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GAY PIONEER ELDON MURRAY PASSES INTO HISTORY

Memorial Services For Veteran LGBT Civil Rights Leader Set For March 31

By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - Eldon Murray passed away on Monday, March 5, four days after he turned 77, and following a brief illness. Murray had suffered a major heart attack in early February and had been hospitalized at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center until his passing. Murray had been proactive in all post-coronary treatment decisions. He elected to discontinue aggressive treatment, including kidney dialysis, on March 4, and continued to receive palliative care until his death around 3am the next morning.

Memorial services for Murray will be held Saturday, March 31 at 1:30 pm at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street in Milwaukee.

Murray has left an enduring legacy that affects us all. Every movement needs innovators, people with the courage and determination to be a driving force. Eldon Murray filled that role. He founded or helped to establish LGBT services and projects that were either the first of their kind or that existed in only a few other places. He did so at a time where only a small minority of the LGBT community was open and out.

Eldon's influence extended well beyond Milwaukee, and Wisconsin. He was one of only 31 LGBT activists inducted in 1998 into the National Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a "pioneer of the movement" by the One Institute and International Gay and Lesbian Archives. It was a well deserved honor.

He began his journey in the 1950's with the Korean War. While many others received deferments due to their sexual orientation, Eldon willingly went into combat. He said that he felt an obligation to defend what rights gays did have and the potential to achieve more.

Upon his return, Eldon rejected the "homophile" groups like Mattachine Society where people used secret names to hide their identity. In 1968, a year before the Stonewall

riots, Eldon joined with Arlyn Hess and others to co-found Wisconsin's first LGBT organization, GPU, the Gay People's Union.

He was one of the few people, anywhere to publicly advocate for LGBT rights. He often said

even mentioned on the airwaves. To help remedy that situation, Eldon helped to establish what was the second gay radio show in existence. The half-hour program first aired in February, 1971 and on subsequent Sunday evenings on a commercial radio Milwaukee WZMF. Murray's GPU collaborated with the mainstream media on at least other two occasions, working with the *Milwaukee Journal* in February 1972 on its six-part series, "The Gay Revolution," and with WTMI-TV in September 1973 on a five-part series titled "Some Call Them Gay."

Today there are scores of LGBT newspapers, websites and slick magazines. But in the 1970's only two LGBT newspapers had a national circulation, *The Advocate* and *GPU News*, founded in October 1971 and published for the next decade by Eldon Murray.

Providing encouragement, information and lively discussions on issues facing the LGBT community Eldon's magazine was a lifeline for thousands of gay, lesbian and transgendered people, throughout America.

Eldon did more than speak up. For the next four decades he created opportunities to meet community needs often coming up with projects and services that were the first of their kind anywhere in the country.

He founded the first LGBT community center in the country, the GPU Center and the first LGBT hotline.

Recognizing that gay men would not seek testing and treatment for sexually-transmitted diseases in places where they would have to be open about their sexuality and their partners, Eldon was the driving force behind the GPU Men's Health Clinic, the first gay health clinic anywhere.

In the 1970's "homosexuals" were not seen or

When the AIDS crisis hit hard in the 1980's, Eldon was there again. He assisted with the effort to raise the initial funds for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, MAP. Now called ARCW, the organization was an essential component in Milwaukee's response to AIDS.

While all of these things would represent a lifetime of accomplishment for most of us, Eldon Murray was not done. In 1994 he founded the Milwaukee chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment, SAGE.

Eldon became an ardent advocate for LGBT seniors many of whom were alone, isolated and still closeted. His work earned him yet another honor when he was inducted into the Milwaukee Senior Hall of Fame. Eldon was the first openly



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LGBT individual ever accorded such an honor anywhere.

His work on behalf of SAGE resulted in one of the first government grants ever to be awarded to an LGBT Senior group. His work also garnered a major private foundation grant to give SAGE its own staff and office.

Murray was also profiled in the 2000 National Gay And Lesbian Task Force policy paper *Outing Age: Public Policy Issues Affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual And Transgender Elders*. The NGLTF profile noted that "Murray was also the first openly gay person to be appointed to the advisory board of the Milwaukee Commission on Aging. In 1999 he arranged to bring the 'Elders' exhibit from New York to Milwaukee for Older Americans Month. It was displayed at the LGBT Community Center, the Department on Aging and the Washington Park Senior Center, where it raised consciousness about older LGBT people."

A fairly well-publicized rift between Eldon and the SAGE/Milwaukee Board of Directors in December of 2003 caused Murray to move away from the organization. At that time Eldon had said that he would never give anything to SAGE again, according to current SAGE Executive Director Bill Serpe.

However, Serpe told *Quest* that Murray was always willing to meet with him after Serpe became the Executive Director in 2004 to talk about his vision and dreams for the organization. "There were many times when I had questions that only he could answer and he was always there for me and would share the information that I needed to keep SAGE/Milwaukee moving in the direction that it needed to go," Serpe said.

"We all know that Eldon worked diligently on anything that he got involved with," Serpe continued. "For SAGE that meant a lot more than most people could ever imagine. He secured a grant with the Department on Aging to hire a part-time Social worker which is one of a very few government grants in the entire country that goes to an LGBT organization. That yearly grant to SAGE is now in its 6th year of providing psychotherapy services to LGBT elderly."

Serpe told *Quest* how hard Murray worked to establish his position. "He (Eldon) also worked with the Helen Bader Foundation Inc. to establish the need for SAGE to hire a full time Executive Director. When all was said and done the Foundation gave SAGE a three year grant for nearly \$150,000. This is an unheard of amount for a small, relatively new non-profit," Serpe said. "But Eldon kept pursuing the Foundation and convinced them that this would be in the best interests of the entire community. Last year the Helen Bader Foundation Inc. gave SAGE another fifty thousand dollars over two more years."

"More than anyone, I know how hard Eldon must have worked," Serpe added. "I am regularly at meetings at the Department on Aging or at the Helen Bader Foundation where I realize that it is because of Eldon's vision and perseverance that I am there and that the senior Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community has a voice in the mainstream community. And I think of him regularly when I am at those meetings and functions and thank him for having the courage to do what needed to be done."

Beyond the list of projects and services Eldon had a public hand in, there are dozens of other aspects of gay life he played a private role in. He provided advice, counsel and moral support to numerous gay and lesbian leaders in Milwaukee and elsewhere influencing myriad organizations, causes and projects.

That influence will extend beyond Eldon's life. Earlier this year, he consigned his estate to the Eldon Murray Foundation. The foundation, which will be managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, will provide grants to LGBT causes and projects. A self-perpetuating Board of four individuals appointed by Eldon will distribute the grants.

Murray was born in Vincennes, Indiana in 1930, and is survived by a brother and by nephews and nieces, but not by a life partner. He was too busy working on our behalf to enjoy the benefits he sought for the rest of us. But in a very real sense, the LGBT community is his partner. It survives Eldon Murray stronger, more vital and richer than it otherwise would have been.

