WILD:** sub GWM btm. 46 y/o, 190lbs. I'm lkg4 a dom. man under 40 for intense sessions with jock straps, leather, WS and tight jeans. #46790

Appleton **WHAT'S COOKING:** Dave, 28 y/o bi M blk/hzl 200lbs lkg4 other bi M who are into camping, movies and quiet times. I also like to cook. call me. #45395

Madison **MODERN ROCKER:** Brian, 28 y/o 5'9 145lbs brn/brn into alternative rock & movies. lkg4 guys 21-33 . #42364

Milwaukee **BROWN CURLY HAIR:** Peter, 6'1, 165, brncurlly hair, short beard, swim tennis, long walks, movies, out to eat, active guy, love to laugh- offbeat sense of humor, give me a call lv a message and I'll get in touch with you- #41391



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Waukesha **STRAIGHT ACTING:** my name is Terry, lkg4 a 30 y/o bi M lkg4 other bi M who are very straight acting. #45621

Madison **CAN YOU TOP THIS?:** Jeff, 5'8 145lbs brn/grn lkg4 a gd lkg top man for fun times. hairy guys a +. call me, lets talk. early mornings best. #42455

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Charlie, 19 GBM, college student, 5'8, 130, int are movies music TV, non smoker/drinker lkg4 for tall slim BM, between 18-29 masc, and likes the same as me, nice personality for friendship, poss rel- #30552

La Crosse **8 BALL CORNER POCKET:** my name is Lenny, I'm 18 y/o, 6'1, 205lbs. brn/green. I like to play pool, jog and have a lot of fun, call me! #46900

Milwaukee **NEW AT THIS:** my name is Brian, lkg4 a 26 y/o GWM 5'8 160lbs and lkg4 kinda new at this and lkg4 guy's 18-28 into sports, the outdoors and more. #45643

Green Bay **WILLING AND ABLE:** 23 Y/O GWM 6'4 150lbs lkg4 someone 18-30 willing and able to have fun! #42491

Plattville **SOMEONE LIKE YOU?:** college student, 24 y/o, 185lbs, 6ft. I'm lkg4 someone to poss. have a relationship with. someone 18-25, 5'5-6ft, 150-190lbs. could this be you? #36412

Milwaukee **LETS GET TOGETHER:** 41 y/o brn/brn 6'1 210lbs lkg4 clean, healthy, drug/disease free. I am lkg4 guys to get together and have fun with. call me! #45729

Green Bay **LOOKING FOR FRIENDS:** 33 y/o 155lbs into tennis, walks and going to movies. I collect records and CD's and lkg4 lkg2 meet guys for fun and friendship. call me! #45641

Milwaukee **CAN YOU TOP THIS?:** vers. btm lkg4 vers. slim tops under 30 , couples are a + #44085

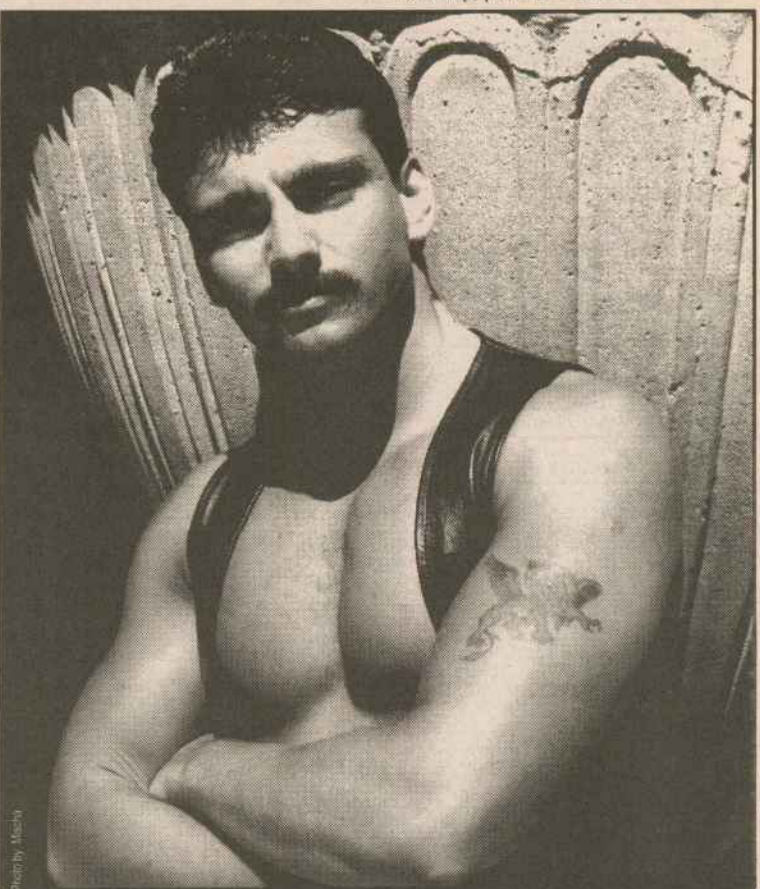
Madison **CLEAN SHAVEN:** 21 y/o 6'2 185lb clean shaven guy into swimming, playing pool and eating out. lkg4 friends and hopefully a lot more. #37975

