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For the second time in less than a year, two of the top figures in the national same-sex marriage debate will go head to head in a public debate in Wisconsin. Nationally recognized LGBT leader Evan Wolfson will debate equal marriage rights with Glenn Stanton, the vice president of Focus on the Family on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 PM in the Union Theater at UW-Madison. The event will be moderated by Steve Paulson of the Peabody Award-winning Wisconsin Public Radio program "To The Best Of Our Knowledge."

For over a decade Wolfson litigated gay rights cases at Lambda Legal, including the 1993 case in Hawaii that has sparked the ongoing debate on marriage equality. Wolfson since has launched Freedom to Marry, the gay and non-gay partnership working to end discrimination in marriage nationwide. He now serves as executive director for that organization and is a chief national spokesperson for equal marriage rights. His book *Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay Peoples Right to Marry* was recently released in paperback.

In 2000, the National Law Journal named Wolfson one of "the 100 most influential lawyers in America." Citing his national leadership on marriage equality and his appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Boy Scouts of America v. James Dale*. In 2004, Wolfson was named one of the Time 100, *Time* magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

To preview the case he will debate here later this month, *Quest* sat down with Wolfson for an extended phone interview on September 6, who spoke to us from his office in New York. The exchange revealed Wolfson's clear, 20/20 vision for the future of civil marriage equality for gays and lesbians not only here in Wisconsin but for the nation as a whole.

Quest: For anyone who has been following the marriage equality fight for the last two decades, I'm speaking today with the person to whom you can legitimately say "It's all your fault!"
Wolfson: (laughs) Actually it's much more than that. As I describe in my book, *Why Marriage Matters*, gay couples have been challenging the exclusion from marriage since the dawn of the modern

gay rights movement - which most of us think of as beginning with Stonewall in 1969. Within two years of Stonewall there were at least three cases making their way up through the courts in three different states. This is discrimination and exclusion from an important institution that has harmed gay people and has been challenged by gay people all along.

Quest: But you'd have to agree that the current marriage fight really took on its current momentum with the 1993 Hawaiian case.

Wolfson: I absolutely agree with that. I think that the Hawaii case launched the ongoing national - indeed even international - discussion about ending this discrimination. Hawaii did open a whole new chapter.

Quest: If 1993 was marriage equality's Stonewall, where are we today?

Wolfson: Certainly the most important fact is that we have won the freedom to marry - not only in other countries like Roman Catholic Spain or our neighbor to the North, Canada - but right here in the United States. Thousands and thousands of same sex couples have gotten legally married, like right here in Massachusetts. And every day that they have been married means that their families have been strengthened. The kids and the parents are better off, and their non-gay neighbors - both at home and around the country - are getting to see the reality of families helped and no one hurt. Changing that fact - not just making it a hypothetical, scary right wing rhetoric but an actual, living experience that changes hearts and minds - have been very important and a crucial first step in bringing an end to this discrimination nationwide.

Quest: The two stories in the past week - the poll showing no meaningful support for a constitutional marriage ban in Massachusetts and the California Senate passing the gay marriage equality bill now pending in the House - certainly have to hearten marriage equality advocates.

Wolfson: To take those two points and given them their due: If there's anywhere in the country that non-gay Americans ought to rushing to take action because of the supposedly terrible consequences of allowing gay people to marry, it should be Massachusetts. But in fact, as you pointed out, now that people have had a chance to live with it - even for just a few months - its

A 20/20 VISION FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN WISCONSIN

The Quest Interview With Freedom To Marry's Evan Wolfson

By Mike Fitzpatrick



(9:00pm) "Beautiful Women"

(Sathyan Ramesha, Germany, in German with English subtitles, 35mm, 87 minutes, 2003)

Think "*Thelma & Louise*" meets "Stage Door" remade by Lifetime™, the cable network for women and you have Sathyan Ramesh's entertaining "*Beautiful Women*." Five actresses turn up for an audition for a crummy part on a cop show. None really wants the role but, but old habits die hard and each is ready to fight for it. After a bit of verbal sparring, the suggestion of a companionable cocktail is made which leads the five women on a weekend-long journey of discovery, of confrontation and confession.

