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BUDGET COMPROMISE REACHED, MINUS DP BENEFITS

Madison – Governor Jim Doyle and legislative leaders reached an agreement late October 19, as *Quest* went to press, to end the nation's longest budget stalemate. Among the items missing from the compromise deal is the domestic partner benefits package for state employees that could have extended health care coverage to same-sex partners.

The breakthrough came after several days of intense negotiations between aides to Doyle and legislative leaders. The talks started in earnest after the Republican-controlled Assembly on October 15 met in a special session to reject Doyle's October 9 offer, which they said still had too much spending and taxes.

Doyle's compromise package had removed "all the non-fiscal policy items in both the Assembly and the Senate versions that were not agreed to by both sides." The proposed compromise eliminated the DP benefit portion from the version of the budget passed by the Senate as no similar package existed in the Assembly-passed version.

However, DP benefits was seen as a minor budgetary issue separating the two sides. The biggest sticking points had been Doyle's plan to increase the state's cigarette tax by \$1.25 and impose a 0.8% tax on hospitals.

The October 19 deal's \$1 tax increase for cigarettes would amount to a compromise between Doyle and Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch,

who had offered 75 cents. The deal also would remove the hospital tax, a victory for Republicans, who had fought the plan since February.

Republicans who lead the Assembly, Democrats who control the Senate and the governor's office spent months bickering over spending and taxes. The compromise was scheduled to be voted on by the legislature on October 23. Huebsch and Senate Majority Leader Judy Robson both said they expected the new two-year, \$58 billion budget to pass in their chambers. Any agreement would need approval from the Senate and the Assembly and to be signed into law by Doyle, who would also have a final chance to remake the plan with his veto pen.

ENDA VOTE WIDENS GAY DIVIDE

Washington, DC – A breach within the gay community over dropping transgender people from a job discrimination bill widened October 18 when a committee approved the bill and moved it to the House floor.

Four Democrats bucked their party leadership to vote against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) as Congress' only open lesbian moved to add gender identity back into the bill, which Democrats had hoped would be a signal civil rights achievement on their watch.

"This is the first time in the history of the civil rights movement that a bill that does not have the support of a single constituent organization is being moved to the House floor," NGLTF Executive director Matt Foreman said in response to the 27-21 committee vote. The Task Force opposes the legislation along with nearly 300 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender activist groups and allies such as Fair Wisconsin, Milwaukee's Center Advocates, Madison's OutReach and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) offered a version of the bill that banned job discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals, but dropped protections for gender identity because he said Democrats didn't have the votes to pass it. The decision infuriated gay activists, who argued no single group should be abandoned.

Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) broke with Frank, Congress' only openly gay man, proposing an amendment to add gender identity back into the bill. "I have never wavered from my conviction that (the bill) must include protections based upon sexual orientation and gender identity," Baldwin said in a statement.

Noting a strong response from around the country, Baldwin wrote, "This extraordinary opportunity to advance LGBT rights in America is proud evidence of democracy in which the people decide what is possible."

The divisions, among the leadership and at the grass roots, are unprece-

ented for such a major piece of legislation, versions of which were first introduced in 1975. The controversy puts House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the San Francisco Democrat who signed off on the strategy to drop transgender people, under pressure to change a bill she endorsed.

Foreman said gay rights groups will hold Pelosi to her word that she actually wants gender identity to be part of the bill. "She has said, repeatedly, that she wants a fully inclusive bill," Foreman said. "Now's the time to deliver."



Four Democrats voted against the bill in the House Education and Labor Committee, and two more said they will support Baldwin's amendment, including California Representative Lynn Woolsey, who has a gay son. "My constituents oppose this bill because it doesn't include gender identity," Woolsey said. "In fact, the only letters, e-mails and faxes that we've received - and there have been hundreds of them - have said, 'Congresswoman, don't vote for it unless it includes gender identity.'"

The bill passed out of committee with three Republicans in support. No Wisconsin representatives serve on the committee. A full House vote is expected October 24. No action is expected this year in the Senate.

The largest gay-rights lobbying group in Washington, the Human Rights Campaign, continues to work closely with Frank and will not oppose the legislation on the floor, even as it continues to push for gender identity inclusion.

HRC has come under attack from other gay rights organizations for its position, and Vice President David Smith fiercely defended the group after the committee vote. "We are going to retriplate our efforts to get an inclusive bill, and get it to a president who will sign it," Smith said. "We will not stop until that gets done, and when it does get done, HRC will be the organization that made it happen."



Christopher Anders, senior legislative council for the ACLU, reiterated his group's staunch opposition to the bill. "Everyone should have the right to

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come to work knowing the only factor in employment decisions is their ability to do their job - no exceptions," he said. "Nobody should be cut out or left behind simply because Democratic leadership is too impatient to round up the votes needed to pass a comprehensive bill."

LARRY CRAIG INTERVIEW A RATINGS FLOP

New York - NBC's exclusive interview with Senator Larry Craig in a prime time *Dateline* special attracted just 5.7 million viewers in the 8 PM. time slot October 16 according to Nielsen ratings. Among adults 18 to 49, it finished in a tie for last place in the hour with the CW's "Beauty and the Geek."

Leading the hour was CBS's "NCIS," the night's most watched show, with 17.4 million viewers. CBS shared the lead for the night overall with Fox, whose broadcast of baseball play-offs ranked first in the main adult demographic.