Murray's death was the third of a major Milwaukee gay activist in just over a month. Tom Boll, another Milwaukee AIDS Project co-founder, died January 27 at 59, followed four days later by 66-year-old *Wisconsin Light* co-founder and editor Terry Boughner.

Memorials to Eldon's rich life should be sent to the Eldon Murray Foundation c/o the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, 1020 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Quest news editor Mike Fitzpatrick also contributed to this article.

CLINTON, OBAMA SKIRT QUERIES ON GAYS IN THE MILITARY LEADING DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS LATER "CLARIFY" THEIR REMARKS

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Washington, DC - If gay and lesbian American were looking for a champion to dispute Joint Chiefs Of Staff chairman General Peter Pace's claim that homosexuality is immoral, they might have expected Hillary Rodham Clinton or Barack Obama to leap forward.

Well, not quite - at least not immediately. While both Clinton and Obama have been courting gay and lesbian voters, and would allow them to serve openly in the military, the Democratic Party's front-runners for the 2008 Presidential nomination were curiously reticent about challenging the statements of the nation's top military leader in the first days on the critical firestorm ignited by Pace's remarks.

The highest-profile figure to say homosexuality is not immoral in the first news cycle following Pace's moral judgement? It was former Navy secretary, gay icon Liz Taylor ex-spouse and current Republican senator from Virginia John Warner, who told reporters March 13, "I respectfully but strongly disagree with the chairman's view that homosexuality is immoral."



General Peter Pace



Obama

Clinton

A day later, the Long-Island based newspaper *Newsday* repeatedly asked Obama if same-sex relationships were immoral. "I think traditionally the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman has restricted his public comments to military matters," was Obama's initial response. "That's probably a good tradition to follow."

Obama then steered the conversation to opposition to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy: "I think the question here is whether somebody is willing to sacrifice for their country." Later, an Obama spokesman said the senator, in fact, disagrees with Pace.

That sequence was remarkably similar to Clinton's responses March 13. When an ABC reporter asked her about the issue, she replied, "Well, I am going to leave that to others to conclude." Later, a Clinton spokesman said the senator, in fact, also disagrees with Pace.

Clinton's initial non-reaction followed just over a week after her comments at a board meeting of the Human Rights Campaign. During her presentation, later touted in detail by the HRC press corps, Hillary strongly opposed the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and supported giving gay couples the rights to marry and share health benefits.

What caused the protracted disapproval? Clinton and Obama supporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, told *Newsday* that might have been trying to avoid offending socially conservative Democrats, particularly church-going older whites and African-Americans, who share Pace's views - the same type of Wisconsin Democrats who played a key role in 19-point margin of victory in the recent passage of the state's constitutional gay marriage and civil union ban. Steve Sanders, a gay Democrat who sat on the party's platform committee in 2000, believes Clinton and Obama are engaged in a delicate balancing act: "Hillary and Barack have made very public overtures to religious Americans. They are trying to figure out how progressive Democrats can also make appeals to Americans of faith. It's a work in progress."

Republican presidential hopefuls have had mixed reactions to Pace's remarks. Prior to the general's comments former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani had said he wants gays to serve openly in the military, while Arizona GOP Senator John McCain has supported "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Both have remained silent in the post-Pace hubbub.

However, GOP candidate and Nebraska Senator Sam Brownback rushed to back Pace's remarks. The Kansas senator sent a letter on March 15 to President Bush supporting the general.

On March 16 GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney - who in past campaigns has argued he would be a better advocate to the gay community than Senator Ted Kennedy - said that he would not ask the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to apologize for calling homosexuality "immoral," saying that "people are entitled to believe what they want to believe."

"I think he's already expressed his regret for what he said, and I'm not calling on any further action by him," the former Massachusetts governor said of Gen. Peter Pace's remarks. "I think people are entitled to believe what they want to believe, but what they say in their official and sec-

ular roles should be an expression of tolerance and respect for people regardless of our differences."

Also on March 16 a group of seven high-ranking military veterans "came out" in response to Pace's comments. The officers, who are all lesbian or gay, called on Congress to repeal the law, and demanded that General Pace apologize for his remarks. Colonel Stewart Bornhoft, USA (Ret.); Captain Joan E. Darrah, USN (Ret.); Captain Robert D. Dockendorff, USNR (Ret.); Chaplain (Colonel) Paul W. Dodd, USA (Ret.); Captain Sandra Geiselman, USNR (Ret.); Colonel E. A. Leonard, USA (Ret.), and Captain Robert Michael Rankin, USN (Ret.) issued their statement, saying:

"Our community has a long history of serving our country in the armed forces. Today, there are more than 65,000 lesbian and gay troops on duty. Another one million gay and lesbian veterans, including the seven of us, have served in our fighting forces. General Pace's remarks dishonor that service, as does the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law. General Pace must offer an immediate and unqualified apology for his remarks and Congress must take action to repeal the ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans who want to serve our country."

The highly-decorated officers each served more than 20 years, and several considerably longer.

The controversy and the political dances surrounding it all began with an interview published in the *Chicago Tribune* March 12, in which Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Peter Pace said that he thinks "homosexual acts are immoral."

"My upbringing is such that I believe there are certain things, certain types of conduct, that are immoral. ... I believe that homosexual acts between individuals are immoral and that we should not condone immoral acts," he said.

Pace made the comments in his support of the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" ban on gay men and women serving in the military, comparing homosexual status to a member of the armed forces conducting an adulterous affair with the spouse of another service member. Pace was responding to a question about a Clinton-era policy that is coming under renewed scrutiny amid fears of future U.S. troop shortages. Pace said the Pentagon should not "condone" immoral behavior by allowing gay soldiers to serve openly.

CONSERVATIVE CONFAB COLLECTS COULTER CONTROVERSY AND CARNAL CORPORAL

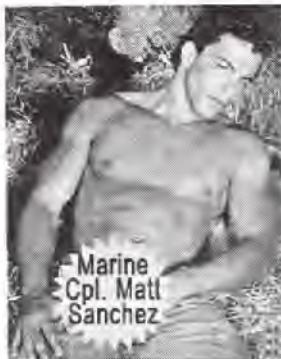
By Mike Fitzpatrick

Washington, DC - The annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) historically has served as both a right-wing watering hole for presidential hopefuls and a generator of news story fodder for over three decades. However this year's 34th annual CPAC confab held in early March had two decidedly gay twists: a red-hot renewal of controversy over the new "F-Word" and right wing academic star with a gay porno past.

To begin with, top-selling right-wing author and columnist Ann Coulter called former North Dakota Senator and Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards a "faggot." Coulter was a featured speaker at the CPAC confab.

Following her prepared remarks, televised on C-Span, Coulter was asked to talk about Edwards. "It turns out you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot,' so I'm kind of at an impasse - I can't really talk about Edwards," she said. The "rehab" remark may have been a reference to Grey's Anatomy star Isaiah Washington's decision to go into such a program during a public relations firestorm after he also called one of his co-stars a faggot.

