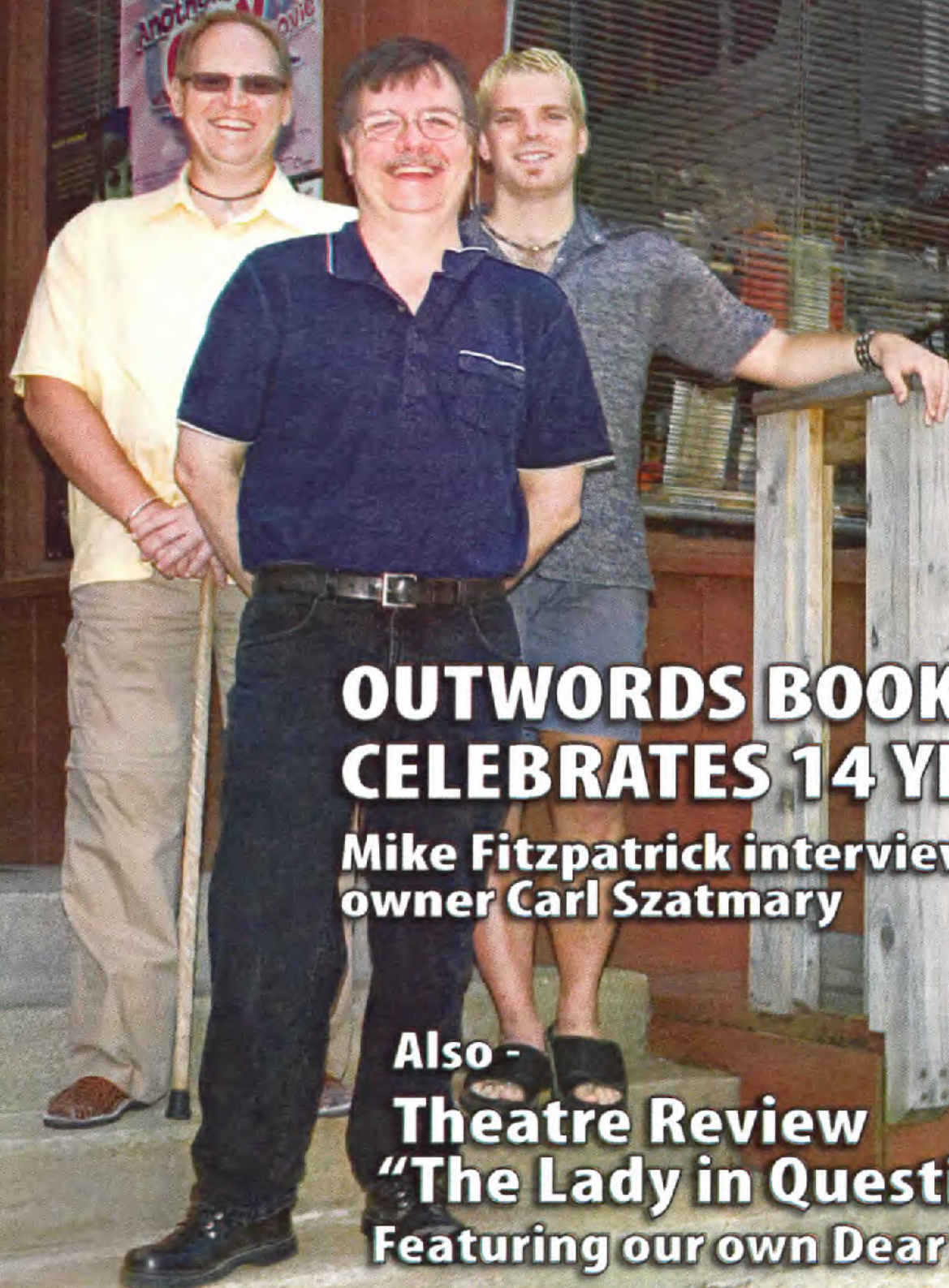


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# DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS UNCERTAIN AS BUDGET DELIBERATIONS BEGIN

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Madison** - July 1 marked the beginning of Wisconsin's fiscal biennium, the day the state supposedly began spending tax dollars based on a mutually-agreed upon budget, passed by both houses of the state legislature, then reviewed and signed by the governor.

Not this year. On July 24, the bipartisan conference committee - as of *Quest's* deadline - is expected to begin its first serious deliberations in reconciling the two widely differing versions of the budget passed by the Republican-controlled Assembly and the Democrat-controlled Senate earlier this summer. It has been six years since it took this amount of time to reach agreement. However, given the partisan sniping that has taken place since the Assembly passed its version on July 10, it appears likely that 2007 will mark the fifth time in the last forty years that actual passage of a state budget will compete with the falling of the last leaves of autumn in the Badger State.

The arduous task of finding compromise has been left to a conference committee consisting of Senate Majority Leader Judy Robson, Assembly Minority Leader Jim Kreuser, Senators Russ Decker and Bob Jauch for the Democrats and Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch, Senate Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Representatives Kitty Rhoades and Jeff Fitzgerald for the Republicans. The Fitzgeralds are brothers.

At stake for the state's LGBT community: the possibility of domestic partner benefits for University of Wisconsin and other state employees and the inclusion of low-income unmarried singles in the state's BadgerCare medical assistance program. Both were included in the Senate version of the budget; neither were in the Assembly bill.