(11:00pm) "Scream Teen Scream"

(Joshua Rosenzweig, 16mm, on betaSP, 38 minutes, 1996)

The film's promo offers: "Terror has a new face and it's wearing way too much make-up!" That pretty much sums up this hilarious pre-"Scream," drag send-up of the cheesy teen-slasher flick. Jacky DePalma (Jackie Beat), Jennie Lee Curtis (Aleix Arquette) and Lisa Blair (Robert Ring) plan an innocent slumber party of bong hits, pizza pockets and Ouija board games when a chubby-chasing serial killer terrorizes them.

—plus "*Elevator Girls in Bondage*"

(Michael Kalman w/ the Cockettes, USA, Video, 56 minutes, 1972)

"*Elevator Girls in Bondage*" is another closet-classic from the fabled Cockettes "An uproarious revue offering their own pageant of labor politics and activism in general, the Cockettes unleash their version of folk songs and Marxism as four elevator girls at a seedy hotel revolt against their boss, Bald-Headed Sally. -- Not Screened

Day 3: Sunday, October 2

(2:00pm) "Mrs. Stevens Hears the Mermaids Singing"

(Linda Thornburg, Video, 120 minutes, 2005)

Linda Thornburg has turned to May Sarton's landmark 1965 novel to offer a film that is at once a compelling tale of one woman's life as well as a remarkable portrait of both the personal and public history of the 20th Century. On her 70th birthday, Hilary Stevens, a stand-in for Sarton herself, allows two journalists to interview her on her career as a poet. Via flashbacks, Thornburg presents a vibrant panorama of women's history as Stevens recounts her inspirational and romantic encounters with a variety of women. -- Not Screened

(5:00pm) "The Reception"

(John G. Young, USA, Video, 76 minutes, 2005)

This captivating, low-budget drama offers Martin (Wayne Lamont Sims), a gay African-American artist who has fled NYC for the peace and quiet of rural, upstate New York. He lives with Jeanette (Pamela Holden Stewart), a would-be writer and full-time alcoholic. Their fragile existence is shattered when Jeanette's daughter Sierra (Margaret Burkwit) comes to visit with her new husband Andrew (Darien Sills-Evan) in tow. While the quartet tries to get on with a supremely dysfunctional game of "happy families," lies are told, confrontations fare-

up and destinies are changed. No one is quite who they appear to be and over the course of a week, each must confront their own demons.

(7:00pm) "Unveiled" (Fremde Haut)

(Angelina Maccarone, Germany, in German and Farsi with English subtitles, 35mm, 97 minutes, 2005)

Angelina Maccarone's taunt drama, "*Unveiled*," is definitely the highlight of the Festival's first week. Jasmin Tabatabai offers a mesmerizing performance as Fariba, a woman fleeing Iran to escape punishment after the discovery of her affair with a married woman. She seeks refuge in Germany. When denied asylum, Fariba knows she must take matters into her own hands. After another refuge, Siamak, commits suicide, she proceeds to disguise herself and assume his identity. As Siamak, she eventually finds her way to a refugee home, taking on a thankless job in a sauerkraut factory to help pay for her forged papers. There she tries to play the loner but somehow becomes romantically involved with Anne, a single mother. Fariba's already precarious existence is further jeopardized when Fariba learns that she must to return to Iran - Iranian officials forgiving the crimes of the real Siamak. A desperate situation requires further desperate measures and Fariba enlists Anne's aid. Can these two women manage to beat impossible odds? -- Festival Highlight!

Day 4: Monday, October 3

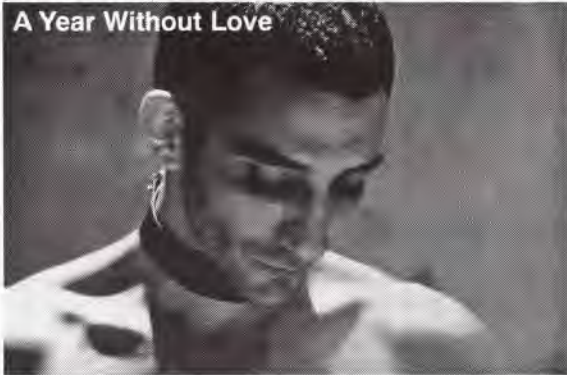
(7:00pm) "The Elusive Embrace - A (blue) Monday Presentation of Men's Shorts"

Always a festival favorite, this year's collection of gay short films takes on the theme of lost love, of encounters not realized but which are often the ones that remain most prominent in our memories. This program portrays the elision of regret and consolation. Highlights include "*My Friend*" and "*My New Friend*," two early short films from Gus Van Sant, a master at evoking such emotions. Taking on an international flavor, this impressive array of shorts come from such diverse locations as Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Cuba.