Later, Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean called



on Republican presidential candidates, especially those who attended the conference, to denounce Coulter's remark.

Though Coulter had previously suggested that other prominent Democrats are gay - including former Vice President Al Gore, former President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Clinton, none of it had been captured live in a broadcast available worldwide. The response set off a firestorm that has netted Coulter the loss of seven newspapers to date, not to mention the generation of millions of words in newspaper ink and computer pixels from pundits and bloggers on the political left and right nationwide alternately condemning or supporting Coulter and each other.

More fascinating, was Coulter's help in honoring a conservative student for his "courage under fire." Within days it was revealed that the champion of right-wing academic freedom also had set a number of other, more carnal fires: as a gay porn actor best known for displaying his eleven inches of "talent" in such straight-to-video classics such as *Donkey Dick*, *Jawbreaker* and *Glory Hole of Fame 3*.

Marine Cpl. Matt Sanchez, 36, received the Jeanne Kirkpatrick Academic Freedom Award from Coulter for speaking out against the anti-Iraq war atmosphere at New York's Columbia University, where he is a junior. Sanchez' actions also had led to appearances on the Fox News pundit programs "The O'Reilly Factor" and "Hannity and Colmes."

After he was recognized in a photograph with Coulter at the convention, Sanchez admitted March 8 to having appeared in gay porn. "I won't deny ... that I acted in several adult movies 15 years ago under names like Pierre LaBranche and Rod Majors," Sanchez wrote on his blog.

The sexy news was met with the predictable mixed reactions. Some con-

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servatives expressed support for Sanchez, a self-proclaimed right-winger, despite his past. However, liberal pundits like *The Nation's* Max Blumenthal blasted him. "It doesn't matter, inherently, that he was a gay porn star," Blumenthal told MSNBC. "What matters is that he's a hypocrite who's advancing the ideological homophobia of the right and helping them exploit this homophobia for political gain."



Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, disagreed. "I don't see any hypocrisy in Matt Sanchez's actions," Foreman told the *Advocate*. "As is his right, he spoke out against what he believed was bad treatment by Columbia's 'radical anti-military students.'"

Of Coulter's F-Word, Sanchez, said he wouldn't have used it in public. "I don't agree with what she [Coulter] said, but anyone in the military would defend her right to say it," he wrote.

On March 13, however, a letter appointing an investigating officer to look into the admitted prostitution and gay porn past of a Marine in the Individual Ready Reserve was sitting on the desk of Mobilization Command's deputy commander awaiting his signature, according to a Marine spokesman. Col. Stephen Brown's signature would launch a formal command investigation into admissions that Sanchez worked as a male prostitute and appeared in numerous gay porn films before joining the Corps in 2003, said command spokesman Shane Darbonne.

Sanchez, 36, it turned out, falls under the authority of Marine Corps Mobilization Command in Kansas City, MO, where the commanding general's staff judge advocate, Lt. Col. Michael Blessing, began an informal inquiry last week to determine if the command should launch an investigation, Darbonne said.

Quest will continue to follow this story as it develops.

Louisville - The president of the leading

"IS YOUR BABY GAY?" ARTICLE PROVES CONTROVERSIAL

Southern Baptist Seminary in the United States has incurred sharp attacks from both the left and right by suggesting that a biological basis for homosexuality may be proven, and that prenatal treatment to reverse gay orientation would be biblically justified.

The Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr. acknowledged that he irked many fellow conservatives with an article this month saying scientific research "points to some level of biological causation" for homosexuality.

The article, published March 2 on Mohler's personal website, carried a long but intriguing title: "Is Your Baby Gay? What If You Could Know? What If You Could Do Something About It?" Proof of a biological basis would challenge the belief of many conservative Christians that

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Mona's (Milw) Sage/Milwaukee 3rd annual Spring Fling "Gay Paree" 6-10 pm Admission \$15 FMI Raymond 414-617-1152

Rainbow Club (Stevens Point) This social organization is attending "Laramie Project" at 7 pm Meet at Golden Corral for dinner at 5pm all are welcome. Call (715)654-5044 for more info.

Sunday, April 1

The ROOM [Next to Boom] (Milw) Cody Domino Presents Mr. City of Festivals USA Contest 10pm featuring Miss Gay WI USofA Shannon DuPree, Topher Chase, Joel Z, Jackie Roberts & Bryanna Banx. Contestants, see ad this issue.

Saturday, April 7

Madison Gay Video Club "Available Men" 7 Gay short films (Wolf video) and Manly Heat: Scorched (Buckshot) 8pm 608-244-8675 evenings www.mgvc.org

Monday, April 9

Outwards Books (Milw) 7:30 pm Come join Outwards Book Club discussion of Scott Campbell's controversial novel, *Touched*. New members always welcome.

Tuesday, April 10

The Lesbian Reading Group at Outwards Books (Milw) 7:00 pm The book to be discussed in April is *Running With The Wind*, a debut romance by Nell Stark. Come & join the discussion.

Wednesday, April 11

BESDT Clinic Outreach at Midtown Spa (Milwaukee) 6-9pm Free 30 minute HIV testing.

Saturday, April 14

Wisconsin Cream city Chorus present "Everything Possible" 7:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Church 1300 W North Ave Celebrating the past & future of the WCCC this 20th Anniversary Concert includes awards, guest appearances & Milw premier of "Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle" a choral setting of Douglas Woods children's book, Old Turtle. Features Guest soloist/Narrator Joel Kopischke & diverse guest singers from the community.

Shelter (Green Bay) Miss Entertainer Of the Year (EOY) 2007 Pageant 10pm Featuring Miss Erica Andrews, Miss EOY 2006 and others

Saturday, April 21

Rainbow Club (Stevens Point) This social organization is hosting a Pot Luck Dinner in Stevens Point. Call (715)654-5044 for more info.

Madison Gay Video Club "Shortbus" (Thinkfilm) and Manly Heat: Quenched (Buckshot) 8pm call 608-244-8675 evenings or www.mgvc.org

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Tuesday, April 24

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EIGHT SOULFORCE EQUALITY RIDERS ARRESTED AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Milwaukee - Eight gay activists involved with a local demonstration by the national Soulforce Equality Ride may face charges for trespassing at Wisconsin Lutheran College here March 13. The protesters had gone on campus after administrators had told them to stay away a day earlier.

A campus security guard initially warned the activists to stay off the private college's property. Six Soulforce protesters and two local activists were taken away in handcuffs by Milwaukee police for trying to set up outreach tables there.

"Wisconsin Lutheran College has made it clear that gay people and their allies, transgender, bisexual, lesbian people, are not welcome on this campus," Soulforce staff member Haven Herrin told WTMJ-TV reporter Tom Murray..

Wisconsin Lutheran College administrators turned down their requests to speak on campus on March 12. That day Soulforce members stood in silent, non-violent protest on a sidewalk



them wander the outdoor areas of the campus but we will not let them enter the buildings."