Wisconsin **READY FOR A STEADY:** Scott 23 y/o 6'2 170lbs brn/blu gdlkg. lkg4 sick of the games and one night stands. lkg4 only 23 but ready for a steady relationship. call me! #45617

Osh Kosh **VERY CURIOUS:** Gary, 39 y/o lkg2 have fun with guy's in my area. lets have fun. lkg4 very curious. #45829

Milwaukee **PHONE FUN:** Hank, lkg4 into large men, and lkg4 into phone talk! #41913

Milwaukee **DRESS UP:** Steve, GWM new to the scene and still in the closet. lkg4 lkg2 meet guys who like to go out and get dressed up! call me! #11250



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 Dave, ISO someone for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2200
 GM, Chip, 5'10, 160, athletic, 28, light brown hair, blue eyes, ex-military man, business student, like weightlifting, outdoors, ISO a muscular M, 22-35. (Call Thru) Box# 5135
 GM, Gordon, ISO guys for hot fun. (Call Thru) Box# 8176
 GM, Bob, 35, 6'1, 195, dark hair/eyes, masculine, working-out, ISO someone for some male bonding. (Call Thru) Box# 3440
 GM, body-builder, 54-inch chest, 36-inch waist, 210, 40's, ISO someone younger, in good shape like myself.

Bill, GWM, ISO BM, well-endowed, your satisfaction is my only concern. No reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 3231
 Alex, 25, 5'11, 175, ISO relationship. Box# 2885
 Mike, 32, versatile, 5'6, 165, brn hr, grn eyes, ISO compatible M's to share my house I just purchased. (Call Thru) Box# 9644
 Terry, 35, WM, brn hair/eyes, thin build, ISO M 18-35, any race for good times, movies, concerts, clubs, fems okay. (Call Thru) Box# 7583
 GWM, 22, 6'5, 180, sandy blonde, mustache, thin beard, hairy chest, ISO guys 22-35, friends, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 9782
 Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who can service. I aim to please. (Call Thru) Box# 2967

rel., serious only. Box# 1627
 Saral, 34, 5'10, somewhat stocky build, beard, mustache, like classical theater, cooking, travel, walks, ISO GM for friendship and love. (Call Thru) Box# 5751
 Thomas, 5'8, 150, ISO BM, to enjoy music, late nights. (Call Thru) Box# 5575
 Billy, good-looking, WM, 30, 6'2, 195, good shape, ISO GM for friendship, possibly more. (Call Thru) Box# 2539
 Rod, bi, 24, 5'9, 160, enjoys sports, very athletic, but inexperienced, ISO other bi's, 18-25, in good shape, straight-acting and looking. (Call Thru) Box# 1377
 Pete, bi-WM, 40's, 5'11, 210, smooth, chubby bottom, ISO mature male, 50+, for long-term relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 3610
 Willy, you can call me Bill, 25, ISO another guy 19-28, any race for hot fun. (Call Thru) Box# 9549

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Bi white teddy bear, 37, looking for male companionship. I aim to please. Box# 1104
 Bob, super personality, if you are lonely, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 7934
 Paul, call me on call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 6537

Carl, 29, GWM, 180, 5'9, ISO a sincere open minded man, any race. (Call Thru) Box# 3779
 GM, 21, blond hair, blue eyes, like bars, ISO a male companion. (Call Thru) Box# 4266

Jeff, 35, WM, 195, brown hair/eyes, good body/looks, looking to have fun with other men. (Call Thru) Box# 4558
 Kevin, masculine, ISO Gay or BiWM, 20-35 who is built and masculine also. (Call Thru) Box# 3560

Randy, GWM, 32, 5'9, stocky, submissive, ISO a long hair biker type to show me the ropes. (Call Thru) Box# 8713
 Mark, 30, 5'8, 150, dark hair, my partner- 29, 5'6, 142, light brown hair, ISO men under 40 for good time. (Call Thru) Box# 4245

Curt, over-weight GWM, ISO nice, hairy, funloving top men. (Call Thru) Box# 2875
 WM, 6', 190, athletic, well-built, very submissive bottom, ISO a large well-endowed top, you won't be sorry. (Call Thru) Box# 7197