cinemas, Pablo is perhaps looking in all the wrong places. Or is he? Pablo's life is transformed when he falls in with a group of men into bondage, helping Pablo embrace a new way to deal with his disease. -- Not Screened

A Year Without Love



Day 3: Saturday, October 1

(1:00pm) "Little Man"

(Nicole Conn, Video, 112 minutes, 2005)

Director Nicole Conn is undoubtedly best known for the classic lesbian romance "Claire of the Moon." In "Little Man," Conn turns her camera on herself and life-partner Gwendolyn Baba. The two thought to document the birth of their second child, to be conceived using a surrogate mother. Little Nicholas is born three months early, weighing less than a pound. There begins Nicholas's heart-rending journey for survival as he exists day-today on a breathing apparatus in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Cedars Sinai hospital in Los Angeles. This haunting film illustrates the difficult choices the two women must, balancing their love for their son but weighing the cost to their relationship. -- Not Screened

(3:00pm) "Harold's Home Movies"

(Jason Plourade & Sean David West, Super 8 on Video, 63 minutes, 2005)

"Harold's Home Movies" offers a unique and deeply personal glimpse into some 60-plus years of LGBT history. Turning to Harold "Hal" O'Neal's collection of home movies, filmmakers Jason Plourade & Sean David West present a unique glimpse into a Gay Americana rarely seen. O'Neal's

camera chronicled both public and private occasions in and around San Francisco, from a gay men's cocktail party and a visit to a drag show that t he Beige Room to Gay Pride Parades of the early 1970s. Best of all, O'Neal and his partner of over 50 years offers their own, personal commentary. --Not Screened

(5:00pm) "Based on a True Story"

(Walter Stokman, Netherlands, in English, Video, 75 minutes, 2004)

Sidney Lumet's Oscar-winning "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) starred Al Pacino as the real-life John Wojtowicz, a man who attempted a bank heist to raise money for his lover's sex-change operation. In "Based on a True Story," filmmaker Walter Stokman hopes to get Wojtowicz to offer his side of the story. Unfortunately, Stokman has a tough go. Wojtowicz proves to be a difficult subject. First, he insists that all phone conversation must begin with the use of a password -- "dog." Then Wojtowicz begins stringing Stokman along, demanding more and more money and a bigger "piece of the action." Stokman nevertheless bravely carries on, mixing archival footage with interviews with Lumet, "Dog Day Afternoon" screenwriter Frank Pierson, hostages, Wojtowicz's first wife Carmen and the former FBI agent who would shoot and kill Wojtowicz's 18 year-old partner, Sal. "Based on a True Story" is a fascinating portrait of the documentary process while offering fascinating insight into a quintessential moment in Queer Cinema. -- Highly Recommended!

(7:00pm) "Loggerheads" [Pictured on our cover!]

(Tim Kirkman, USA, 35mm, 2004)

Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival and inspired by a true story, "Loggerheads" explores the difficult struggles of an adoption triad: mother, child and adoptive parents. The film offers sharp contrast between Grace (Bonnie Hunt), a woman looking for the son she was forced to give up for adoption and Elizabeth (Tess Harper), a minister's wife living in regret after her fundamentalist husband turns their gay, adopted son away from home. Director Tim Kirkman masterfully weaves their stories with that of Mark (Kip Pardue), a twenty-something gay drifter who tends to the endangered loggerhead turtles off the North Carolina coast.



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In Massachusetts last year, every single pro-marriage candidate who sought re-election won re-election. And a few of the anti-gay candidates were defeated. There have been three more special elections since last November, all of which have been won by pro marriage candidates. The polls have shown now a solid majority of the people in Massachusetts support (marriage equality) and do not want the politicians demagoguing any further on this subject.

This underscores the ultimate dynamic of this civil rights movement: once we succeed in making it real for people - having conversations, telling real stories about real people, engaging people's thoughts, pushing past their discomfort and getting them to really wrestle with this question - they will move in our direction. That's been the long term trend - and the current trend.