The protesters spent about three hours locked up at the Milwaukee Police Department's District 3 headquarters before they were allowed to post bail. Allison Eby, one of eight arrested protesters believed that the arrest helped Soulforce make its point.

According to Wisconsin Lutheran's Vice President for Public Affairs Edie Boatman, the college does not permit "actively gay" students to attend the school. She also said the col-

lege denied Soulforce requests to come on campus because the group's presence "would disrupt the school day."

For the second year in a row, Soulforce Equality Riders have travelled around the country to Christian campuses by bus to promote gay and lesbian acceptance. Prior to the arrests at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Equality Riders were harassed and their bus was defaced with spray-painted gay slurs at another Christian school, Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Three carloads of students reportedly circled the motel where the riders were staying in the early hours of March 7. Dordt College officials later publicly apologized for the anti-gay conduct of its student body.



FAIR WISCONSIN GETS INTO THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT RACE

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Madison - With just weeks to go, the race for open seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court has become a contest between liberal and conservative forces statewide, despite protestations by both candidates. It also marks Fair Wisconsin's first educational effort since the defeat of its position in the recent referendum that placed a ban on gay civil unions and marriages into the state's Constitution.

Like almost all Supreme Court candidates before them, both State Supreme Court candidate Linda Clifford and opponent Annette Ziegler have argued that politics and ideology have no place in the race or on the bench. However, recent events suggest how groups left and right are lining up to influence the outcome of the April 3 election.



Linda Clifford



Annette Ziegler

The conservative-leaning business group Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce is already running what some believe will end up being a \$2 million ad campaign supporting Ziegler. In response, the Washington, D.C.-based Democratic Judicial Campaign Committee has asked Democrats across the country to contribute to Clifford's campaign for the high court.

The race is seen as pivotal according to political strategists on both sides. The current court is seen as a split between liberals and conservatives, with retiring Justice Jon Wilcox strongly leaning to the right. Some contend that if Clifford were to win, the court would have a liberal edge.

Fair Wisconsin recently mailed both candidates surveys asking questions about a variety of issues of concern to the LGBT community. Clifford, who had

been openly supportive of the group during the amendment campaign last Fall, was the only one to respond to the questionnaire.

In a March 14 advisory to its 40,000+ still active supporters, Fair Wisconsin interim Executive Director Josh Freker warned: 'Don't let this election fall under the radar. The Supreme Court is arguably the most important institution in the state when it comes to questions of safeguarding civil rights and liberties. It is likely that the Supreme Court will ultimately decide whether the constitutional amendment will impact domestic partner benefits and other existing legal protections. Observers of the Supreme Court believe this particular election could tip the balance to a more pro-fairness Court."

Freker then asked supporters to review Clifford's survey responses on the organization's newly-revamped website.

Freker also told *Capital Times* reporter Judith Davidoff Freker that Fair Wisconsin has already



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been active on college campuses around the state, talking to students about the Supreme Court race. "Fair Wisconsin has a direct interest in the race given that Supreme Court justices, who serve 10-year terms and are almost always easily re-elected, will likely weigh in on the implications of the state's new gay marriage

ban," he said. "We believe the court will decide the scope of the amendment."

Fair Wisconsin has not formally endorsed Clifford, but its newly formed political action committee will likely pay for college campus organizers to get out the vote for the candidate.

The newly-renamed Wisconsin Family Council

(see story below) also has taken an interest in the Supreme Court race, putting together a four page "Wisconsin Supreme Court Election Fact Sheet" that selectively culls information about both candidates. The document is available on the group's website, along with a number of links to other conservative assessments of the April 3 race.

ELECTIONS BOARD DISMISSES COMPLAINTS AGAINST DIOCESE, CHURCH

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Madison - The Wisconsin State Elections Board has dismissed two complaints against religious organizations allegedly involved in illegal campaigning during the recent battle to approve the state constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages and civil unions.

On March 14 the board unanimously dismissed the complaint filed by Michael W. Rewey of Madison, who said fliers inserted into the October 26, 2006, issue of the official diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Herald*, violated a state law that requires organizations that spend more than \$25 on political activities to register with the Elections Board.

Diocesan lawyer Donald Heaney said records show that Rewey is a parishioner at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Madison and has subscribed to the newspaper since 1988.

Heaney noted that state law specifically allows organizations to communicate with its "members, shareholders or subscribers" on political issues that include endorsements and referendums without having to register with state officials.

The same day the board also dismissed a complaint against the Monona Oaks Community Church, located in a suburban Madison, that passed out 1,500 fliers that also urged a "yes" vote on the constitutional ban on gay civil unions and marriages on November 7. Any violation of the law requiring organizations spending more than \$25 on political activities to register involved only a few dollars, board members found.

Voters approved the amendment, which contains language to appears to prohibit any formal legal recognition of relationships between unmarried couples regardless of sexual orientation, by a 59-41% margin last November.

STATE'S TOP ANTI-GAY GROUP SWITCHES MONIKER

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Madison - Fair Wisconsin no longer the only advocacy group to pull a name switcheroo following the recent passage of the constitutional amendment to ban civil unions and marriage for same sex couples. The Family Research Institute of Wisconsin announced March 15 that its not-for-profit arm has changed its name to Wisconsin Family Council, Inc.

"Although we've changed our name, our mission remains the same," WFC CEO Julaine Appling wrote in her press release. "We have changed our name to better reflect who we are and what we do, as well as to better identify our national association as a state family policy council."

The former FRI-WI's moniker swap reflects the recent financial support given to the "Yes" side of the amendment battle by James Dobson's Focus On The Family (FOTF). Wisconsin State Elections Board records show the political arm of the FOTF was the largest out-of-state contributor to the side supporting the amendment. FOTF's cash input arrived the day after the final campaign financial reporting deadline, timing that effectively hid the Colorado-based group's involvement in the Wisconsin election until after the November vote.

FOTF's contribution mimicked similar support to the "Yes" side by another group. The largest single donation to either side in the amendment



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campaign came to ban supporters from the Coalition for America's Families, a Middleton-based group run by former state Republican party chairman Steve King. CFAF also delivered its contribution - the largest ever in a state referendum - to "Vote Yes" immediately prior to the November 7 ballot, in a possible move to obscure the partisan motives that had been behind the marriage ballot since its inception.

The WFC name swap also moves the former FRI-WI away from a sound-alike name with another "national associate," the Washington DC-based Family Research Council, a group perceived by some political strategists as having less influence in social conservative circles in recent election cycles. The name switch would also seem to eliminate what some have found disingenuous in the former FRI-WI's appellation: the term "research." No records appear to

exist for any peer-reviewed, academic research actually conducted by FRI-WI.