Jason, 24, 5'9, 165, well-built, ISO guy around the same age. (Call Thru) Box# 6510
 John, 6'1, 240, top, aggressive, ISO a passive, very feminine male, any age/race. (Call Thru) Box# 1862

DAVE, if you want good times and long fun, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 9590
 Don, BiWM, 33, 5'8, 165, brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, ISO guy, 18-35 who likes conversation and making love. (Call Thru) Box# 4501

Juston, BM, 25, ISO other males 25 or younger. (Call Thru) Box# 4147
 Chip, like long walks, volleyball, ISO someone to build a relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 9352

Adam, 20, college student, ISO someone 18-25 for dancing, clubs, etc. (Call Thru) Box# 8936
 David, nice, very hairy, 5'9, I am looking for a honest, loyal, respectable relationship with the right man. Box# 2700

Michael, 32, GWM, ISO guy for relationship, no games. (Call Thru) Box# 8812
 Mark, short, stocky, Hispanic bottom boy, ISO hot mid-western top boy. (Call Thru) Box# 2146

Joe, BM, 29, ISO other BM, I like the outdoors and I am down to earth. (Call Thru) Box# 4522
 Joe, GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung. (Call Thru) Box# 9750

Dave, 26, bottom, long blond hair, 5'8, 160, great job,

(Call Thru) Box# 4684
 Tim, ISO dominant, masculine, very mature M, if you have these qualifications, please call me. (Call Thru) Box# 5304

GBM, James, 34, 5'8, 160, ISO friends any race, talk to me, lets get together. (Call Thru) Box# 8149
 BiWM, 42, 5'7, 160, very oral, bearded, mustache, very discreet, ISO same. (Call Thru) Box# 1875

African-American GM, 31, 6'2, 180, beautiful voice/eyes, top, high sex drive, like bowling, fishing, horseback riding, ISO honest, mature, independent, HIV -, African-American bottom. (Call Thru) Box# 5943

GM, retired officer and a gentleman, 6'2, 240, short beard, many interest, ISO new friends and companionship. (Call Thru) Box# 7997

GM, Erin, 24, quiet, sincere, like music, astrology, ISO a monogamous, fun male, 21-35. (Call Thru) Box# 2526

Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM, 25 and over. Box# 2742

Jeff, 29, 5'8, 130lbs., BiCurious, brown hair, brown eyes. Would like to have some fun. Box# 6542

GBM, Andre, 5'10, 155, drk hair/eyes, ISO GWM 20-30, to enjoy life to it's fullest. (Call Thru) Box# 7751

GM, 21, 5'9, 140, grn eyes, brn hair, party size, ISO built, masculine guys around same age. (Call Thru) Box# 2503

GBM, Mike, 35, slim, attractive, ISO GBM, bottom, 30-50, attractive, slim-med. build, for discreet fun. Box# 3968

GWM, Jay, 25, ISO another M, 25-35, for fun. (Call Thru) Box# 9973

Hot Italian, Jack, 35, dark hair/eyes, 5'4, 170. (Call Thru) Box# 8674

Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO honest, sincere partner for fun and pos. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 5049

Randy, 30, brn. hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 140, 28-inch waist, ISO guy my age or younger. Box# 1474

Jason, 21, photographer, 5'9", 135, blonde hair, green eyes, ISO muscular, dominate, macho guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 8130

Two long-haired young dudes ISO other long-haired young dudes. We're into alternative/rock music, the outdoors, and camping. Box# 3224

GWM, Kurt, 36, bottom, ISO super-hairy top, who is fun-loving and adventurous. (Call Thru) Box# 7370

Hot, young, Army dude, 25, college jock, ISO guys my age or younger, who are jocks, military, students. Call if you can handle it. (Call Thru) Box# 6970

GWM, Cory, 18, romantic, looking for fun. (Call Thru) Box# 2313

Shaun, 27, GWM, 5'9, 160, very muscular, 43" chest, 31" waist, attractive, short dark hair, clean shaven, ISO WM 28 or younger. (Call Thru) Box# 5435

Brad, ISO top M. (Call Thru) Box# 9818

GWM, 41, (look younger), ISO guy, 19-30 for good hot times. (Call Thru) Box# 8955

Michael, GM, HIV -, like to be very oral, I love sucking dick. (Call Thru) Box# 5600

Earl, GWM, 27, hairy, good build, loves quiet times, intimate times, dancing, and watching a beautiful movie with a beautiful person. Prefer heavy guys, 32+, hairy. Box# 7119

John, ISO a fine, sexy Italian guy. (Call Thru) Box# 9138
 Paul, professional, fun, ISO professional, well-groomed, hairy, aggressive male. (Call Thru) Box# 3752