Look the poll done by the Pew Research Center on August 3rd. They reported that the support for freedom to marry - in their words - has rebounded to where it was in July of 2003. After a year and a half of ferocious right wing onslaughts against gay people around the country - a deliberate campaign demonizing gay people, trying to persuade the American people that the freedom to marry question had been considered, been rejected and that people need not think about it any further... after throwing the President and the Pope and everything they have at us - the American people have now taken a deep breath, have begun to think it through more, are digesting this lived experience of Massachusetts and Canada, and are again moving in the direction of marriage equality. Opposition today is only 53%, while a majority - though we need to grow it - of also 53% supports marriage by another name - civil union, partnership or other steps toward marriage by another name.

The California vote in the Senate - and I think they're voting in the Assembly today - puts the lie to another right wing claim: that somehow the public doesn't support this, politicians need not think about it and that its being inappropriately or illegitimately forced by the courts (as if the courts have

not always played a crucial civil rights role protecting vulnerable minorities). The California Senate has become, as you pointed out, the very first legislature in the country to vote for an end to this discrimination.

What that shows is that the right wing forces are running around trying to shut down this discussion and shut the door on even democratic social change, by preventing this generation and the next and the next from being to make a decision on their own.

Quest: Despite the fact that Massachusetts is a Roman Catholic state and California is a very diversely populated state, some will still say that we're still dealing with "blue state mentalities." Here in a lavender state like Wisconsin - barely blue with a lot of red state mentality in it - we're soon to be dealing with the same issue. You wrote in your book *Why Marriage Matters* that every one of the fifty states has a role in gaining marriage equality. What is Wisconsin's role as you see it?

Wolfson: First of all, I believe that all of us as advocates for change and for social justice, have an end game in mind. We have to think strategically about what is our goal and how are we going to get there, no matter where we live. Take Wisconsin for example. Everyone one in Wisconsin - and everywhere for that matter - should be thinking about how are we going to end this discrimination, how are we going to secure full equality including the freedom to marry with what I call "20/20 vision," the vision of how we achieve full equality in Wisconsin and everywhere else by the year 2020.

Obviously the date is going to be a little arbitrary. It might happen sooner, it might happen a little later. But let's all try to act with 20/20 vision and think through what is the work we need to do in Wisconsin year by year to build toward securing full equality in this state by the year 2020.

Now the answer to that question may be that its not going to happen only in Wisconsin, and that would be consistent with the historical pattern. In other words, the way our country operates - the way our country makes civil rights advances - is not that every state achieves equality simultaneously. We see civil rights advances through what I call in my book "patchwork." Some states move toward equality faster while others resist, or even regress.

However, after enough states and enough public opinion have built to a critical mass in support of equality, there comes a nation-

al resolution. Some states many not get all the way to full equality, full civil rights solely on their own. But in every state the work that is done can advance the movement toward equality in the state and also the national dialogue that helps make it possible for other states to get there first and create a wave that comes back to every other state where people can catch the wave and bring their state forward.

What people in Wisconsin need to be thinking, first of all, is how are we going to get there by 2020? What do we need to have in place? Better elected officials. A broader climate of receptivity that enables the courts to do the right thing and play their constitutional role. Growing public support. Increasing safety and support that enables political leaders and community leaders - even in more lavender less blue parts of the state - to speak out. A roster of stories of local people who are offended by discrimination.

Quest: But in order to get to 2020, we have to get past the pending marriage amendment in 2006.

Wolfson: But 2006 is not the end game. 2006 is a year along the path toward full equality by 2020 or whenever the ultimate resolution may be. The amendment attack is the enemy's time frame, or the enemy's framing of the question. Even when you succeed in defeating the attack being thrown against at Wisconsin's families in 2006, you still will not have achieved equality.

Quest: Correct, from a statutory standpoint.

Wolfson: That's right. Discrimination remains and families continue to remain vulnerable. So what you need to do is envision the fully victory: what does it mean to get there. Working backward from that, lay out the benchmarks you want to achieve, and the things you need to do to achieve them: listing allies, putting stories forward, educating the public, helping unpack the word "marriage" so that people don't just have a hot button reaction to it but actually understand how the exclusion from marriage harms people - particularly the most vulnerable, including kids, people who are ill, people who are in a life emergency, immigrants and so on.

The 2006 battle is an opportunity to have that discussion. You don't want to wait until ten minutes before the vote. You want to use every precious moment from now on.

Quest: That's one of the reasons you're going to be here (to debate) on September 21...

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"Adam & Steve"

To open the 2005 Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival, Festival Director Carl Bognar has chosen Craig Chester's romantic comedy, "Adam & Steve." Craig Chester is something of a legend in independent filmmaking and familiar to LGBT audiences from such movies as "Swoon," "Grief," "Frisk," and "Kiss Me Guido" amongst others.