In a July 17 action alert entitled "This Is It," Fair Wisconsin Executive Director Eva Schiffrin thanked supporters for the "over 10,000 emails

(sent) in an attempt to convince every legislator in the capitol of the importance of fairness for our families." Schiffrin also requested another email reply that would "send a message to all eight members of the Conference Committee urging them to include domestic partner benefits in the final version of the budget." Fair Wisconsin reportedly hoped to have over 20,000 in Conference Committee members' hands by the start of the deliberations. Given the subdued general interest in the budget process and the summer season, generation of numbers in that amount would be considered a success for any group regardless of its political viewpoint.

The outcome for either the inclusion of domestic partner benefits or BadgerCare expansion is anyone's guess.

Senate Republican election of Scott Fitzgerald as their minority leader and sole seat on the Conference Committee certainly does not bode well for either proposal. In addition to being the lead co-sponsor of the constitutional amendment to ban legal recognition of all unmarried couples, regardless of sexual orientation passed last November, Fitzgerald has a long history of sponsoring anti-gay legislation and complaining about any perceived "promotion of homosexuality" by state-run agencies. Fitzgerald's most notorious headline grabs were a now decade-old complaint about the cost-free inclusion of the viewer-supported "In The Life" on the Wisconsin Public Television network schedule and the filing of a police report against his own country party chair for openly opposing the senator on one of his anti-gay bills.

Favoring the inclusion of the domestic partner benefit pro-

posal is the pragmatic reality that the UW system is the only school in the Big Ten without such benefits, causing the school to lose far more in grants obtained by professors in unmarried relationships than inclusion of such a domestic partner benefit package would cost.

UW Chancellor John Wiley laid out the argument in his remarks following the Assembly passage of a budget that not only failed to include DP benefits but actually cut overall funding for the University system: "We want the university to continue as an economic engine for the state, as well as a key contributor to teaching and research, agriculture, health care and quality of life," Wiley wrote. "Instead, the Assembly budget dismantles it to satisfy party politics and eliminate personal pet

peevs. It micromanages and seeks to dictate, to the letter, which academic programs can continue, which administrative positions can exist, whether students can live on campus and whether students can remodel their student unions using student dollars."

"The proposal leaves out domestic partner health benefits, however, which remain equally necessary to our retention efforts," Wiley continued. "Even where faltering support is offered, this budget effectively pulls the rug out."

The polarizing, partisan nature of the domestic partner benefits issue suggests, however, that it may be weeks before the committee tackles that budget provision. The delay may work in the proposal's favor, some strategists think. Though state GOP rhetoric to date has used the lopsided vote in favor of the so-called marriage amendment as proof the public is on the Republican's side on this issue, the national eclipse of GOP power over larger issues such as the Iraq war plus the perceived vulnerability of the GOP's five seat Assembly majority in the 2008 general election might cause Republican legislators to cave at least partially on the benefits' inclusion in the final budget compromise.



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# HYPOCRITES ON PARADE: GOP LEGISLATORS CAUGHT WITH THEIR PANTS DOWN

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Washington, D.C. - Family values voters have been shocked to find their concerns have been betrayed yet again by two more members of the Republican Party. Less than a year after the Mark Foley was caught stalking Congressional pages online and off and top evangelical preacher Ted Haggard was revealed as a meth-using, gay-sex loving fraud, one leading voice against same sex marriage has been revealed as a whoremonger while a Southern politico has been caught adding blow jobs his "people's business" to-do list.

Louisiana GOP Senator David Vitter's name has been on many lists over the years: as a sponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment that would ban same-sex unions, numerous bills opposing abortion, a top opponent to the recently-thwarted compromise immigration bill and most notably as the Southern campaign chair for to GOP Presidential contender Rudy Giuliani. But when his name showed up on a list of clients of one Deborah Jeane Palfrey, the so-called D.C. Madam, accused of running a prostitution ring here, eyebrows skyrocketed in astonishment.

Days later it was revealed that among the "holier than thou" Senator's sins were a series of brothel visits in his home state. Social Director of the high priced whorehouse Jeanette Maier, called Vitter "one of the nicest and most honorable men I've ever met" as she confessed his peccadillos to a local New Orleans TV station. One of the call girls who serviced Vitter also came forward to share secrets about the Senator's diaper fetish, and his nickname among her coworkers: "Vitter the Shitter."

Vitter's long history of long-winded protestations of moral purity now sit squarely opposed to the revelations of his seamy personal life. In full contrition mode July 16, the Senator stood behind his wife Wendy Vitter, as she addressed a news conference in Metairie, LA. Wendy Vitter promised in effect to "stand by her man," saying "David is my best friend. Some people said to me they wouldn't want to be in my shoes. I stand before you to say I am proud to be Wendy Vitter." She also confided that she had forgiven him of his sins.

She may be in the minority. On July 19 Fox

News pundit Sean Hannity appeared to be calling on Vitter to resign. "I think Senator Vitter should probably live by the line that he put out for Bill Clinton back in the Monica Lewinsky scandal," when Vitter called Clinton morally unfit to govern," Hannity said.

An unrepentant Vitter subsequently accused enemies of dredging up the scandal to hurt him, while vowing to return to work in Washington. Vitter gave no hint that he might take Hannity's counsel and might resign the office he won in 2004.

Meanwhile in Florida, 48 year-old Republican State Representative Bob Allen, charged in a July 11 incident with offering to perform oral sex for \$20 on an undercover male police officer claimed that he planned to defend himself in court and said he would not resign from office. Allen's day in court will be August 23.