Though Matt Lauer's interview with Craig may not have made much of an impression in the ratings, but it apparently swayed some viewers to Craig's side. According to a poll of over 600 viewers by HCD Research and Muhlenberg College, while only 15% of those viewers said they thought Craig was wrongfully charged before watching the interview with Lauer, that number had increased to 28% afterwards.

Party affiliation didn't affect the increase, with 15% of Democrats saying he was wrongly charged before seeing the show, and 27% afterwards. For Republicans those numbers were 20% to 31%; independents 10% to 23%.

The interview was not a hit with Beltway critics. Tom Shales of the *Washington Post* was particularly unimpressed. "One thing, at least, was made painfully clear by Matt Lauer's interview with Senator Larry Craig on NBC last night: Matt Lauer is no Mike Wallace," Shales quipped in an October 17 column. "Lauer was anything but hard-hitting or confrontational with the Idaho Republican, arrested in June for alleged homosexual solicitation in a Minneapolis airport men's room."

Craig's constituents were also mostly underwhelmed by the interview. Some expected Craig took the easy route by selecting one network to take questions publicly for the first time.

"I think that there's probably questions that are off-limits," Kendelle Vogt told Boise's KBCI-TV. Vogt says she wasn't fooled, "They've already set up what the parameters are so it's not even worth watching because it's just going to be an easy little piece where he gets to say what he wants to say and doesn't have to answer any hard questions."

Others felt the interview didn't reveal anything that hasn't already been said. "There's not a whole lot that he can say new, it's just a matter of trying to win the public over to his side," Rich Davila told the station.

"It doesn't really matter, it doesn't change anything," another said.

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12 DISTRICT ALDER CANDIDATE SEEKS GAY SUPPORT

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Milwaukee - His posters are up in gay bars like Boom, Fluid and M's. He rode in last June's Gay Pride Parade. He did this year's AIDS Walk. His face pops out on yard signs and placards from households along the area's most heavily traveled roads. In fact, if you have been in the city's Walkers Point area anytime in the last six months it would be hard not to know Victor Ray is running for Alderman of the 12th District.

Openly-gay Victor Ray has announced his intention to run for the aldermanic seat along with three others. They include out lesbian Latina Jocasta Zamarripa, Edwin Cruz and Ronald Hunter. Current office holder James N. Witkowiak, who has held the seat for three nonconsecutive terms, has not formally announced his plans. "There may be four running now," Ray told Quest. But if Witkowiak doesn't run there might as many as twenty other candidates."

Things will get serious in early December when nomination papers must be circulated. The likely primary election will be held on February 19, which will also be Wisconsin's presidential primary. Primary winners will face off in the Spring general election on April 1.

Because he is running for the office for the first time, Victor, whose father also was in politics, knew he needed to start early to create the needed name recognition. "My first posters went up last February," Ray said. "And I've been out almost every night knocking on doors introducing myself to the voters."

Ray's website - www.votevictor08.com - also has been up for some time, with a campaign slogan that plays on the candidate's name: "A New Ray



Of Hope." Though not bilingual himself, Ray has recognized the districts 40% Hispanic make-up and offered his talking points in both English and Spanish. He also did missionary work in Guatemala.

The 50 year old candidate lives with his long term partner of "almost eight years" and has two grown sons.

Ray is a devout Catholic who served as a Deacon in California prior to moving to Walker's Point in 1999. He remains active as a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, where he also serves as a reader for Mass.

Though he is seeking support from LGBT voters in the district, Ray understands that community's support is only part of his victory. Ray feels that his interest in restoring properties in the Walker's Point area, then either renting them or selling them to first-time owners shows his love for the district. "All of must live together as one community," Ray said. "We need to celebrate the diversity of this area. It doesn't matter if you're black or white or brown, we're one people - one community."

LGBT community members will have the opportunity to meet Victor-Ray at fundraising party at M's, 1101 South 2nd St., on Tuesday, November 6 from 6-9 PM. It is the first of four fundraisers for Ray being held over the next month and a half. Also on tap, meet and greet parties at the Mexican venues Botanas and LaPerla and the popular straight club The Moot (Serbian for "the most").

"I've found a tremendous amount of support among our gay people, and the bar owners," Ray noted. "I feel pretty good about the direction we're going: we need a person who has high morals but a person who really listens to hearts of people in the community. I feel I'm the best candidate for that."

GAY POLITICO WATCH: THE WISCONSIN EDITION

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Same sex shenanigans by political closet cases took a decidedly cheesy turn in more ways than one since our last edition. New cases of hanky panky with underage men and toilet trysting took out two Wisconsin political operatives. Here's the dish:

Donald Fleischman: The 37-year old chair of the Brown County Republican Party resigned October 12 after his pending criminal charges of fondling 16-year old runaways on multiple occasions came to light. The Allouez Republican was charged last month with two counts of child enticement, two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a child and a single charge of exposing himself to a child.

His initial appearance in Brown County court on September 28 somehow missed the radar of the GOP-friendly *Green Bay Press-Gazette*. The *GBPG* was only one of two papers to endorse passage of the Republican-inspired "marriage protection" amendment last year. The paper only published the story after Fleischman's escapades had become the stuff of national liberal blogs like the *Daily Kos* and made the court watch pages of *WisPolitics.com*.