Taking a cue from those fabulous 1940s screwball comedies, Chester has crafted a wacky gay romance replete with all sorts of zany characters, incredible coincidences with even a few over-the-top musical numbers thrown in for good measure.

The time is 1987 and the place is a NYC dance bar. Adam (Chester), in his best Goth drag, and his best friend Rhonda (Parker Posey in a hilarious fat suit) have clearly come on the wrong night. Still, Steve (Malcolm Gets), the hunky, scantily clad lead dancer onstage has captivated the 18 year-old Adam, although he far too shy to chat him up. Instead, Steve makes the first move, and later urges Adam and Rhonda to try their first "bump" of cocaine.

Adam manages to get Steve home but before this couple can blissfully consummate their new relationship, Chester instead turns the scene into a rather dubious, decidedly gross direction but certainly one in which John Waters would surely approve.

Glenn offers this warning: order popcorn at your own risk.

Our quixotic couple then separate for years and years. Adam, in the meanwhile, has become hooked on cocaine, gone through rehab and now leads bird watching expeditions in Central Park. Steve turns his back on the dream job of becoming a "Solid Gold Dancer," becoming instead a psychologist.

They meet again after Adam somehow manages to stab his own dog, Burt. In his panic, Adam rushes him to the hospital clad in just T-shirt and briefs. Did Glenn mention that Adam has taken his poor little pooch to a people hospital? The hospital staff thinks he is nuts, so Steve gets the call.

Thus, our two not-so-young lovers meet again. Steve is clearly enchanted with the neurotic Adam and thanks to Chester's delightfully improbable script; they eventually manage to start again.

Will Adam and Steve ever remember that awful night, so very many years ago? Can they live happily-ever-after?

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Craig Chester, determined to make a real, honest-to-goodness, old-fashion "boy-meets-boy" romantic comedy, is clearly wearing his heart on his sleeve with "Adam & Steve" Glenn wanted to love this movie. Really, he did. There some very funny moments, but "Adam & Steve" just doesn't quite come together. Perhaps surrounded by so many zany characters played by such wonderful comic actors as Parker Posey, Julie "Airplane" Hagerty, and Chris Kattan from "Saturday Night Live," "Adam and Steve" proved just too pale in comparison.

Just the facts...

"Adam & Steve" runs approx. 100 minutes and is in English. All about "Adam & Steve" at www.adamandsteve.com



Adam & Steve

Festival Preview: Week One:

Day 1: Thursday, September 29 Opening Night!

(7:30pm) "Adam & Steve" Please see adjacent review.
(Craig Chester, USA, 35 mm, 100 minutes, 2005)

Day 2: Friday, September 30

(5:00pm) "When I'm 64"
(Jon Jones, UK, Video, 90 minutes, 2004)

Something of a Gay "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "When I'm 64" is an utterly charming gay love story. Jim is retiring as a Latin instructor at a private boy's school where he has lived his entire life, man and boy. His chariot to a new world is actually a Black Cab driven by Ray, a widower of a certain age. Rough and tumble Ray, surrounded by family as well as his old drinking cronies, nevertheless seems a bit lost. Ray is intrigued when he finds in the coat of the jacket Jim's left in his cab, a little notebook in which Jim has written his two goals: 1.) to see the world; and 2.) to fall in love. Ray dutifully returns the jacket, and a tentative, unlikely relationship begins to develop between the two men.

(7:00pm) "Left Lane: On the Road with Folk Poet Alix Olson"
(Samantha Farinella, Video, 94 minutes, 2004)

A year in the making "Left Lane," presents a chronicle of life on the road as spoken word poet Alix Olson tours the country, energizing audiences from a Lincoln, Nebraska high school to a NYC CD release party. Boasting a bonanza of spoken word performances, "Left Lane" includes plenty of behind-the-scenes glimpses at the search for independent thought and grassroots defiance. Pamela Means is just one of the film's many featured musicians. -- Not Screened

(9:00pm) "A Year Without Love" (Un Ano Sin Amor)
(Anahi Berneri, Argentine, in Spanish with English subtitles, 35mm, 95 Minutes, 2005)

"A Year Without Love" arrives at Milwaukee's LGBT Film/Video Fest having garnered many awards on the festival circuit, including Outstanding Foreign Film at both OUTFEST 2005, L.A.'s LGBT Film Festival and at the NYC's LGBT Film Fest. At the center of Anahi Berneri's film is Pablo, a lonely writer in Buenos Aires who passes his time teaching French. A person with AIDS, Pablo sets off on a quest, looking for that one last chance for true love. Cruising bars and porn

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Wolfson: Exactly right, and I think its a very good idea - not because of me, but because it gives you all a chance to bring more attention to (the marriage equality issue) and focus the story on local people in Wisconsin and how they are affected as neighbors, children in the community and Wisconsin taxpayers, by this discrimination.