Bill, 5'5, 150, leave message or call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 3027

JT, 28, law student, ISO my first bi-experience with someone who is. (Call Thru) Box# 5899

GWM, 5'10, 170, good-looking, well-built, versatile, ISO other hot guys for good times. You won't be disappointed. (Call Thru) Box# 3502

Tim, BM, 24, 140, ISO BM, 140-150, under 25 who knows what they want. (Call Thru) Box# 5440

BiM, 26, 5'10, 190, athletic, bodybuilder, ISO other bodybuilders, any race, discretion assured. Box# 3474

Attractive, quiet GWM, 58, 5'8, brn hair/eyes, HIV-, NS, like golf, country life, travel, dining, theatre, ISO a compatible GM with same interest for friendship. (Call Thru) Box# 7686

M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going, ISO similar dudes. Box# 3216

Bill, 32, 5'8, 160, prof., not into glitter, self-absorb, bitchy or stereo-types, ISO someone who is truthful, warm, gentle, in-touch, with a quiet strength for mutual honest friendship, no sex right away calls please. (Call Thru) Box# 8684

Mike, good-looking, GWM, 35, 220, 6', HIV -, physically fit, NS, ISO M 25 and under, long-term friendship, casual sex. (Call Thru) Box# 1817

Bill, 32, 5'5, 150, ISO slim, smooth, GWM's for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 1713

Craig, 5'9, 150, smooth, in shape, well trained bottom, ISO aggressive in shape top men for hot action. (Call Thru) Box# 3503

M, 24, looking for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2104

Peter, looking for a friend for hot times, someone who is fit, likes to workout, bottom, hairy, loves to be licked. (Call Thru) Box# 5782

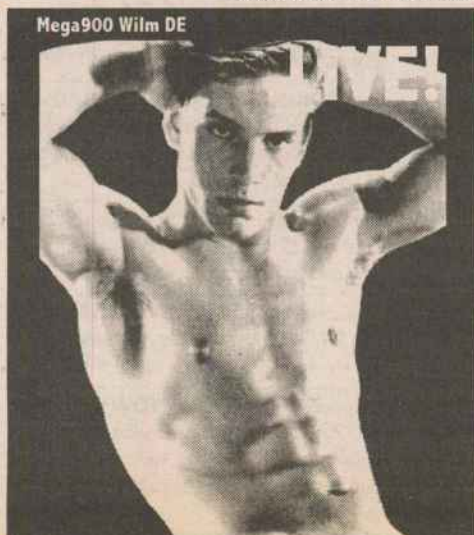
Richard, 25, WM, I like dancing, sports, ISO someone who's comfortable with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 9370

GWM, 39, 5'7, 175, top, jock type, ISO fun, affable, younger guy for fun, etc. Madison. (Call Thru) Box# 2777

Matt, WM, 22, 6', 180, ISO buddy, 25-40, very hairy, hung, top. (Call Thru) Box# 8933

Bill, HIV+, bottom, 5'9, 220, butch bear, ISO a tough man who's interested in falling in love. (Call Thru) Box# 8774

Jim, 29, ISO BM, 18-35. (Call Thru) Box# 9922



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Sebastian, 18, have body piercing, ISO dominate, handsome, intellectual male, 18-21, respectable, having body piercings and tatoos in exotic places is a big plus. (Call Thru) Box# 1705

Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381

GWM, Garrett, 27, ISO young, GWM. (Call Thru) Box# 3295

Chip, 41, 6', 220, blonde hair, brown eyes, clean-shaven, versatile, football player build, likes mild to wild things. (Call Thru) Box# 1186

Jack, 36, ISO M, same age, open-minded, friendship, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 3143

Shawn, 19, BM, fun-loving, ISO dominant, masculine, muscular, intimate tops. (Call Thru) Box# 7280

Peter, ISO bottoms for good times. I'm very sexy and sensual (Call Thru) Box# 2347

GWM, bottom, 53, 250, masculine, clean, discreet, ISO top guy, beard and mustache a plus, attr., 35-50, any race, no bums/fems/alcoholics. Bi's welcome also. (Call Thru) Box# 6450

Dave, very attr., 30, prof., 6'4, 190, brn. hr., blue eyes, affectionate, down to earth, enjoys photography, sci-fi, theatre, music, dancing, dining, outdoors. I'm intelligent, non-feminine, not into drugs or games, ISO similar guys. (Call Thru) Box# 4928

Steve, looking for good times. Believe me, you will not regret meeting me. (Call Thru) Box# 8470