According to the complaint filed September 7, Green Bay police went to Fleischman's home last November, looking for two runaways from Ethan House, a nearby juvenile facility. Fleischman allowed officers inside where they found a 16-year-old boy hiding on the floor of a walk-in closet wearing only underwear and a T-shirt. Officers



also found a glass pipe in the living room, which tested positive for marijuana residue.

Police went back to Fleischman's home in December only to find the same boy there again. He had reported as a runaway from Ethan House for eight days.

According to the complaint the young man told authorities Fleischman took him during that week to a hotel in Appleton and a rural cabin in Florence

County. The boy claimed Fleischman provided him with beer and marijuana during the trip.

The boy also revealed that when he would go to bed, Fleischman would fondle him. Also, on one occasion he awoke to find Fleischman at the foot of his bed masturbating.

Fleischman's next appearance in court will be October 29.

Randy Udell: The 46 year old Second Congressional Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) turned in his resignation on October 17 after charges toilet trysting in a rural Rock County park came to light in an October 16 report by the *Janesville Gazette*. Tammy Baldwin represented the 2nd District.

Udell was one of four men charged lewd and lascivious behavior in and near the public restroom in the Carver-Roehl county park near the rural of Clinton. Among the others was a convicted felon (attempted first-degree murder) and someone who may have met an undercover cop online prior to his arrest during the six week sex sting.

Officers reported seeing Udell repeatedly enter and exit the men's restroom in the park on September 25. When an undercover deputy entered the restroom, Udell reportedly exposed himself and was arrested. A Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Project review did not reveal Udell's scheduled day in court.

Police began the undercover operation after deputies noticed an increase in suspicious activity at the park, including men sitting alone in their vehicles.

DPW chairman Joe Wineke said the charges were "disappointing if true."



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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL MARKING AMENDMENT PASSAGE SET

Green Bay - The Green Bay Action Network, a local LGBT advocacy group, will hold a candlelight vigil to commemorate and mourn the first year anniversary of the passing of the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM. on November 7 at the Brown County Courthouse. All members of the public will be invited to attend.

The Green Bay Action Network hopes to use the event to educate and raise awareness of the negative effects this amendment continues to cause Wisconsin gay and lesbian couples and their families. "We want to remind the Wisconsin lawmakers and voters who put this mean-spirited amendment in effect that we are a part of this community, and that we will continue to fight for the rights we need and deserve," event coordinator and spokesman Andrew DeBaker said.

The Green Bay Action Network is a group of individuals actively working for the improvement of the lives of the LGBT community in Northeast Wisconsin. It is dedicated to reminding the general public of the discrimination LGBT people in Wisconsin face every day by lack of access to basic rights and freedoms including the right to get married.

For more information, call 920-471-3260 or e-mail the group at: LGBTGBAN@hotmail.com.

MADISON LGBT HEALTH SUMMIT SET

Madison - AIDS Network in partnership with the UW Madison LGBT Community Center will host a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender health symposium on Saturday November 3. The event is free and open to anyone and everyone and takes place on the UW campus at Granger Hall (975 University Avenue). Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., mental and physical health professionals will discuss topics that include transgender health, same-sex relationship dynamics, intimate partner violence, Queer sports and the latest on HIV research.

"Two years ago we held a gay men's health summit that was so popular we decided to expand it to the entire LGBT community," said Shawn Neal, HIV Educator at AIDS Network. "The LGBT communities have unique health needs that too often are not addressed. We hope to make this an annual event and expand the number of agencies involved with the summit next year."

There will be limited community tables available for any organization or individual that is working to better the health and well being of the LGBT community. Please contact us for more information.

For more information about the LGBT Health Summit, the public can contact Shawn Neal at Sneal@aidsnetwork.org or Maren Greathouse at Greathouse@wisc.edu.

STUDY SEEKS LONG-TERM GAY MALE COUPLES

Milwaukee - Wisconsin Gay male couples who have been in committed relationships for ten years or longer and those who failed to last more than a single year are being sought to participate in a research study investigating longevity of coupled gay relationships.

The study is entitled *In His Own Words: Understanding Longevity of Committed Gay Relationships and the Gay Man*. Participants are being recruited from anywhere in the U.S. Participants must be 40 or older, and are divided into two groups: individual gay men from "ex" relationships that lasted at least one year; whether or not the couple lived together; and gay couples that have been together for 10 years or more and currently live together.

Each individual participant will take a ten minute initial inventory by phone, complete an online survey that takes 40-60 minutes, and be interviewed by phone for about 20-30 minutes. The three parts of the study are done separately, so participants need not block off a significant amount of time. Participants can be from anywhere in the country and can do the study from the comfort of their living rooms. The online portion need not be completed in one sitting.

Confidentiality is assured even between members of couples. Also, all results are anonymous and will be presented based on an aggregation of the data. Upon completion of the online survey, participants will be sent a \$20 Border's gift cer-

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tificate. This study is listed among other research projects on the Sexual Orientation and Gender Institute page of the Center on Halstead, Chicago's largest LGBT community center.

Those interested in participating or who any questions, are asked to contact the study's author Boris Thomas, JD, MSW by phone at 312-279-7575 or by email at: info@gaycouplestudy.com.

The research website also provides comprehensive information about the study as well as contact information for prospective participants: www.gay-couplestudy.com.