Allen, also a co-chair of Republican presidential candidate John McCain's campaign in the Sunshine State, told reporters at a July 12 news conference that "I am not resigning my office because the people elected me and want me to do a good job. I am going to do a good job for them in finishing this term."

The Veteran's Memorial Park in Titusville had been under surveillance when Allen was seen coming in and out of a restroom three times, according to police Lieutenant Todd Hutchinson. Allen then approached an undercover officer and was arrested.

According to the arrest report undercover officer D. Kavanaugh was drying his hands using paper found in the park toilet's handicapped stall. "I observed Allen look over the stall and make eye contact with me," Kavanaugh wrote. After two more eye contact episodes and a brief "hey buddy" verbal exchange "Allen pushed open the door on my stall and closed it behind him and stood against it... Allen engaged me in conversation in which it was agreed that he would pay me \$20 in order to perform a 'blow job' on me."

Allen was charged with solicitation for prostitution, which has a maximum penalty of one year in jail. Brevard County jail officials said Allen posted a \$500 bond.

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quest news update

## QNU Quickies: Recent Stories Of Note

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Here in no particular order is Quest's take on stories of gay interest since the last issue. A friendly reminder that breaking news is updated daily on the QNU: Quest News Update site online. Visit us at: [www.quest-online.com](http://www.quest-online.com).

## Gays Want Robo-Toilet Mayor To Quit:

Gay and lesbian residents in Fort Lauderdale want Mayor Jim Naugle to resign because of his handling of his proposal to install automated public toilets that he claims would "deter homosexual activities." "Flush Naugle" campaign spokesgay Wayman Hudson and other members of his group said the mayor's recently published comments about the gay community are an example of his homophobia and bigotry. Naugle also went ballistic when he learned the Stonewall gay and lesbian book archive was to be housed on city property. Hope he doesn't crap his pants over the library like neighboring GOP puritan David Vitter, or get caught in one of his robo-toilet doors opening with fellow Floridian Bob Allen.

## Guerrilla Gay Bar Socializing Activists:

A Los Angeles-based group calling itself Guerrilla Gay Bar recently took over Venice Beach one recent Saturday. The gay male group looks to crash straight hangouts with the intent of turning them predominantly gay for a moment in time using the "flash mob" internet and cell phone networking scenario publicized in recent years. The group typically takes over trendy straight watering holes in an effort desensitize both gays and straights of their fears of mingling with the other. It certainly brings a whole new meaning to cocktail hour.

## McCain Blames Fast Fading Campaign On - Gay Sweaters:

He's back Bush and the Iraq War. He supported the recent compromise immigration bill hated by the GOP's neocon base. He can't raise the flag, not to mention big campaign bucks and his staffers are quitting faster than a drag queen can

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lip-synch "Rapper's Delight." But why is his campaign really imploding? Poor fashion choices. McCain reportedly has screamed at staffers asking him to don the "perceived homosexual outerwear" in order to look younger and more approachable. A little more straight talk and a little less straight panic please, John.

### Casper Says "No" To Westboro Wacko's Monument Plan:

**The Casper, Wyoming city fathers have told uber-bigot preacher Fred Phelps he cannot erect a monument advising citizens that Matthew Shepard is eternally burning in Hell for his homosexual sins because the "tribute" would be a representation to the 77-year old Westboro Baptist Church leader's personal beliefs and unfit for the town's new monument plaza. Fred's response: "The end is coming, and it will be cataclysmic. I don't expect to save Casper." Well, at 77 your end is coming, Fred. And the world will share a collective sigh of relief.**

### HIV+ G.I.'s Bareback Leads To Assault Charges:

**Pfc. Johnny Lamar Dalton, an HIV+ Raleigh, N.C. soldier has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon after he had unprotected sex with a partner he didn't tell about the infection. Dalton's 18 year-old civilian male partner subsequently became ill and tested positive for the virus. Dalton will not be discharged from the service because he followed the "don't ask, don't tell" policy with his military superiors to the letter. Lost in the story is the unspoken lesson to all gay young men: Playing "don't ask, don't tell" in your sex life can be deadly.**

## GAY WAUWATOSA MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD SEX CRIME

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Waukesha -** A Wauwatosa contractor with a long history of involvement in the Milwaukee LGBT community has been charged with using a computer to facilitate a sex crime with a minor. David Bodoh, 42, was charged July 13 in Waukesha Circuit Court and was released following the posting of \$5000 of a \$25000 signature bond.

Under the terms of his bond, Bodoh cannot have contact with anyone under the age of 18, access the Internet or possess any device that permits him to access the world wide web. An August 9 preliminary hearing was set at a subsequent court appearance on July 18.

Bodoh's criminal complaint alleges that beginning last January he had met a 14 year-old Oconomowoc youth in an online chat room. Bodoh claimed he was 21 years old and exchanged a series of explicit emails that included naked photos.

The young man's mother discovered the correspondence and alerted police. Arrangements were made for a state agent to pose as the teen. Last month the agent, posing as the youth, made contact with Bodoh through a gay website. Bodoh report-



**David Bodoh**

edly agreed to meet with the agent at the Brookfield Square mall on July 12. The complaint claims that Bodoh promised to give the agent/"boy" the "ride of his life."

Bodoh was subsequently arrested by Brookfield police at the mall. Bodoh allegedly told the police he had planned to do nothing

more than take the boy to get something to eat.