Russell, ISO man for fun, hot sex. (Call Thru) Box# 4587

I'm what you've been looking for. Artie, African-American, 5'8, 160, bearded, good-looking, healthy, clean, ISO blue-collar, down to earth types, into giving oral services to, no reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 6631

New guy in town, 5'6, 151lbs., likes bottoms. Would like to hear from some of you. Box# 6113

Victoria/Dave, cross-dresser going TS, quiet, fun-loving, ISO other TS/TV/cross-dressers/she-males, clean cut, discreet, going out, quiet evenings, ND/non-drug-users. (Call Thru) Box# 9882

Rob, ISO younger brother type for partying, hanging out, I'm a fun-loving bottom willing to travel. (Call Thru) Box# 5262

Scott, 21, 6'3, 165, light brn. hr., longer in the back, blue eyes, ISO SWM, 18-25, for friendship, poss. long-term rel. To me life is too short. (Call Thru) Box# 3339

Kevin, 27, 5'9 1/2, 163, well-built, dark brn. hair, green eyes, likes sports, good times. ISO M with same interests. (Call Thru) Box# 3501

Tom, 33, GWM, 5'6, versatile bottom, ISO young, hung, versatile tops, especially boyish guys. I have a need I want you to fill. (Call Thru) Box# 5881

Frank, GWM, ISO romantic fun guy, 18-25, to enjoy dinners, movies, etc. (Call Thru) Box# 1142

Michael, 25, 6'3, 220, blond/blue, hairy, ISO another guy to have some fun. (Call Thru) Box# 4526

Bob, I like to meet other males. Call, let's see what we can do together. (Call Thru) Box# 5303

GM, 26, 5'11, 165, brn. hair/eyes, very good-looking, clean shaven, work out, ISO guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 1583

Todd, BM, ISO GBM or GWM, I'm very handsome and ready to go. (Call Thru) Box# 1326

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Gays Find that Money Brings Acceptance in Fast-Growing Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE-- First there was Provincetown. Now, while that's still popular, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware is quickly becoming a LesBiGay resort of choice for Gays from the Midwest and East.

It's a pretty little town, tucked away on the Delaware coast. There's wide, sandy beaches, a small board walk and plenty to do, as Gays promoting the resort will quickly tell you.

So, if you're Gay, have some money you'd like to spend, and want someplace new to explore, someplace that's Gay and Gay-friendly, someplace that's within easy reach of places like Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and Cleveland, why not try it?

If you're not sure what to do when you arrive, there are a couple of publications that can help steer you in the right direction.

Or there's always Chris Riss, organizer extraordinaire of the Gay social scene in this increasingly popular, upscale, very "in" resort.

Riss, a weekend regular here, is key to the unpublished social calendar of events. And there's the twice monthly **Letters From Camp Rehoboth** magazine and an underground publication called **The Underground**, that are both major players in the thriving Gay culture in this family resort.

Want to meet someone? Want to know who's in town? For straights it's guess or by-gosh. But for the Gay community, there's the **Beach Book**, a cross directory of who's living where for the summer, complete with phone numbers.

David Parham, who helped Riss compile the directory now in its third year, said it is published to erase any sense of there being an "A" list and "B" list among the Gay social set.

"If you weren't in the know, it was hard to get to know people and hard to contact people," Parham said.

"We were trying to open up the social life here. I think it's done an awful lot for people from Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia and points in the Midwest, to get to know people from other cities. It just opens up the whole community."

The Gay culture is a network among Gay that's concentrated mainly from Washington to Philadelphia, full of gossip and parties and heavy on fund-raisers for AIDS. Tap into the network and you'll know the Gay-friendly businesses at the resort--the bars and guest houses.

Riss calls it traveling in the "Gay ghettos," including Baltimore Avenue and Poodle Beach--the south end of Rehoboth's beach where Gay men and Lesbians congregate to sunbathe and see and be seen.

Riss, who started coming to Rehoboth Beach in 1989, said he realized there are two worlds

operating at the resort when he recently went on the boardwalk at night with relatives.

"It's a very different world than the (Gay) ghettos where I spend my time. It makes you realize Rehoboth is not a Gay town. It's a straight town," he said.

"As far as the majority of people vacationing in Rehoboth, we are still a minority."

While that minority operates in a world of its own, nonetheless, it has come a long way from the early 1980s, when it wasn't easy being openly Gay here, and then-mayor John Hughes made a disparaging remark about Gays.

Now more than a decade later, Gays and straights in Rehoboth Beach have reached a level of tolerance and in some cases, genuine acceptance. At the very least, the Gay community has been recognized as a viable force that brings its own political clout and affluence to the resort.

Candidates for the upcoming election for city commissioners have written letters to the **Letters** magazine, seeking support from the Gay community.