MEN'S COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP TO START AT OUTREACH

Madison - A 10-week men's coming-out support group is forming and will begin running on Wednesday nights in late November. The initial session will be held November 29 at 6:30 PM at OutReach, the Madison & south-central Wisconsin LGBT community center. The purpose of the group is to offer support to men who are dealing with the realization that they are not heterosexual and how that affects their everyday lives and to support

those people previously or currently in same sex relationships.

The men's coming out support group will identify and discuss the stages of coming out and explore topics such as how to deal with family members, physical and sexual safety, legal rights and discrimination, and spirituality, among others. Two trained volunteers will facilitate each meeting.

People who are interested in attending the meetings should leave a message for Mark with contact information at 608-255-8582 or by e-mail at: harrys@outreachinc.com by Thursday, November 8.

The OutReach LGBT Community Center, with offices located at 600 Williamson St. has served Madison's & south-central Wisconsin's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities since 1973, providing peer-counseling, advocacy, a speaker's bureau, support groups, and information/referral services. It also offers a lending library, free publications, and meeting space for community groups.

ROW DINNER ATTENDANCE WILL SET RECORDS

Kimberly - Rainbow Over Wisconsin's annual dinner, auction, entertainment and dance here November 17 will be the largest in the four year history of the event, organizers told *Quest* recently. "At the end of the early bird special October 10, ROW members had sold over 130 tickets which is more than the total attendance at last year's event," Vice President and publicity coordinator Terry Nicholson said.

The evening's entertainment program will also be the most elaborate to date, Nicholson added. "We have eight current or former pageant titleholders formally committed to the post-dinner show," he said. Along with the previously announced Josie Lynn and Cass Marie Domino, the current Mr. Wisconsin USofA Curtis Ryan and the legendary Loretta Lamour are among the live and impersonator talents scheduled to appear.

Tickets for the event remain on sale through ROW members and businesses at \$35 through November 12. ROW businesses selling tickets include Rascals Bar & Grill and Ravens in Appleton, the Napalese Lounge in Green Bay, Christopher Allan's Club 1226 in Oshkosh and the Blue Lite in Sheboygan. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at: 920-437-0994 or by email at: rainbowoverwi@aol.com.

The event will be held at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Kimberly, with cocktails and silent auction opening at 6 PM. Menu items for this year's event include Smothered Breast Of Chicken, Medallions Of Roasted Tenderloin, Baby Red potatoes, Cajun Jambalaya, Stir-Fried Vegetables, Caesar & Spinach Salads, Tropical Fresh Fruit, homemade bakery roll mix, Southern Pecan Pie, and Double Chocolate Brownie Pie. The meal will served family style, allowing those wishing to enjoy only vegetarian items the opportunity to do so.

The annual ROW dinner is the foundation's signature fund-raising event, according to President Dean Dayton. "It's an opportunity for old friends to make new friends at a fun event that also advances the northeast Wisconsin community's 'gay agenda' by donating to Rainbow's Community Enrichment Fund," Dayton said.

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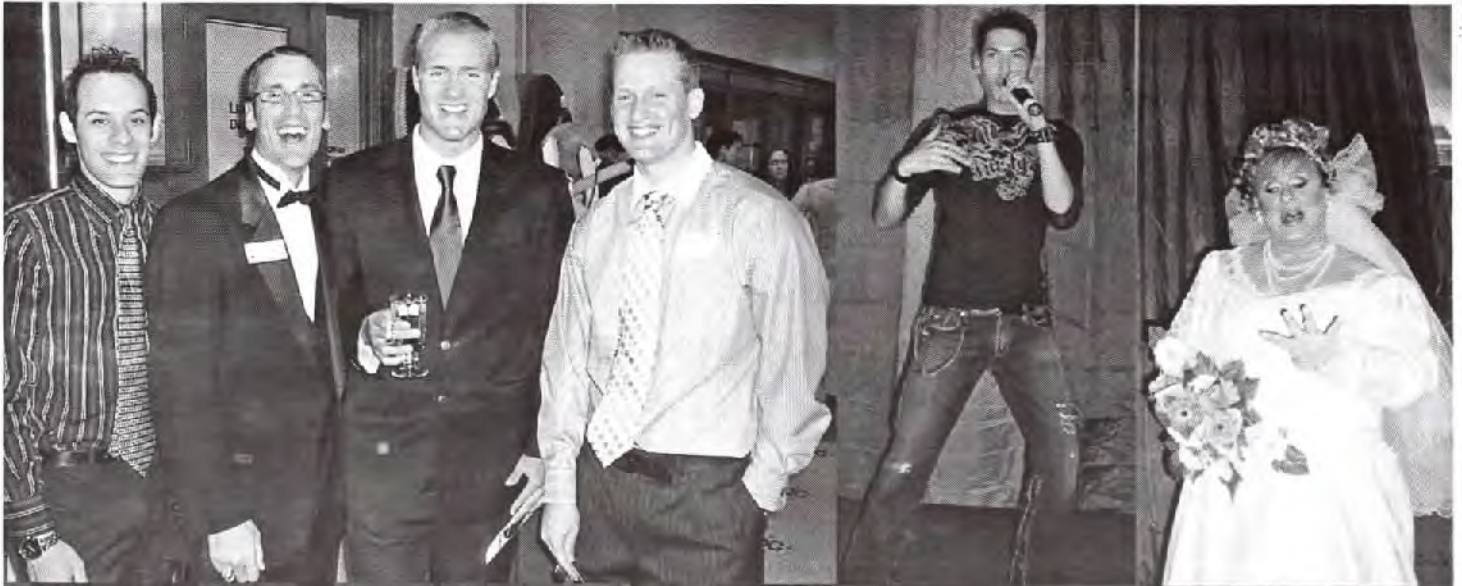
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 Below: Leather Show at Milwaukee Gay Arts Center
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(An effervescently gay advice columnist)

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Uncle Barbie is not only pleasantly profane, he also lays well with others.