Bodoh is the owner of the Red Tail Construction firm in Wauwatosa. He has been active for many years in both Native American and LGBT community organizations. He was involved in the currently inactive Two Spirit Society and was vocal in advocating for Wauwatosa East High School to discontinue using Native American images with the school's Red Raiders mascot.

Though mainstream media reports played up his association with PrideFest, Bodoh has a long history of doing volunteer work for LGBT community groups. Bodoh has been involved as a volunteer with the LGBT Community Center, the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center and the above mentioned Two Spirit Society in addition to his most recent volunteer work as part of the gay festival's production team.



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Following his arrest, Bodoh offered to withdraw from any further involvement with PrideFest and the resignation was accepted, organizers told *Quest*. PrideFest chair Scott Gunkel issued the following statement: "PrideFest cannot comment on the allegations against volunteer David Bodoh because they are a legal and a personal matter. Mr. Bodoh had been a volunteer on the festival's production team, but he resigned from his position earlier this week. PrideFest reaffirms its ongoing commitment to creating a safe space for all people, and in particular youth. There is nothing more important to us than to ensure the safety of our patrons and all members of the community."

Other LGBT community leaders in southeast Wisconsin also expressed both their dismay over Bodoh's arrest and their concern over sensationalized media coverage. "I hope this doesn't get blown out of proportion," Cream City Executive Director Maria Cardenas told *Quest*.

The use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime is a class C Felony under Wisconsin statute. If convicted, Bodoh faces lifelong consequences for his act, including a possible maximum penalty of 25 years in prison, 15 years of extended supervision and \$100,000 in fines. He also may

be required to register as a sex offender.

A *Quest* review of Bodoh's circuit court record shows that the current charge is his first felony offense. Bodoh was previously arrested for speeding and several minor traffic violations. He also has several small claims proceedings on his record, primarily related to his business work.

The use of computers for allegedly predatory purposes has become a closely-watched phenomenon both in Wisconsin and nationally in recent years. Earlier this year a male Door County elected official was charged with enticing a teen-aged girl for a sexual encounter through a computer chat room-social networking website "sting" operation similar to the one used in the Bodoh case.

The NBC *Dateline* news magazine program regularly airs its "To Catch A Predator" series in conjunction with the online watchdog group Perverted Justice. Milwaukee's WTMJ-TV was the first news media in the country to conduct a sting operation in cooperation with Perverted Justice. Media and social justice critics have questioned the Perverted Justice group's tactics, noting their methodology might - in some cases - be considered entrapment, and that the group's deal with NBC adds a monetary motivation to their work.

## PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON SUPPORT FOR LGBT ELDERS

**La Crosse** - The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse will offer a program that will explore the unique concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered elders as they age. Using the landmark study, "Out and Aging," individuals will examine the relationship, caregiving, financial, housing and end-of-life issues that are specific to LGBT elders.

According to the Out and Aging report, "Twenty-seven percent of LGBT people report great concern about discrimination as they age, and less than half expressed strong confidence that they will be treated with 'dignity and respect' by healthcare professionals."

The program will assist LGBT people in identifying resources and strategies for their aging journey. The program will take place at UW-La Crosse on October 12, from 9 AM-1 PM. For more information call 608-785-6509.

## MILWAUKEE LGBT FILM FEST RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

**Milwaukee** - The Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival will return for its 20th edition September 6 - 16 at the Oriental and the UWM Union Theatres. A community event and a film festival for all, the Festival will once again uncork an international array of the finest in films and videos by, about, and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities.

The Festival will open Thursday, September 6 at the Oriental Theatre with the local premiere of "Nina's Heavenly Delights," from director Pratibha Parmar. Taking a cue from Bollywood cinema, director Parmar serves up a savory combination of lesbian romance, family melodrama, cooking show competitions, ghost story, and a musical number or two. It is a most pleasurable and tasty mix, deftly prepared into a most satisfying frolic.

New this year, the Festival will return to the Oriental for its Centerpiece screening on Wednesday, September 12 when they will be presenting the new film from French filmmaker André Téchiné (director of, among others, "Wild Reeds.") His new film "The Witnesses" tells of the entanglements of four Parisians in 1984 at the outbreak of the AIDS crisis.

The festival's closing weekend will feature two great comedies: the buoyant, sexy, world-changing "Itty Bitty Titty Committee," a new film from Jamie Babbit, the director of "But I'm a Cheerleader," who here shares the first riot grrl romantic comedy in her tale of a radical feminist cell (called the "C.I.A." but the "c" doesn't stand for "Central") that is almost undone when distracted by internal romance. Also scheduled is the quite witty French comedy "Times Have Been Better," from director Régis Musset, that reflects the coming out comedy into a portrait of liberal parents who comically come undone when their son comes out to them.

Other highlights of this year's festival will include: "For the Bible Tells Me So" - Donald Karslake's powerful documentary shares the experiences of five Christian families, documenting the very moving stories of how they handled the realization of having a gay or lesbian child. This provocative documentary works to offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. spreading the word! (Thursday, September 13)

"The Bubble" - The devastating new film from Israeli director Eytan Fox is a heart-rending mapping of the conflicts in the today's Israel as revealed through the antics and loves of a group of Tel Aviv twentysomethings, stumbling in love, preoccupied with gossip and parties, and grasping at political activism. At the center of things is the charged romance between Noam,

a record store clerk still doing his military service, and Ashraf, a Palestinian who sneaks across the border to escape political strife and familial pressures.