"There is an understanding now that Gays don't recruit. They have their own community," Hughes said, adding that "they are a very valuable part of the whole community."

"They are an affluent community. A lot of money, and I think that has made certainly a mercantile acceptance of Gays in Rehoboth," he said. "Acceptance comes easy with money."

"Gays now represent more than a sexual preference. They represent a position and lifestyle that spells wealth."

On the economic front, the feeling in the past was gay dollars were welcome, but the homosexual lifestyle was not.

"You have to be honest about it. Gays spend a lot of money and businesses know it," said Wally Johnson, a Gay businessman who began visiting Rehoboth Beach in 1967.

Four years ago, he and his companion, Larry Beach, opened the Anna B. House, an apartment house that caters to Gay men and Lesbians.

"There is a market here for Gay people in accommodations and we saw that," Johnson said.

Steve Elkins and Murray Archibald, who are given much credit for helping break through barriers facing Gays in the resort, both agreed the coming together of Gays and straights has been due largely to allowing the "straight community" to get to know them as individuals and not strictly as "Gay men."

In January 1991, Elkins started **CAMP Re-**

hoboth, which stands for "Create A More Positive" Rehoboth. The nonprofit organization, which publishes the **Letters** magazine, has served as the focal point to bridge the gap between Gays and straights.

"I think the turning point was when an organization such as **CAMP Rehoboth** started putting out agendas for discussion. Once we started putting out that agenda, city power brokers and businesses "realized we were all after the same thing," including making the resort safe for families, Elkins said.

Elkins and Archibald are active in the Epworth United Methodist Church as a Gay couple. Elkins sings in the choir and is on the church's administrative council.

The Rev. Jonathan Baker, the church's pastor, said bringing Gay people into the church is not condoning the sexual lifestyle, but instead is showing the "mind and heart of Jesus."

"When you take that attitude, you can love someone although you don't accept their belief," Baker said. He added however that it was easier to show love "when there's this much money involved."

He said barriers are beginning to break down and there is more tolerance and acceptance of Gays today.

"That's a far cry from the intolerance that was there before," Baker said.

Joyce Felton, co-owner of the Blue Moon, a popular upscale restaurant and bar and Gay hangout, said Rehoboth Beach has come "full circle" and achieved "harmony."

"I think a lot of that has to do with the sheer volume, presence; style and buying power and

(Gay) input in a very apparent way. It's not passive any more," said Felton, who is straight.

AIDS FUNDING

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"This vote proves that the new Republican Congress is committed to the fight against AIDS," said AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Executive Director Doug Nelson.

"There couldn't be better news. Even with the dramatic shift of political power, AIDS remains a bipartisan issue."

"Sen. Kassebaum proved to be a champion of our cause," Nelson said. "Her leadership in securing 65 co-sponsors of the bill, in fighting back the Helms' amendments, and in getting practically the entire Senate to endorse this bill was superb," Nelson said.

ARCW Equity Campaign Endorsed

Nelson, however, was also celebrating the fact that the U.S. Senate had overwhelmingly endorsed the major formula changes of the Senate bill that assured equity in the distribution of funds through the CARE Act.

The equity formula was the singular purpose of the National Campaign for Fairness (NCF) led by ARCW over the past year which could almost double CARE Act funds to Wisconsin.

"We believed in our hearts that the cause of equity would ultimately win support in Congress," Nelson said.

"ARCW took a huge risk in leading this campaign. We were not a powerful player the national scene, our resources are a fraction of the large AIDS agencies, and we were always concerned about the time this took away from our important work here at home," Nelson explained.

"But we saw the injustice in the CARE Act formulas and knew that if we succeeded, people with AIDS and HIV in Milwaukee and Wisconsin would be the real winners with a big increase in funding and many more services," Nelson said.

Nelson gave great credit for the success of the bill and the Campaign for Fairness to ARCW Public Policy Director Mike Gifford.

"Mike worked long, hard hours and was outstanding in his ability to convince members of Congress of our cause," Nelson said. Nelson also credited the Minnesota AIDS Project with being an indispensable ally during the campaign.

Dan Bross, former Executive Director of the National AIDS Action Council and currently an associate of Downey Chandler Inc., a Washington, D.C. lobby firm, characterized the Senate vote as "a triumph for ARCW."

"The Campaign for Fairness and the pursuit of equity would never have happened had it not been for the leadership of ARCW," Bross said.

"Wisconsin should be mighty proud of the effectiveness and power of ARCW's advocacy," Bross said.

The equity provisions of the CARE Act formulas include basing distribution of funds on living AIDS cases rather than cumulative AIDS cases, and prohibiting the double counting of cases that has historically benefited high incidence areas.