The Antichrist of Advice Columnists

Dear Uncle Barbie,

Thanks for continuing to publish your fun, and often irreverent, column. You make my day, and it's the first thing I read when I pick up the paper each week. Your response to anti-gay letters is delightful. The people who write homophobic letters have so much negative energy that I can almost feel it in my bones. My friends and family are both Christian and non-Christian, and some of the Christians are even gay (and of course, many of the non-Christian ones are not gay).

Respecting diversity is a very important part of our culture, and this can be done within the Christian context; picking and choosing which Bible quotes you'd like to have apply to everyone is pretty stupid in my opinion. Do these self-righteous people ever wear polyester, eat pork, or get together for a friendly neighborhood stoning to enforce Biblical laws? I know some fine Christians who respect women rather than trying to control them, and who accept that about 10% of our population is homosexual—and this loving God they claim to worship doesn't make a "mistake" 10% of the time while creating all the little souls to send to earth. The few loud, outspoken Christians are the ones who frankly scare the Hell out of me, and I stay away from them. They seem almost Satanic in their beliefs and prejudices. God, Protect Me From Your

Followers. And Barbie, keep up the good work! --Signed, Lisa F.

Hello Miss F.,

I am proud of you for having the courage to write your feelings and thoughts in a letter. I strongly believe in freedom of speech, and I encourage everyone to express him or herself in a constructive way. I actually don't mind if religious fundamentalists talk about their beliefs—provided that they are not spreading hate. You don't have to look far into human history to see the horrors of what can happen when groups of people start spreading hateful messages about minority groups. Even Christians have been targeted. And, yes, I also keep a constant vigilance on my own attitude and anger. I am cognizant of the fact that I, too, have biases and need to keep them in check if I want to stay positive. Ultimately, I want to assist people and leave this world a better place.

In an attempt to be funny, my advice column can get pretty spicy—bordering on saucy—but I try my best to be a loving person. That doesn't mean that I let people walk all over me, however. I fight ferociously for equality—for all people. As far as homophobes are concerned, I am quite convinced that most of them use a fake name when they send in their letters. This gives me reason to pause.

Just how confident are they in their beliefs if they need to hide behind a fake name? I have very little respect for people who are lukewarm about their faith. What frustrates me the most about these cafeteria-Christians is that they pick and choose what parts of the Bible they like and disregard the parts they don't like. (If you want to know which parts they like best, just look inside the Bible of any fundamentalist, and you will see that all their favorite verses have been highlighted with a fluorescent marker. I wonder if they ever read the verses they don't underline.) If people want to treat their religion like a cafeteria lunch-line (picking and choosing what sweet morsels they find most palatable while skipping over the broccoli), then it's no wonder they use fake names. They SHOULD be embarrassed to reveal themselves—damn it!

It is absolutely disgusting when people use religion to justify their prejudice. And then, they have the gall to manipulate Bible verses to validate their bigotry. (It's enough to make Jesus turn over in his grave.) The Creator should never be used to rationalize a person's hatred. And I am not just talking about the Christian religion. Fanaticism within any religion is destructive. In my opinion, religious fundamentalism is essentially a type of prejudice that is spawned when self-righteousness gives birth to intolerance. And that, folks, is the scriptures according to Uncle Barbie. Now, go and sin no more.

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CAPTURING OUR STORY: THE MILWAUKEE LGBT HISTORY PROJECT

As national LGBT History month draws to a close, Quest takes a look at a unique, multi-faceted project that is working hard to capture and preserve Wisconsin's gay story, one that is far more extensive and integral to the gay liberation movement in the United States than some might realize.

Much of that gay cheesehead history is just a computer mouse click away as well. The Milwaukee LGBT History Project website (www.mkelgbthist.org) chronicles hundreds of people, organizations and media, with extensive cross references that document collaborations and relationships among the entries.

Quest news editor Mike Fitzpatrick sat down with webmaster Don Schwamb to get an overview of the project, its critical mission and how interested history buffs (and history makers) can get more involved.

Quest: You are the webmaster for the Milwaukee LGBT History Project, but that's only one phase of the project. Can you tell me about scope of the entire project?

Schwamb: Sure. The Milwaukee LGBT History Project was started about mid-2002. The initial impetus for the project was (the realization that) there were quite a few individuals in the community who were "getting up there" in age. We wanted to capture their oral histories.

We put together a list of individuals we wanted to interview, document those interviews and create an exhibit for PrideFest that would highlight



some of those people.

Over time, as we collected more information, we felt the need to have a place to deposit materials that might be donated. We reached an agreement with UW-Milwaukee archives. They agreed to collect and maintain those materials.

We also wanted a place where we could link information together, so that it wasn't as fragmentary as it would be otherwise. That's why the website got started. Those are the three primary components of the History Project.

Quest: How many items are in storage at the UW-M archives?

Schwamb: I would not be able to give you that number offhand. The person in charge of the archive - Michael Doylen, whose one of

us, would know that better.