WFC also touted its "national association" with another Dobson-created group, the Alliance Defense Fund, best known in Wisconsin as the group hired by the then GOP-dominated state legislature to insert themselves into the ACLU of Wisconsin lawsuit by lesbian state employees seeking equal benefit rights for their life partners. State law prohibited had any legal recognition for the couples even prior to the amendment campaign.

Just prior to the name switch, the freshly-minted Wisconsin Family Council, Inc. was awarded Focus on the Family's State Family Policy Council's 2006 "Community Impact Award" for providing the statewide leadership in support of the gay civil union and marriage ban.

While the WFC renaming might seem to be a

touch of "me too"-ism, considering last December's name change by former Action Wisconsin to its now more widely recognized moniker, it is not the first-time one of the state's anti-gay groups has pulled such a switcheroo. Ralph Ovadal's "Wisconsin Christians United" organization dropped off the radar just months prior the loss of "Pastor" Grant Storms' civil lawsuit against Action Wisconsin and the subsequent decision allowing the LGBT civil rights group to recoup the legal fees it incurred in defending against the suit. Ovadal, who publicly had encouraged Storms to file the lawsuit and who also had been on the losing end of several other legal battles over the years, has since resurfaced helming the Monroe-based Pilgrim's Covenant Church. That group's mission and tactics mimic nearly completely those of the former WCU.

FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISERS PLANNED

Green Bay - A recently-formed group calling itself "theART" will hold one of two events to "raise funds for the food pantry serving those living with HIV/AIDS in Northeast Wisconsin." The only food pantry with such a mission locally is housed at the ARCW office here.

The event, which will include dinner, entertainment and a "Not So Silent Auction" will be held April 21 at Xcetera, 313 N. Broadway beginning at 5 PM. A "limited number" of tickets are available. Cost is \$35. For more information contact Bill Boerschinger at 920-342-2082.

The Shelter Club, 730 N. Quincy, will hold a follow-up show beginning at about 11 PM the same evening. Admission required for the event will be a nonperishable food item, a \$2 donation, or a ticket from theART event. Several favorite northeast Wisconsin entertainers will be performing, and donating their tips for the food pantry. Entertainers Against AIDS will be presenting a Humanitarian Award, and an auction item or two will be available.

MILWAUKEE LGBT FUNDING PARTNERSHIP SEEKS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Milwaukee - The Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Cream City Foundation are soliciting applications for funding through the Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership. Created through a match funding opportunity offered by the National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership, the mission of the fund is to expand awareness and funding of programs that benefit the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The goals of the Milwaukee LGBT Funding Partnership are: to fund projects that foster acceptance and ensure the equal rights of and opportunities for all LGBT people; to increase awareness and understanding of the LGBT community; to expand resources and programs available to serve the unique needs of the LGBT people; and to build capacity and collaboration between LGBT groups and the community at large.

To accomplish these goals, the fund is promot-

ing its second annual funding cycle and will be accepting proposals from two groups: LGBT/mainstream community collaborations and established LGBT organizations. Organizations submitting applications must be not-for-profit and have 501(c)3 status. The partnership anticipates making up to nine grants this year for qualifying programs conducted in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Racine & Kenosha Counties.

Copies of the funding applications are available on request. To be considered for the current funding cycle, applications are due on or before May 1, 2007. Funding announcements for this year will be made by July 1. Individuals who have any questions, are asked to contact the Cream City Foundation by phone at: 414-225-0244, or by email at: director@creamcityfoundation.org.

ARCW'S "MOULIN ROUGE AT MAKE A PROMISE" OFFERS GLAMOUR AND ROMANCE

Milwaukee - Imagine a warm, spring evening, strolling through the quaint streets of one of the world's most renowned cities. Paris never falls short in providing visitors with a spectacular sense of glitz and glamour, romance and - of course - Can-Can dancers!

Join the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin for an evening of entertainment and delight, Parisian style! Moulin Rouge at Make A Promise 2007 promises to light up the Midwest Airlines Center on Saturday, April 21, showcasing the spectacular beauty and magic of the world's most famous cabaret. The lavish event begins at 5:30 PM.

The 2007 edition of Make A Promise, ARCW's signature annual dinner fundraiser will treat guests to an outstanding silent auction, dinner & cocktails, and live entertainment. The event annually brings together over 1,000 of Wisconsin's philanthropic, medical, political, and corporate leaders to support ARCW in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

All proceeds from the event benefit the prevention, care, and treatment programs to people affected by HIV/AIDS throughout the state, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Midwest Airlines Center is located at 400 W. Wisconsin Avenue on the corner of 4th Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Parking is available in the Wisconsin Center District parking structure. The entrance is located at 500 W. Wells Street, on the North side of the street. A limited amount of metered street parking is also available.

Attire for the evening is black tie optional. Individual ticket prices range from \$85 to \$125. Tables of 10 are also available. Individual and group tickets may be ordered online at: www.arcw.org. Click to the "Admit One" icon on the Moulin Rouge page. Also feel free to contact event coordinator Tad Gospodarek at 414-225-1598 or Amanda Garry at 414-225-1570 with any questions.



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MADISON GAY RUGBY DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE

Madison - Madison's first Gay Rugby Team had an amazing turnout for their first ever "Rugby 101" training session Saturday, March 10. Players from the Minneapolis Mayhem and the Chicago Dragons were greeted by 23 men from in and around Madison who were interested in learning and playing Rugby. The ages of interested players ranged from 18 to mid 40's and most had never played Rugby before.

The Chicago Dragons went through the basics of rugby for the first part of the information session. The second part had attendees practicing passing and tackling.

The Madison team currently has 50 people on their roster, men and women, who expressed interest in playing or supporting a Madison Gay Rugby team. Although all the players on the team are male, Madison Gay Rugby encourages any women who want to learn how to play the sport to come out and practice with the team.

"We are amazed at the huge support we have received from the LGBT community and from the Wisconsin Rugby Football Union, team

spokesman Shawn Neal told *Quest*. "We already have had people purchase practice Rugby balls, practice Jerseys, and other miscellaneous equipment for the team as well as offer to create a website for our team."

Neal compared the Madison team's success to their more well-established cohorts. "The Chicago Dragons had a recruitment rugby meeting the weekend before and had only 13 men show up, while Minneapolis's team started out with only 8 members," Neal said. "This is encouraging to the Madison team that there is many guys in and around Madison who want to play on a Gay Rugby team."

"What has really amazed us is the reception we have gotten from the Wisconsin Rugby Football Union," Neal added. "Not only have they invited us to practice with them, but they invited us to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were marching with the Wisconsin Men's and Women's Rugby teams as well as some of the high school rugby football clubs."

For more information on when and where

Madison Rugby is practicing, please contact Jeremy Holiday at: Jeremy.holiday@gmail.com or Shawn Neal at: sneal04@yahoo.com. According to Neal, the team's website should be available sometime in April. For more information on other International Gay Rugby teams, visit the International Gay Rugby Association and Board at www.IGRAB.net.