People in Wisconsin should not be allowed to think that what they're getting is a freebie vote on how they feel about gays in Massachusetts. Instead what they're voting on is how to end - or how to block further discrimination - against families right here at home in Wisconsin.

Quest: One of the big issues, however, is that the marriage issue remains a stalking horse issue for the bigger issue of the morality of homosexuality.

Wolfson: That's correct.

Quest: And we are dealing with two completely different world views which can be summarized fairly simply as "we choose these values" as opposed to "thou shalt follow these values."

Wolfson: Well I think that's even giving too much credit to the opposition because if they really followed the values laid out by the Bible they profess to respect, why were the most vulnerable and poor people in much of the South left unhelped and unprotected at this time of national tragedy just this past week? What kind of moral values does that respect?

Why were the right wing forces pouring millions of dollars into states like Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, to push anti-gay measures but not to build levees or to provide a safety net with a real evacuation plan?

Quest: Well many historians say that history is really a series of reaction to major event beyond our control. Do you think the Hurricane Katrina disaster is going to move the country in reaction away from some of these "values"?

Wolfson: Which values?

Quest: How we deal with the "have nots" - For example, your Freedom To Marry website posted a story that FEMA is not going to be helping same-sex households.

Wolfson: Well what kind of "family values" are those? That's discrimination and division, exactly what these forces have been peddling, claiming to represent a religious view, I actually do think we have a chance now - in the wake of this terrible and continuing disaster - to remind people that the government is the embodiment and the

agency of all of us for doing good and creating a community that we all want to have. The failure to devote that government and charge it, monitor it as it takes on necessary tasks about building a community that protects the most vulnerable, that treats people equally and with respect, has real consequences. We all must be more vigilant and not allow the forces of division to polarize people and distract them away from making sure that their government does what it supposed to do - and not be used a weapon to do things the government shouldn't be doing like discriminating and undercutting people even as it transfers resources from the most needy to the least needy.

Wisconsin is part of that same thing. Why is (the amendment question) on the 2006 ballot? It's very much on the ballot in 2006 not to achieve any real goal of moral or "family values" that would protect Wisconsin's families including its gay families, but rather to serve the political ends of the right wing machine. I hope that people will see that they should not keep falling for this ballot bait.

Quest: You're about to debate Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family. How do you think this encounter is going to come out?

Wolfson: I very much welcome any opportunity to let fair minded people who may still have real questions about their position, and even discomfort, to hear what Focus On The Family and the opponents of equality have to say, then measure that against what the gay families seeking freedom to marry and advocates for equality like me have to say. Even if people don't 100% agree with everything I have to say right away - when they hear what's on the other side - they can't help but be troubled by this discriminatory attack.

Quest: We have on one side, real flesh and blood folks with real stories, and on the other side, they have what I call "stained glass thinking" - there's never a human being or a beating heart attached to any of their rhetoric.

Wolfson: Not only that but Focus On The Family spends literally millions of dollars literally attacking gay families. If this organization really cared about families, the time when the country is under just a cascade of challenges, they ought to be spending their time supporting and building families, not dividing Americans for their political ends.

The other thing the American people should know is that Glenn Stanton is willing to run around the country having debates, suggest-

ing that conversation and debate is a good thing, but at the same time their political mechanism i pushing attack measures and constitutional amendments aimed a shutting down debate, not only in this state at this one moment but in all states for all time.

Quest: Let's look at the worst case scenario - the Wisconsin anti-gay amendment gets on the ballot and it passes. How far will that delay us from the goal of equality by 2020?

Wolfson: No, it does not mean that at all. If we do our work right. Obviously it would be better to block the attack than succumb to it. Even in defeating the attack there is a way to engage the discussion and engage the battle week by week by week from now until the vote in November, 2006. If we're not able to get to 51% on the enemy's time frame, we have moved the public's support from 30% to 40%, from 40% to 45%. We've strengthened our organizations. We've educated the people of Wisconsin further and we continue the conversation after the vote.