Quest: I know there's quite a bit in there. I was able to access quite a bit online for the fact-checking on the Eldon Murray piece done for Quest last Spring.

Schwamb: We have made a concerted effort to approach organizations that may no longer be active or those that have archives that they don't know what to do with any more.

We approached PrideFest on several occasions. When the PrideFest office was closed when they got into financial difficulties we were able to get quite a bit of information that was stored there: both PrideFest archives as well as



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I was a past President of the Cream City Foundation, so I approached the foundation board and got permission to release all the old archives of CCF. We've done the same with other organizations.

Quest: Let's talk about the oral history portion of the project. How many of the "seasoned citizens" that you wanted to capture have you been successful in obtaining?

Schwamb: I am disappointed to say that we have not done as well as most of us had hoped. Initially we set a goal of six or seven people in the first year. We did do that. The second year we only interviewed three or four. Unfortunately for the last several years, the oral history subcommittee has been virtually inactive.

They've made some attempts to re-form but have not been successful. I believe in the last year they might have collected one or two, possibly three oral histories. It's extremely disappointing to many of us that the oral history part has not gone forward.

A lot of it is simply a lack of volunteers. We have the same problem as any organization does. For example, the website is a huge effort, but it is totally a one-person effort. I have been the only person who has done anything with the website simply because no one else has come forward to do it.

Quest: The website is probably the most easily accessible portion of the History Project at this point.

Schwamb: And it is my passion. Unlike materials that might go into the archives and be harder to get to, the website is more accessible. The other thing about the website - what is good about any Internet website - is that you can cross link information.

If you're looking, let's say, at the page on the Wreck Room bar, there are links to other bars that were open at the time, a link to the person who owned the bar, and a link to the Wreck Room Classic which is now the SSBL Milwaukee softball tournament.

All of those things can be interconnected on a website. It's a powerful thing, so that's why it's my passion.

Quest: How many pages are on the website right now?

Schwamb: I know there's over 3 gigabytes of information and - let me check - there are over 30,000 pages and documents uploaded.

Quest: To me it seems extremely extensive, and you have made the attempt to expand the site beyond the scope of Milwaukee.

Schwamb: Absolutely. To some extent the Milwaukee LGBT History Project was formed because the city was much of the nucleus of (gay) activity. But when I was

building the website, there were just too many places to segregate it just to Milwaukee. It was too hard.

I didn't want to do that also. I've always enjoyed going to Madison, for example. I've visited the Racine, Kenosha and Fox Valley bars and enjoyed going to those (places).

When you look at the leather organizations, and especially the drag scene and the pageants - those are statewide things. So I have taken it on myself to make the website a statewide project and not to focus it all on Milwaukee. I document as thoroughly and carefully as I can, organizations and bars throughout the state.

Quest: Right now how many people are actually active in the Milwaukee History Project besides Mr. Doylen and yourself?

Schwamb: I would say there are a total of seven or eight people who are active in the project. That also includes Bill Serpe, who is the Executive Director of SAGE (Seniors In A Gay Environment). We approached SAGE about two years ago because as a new organization we had no 501(c)3 (tax-exempt) status, no structure or by-laws. We said to SAGE: "To us it makes sense to have the History Project be a part of an organization like SAGE, a group that's also about history to some extent."

We are now officially a project of SAGE. Bill helps keep us going, keeps things rolling with a place for us to meet and things like that. There are several people who are helping to keep the oral history project on track, and several who help out with PrideFest. That is one of our major efforts every year.

Quest: Is that the time line project that Jerry Johnson (formerly of the Wisconsin Light) works on?

Schwamb: Yes. The time line is a project that everyone works on and it involves the website. I started to put together a time line for the website that was loosely based on one that had been created in the mid-1990's by (veteran Milwaukee lesbian author and journalist) Jamakaya for PrideFest.

That was lost at some point. We tried to resurrect that and added quite a bit to it.

Jerry Johnson has a huge collection of materials from organizations - flyers, invitations and the like - that he would post at PrideFest to give people some sense of history. He recently donated a large portion of it to the archives to assure they will be preserved.

He also had a huge movie poster collection. He would also display posters from gay-themed movies.

Quest: The History Project at PrideFest has become the most visible - walk-in shall we say - display that anyone can access without having to use an intermediate device, like

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Schwamb: We've been very successful and very please with the turn out at the History Project at PrideFest. In 2006 we count around 5500 people who came into the History building at some point.

Quest: Why is it important that our community keep a record of what we've done and where we've been?

Schwamb: We have to have an appreciation for our past in order to understand how we got here. It's too easy for people, say, in their 20's to come out, not understanding what it was like 10 or 20 years ago, and then take for granted what we have. What we have was not handed to us on a silver platter. We didn't get (to where we are today) by sitting on our laurels.

We are unfortunately one of those minorities that has to fight and sometimes get in the general community's face to deal with something we don't like. Facing how we have gotten where we are is going to help future generations stay on track to obtain all the rights that we are entitled to.

Quest: When you look at the mainstream gay media, places like Wisconsin don't exist. Coverage is basically New York, California, Florida... Basically its the coasts and not what's going on in the heartland where probably some of the most exciting things have occurred in the last few years.

Schwamb: Right. But only the last few years but (further back). The gay population in the nation doesn't even understand that in the mid to late 1970's the *GPU News*, which was based here in Milwaukee and was one of maybe two or three gay publications in the country. The *GPU News* was widely distributed throughout the nation. People were buying subscriptions from places like New York California and even overseas.