Brookfield - The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (WCCC) will present its Spring concert, "Everything Possible," Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 13001 W. North Avenue here. True to its mission to celebrate diversity, the WCCC will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a show unlike any that has gone before.

In addition to the group's April tradition of featuring artistic expression through the use of American Sign Language interpreters, the April 14 concert "Everything Possible" also will fea-

EXPECT "EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" FROM THE WISCONSIN CREAM CITY CHORUS

ture guest soloist and narrator Joel Kopischke, guest musical director J. Ruben Pirainen, alumni soloists and other singers from the community, and the Milwaukee premier of a unique and expansive choral work by Joseph Martin.

"Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle," the show's featured premiere, is based on Douglas Wood's beautiful and beloved children's book *Old Turtle*. Under the guest musical direction of J. Ruben Pirainen, a much respected talent in Milwaukee's musical theatre community, Joseph Martin's choral setting will come to life. The experience will be made even more rich by the addition of diverse individuals from the greater Milwaukee community who have been rehearsing with the WCCC since January, as well as a visual collage created by the WCCC's own interim Artistic Director Kristen L. Weber.

To make the chorus' 20th Anniversary concert all the more memorable, the WCCC has invited talented actor and singer Joel Kopischke to narrate "Song of Wisdom," commissioned and first performed by the Dallas-based Turtle Creek Chorale, and originally narrated by Marlo Thomas. Kopischke will also perform solos throughout the balance of the concert, including one chosen to honor the recipients of the WCCC's anniversary awards to the "20 Who Helped Make Everything Possible."

Tickets for the concert are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available through chorus members and other participants, or by calling 414-276-8787. Child, group and family rates are also available. Additional information about the event can be found online at www.creamcitychorus.org.

2007 MILWAUKEE PRIDE PARADE SET FOR JUNE 10

Milwaukee - The 2007 edition of Milwaukee Pride Parade has been set for Sunday, June 10 along 2nd Street, stepping off at 2 PM. The theme for this year's parade is "United for Equality."

The parade committee has been meeting regularly since January to plan the event. Committee leaders for this year's parade include President Frank Ptasienski, Vice-President Jim Melotte, Secretary Chip Wegner and Treasurer Brian Williams.

Parade organizers plan to reach out to the LGBT-supportive businesses, bars, restaurants,

clubs, and organizations that helped to make last year's in the city's history of pride marches. To raise the needed funds to pay for permits and insurance, the parade committee will again ask the gay and lesbian-friendly bars in the community to sell their one dollar bar flags to patrons.

"Fundraising is such an important part of this event and we cannot put it on without community support," Ptasienski told Quest.

In addition to financial assistance parade organizers are also seeking volunteers to help with additional advance coordination and day-

of-the-event assistance. "Volunteers are the core of what makes this event go and without you it just wouldn't be the same," Ptasienski said. "Last years volunteers did a great job and had a lot of fun doing it."

Also critical will be a variety of colorful floats and parade units. "Don't forget about the pride parade, start thinking about those floats and reserve June 10th on your schedule." Ptasienski said. For more info about this year's parade and how you can become involved, visit the parade website at: www.prideparademke.com. Volunteers and other parade supporters may also email Wegner at: weg2@wi.rr.com or Williams at: briankitkat@aol.com.

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Merry We Meet, Barbie

Dear Uncle Barbie,

What can gays and lesbians do to strengthen our community and become involved in making a more united G.L.B.T. society?

Signed, Gay in the Community

Dear Community Gay,

There are numerous ways to become positively involved in the G.L.B.T. community (which in turn can strengthen society). You could join a gay support group, political organization, committee, or social club. I know from personal experience that there are plenty of committees out there that need volunteers. Most G.L.B.T. organizations are continually looking for new volunteers to bring fresh energy into their groups. I am sure that any group would be happy to have you. The question is, "What group do you want to join?"

I recommend that you first discover within yourself what social activities bring you the most sense of satisfaction. Pick an organization that enhances your life. The last thing you want to do is find yourself stuck in a group where you feel that you do not fit in. It needs to be a good match. So decide what is enjoyable for you, and hookup with a fun group. In fact, this is a good time of year to start looking because there are plenty of groups forming in the springtime. Hey, it is May and time to have fun!

Let me take this topic in a new direction for a moment to describe just one, possible springtime activity that you could engage in—if you so choose. During this time of year, people from

every culture around the world celebrate the coming of May. These ancient rites of spring have many names (such as Mayday and Beltane to name a few). One of the most symbolic and sexually suggestive spring traditions is the Maypole ritual. Today, Pagans and Christians alike erect the Maypole and dance the fertility dance. In ancient times, however our ancestors used the Maypole as a phallic symbol that was gaily penetrated into the Earth as an act of copulation. This was done to simulate the fertilization of the Mother Earth Goddess and to assure a fruitful harvest for the coming fall season.

In those days, the virgins of the village (some wearing decorative masks) would joyfully dance around the Maypole as they wove the brightly colored ribbons around it. Afterwards, the whole community would gather around a huge bonfire, feast on the delicious food while celebrate into the evening and make love all night long. In modern times, men, women and children still celebrate this ancient and playful rite of spring that not only reminds us of our bond to Mother Earth, but also reminds us of our connection to each other as a society. The end result is that the community is strengthened and more united.

So there you have it! Perhaps you could organize a springtime fertility celebration of your own creation. That would certainly be enough to cause the G.L.B.T. community to come together—if you know what I mean.

And to the Republic For Witches Dance, Barbie



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Dear Barbie,

I'm attracted to a really good friend. Should I confess or keep quiet, so I won't risk alienating him? —Unsigned

Hello Unsigned,

Open communication is usually the best. If he is as good of a friend as you say, then the relationship will withstand just about anything. If not, then the friendship was not that strong in the first place. Any healthy relationship is able to deal with honesty. Go ahead and tell him how you feel, and see how he reacts. You could drive yourself crazy by keeping your feelings all bottled up inside. There is no such thing as the "perfect moment." Just do it.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way, Barbie

Dear Barbie,

Why do the lesbians in this town have such attitudes—very strange? I always thought lesbianism meant women who love women. —Signed, Vi

Hello Vi,

Lesbianism means different things to different people. The term "lesbian" has no intrinsic meaning by itself. The meaning comes when you give it significance by attaching value to the word. It is important to remember that not all the lesbians in this area are alike. Try a different social group, organization, new friends, or fresh environment. Keep looking girl.

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COWBOY JUNCTION

by Glenn Bishop

Sometimes you just have to believe in fate. You just have to. It must be fate, after all, when a DVD like "Cowboy Junction" somehow lands atop a steep stack of gay DVDs for Glenn to review.

"Cowboy Junction" is a steamy, really rather old fashioned melodrama about a married man, known merely as "The Husband," (Gregory Christian, also the screenwriter, director and executive producer) who drives off into the desert where a whole bunch of hot cowboy hustlers hang out. How's that again? Yup, in the middle of the desert a gang of hot cowboy hustlers hangout, just waiting for closeted married suburban types to drive up.