Quest: Has there been much movement in Hawaii to reconsider that state's amendment since it was passed in 1998?

Wolfson: What we've all learned from the experience of Hawaii and some of the other places is that it is not okay to run these thing as if they were a one-shot, election cycle campaign. What we need is a serious, sustained engagement over time with a long enough time frame that we can give people the information that they need, knowing that we start as a minority with a real need to break through the discomfort and silence to get the fair-minded people to understand this. I think in Wisconsin you have really learned that lesson and are mounting a very different kind of campaign where you are using every day, reaching out as broadly as possible to as many non-gay people as possible. I believe you are committed to saying the words "gay" and "marriage" in the discussion so that there's an authentic, honest and moving discussion that will actually move the middle, giving them enough information and enough time to absorb it.

If, however, you wait, not use every precious moment or run away from the word "gay" and the faces of real people in Wisconsin, and don't talk about marriage, then you're not likely to win - by 2006 or 2020.

If we don't discuss (the marriage issue), all they're hearing is the other side. There's nothing to help through the conflicting feelings that fair-minded, decent, reachable but not yet reached people have. This is some-

QUEER CHAPTERS TURNS ANOTHER PAGE

Madison - Queer Chapters is a LGBT book discussion group that meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at OutReach, located on 600 Williamson St.. The group's main focus is non-fiction literature. Participants in a round table discussion explore the author's ideas and the relevance they hold for the LGBT community.

The group's October selection is "In A Queer Time and Place: Transgender Bodies, Subcultural Lives" by Judith Halberstam.

An excerpt from the book cover follows: "Considering the sudden visibility of the transgender body in the early twenty-first century against the backdrop of changing conceptions of space and time, In a Queer Time and Place is the first full-length study of transgender representations in art, fiction, film, video, and music. This pioneering

book offers both a jumping off point for future analysis of transgenderism and an important new way to understand cultural constructions of time and place".

For more information on the group and book purchase outlets, e-mail Hal at queerchapters@hotmail.com or leave a message for him at 608-255-8582.

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Following the close of the festival's fiscal year, an independent audit will be conducted to verify all financial information. The PrideFest Task Force is assessing options for using the surplus, including the possibility of paying off the remaining deficit from 2003. Additionally, funds will be placed in a reserve to prepare for the 2006 festival.

"We know there will be some increases in operating costs next year," said PrideFest Co-Producer Michael Hall. "Our goal all along has been to ensure the longevity of the festival, and we need to look at all the

options to make sure we can continue moving in that direction."

The Task Force also announced that Cindy Taylor will step down from her position as Treasurer on August 31, but she will continue to serve on the Task Force for 2006. Dan Simoneau, a former treasurer for the Cream City Foundation, will become the new PrideFest Treasurer. Simoneau has worked in the festival cash room the past two years and has a strong knowledge of the festival's financial systems.

Several other additions have been made to

the PrideFest Production Team: Heather Kincaid has joined as Secretary; Dori Klitzka has joined as Volunteer Director; and Karina Willes has joined as Web Development Director.

"We are thrilled that all of these people have stepped forward to continue building PrideFest, and we hope more people will volunteer their time," said Hall. PrideFest is Wisconsin's largest celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) culture and community and is held annually in June at Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lakefront.

RURAL DYKES PLAN FALL FROLIC AND BARN DANCE

Waukegan - The Rural Dykes Association is inviting city and country women to join their Fall Frolic and Barn Dance to be held on Saturday, September 24, from 7 - 11 PM at the Schumacher Farm Park, 5682 Highway 19 in Waukegan.

Come dance with us and DJ Sandy Seuser. Admission is free, though donations for the DJ would be welcomed.

Snack and drinks will be provided. Alcohol is prohibited as this event is being held at a county park.

To reach the venue from Milwaukee, take I-94 to I-90 west.

Continue northwest to Exit 131, then turn west on Hwy. 19. Go 4.6 miles, but stay on Hwy 19 after it merges with Hwy 113. Continue 1/2 mile. The farm is on the right at the top of the hill just before the water tower.

From Madison, take Hwy 113 towards Waukegan. Follow the highway left when it merges with Hwy 19, follow the directions above. From Waukegan, follow Hwy. 19 east toward Sun Prairie. The farm is on the left just two-tenths of a mile from the Culvers restaurant.