We don't have that prominence any more. Papers like the *Advocate* have taken that over. But back in the 70's we (in Milwaukee) were one of the hubs of gay activism. Eldon

Murray was a prime example of that.

Quest: When Quest did the Eldon story, we passed it out to the mainstream gay media. Only one or two national websites picked up on Eldon's contributions. Yet I've seen many other people who were similarly honored (with Eldon) in that 30 Pioneers group receive far more recognition from the national recognition by the national gay rights organizations because of where they lived. Eldon was passed over, like "Who the heck is that?" I find it disturbing because the struggles for our rights continue in the Midwest, in the "fly over" country between the coasts - much more so than they do in New York and California.

Schwamb: Exactly.

Quest: So how can people get involved to preserve our history here?

Schwamb: I know that people are always cautious about volunteering their time. But there are so many simple ways you can be involved. If you're an older member of the community and you have a few photographs, a few recollections or even a few copies of old publications - like old *InSteps*, or old *Xcapes* or *Milwaukee Calendar* - we need some of those.

You can donate some old materials that you have that you may think may not have much value but might be one of a kind. We have many gaps and we'd like to fill those in.

If you're person who may not have photographs but remember well the experiences you had when you came out, what organizations helped you along, what people were your mentors, or what bars you enjoyed going to - we love hearing those recollections. The tapestry of the communal recollection helps build the picture of what gay life

was like in the past. If people want to send an email with some of those recollections, that would be a big help.

If someone really has a passion for our history, we'd love to hear from them because we could really use some more volunteers. We can use people to work on the website. We can use people who will go through old publications, making notes of things that happened in the past so we can build the linkage between events and people.

We can also use people to work on the PrideFest display. It's a once a year kind-of-thing. If you love to talk to people, you might want to work on oral histories. Volunteers are always needed.

Quest: I found it interesting that last week the San Francisco public library made a city-wide call for people to bring in old photographs and things for their gay archives. Only about 50 people show up with materials - in San Francisco, the "gay capital." Does that say something about our community's lack of a sense of history?

Schwamb: Yes it does - and we have the same thing here. But on the other hand people are out there who want to share. Since the website has gone up, I've had at least one email a month from people I've never heard from before.

Last month I got an email from a guy who went to school at UW-Madison. It was the only time he was in Wisconsin. But that's where he came out as a gay person and remembered going to a couple of gay bars. The website was a find, because he couldn't remember the names of the bars and the website had them. As a result he gave me additional information about the bar.

Another person was a relative of a gay person who owned a gay restaurant and sent me a photograph of the menu board from the 1970's. Those

are wonderful adds that we would never have gotten without the website.

I know there are people who are history-minded and appreciate why our history is important. Those are the people we're trying to reach out to.

Quest: As I believe Winston Churchill once said "those who forget their history are doomed to repeat it." With the rise of the influence of Religious Right in the 1990's and 2000's, do we really want to go back to the 1950's?

Schwamb: Right! And that is why it's important for people in their 20's to have some appreciation and knowledge of our history and how we got here. It wasn't always easy to go to a gay bar or join a gay organization. By knowing our history, they will have a better understanding and help us to move forward to gain more of our civil rights.

If you have questions about the Milwaukee LGBT History Project, wish to volunteer, donate the use of items or arrange an oral history interview, contact the history project at either of the following emails: historyproject@sagemilwaukee.org or webmaster@mklgthist.org. Project staff will evaluate the materials, scan and return them if appropriate, or in the case of donations help the person decide on disposition (to the UW-M Archives, UW-M Special Collections, or other LGBT-specific collection).

The Milwaukee LGBT History Project is a program of SAGE/Milwaukee, 1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 220, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The history project's phone number is 414-224-0517, Ext. #3.

Quest is proud to announce that Don Schwamb will be submitting periodic History Connections stories for publication in addition to his monthly "This Month In Gay History" column for *QLife*.





Above: M's Anniversary Party
Below: Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus
at LaCage

Photos by Sharkey



NEW ON DVD by Glenn Bishop

NINE LIVES



Few gay flicks dare to take such a revealing look at gay life as does **"Nine Lives,"** a new DVD release directed by Dean Howell. Based upon Michael Kearns's play "Compilations," **"Nine Lives"** puts an intriguing gay spin on Arthur Schnitzler's classic romantic drama, *"La Ronde."*

There are far fewer than six degrees of separation for the gay men who people **"Nine Lives."** Very quickly we'll discover that each character's life will overlap another's. Sex would seem the common denominator.

Take the first segment, for example, where Ronnie (Michael Kearns), a drunken West Hollywood queen is introduced. Once happily coupled,

Ronnie has put to rest too many dead lovers. And now? Now he's just looking for a hot f... well, let's just say Ronnie is looking for a good time. Thanks to AOL and his screen name, "Hot Poz Dad," Ronnie does just that — finding Carlos (Eric Turic), a wannabe comedian/pool boy with a "Daddy" fixation.

Here the focus changes to Carlos, who works for an affluent gay couple, Corey (Steve Callahan) and Daniel (Nick Salamone). Corey, a sweet, nurturing sort of guy finds little comfort in the arms of his closeted, bigoted prick of a boyfriend. Thus Corey soon finds himself tumbling into some hot and sweaty sex with Carlos. Meanwhile, Daniel to has become bored with Corey and his "lilywhite circumcised dick." When he spies muscular Bo (John Ganun) at the gym, he's happy to pay for an after workout session.