Hottest of all of the hot cowboy hustlers is "The Cowboy" played by newcomer James Michael Bobby. Move over "Brokeback," Bobby's Cowboy is a gay cinephile's wet dream. Handsome and quite frankly drop-dead adorable, he is soft-spoken and yet perpetually horny. Bobby's Cowboy is a fantasy incarnate for Christian's wayward suburban Husband who can't believe his good fortune when Bobby's Cowboy answers his call. Their sex is merely suggested but totally H.O.T.

All Glenn will say is that Cowboy does possess one big gun.

But The Husband isn't satisfied with merely one sizzling quickie — nor would Glenn, truth be told. Our tough but tender hustler is truly one lonesome cowboy and he jumps chance of being taken home. He believes it is fate.



Er, um... well, sure. Fate.

Like most libido-driven fantasies, however, this one is unlikely to survive the reality of The Husband's dreary suburban existence with his hideously decorated home and sexually unfulfilled wife (Elyse Mirto, who copes bravely in an outrageously thankless role).

Hubby presents the toothsome Cowboy as the family's new live-in handyman and only the most clueless of wives would miss the irony of the young stud's job description. Yet The Wife gamely keeps up appearances, shamelessly hoping to seduce the shirtless, sweaty stallion at the first possible opportunity — as soon as hubby leaves for work the next day. In the film's one genuinely if perversely humorous moment, Cowboy politely informs her, "I'm into Cowboys, not Cowgirls."

So Bobby's Cowboy remains shirtless and sweaty and gorgeous, by day chopping wood, by night tossing and turning in troubled sleep. Clearly there's more to Cowboy than just a phenomenally handsome façade...

Having set up his romantic triangle, Christian's screenplay progresses much as one would expect. The Cowboy-crazed Husband can't keep his mind (not to mention his hands) off The Cowboy.

All the while his poor Wife is driven slowly mad by his indif-

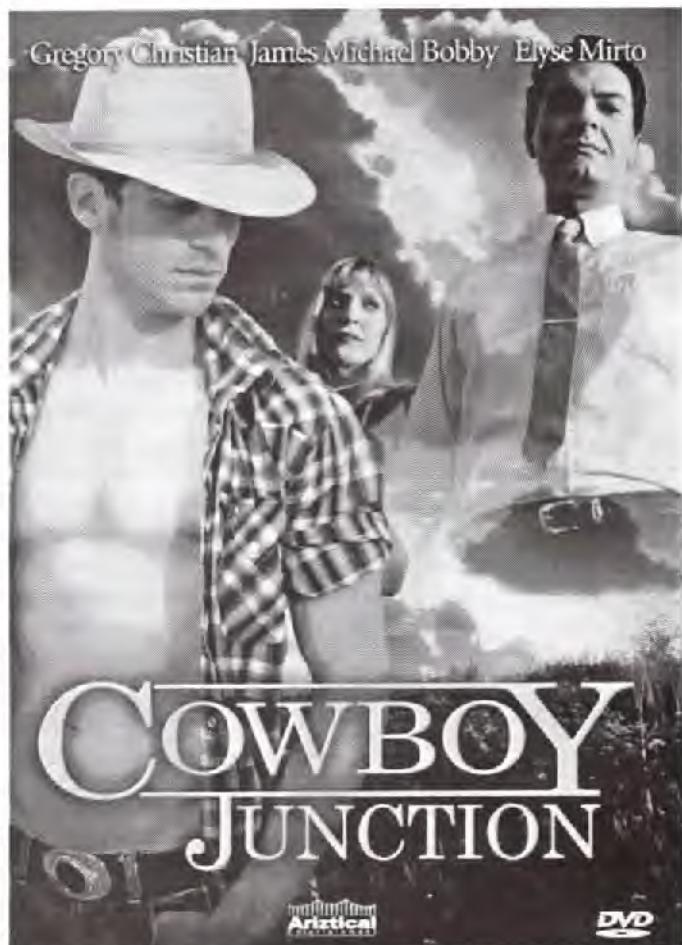
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Despite its often ludicrous plot, ridiculous dialogue and cheesy set, "Cowboy Junction" manages to be absolutely compulsively watchable. Why? Quite simply for one reason and one reason alone: the incandescent presence of hot young actor James Michael Bobby. Glenn is certain that this charming, seductive "Cowboy" will have seduced loyal *Quest* readers just as quickly as Glenn found himself seduced, eager to scamper to the nearest computer to surf cyberspace for any tidbits of information or better yet, scandalous photos of the young actor.

Just the facts...

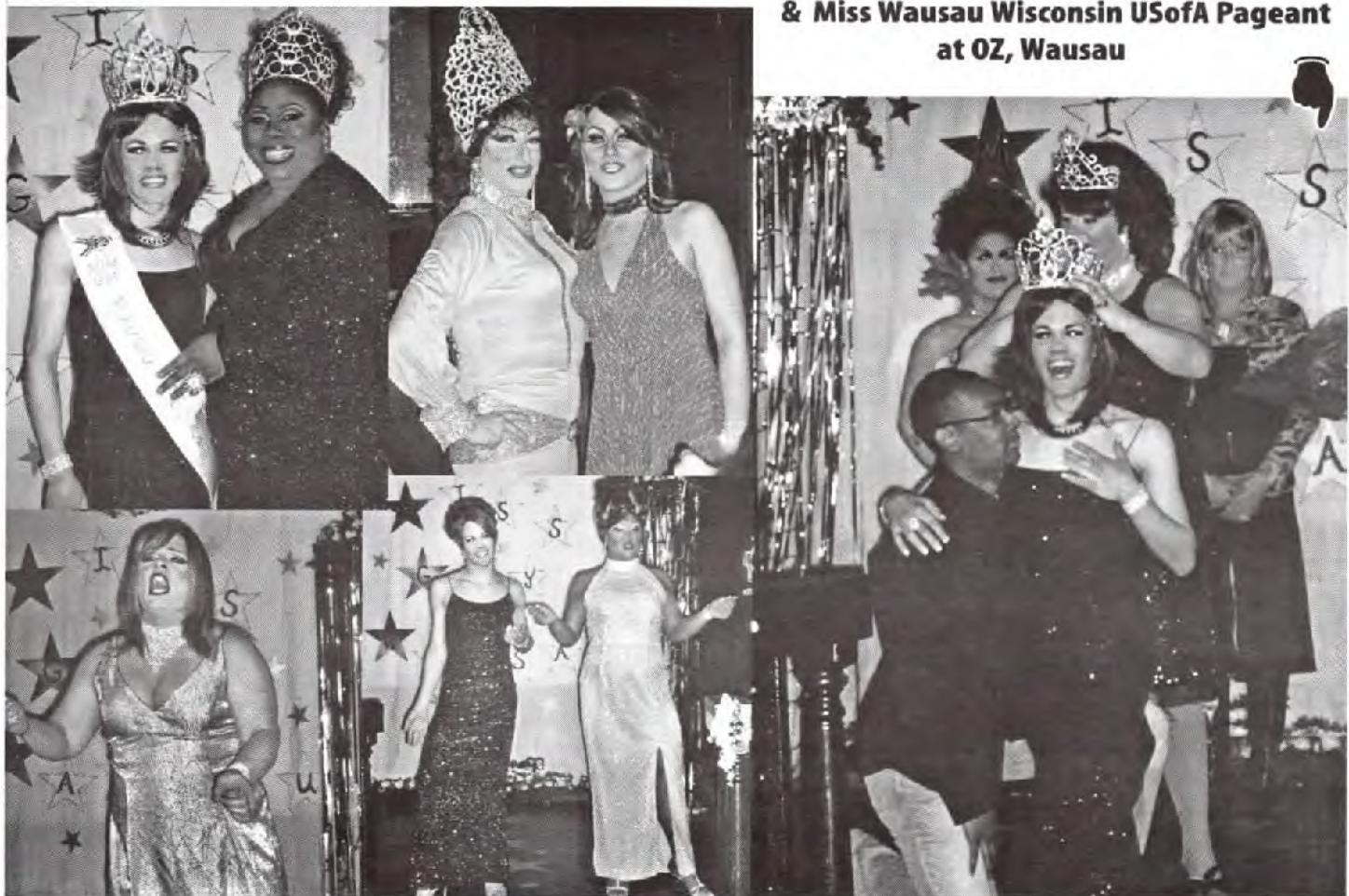
"Cowboy Junction" zips along at approx. 80 minutes and is in English. All about "Cowboy Junction" at www.cowboyjunctionmovie.com DVD includes standard extras: Deleted scenes, Film with Story Boards.