"Red without Blue" - An honest portrayal of a family in turmoil, "Red Without Blue" follows a pair of identical twins, one gay, the other transitioning from male to female. Captured over a period of three years, the film documents the twins and their parents, examining the Farley's struggle to redefine their family. (Winner, Juried Documentary Award, 2007 San Francisco LGBT Film Festival).

Also planned are repertory screenings of films by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Chantal Akerman, Jean Genet, and Lizzie Borden.

The Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival is presented by the Film Department in UWM's Peck School of the Arts, with major support from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Johnson & Pabst LGBT Humanity Fund, the Cream City Foundation and its Joseph Pabst LGBT Infrastructure Fund, UWM Union Programming, the UWM LGBT Resource Center, and many generous individuals. For more information about the festival, check out the website at: <http://arts.uwm.edu/lgbtfilm>

## ANGELS OF HOPE TO HOLD SUMMER PICNIC

**Green Bay** - The Angels of Hope MCC will hold its annual church picnic Saturday, August 4 at the Brown County Park in Wrightstown. The park is located on Washington St. (County Trunk ZZ) in Wrightstown and has been the site of the event for several years.

Angels of Hope will provide hamburgers and brats, buns, paper plates, plastic tablecloths, napkins, plastic cutlery and soda for the event. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass such as a salad, dessert, chips, fresh fruit or vegetables. Everyone is also asked to bring lawn chairs.

Other area LGBT and supportive organizations have been invited to attend, among which are Positive Voice and the Fox Cities chapter of PFLAG. For more information about the picnic, email Bruce at: [bavanis@ez-net.com](mailto:bavanis@ez-net.com).

## 7 RIVERS LGBT CENTER TO HOLD GARAGE SALE

**LaCrosse** - The 7 Rivers LGBT Community Center will hold its annual community "garage sale" Friday, August 3 and Saturday August 4 from 8 AM to 4:00 PM. at 3215 East Fairchild St. here. Proceeds from the ale will benefit the resource center.

The center will accept donations to the sale at the site on Saturday, July 28 from Noon to 4 PM. Monday, July 30 from 10 AM to 7 PM and Wednesday, August 1 from 10-7. Call the Resource Center at 608-784-0452 for more information or to arrange a pick up of donated items.



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**Milwaukee** - Co-owner Carl Szatmary will be the first to admit that his Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee is a rare species in the United States: an independently-owned bookstore focusing on LGBT titles of books, magazines, cards and video. "There are increasingly dwindling numbers - oxymoronically speaking - of gay and lesbian bookstores in the country," Szatmary told *Quest* in a recent interview. "We're a dying breed."

However Szatmary and his "silent partner" Barb Diaz have several things working in their favor as the bookstore and coffee bar enters its fifteenth year of operation. "The store opened on July 9, 1993," Szatmary noted. "We're (in our fifteenth year) by about two weeks with fifty more to go."

Customer support, a website, book groups and a customer rewards program keep Outwords afloat in a retail river dominated by the likes of Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. "We're obviously dependent on our local customer base," Szatmary said. "We do have a web presence at [www.outwordsbooks.com](http://www.outwordsbooks.com), but we're really dependent on people in the community who value a community business, who appreciate our array of products, (and) who enjoy the customer service that a small, local bookstore can provide."

"We also offer ourselves as a community meeting place (and) information point," he added. "People who are not 'bar people' will come in to pick up the free publications such as *Quest* and *Outbound*, and also to see what flyers are up for community events."

Szatmary went on to list in detail the more than a dozen different free community publications that Outwords carries.

"We also have our Outwords GayCard,

which is our cleverly titled rewards program," Szatmary continued. "(The card) offers discounts on purchases. You also get special sales throughout the year, get our newsletter sent, etc. The people who sign up for the GayCard want to support the store and they're regular customers. And

a very social way of enjoying reading, enjoying books - knowing that you'll have someone to discuss it with.

Reading material is the "bread and butter" of Outwords business. "Our core customer base are coming in looking for books," Szatmary said. "We're sort of an anomaly in an increas-

ingly specialized world. We are and LGBT store. Many of the gay book stores focus gay men's titles, while women's-slash-feminist bookstores have taken care

of the lesbian business. But (Outwords) does a much better job with supplying new lesbian titles. We also carry women's music - women's CDs, DVDs - plus magazines, greeting cards. We also carry transgender titles."

Szatmary pointed out that merchandise lines Outwords carries "has expanded greatly since we opened." "In 1993 we had books, magazines and a few cards," he said. "And now we have music CDs, DVD's - we have lots of magazines, lots of cards, books of course, candles, rainbow pride items, stickers etc."

DVDs especially have become a large part of Outwords sales. "We're now in a 'buy DVD' mode, and that's the general population - not just the gay population," Szatmary said. "If we don't get to see the movie when its at the film festival, we know its going to be on DVD. Gay DVDs are certainly a major draw for most of our customers."

However, mainstream gay-themed hits don't always translate into big sales for Outwords. "Last year 'Brokeback Mountain' wasn't a hit for us," Szatmary noted. "Major retailers were selling it at below what was my wholesale price. We had to carry it of course, but we sell many

## Outwords: Fifteen Years Of Playing 'Buy The Book'

Interview by Mike Fitzpatrick



we certainly can use more of those!"

"We do have two regular monthly reading groups that have attracted increasing numbers of folks," Szatmary went on. "It ends up being

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more copies of films like 'Eating Out: Sloppy Seconds' or 'Not Another Gay Comedy' than we do of the gay hits released by major studios."