Over the past year, **Wisconsin Light** has carried several articles explaining the formula disparity that currently delivers \$5,000 per AIDS case to San Francisco and \$1,000 per AIDS case to Milwaukee.

"This Senate vote in support of the equity formulas affirms the principle that the CARE Act addresses a national epidemic and that people with AIDS will have access to an equitable base line of services regardless of where they live in the country," Bross said.

Nelson said that if the equity provisions of the Senate bill are maintained through ultimate enactment of the bill, Wisconsin, which currently receives about one million dollars in CARE Act funds, would receive from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 of additional CARE Act funds in each of the next five years.

"More dollars means more services for people with AIDS," said Nelson. "Our success in fighting for equity will significantly increase care, treatment and support services for the AIDS community in Wisconsin."

A U.S. House vote on the CARE Act is likely to come after the August Congressional recess, probably in September. Because of differences between the Senate and House bills, a conference committee will meet to resolve the differences. Finally reauthorization must occur prior to October 1.

Obituary Jon Hinson

Jackson, MS-- Jon Hinson, the conservative Mississippi congressman who became a Gay activist after a morals charge cut short his promising political career, has died. He was 53 years old.

Hinson, a native of Tylertown, died July 21 at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland. He died of respiratory failure resulting from AIDS, said Kate McQueen of Washington, a friend of Hinson's. Robert Hinson, his brother and closest surviving relative, lives in Gulfport, but could not be reached for comment.

Hinson rose from relative political obscurity to win Mississippi's 4th Congressional District seat in 1978 as a conservative Republican. He succeeded Thad Cochran, his former boss, who was elected that year to the United States Senate.

Hinson resigned April 13, 1981, early in his second term, after his arrest in a men's restroom of the Longworth House Office Building on an oral sodomy charge. He was taken into custody along with a male Library of Congress employee.

Hinson said at the time that his resignation had been "the most painful and difficult decision of my life." Then-Governor William Winter accepted Hinson's resignation, saying the congressman had "obviously done the proper thing." Republican Party leaders had urged him to give up his post in Washington.

Hinson later acknowledged that he was Gay. He never returned to Mississippi, but lived quietly in the Washington area, first in Alexandria, Virginia, and then Silver Spring.

He helped organize the gay lobbying organization "Virginians for Justice" and fought against the ban on Gays in the military. He also was a founding member of the Fairfax Lesbian and Gay Citizens Association in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Hinson won the second term despite his revelation that in 1976, while a Cochran aide, he was arrested on a charge of committing an obscene act. He also disclosed that he survived a 1977 fire that killed nine people at the Cinema Follies, a Washington theatre that catered to a Gay clientele.

Hinson recalled the fire in a January 28, 1994 article in the **Washington Blade**. He said he had been in the theatre about 15 minutes when the fire broke out and acrid smoke filled the building. He was rescued from under a pile of bodies. Nine men died in the fire; Hinson was one of four that survived.

When he was first elected to Congress, Hinson was "still closeted and into heavy denial," he wrote in the **Washington Blade** piece.

Hinson's body was cremated and the ashes will be buried in his hometown following a private service. McQueen said a memorial service also was being planned in Washington.

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This Is It's Joe Brehm Tells Why He's Involved in AIDS Walk Wisconsin

Milwaukee-- If Joe is doing it, I will too. That's an attitude Roland Hoffman is hoping will catch on. Hoffman is Special Events Coordinator for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and is responsible for recruiting teams and individuals to participate in this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin. One part of Hoffman's recruiting plan is called "Footsteps to the Future," a friendly competition between Milwaukee's Gay bars. The objective is to get people to join the team sponsored by their favorite bar. Hoffman believes that everyone has their favorite bar. They may like many of the others, but there is one in particular at which they feel at home. He is hoping that if that bar owner and the bar tenders from one's "home bar" back Walk Teams, people will join up and help in the struggle against AIDS--which is what the annual Walk is all about.



Joe Brehm

So far eleven bar owners have signed on to "Footsteps to the Future." Among them is Joe Brehm, owner of This Is It. This Is It has celebrated its 25th anniversary as a Gay bar, making it one of the oldest Gay bars currently in Milwaukee. It is a neighborhood bar, a place of warm and intimate atmosphere where "everyone knows your name." Joe has long been a supporter of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), raising thousands of dollars over the years by fund-raisers held in the bar. Like many, Joe has been personally touched by the AIDS epidemic. In the mid-'80s, he lost a friend who he remembers vividly and fondly. "Larry was going to UWM for acting," Joe said. "He came to me and said, 'Joe, I'm sick.' His acting career was just beginning. He was directing. He had so many dreams and they were starting to come true. He didn't give up. But he couldn't survive it." As Joe recruits members for the This Is It

AIDS Walk team, he thinks of Larry and the thousands of people like him. "I look at our Hallowe'en pictures from past years and I see people who have passed. I know that so many of our customers and friends won't be with us for next year's party," Joe said. He also thinks of all the people he knows who are living with AIDS. "People walk into the bar every day that can manage a smile," he said. "So many don't even say anything because they don't want to burden others. It's got to be devastating. But they are so strong. This disease makes heroes out of people."