ference on one hand and the notion of the sexy yet unobtainable young man on the other. Frustrated beyond endurance and fueled by drugs and alcohol, The Wife begins to plot and scheme. Learning the all important "Secret," the Wife manages to bring this improbable ménage a trois to a final, equally improbable finale.





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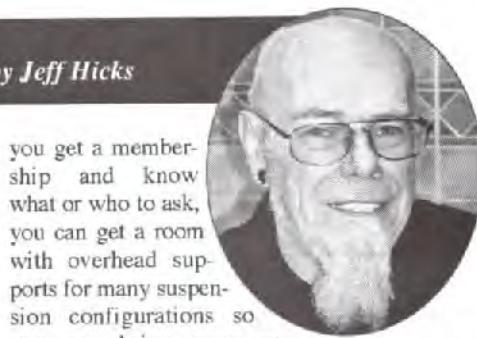
WHAT DO WE HAVE IN WISCONSIN.

In spite of recent discussions about what is happening in Wis. versus what is happening in Chi. Town or elsewhere, I am going to do some comparisons.

We all know that much of Florida is a rather active gay community and that the Leather scene is around much of that state. I was recently in Tampa for a week. During that time my time was occupied with daily family activities. I didn't even get to one of the bars. I did however have an afternoon available to get to the "club Baths". I called ahead to see what I.D. they would need for entry. It was simple: photo I.D., and an active Midtown membership would indicate that I was alright. Then I asked if they had a steam room. That was not functioning, and had not been for some time. Sauna? Don't have one. Whirlpool? Never had one. Workout space with basic equipment? NO! Locked! Can't afford insurance. Question: Any Leather or fetish activity or space? Answer: Huh, What? My only comment, "Never-mind" ... I did stop en route in Atlanta but only long enough to check into a dorm room at the Hostel and walk two blocks to the Eagle.

Now for Wisconsin.

We have several Leather bars in the state. Green Bay, Madison, & Milw. But we also have a rather good Baths in Milwaukee. They do have a Steam room. They do have a Sauna. They do have a whirlpool, (With occasional repairs 'and it is outdoors'). And a decent workout area. There are about 15 or 20 regular customers who use the 'gym' and health facilities without using the "play areas". Then there is the frosting on the cake. If



you get a membership and know what or who to ask, you can get a room with overhead supports for many suspension configurations so you can bring your own "toys". You don't have to carry on like a fool just because you are there. And if you want to play at any game, The facility is there to provide a space to do so. I find it remarkable that a Major City in a warm climate, vacation / pleasure state, can't even keep up with Wisconsin in special facilities for our community. P.S. There are some private Dungeons in Wis. but you will have to find those on your own.

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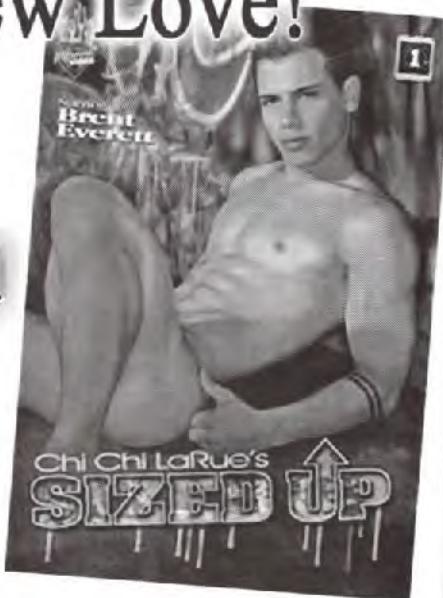
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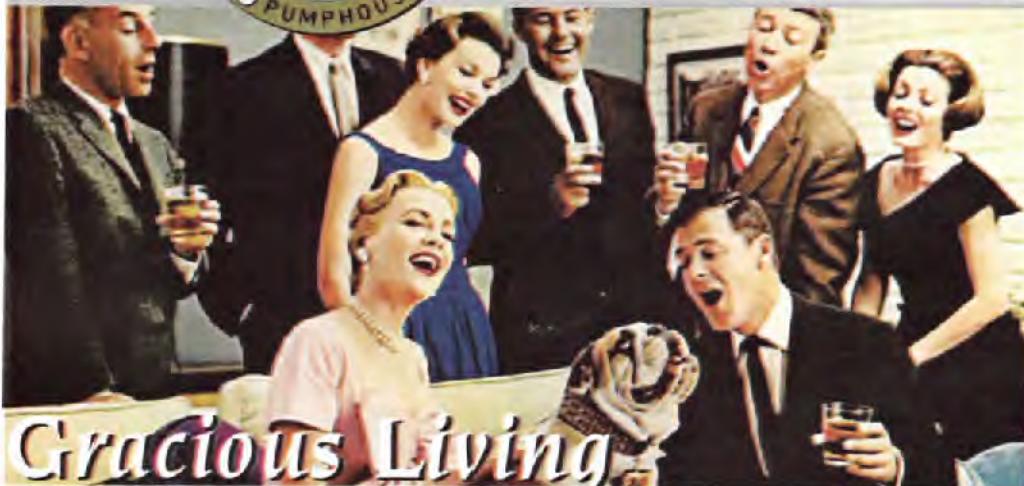
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