For those outside of the Milwaukee area, much of the store's inventory is also available on the Outwards website. "We try to put on our website a variety of what we sell so that people get a good idea of what's new in terms of books, in terms of movies," Szatmary noted. "But it is limited somewhat. Right now our website only accepts PayPal, though that is an increasingly universal payment system (on the web)."

Credit card purchases can be conducted over the phone for any item advertised on the website. "Phone orders are definitely the easiest way to order from us," Szatmary said. "Customer service through a phone order offers better care than anything available online generally."

Outwards does not maintain a toll-free order number because of changes in phone usage patterns. "Nowadays with cell phones, toll-free numbers have become increasingly useless," Szatmary said.

Many younger members of the LGBT community may not be aware that Outwards did not begin life with that moniker. "It was originally called Afterwords Book Store & Espresso Bar," Szatmary said. "When we went online with [www.afterwords.com](http://www.afterwords.com), (D.C.-based Kramer Books, trademark holder of the '& Afterwords' name) sent their legal force after us. They previously had been involved with Monica Lewinsky's defense. I didn't think our humble little store would be able to compete with that sort of legal team."

The name change took place in 2001. "Changing the name of a business is always a precarious thing," Szatmary admitted. "You have a name recognition and people who look for you - we'd been in business for a number of years. So you do have to spend money, time and resources to educate your customers to look for the new name."

Outwards has maintained its east side

location for its entire history, electing originally not to locate what now is known as the Historic Third Ward, the site of many current gay-friendly venues. "A major concern in 1993 was still safety," Szatmary pointed out. "We're were never going to have a large staff. There was no Walker's Point sort of retail-residential community. The Third Ward was hardly as developed... there were the gay bars and a lot of warehouses."

Customer loyalty brings people to Outwards, but the gay community's overall move into mainstream society may be the greatest challenge facing Outwards' future. "People the community don't necessarily feel as they did certainly 20 year ago, or ten years ago, that it is important to support local business," Szatmary said. "I just remember M & M's closing about a year and a half ago. People were saying, 'Oh it's so sad, its so tragic.' I'd say 'Oh, you're a regular there?' and they'd reply 'Oh, we used to go there quite a bit.' Well- hello - listen to what you're saying. People are always upset when they know its going (out of business), but don't always think it's worth supporting and making the effort to support (while its open)."

And Outwards is appreciative of that core loyalty. "Everyone at Outwards certainly appreciates all the great customers we have and look forward to being around for the future - another fifteen years."

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**The ROOM (Milwaukee)** 3 Year Anniversary Party Food & Drink Specials

**Friday, July 27**

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** Gallery Night 6-9pm featuring "points of (dis)location" works by Carrie Hoelzer and Susan Retzer. A collaboration of musings and aphorism in space.

**Saturday, July 28**

**ICON (Kenosha)** Mr ICON 2007 pageant

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** 9pm MADKINGS Madison's sexiest and beloved Drag King troupe visits Milwaukee for an evening of hot songs & laughter. \$6

**SWITCH (Milwaukee)** Foam Party also Hot Male Dancers

**Friday, August 3**

**Stonefly (735 e. Center St. Milw)** Broad=Vocabulary & the Milw LGBT Center present Kill Rock Stars Recording artist BITCH with Dites done & Jeannie Mayotte 9pm \$8

**Saturday, August 4**

**Madison Gay Video Club "Keillers Park (Sweden)"** (TLA Rel., dir. Susanna Edwards, 2005) "H2O" (Titan Media, dir. Brian Mills, 2007) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 244-8675 (evenings)

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Milwaukee Gay Arts Center** Coyote Grace - in concert 8pm, \$7 Admission

**Saturday, August 11**

**La Cage (Milwaukee)** Miss Cream City USofA 2007 Pageant

**Shelter (Green Bay)** Annual Sage La Rue Memorial Show 10:30pm

**Sunday, August 12**

**Fluid (Milwaukee)** Mexican Drag Queen Bingo 4pm

**Monday, August 13**

**Outwords Books (Milwaukee)** Outwords Book club Michael T Hammet's inspirational memoir, Born on a Blue Day

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Outwords Books (Milwaukee)** Lesbian Reading Group @ Outwords The book to be discussed in August is Red Light the latest novel from by J.D. Glass.

**Wednesday, August 15**

**MONA's (Milwaukee)** Three Strikes Presents Ragina D Stone, Miss EOY 10pm

**Saturday, August 18**

**Madison Gay Video Club "Boy Culture"** (TLA Rel., dir. Q. Allan Brocka, 2006) "Naked Muscles: The New Breed" (Colt Studio, dir. Rutherford & Weston, 2007) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 244-8675 (evenings)

**Thursday, August 23**

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Live Band! The Whisper System 9:30pm

**Sunday, August 26**

**Boot Camp (Milwaukee)** Annual August White Party, a fundraiser for the G/L Community Trust Fund 3-9 pm Complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres.