And so it goes... Bo likes the look of good guy drug dealer Mikey (Dennis Christopher, **"Breaking Away"**) and the two share a hot night. No charge. But then Mikey gets a call from James (Dean Howell), one of his clients. So off Mikey goes on a delivery. Once James has his crystal meth, he's hot and horny and wants Mikey right there and then. Although reluctant, there would seem no limit to the services Mikey is willing to provide. Yet, James still isn't satisfied, ending up at a bathhouse where he tricks with married (heterosexually) Ralph (William Christian).

"Nine Lives" wraps up with something of a twist. In the final spotlight is Ralph's wife Lisa (Debra Wilson). Hers is a typical story, that of a successful career type who decides that her biological clock is ticking and has had the misfortune to pick Ralph in the husband derby.

If this all sounds awfully complicated, it isn't really. True to its theatrical roots, **"Nine Lives"** is structured around each character's extensive monologue, too often embarrassingly cringe-worthy. Ronnie reveals his Jackie Kennedy obsession while HIV+ muscle stud Bo confesses not only his delicate childhood but the exact moment he knew he was gay — while at Barbara Streisand double feature, **"Funny Girl"** & **"Yentl."**

To add visual punctuation to the lives of these characters, Dean Howell's screenplay throws in sex and plenty of it. Some of the sex effectually manages to reveal

Buy It, Rent It or Forget It

Although there is much to admire here, including plenty of flesh, **"Nine Lives"** isn't especially enjoyable. Performances are fine, but actors are burdened with a roster of characters who are just not very likable. Amongst the exceptions are Dennis Christopher, who clearly hasn't aged well, as an unusually sympathetic drug dealer and caretaker for Maxie, his developmentally disabled younger brother. So does Steve Callahan as Daniel's put-upon boyfriend. As for the rest, let Glenn just say that it is all to the good that each character's segment is happily quite short.

Just the facts...

"Nine Lives" has a running time of 75 minutes and is in English.

"Nine Lives" is available now on DVD with a SRP of \$24.95.

DVD extras include an insufferably awful commentary track, outtakes and deleted scenes. Look for Steve Callahan in the much more enjoyable **"East Side Story"** due out on DVD later this autumn.

insights into the various characters involved. Corey's encounter with Carlos highlights the arid, loveless relationship he has with Daniel. And it is hot. When Mikey tricks with Bo, nothing much is revealed other than the fact that Dennis Christopher is surprisingly well-endowed. Many other sex scenes, like the back alley blow job Carlos receives from Father Maloney, prove merely sordid and gratuitous.

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Thursday, October 25

LaCage (Milw) Pumpkin Carving hosted by Beja & Jackie 10:30 pm

Saturday, October 27

ART Bar (Milwaukee) \$100 Pumpkin Carving Contest 4pm - 12am Pumpkins provided.

Ballgame (Milw) Halloween Costume Contest Judging at 10:30 pm Cash prizes

CLUB ICON (Kenosha) Halloween BASH \$1000 cash and prizes Free shot if in costume

CLUB1226 (Oshkosh) Halloween Show 10pm

LaCage (Milw) Erotic Costume Dance Party

Madison Gay Video Club Special Halloween Party (with Frontiers Social Group)
7:30 PM - Free Buffet Dinner 8:00 PM - Gay Horror Film: "The Lair" (dir. Fred Olen Ray, 2007) <http://www.mgvc.org>, 244-8675 (evenings)

Shelter (Green Bay) Halloween Costume Party FREE Shot if in costume

Sunday, October 28

CLUB ICON (Kenosha) Mr Gay Midwest USA Classic starts 9pm \$5 cover

Fluid (Milwaukee) Halloween Bingo free drink if in costume. Costume contest.

H.I.T. (Milw) Chicago Bar Crawl Leaves from Kruze at 11am \$35 see ad this issue.

SAGE (Milw) Annual Halloween Party Lower level conference rm Sage office building 1-5pm

Wednesday, October 31

SAGE (Milw) Canasta Night (Listed wrong in their calendar)

Wednesday, October 31

The Annual Milwaukee Halloween Bar Crawl

Triangle 8-9:30pm, SWITCH 9:30-11pm Fluid 11pm-12:30 LaCage 12:30 -Finals 1am

CLUB ICON (Kenosha) Halloween Night performance featuring Deja Voo & guests plus an extra Costume Contest with \$75 prize. Drink specials.

KRUZ (Milwaukee) Mascarade Ball 9pm - 1am

Mona's (Milw) Three Stikes Prod Halloween Bash with Shawna Love & Diva's of Milw.

Milwaukee Pumphouse Beer Bust & Free Shots Costume party & Prizes.

Shelter (Green Bay) Scary Bingo 8pm-11pm Rocky Horror Picture Show at minite.

Saturday, November 3

CLUB1226 (Oshkosh) Alexis Rouge & Freinds (benefit for USA Unlimited Nationals)

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LaCage (Milw) Quest Presents Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA 2008 8pm

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Wednesday, November 21

CLUB ICON (Kenosha) Pre-thanksgiving Party

Saturday, November 24

CLUB1226 (Oshkosh) Give Thanks for Turkeys show (Bring a child's stuffed toy for a discount on your first drink.)

Tuesday, November 27

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Saturday, December 1

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