Joe shook his head sadly. "I'm not sure we're any closer to a cure, but hopefully the answer is out there. We've lost the most wonderful people. Talented people. Kids who never had a chance to have a life. It's not a small community anymore. It affects everybody's life. Loss in our community has been devastating. Not a week goes by that someone I know doesn't die."

Joe sees This Is It and other area bars as playing a vital role in getting people involved in the fight against the disease. He says the bars can be used as catalysts. "People in this business are good people who love the public or they wouldn't be in this business. I just encourage them. We have nice people who come to the bar and nice people like to help other nice people. Bars attract people for different reasons and that's what makes this fun." The point of the bar competition is not to make people pick one bar over another. "I know that people have lots of favorite places," Joe said. "If they join another team, that's okay. The most important thing is that they walk--with a team or individually. A lot of people don't have time to join an organization or volunteer their time to a cause. But they want to participate. This gives them that opportunity," Joe said. He says he is impressed with the level of interest. "The fact that the bars are doing is--I look at that as a real positive thing."

This Is It kicked off its Walk recruitment efforts during Bastille Days. Now, Joe is looking for creative ways to keep people signing up. He's placed ads in local papers and hung a long banner high up on the back of the bar where everyone can see it. And, he's offering a special incentive to everyone who registers for the This Is It team. "We'll enter all the names in a drawing," he said. "This winner will get a \$50 bar tab. It's our little way to say thank you for being part of the community." But the biggest incentive to walk? According to Joe, the true reward is to experience AIDS Walk Wisconsin. "When you participate in the Walk and you see the number of people who are there...you see the young people and all the others doing what they can to get rid of this illness...it's heartwarming."

escape the disease were exposed to the genuine article or simply shrugged off a weakened strain or viral fragments, said Shearer, who co-chaired the session on AIDS immunity Monday, July 24, at the ninth International Congress of Immunology. One of the most-discussed studies came from Hebrew University in Israel, where Dr. Zvi Bentwich examined newly arrived Ethiopian immigrants. Half of them show signs of HIV antibody production even though they tested negative for the disease, he said. The finding probably indicates that their immune systems had launched an attack against HIV, Bentwich said. An Australian team led by Dr. Andrew Geczy of the New South Wales Blood Transfusion Service in Sydney found that people with HIV who don't develop AIDS often show evidence of other infections that affect the immune system. "In contrast to some current theories... it is probable that long term survival in the face of infection with AIDS is a result of a complex interplay between host and virus," rather than a single immunological factor, the study said. But there is some intriguing evidence that in-born biological factors could be at work. A Swedish-Italian team looked at children who were infected with HIV in the womb, but never developed full-blown AIDS. That study found "broad neutralizing activity" against the virus in the children's bloodstream. Researchers at the State University of New York Health Science Center in New York City concluded that Hispanic children had more virus-fighting factors in their blood, as well as fewer and less intense symptoms, compared with white or African American children. The finding suggests Hispanic children are genetically predisposed to high levels of resistance to the disease.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Dr. Henry Heimlich, inventor of the first-aid treatment for choking, presented a controversial study which showed temporary infection with a curable form of malaria raised the level of disease-fighting T cells in two patients in China. Heimlich theorizes that malaria somehow triggers the right immune response to resist the AIDS virus, along with other diseases. Shearer called Heimlich's results interesting, but said his patient sample was insufficient and there were questions about experimental controls.

Researchers Puzzle Over Why Some HIV+ People Never Come Down with AIDS

San Francisco, CA-- In one study, children infected with the HIV virus in the womb haven't developed full-blown AIDS. In another, ethnicity seemed to play a role in the level of resistance found in infected infants. "Is this an accident, a coincidence, or has nature done the right experiment for us?" said Dr. Gene Shearer of the National Institutes of Health. Researchers from around the world are finding there is far more work to be done before they learn whether some people exposed to AIDS have a natural immunity to the disease. The fundamental issue is whether those who



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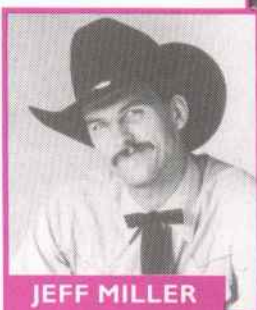
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