**Fluid (Milwaukee)** Refrigerator Magnet Bingo 4pm

**Thursday, August 30**

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Live Band! Mr. Wrong 9:30pm

**Saturday, September 1**

**The Tazzbah (Milwaukee)** Finale! the final day of operation. Bar is closing.

**SWITCH (Milwaukee)** Foam Party for Labor Day Weekend

**Wednesday, September 19**

**MONA's (Milwaukee)** Three Strikes Presents Dominique Mahon & Friends

**Saturday, September 29 - AIDS Walk Wisconsin**



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# Commentary: *My Neighbor Outs a Hypocrite of the Senate* *The D.C. Madam's Public Service*

By Allan J. Lichtman

*Editor's Note: The column originally appeared in the Montgomery County Gazette, July 14, 2007 and since has been re-posted on several blogs and political websites. It was brought to Quest's attention by veteran Milwaukee journalist Jamakaya who told us it was one of the most insightful pieces she'd read in some time. We agree.*

"This was a very serious sin in my past for which I am, of course, completely responsible. Several years ago, I asked for and received forgiveness from God and my wife in confession and marriage counseling. Out of respect for my family, I will keep my discussion of the matter there-with God and them. But I certainly offer my deep and sincere apologies to all I have disappointed and let down in any way."

-- United States Senator David Vitter (R-Louisiana), July 9, 2007

Thank goodness for my neighbor, Deborah Jeane Palfrey, the so-called "D. C. Madam." She has performed a singular public service by exposing the hypocrisy of yet another moralistic politician, Republican Senator David Vitter of Louisiana. Vitter's phone number turned up on a phone list of Palfrey clients for what the Madam's lawyer Montgomery Blair Sibley euphemistically called "legal sexual services," but for which the Madam is being prosecuted.

Politically, Vitter is no libertarian, but a "family values" Republican and presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani's personal ambassador to the Christian Right. Sorry Rudy.

Last month, Vitter backed abstinence only education for "teaching teenagers that saving sex until marriage and remaining faithful is the best choice for health and happiness." During the debate on the "Protection of Marriage Amendment" last year, Vitter said that nothing was more important than banning gay marriage for "promoting that stable, loving, nurturing home environment that can avoid so many of the social ills we're dealing with today." He has strongly opposed a woman's right to choose safe and legal abortions.

As a Louisiana State Representative in 1998, Vitter advocated that President Clinton be "impeached and removed from office because he is morally unfit to govern." A year later, when Vitter won a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives in a special election, a constituent "sick to death of the old-time politicians in Washington," wrote to the New Orleans Times-Picayune hailing the victory of "a real family man who believes in family values and high morals."

Ironies pile on ironies here. Vitter replaced Bob Livingston, the GOP's designated successor to

David Vitter



former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who resigned from Congress after admitting to adulterous affairs. Gingrich, of course, had himself fled Congress in part because of his own extra-marital affair.

In 2004, Vitter won election as the first Republican Senator from Louisiana in 120 years. He featured pro-family ads with his wife and children, called upon voters to stand up for "Louisiana values, not Massachusetts's values," and secured 76 percent of voters who cared most about moral issues. "We met Vitter, the dad who knows that it's family that really matters, not whether we are Republicans or Democrats," wrote Times-Picayune columnist James Gill.

Vitter's exposure comes hard on the heels of a recent scandal engulfing Rev. Ted Haggard, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, one of America's oldest and most

respected Christian Right groups. Haggard, also an outspoken opponent of abortion and gay marriage, resigned his presidency and ministry and entered long-term rehabilitation amid allegations that he had purchased drugs and the services of a male prostitute.

Vitter-style hypocrisy, however, extends deeply into the history of America's modern Right. Charles Lindbergh, the spokesman for America First in the 1940s secretly fathered a second family in Germany, unknown to his American wife and six children. Strom Thurmond, who campaigned for president in 1948 to preserve "the racial integrity and purity of the White race," concealed a mixed-race daughter for 75 years. Oil magnate H. L. Hunt, who spent millions to propagate Christian conservatism in the 1950s, was a gambler and multiple bigamist.

Terry Dolan, founder in the 1970s of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, which joined the anti-gay fund-raising frenzy with a letter warning "our nation's moral fiber is being weakened by the growing homosexual movement," was a closeted homosexual. Here in Maryland, conservative Representative Robert Bauman was arrested in 1980 for soliciting sex from a 16 year-old boy.

Vitter did not deny that he indulged in the D. C. Madam's juicy services. Rather, as shown above, he apologized and reported forgiveness from God and his family. He said that he will respect his family and keep the matter private. Fair enough, although you've got to wonder about a guy with the hubris to say he not only asked God for forgiveness but actually received forgiveness.

The bigger question is whether he is now willing to say that our choice of marriage partners or our reproductive decisions should be private matters between us, our family, and our God? Will he now propose that we now teach our children, not just abstinence, but safe sexual practice? It's time for politicians to extend to others the tolerance and privacy they reserve for themselves.

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# ON THE AISLE by Glenn Bishop

## ***THE LADY IN QUESTION***

In *"The Lady in Question,"* the latest production from those madcap folks at Off The Wall Productions, the Lady (definitely with a capital "L") is our own Dear Ruthie who seamlessly transforms Gertrude Garnet, "the leading concert pianist of the international stage" into the rightful heir to such movie queens of years past as Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer and Ingrid Bergman.

Busch evidently delight in those great Movie Dames from the 1940s and is positively misty-eyed at the winning combination of romance and danger so perfectly captured in the movies of that era. In *"The Lady in Question,"* Busch borrows generously from such classic films as *"Casablanca,"* *"Notorious"* and particularly MGM's *"Escape,"* in which the always radiant Norma Shearer helps strong-jawed Robert Taylor get his actress mother out of the clutches of slimy Nazi bigwig Conrad Veidt.

Yes, gentle reader, here we have Dear Ruthie versus the Nazis. Celluloid Nazis, to be exact.

Once Barrelhouse Gertie, the Kissing Kitten of the Keys, Busch's heroine Gertrude Garnet (that's pronounced "Gar-nay," thank you very much!) finds herself stranded in Bavaria, sans maid but with wise-cracking gal pal Kitty (Kristin Pagenkopf) in tow. With no room at the proverbial, Bavarian Inn, suave Baron Von Elsner (Dale Gutzman) generously offers the use of his "schloss."

Did Glenn catch that right?

Soon our Gertie meets handsome Professor Erik Maxwell (Jeremy C Welter) who seeks to enlist her help in securing the escape of his

imprisoned actress mother Raina Aldric (Lori Morse). No dice! Gertie doesn't see herself made from the same noble cloth as, for example, Bergman's splendidly selfless Ilsa in *"Casablanca."* As someone who has had to claw her way to the top, Gertie knows if she doesn't look out for herself, no one will.

Glenn is certain she'll change her mind – as would any heroine worth her shoulder pads. Gertie throws all caution to the wind when she finds the strangled body of her friend, Kitty. In a schloss filled with crazy doctors, a psychotic little girl (Karl Miller) in Heidi-drag and the Baron's deeply patriotic mother resolved to rid her castle of "that American woman," Gertie knows she's on her own.

Anyone familiar with Charles Busch's typical madcap, comic riffs knows there'll be puns a-plenty plus generous helpings of physical slapstick as well as equal measures of rib-ticklin' romantic rendezvous. True, some of the wild physical comedy feels cramped in the friendly confines of the Off The Wall Theatre. Yet through it all Dear Ruthie's Gertrude reigns supreme. Like her fabulous cinematic predecessors, this tough dame is certainly capable of taking on any number of Nazis with no weapons other than her steely

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determination, an abundance of moxie and, of course, those sensational shoulder pads.

Can Gertie and company outwit the sinister, mother-obsessed Baron? Will sweet Heidi (Liz Miste) manage to turn cute Nazi boyfriend Karel (Kurt Thomsen) away from his allegiance to Herr Hitler? Is Raina strong enough to throw off the shackles of captivity and walk to freedom?

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# Ask the Irreverent, Uncle Barbie

## Your Intellectual Whore

(An effervescently gay advice columnist)

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### Mind Your Own Damn Business

Dear Uncle Barbie,

If people would worry more about themselves instead of sticking their noses into other people's business, would we have less complication in our lives? -- Signed, Mr. Wondering

Hello Mr. Wondering,

Yes, of course! There would be far fewer complications if people just minded their own business. In other words, people need to weed their own gardens, and not be so concerned about the weeds in their neighbor's garden. I'm not saying that people should not help each other out. You can be a caring person and be concerned about other people while still minding your own business and not getting overly involved in someone else's life. -- Caring Enough to Back Off, Barbie

### Femaphobes

Dear Uncle Barbie,

Why do men get offended when people tease them about their feminine traits? -- Signed, Androgynous Female

Hello Androgynous One,

Actually, I think both men and womyn get defensive when their sex role is questioned. I believe that every human being has both masculine and feminine traits. And yet for the majority of people, gender identification tends to be at the very core of their basic identity. When you ask most people to describe themselves, they almost always include their gender as part of their self-description. People cling to their sex role as if it were the very purpose of their existence. We live in physical bodies in a world that places a great importance on gender association. This need to identify oneself with only one sex is so strong that the notion even carries over into people's view of the spirit world and religion. (How often have you heard people refer to the Creator as a male entity?) I can only imagine what a surprise these people are in for when they enter the spirit world and discover that physical bodies (and therefore, gender) do not exist.

Based on your question, it sounds as if you have found that a lot of men, in particular, tend to defend their gender identity fiercely. I think this is because the male ego is typically a fragile thing, which is constantly being challenged. (This may cast some light on the major causation of homophobia--the fear of homosexuality.) Many cultures have attitudes (in the form of unspoken rules) that indicate that a male must earn the right to be called a man by somehow proving himself worthy of that title. Our society seems to place more value on masculinity than femininity by encouraging aggressive and competitive traits in men (and even in some womyn who are in the business world). Consequently, femininity seems to be seen as a weakness and is discouraged in men. (This touches on a new phenomenon I call "femaphobia"--the fear of femininity). So to answer your question, the reason why some men get soooooo offended when people tease them about their feminine traits is because they are egocentric femaphobes! Giving You a Womyn's Perspective in a Man's Body, Barbie

### Paranoid Movie Goer

Dear Uncle Barbie,

I'm not completely anti-social; I don't completely hate people. I DO, however, get completely irritated when I go to the movies and other movie goers decide to occupy seats directly in front of me, behind me, or to the side of me, when there are many other vacant seats in the theater. Why do they do this to me!? And why does this bother me so? -- Signed, Thumbs Down

Hello Thumbs Down,

It bothers you so, because you are paranoid--thinking people are doing this

to you intentionally. Believe me, there is no Universal conspiracy out there plotting against you. (Well, okay, maybe there is...) Perhaps it's just your charming personality that people find irresistible. It could be that you have the type of charismatic attraction that is found only in great leaders of nations. (Nah, I think movie goers are just out to get you.) Either that or you have a tremendously bright aura that draws the public to you like a moth to a flame. By the way, what kind of cologne do you use? Oh, never mind. You don't need to worry. I'm sure people just sit in front of you in the theater because they are too unaware of their surroundings to notice you, and too self absorbed to care. (No, but seriously though, they really are out to get you!!!) -- Playing Mind Games, Barbie



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