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thing that we have to help them understand: who gay people are, how we're affected by the denial of marriage, how marriage and its denial actually bear on our lives. Then we have to fold in other things that they do care about when they're reminded that they care about them, such as the obligation to treat everyone equally under the law, everyone's desire for fairness, the desire for love and support and commitment that most people have. We need to connect all those dots for people and it may take a little time.

This is a winnable battle in Wisconsin, both in 2006 and by 2020, if we make an authentic case for ending the discrimination using real voices, personal stories, local faces and talking with our neighbors about why marriage and why equality matter.

I wrote the book, *Why Marriage Matters*, for two audiences. First, people on our side want to have all in one place the best arguments, how to respond to the opposition, some great stories, a little bit of history, a little bit of law so that can make their own personal case about why this matters so they can ask people in their lives for support.

People need to have that conversation with the people around us. People cannot assume that, just because a person loves us and is generally a good guy, that they understand how the denial of marriage harms us. We have to make that case, even with people who we think are on our side, like our families and our friends.

The second audience for the book is the people I've been describing in our conversation: the people who are reachable but not yet reached. I really believe that these people have serious questions that are worthy of answers. They're legitimate questions and deserve legitimate answers.

Quest: How do you respond to people in our community who say "Why are we even worrying about marriage?" or "Why are we supporting a heterosexist institution?" You've heard all the variations I'm sure.

Wolfson: I would say, first of all, that this is about the freedom to marry, not mandatory marriage. Anyone who's looked around the country in the last few years can see the tremendous resonance and power of this discussion - both in the terms of the gay people who have lined up by the thousands to marry literally from coast to coast. Clearly, they want this experience as something meaningful and important in their lives.

But also in terms of the non-gay people, who are thinking anew, as never before, about who gay people are and how this

experience, this discrimination, this injustice has to change. It's no coincidence that the states where we have fought the hardest for marriage are the states where we have won the most protections for same-sex couples and their kids.

Even if you don't personally care about having the freedom to marry, you ought to care about its power to move the country in the direction of equality across the board. The battle over the freedom to marry today is not just about marriage. It's a marker, it's a place holder, it's a vehicle for a larger struggle over the place of gay people in American life and whether gay people are entitled to full equality and full participation in responsibilities, and protections, and joys, and opportunities of our society.

And it's not just gay people who have a stake in this battle, often non-gay people do to. We all have a stake in ending this discrimination. What's at stake here, as in so many of the other battles that have been fought on the battlefield of marriage - race discrimination, women's equality, separation of church and state - is whether we're going to be a country that has the kind of vision that most of us, most of the people who read *Quest*, believe in. A place where everyone has the right to be both equal and

different, and no one has to give up his or her difference in order to be treated equally. That's our vision.

On the other side of this battle are organizations that have a very different vision of this country: a country where there are sex roles mandated by law, where there is little or no separation of church and state, where there is little or no protection for the minority, where there's no respect - or very little - for personal freedom in choice in matters as deeply intimate as the selection of a life partner or control over your body.

Quest: Do you have any final comments for our readers?

Wolfson: The two ingredients for moving the reachable middle to our side in Wisconsin and nationally are information and time. We must give them the personal "ask" why (marriage) matters to us and why we want them to support this. We need them to stand up now against discrimination.

We must use the time wisely and quickly to get them the time they need to absorb that information, get past their discomfort and rise to fairness. We need to use every precious day between now and november 2006 - and beyond - to achieve the equality we deserve in Wisconsin.

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WISCONSIN'S LGBT COMMUNITY REACHES OUT TO GAY AND HIV+ KATRINA VICTIMS

Madison, Milwaukee - Among the estimated 5000 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who have begun arriving in Wisconsin in the last week and a half are dozens, if not hundreds, of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered men and women, some of whom are also HIV+. To assist with the specialized needs of the LGBT storm victims, OutReach in Madison and ARCW in Milwaukee have mobilized relief projects.

OutReach has coordinated the solicitation of housing, clothing, transportation and other aid from members of the city's LGBT community. Other concerns being addressed by the community center are schooling, medical and psychological care, according to project leader Nikki Baumbly.

Other Madison minority groups have mobilized assistance for Katrina victims as well. Rita Adair of Dane County Human Services has been working with the city groups and businesses such as the Allied Neighborhood Association, Allied Partners, Voices Beyond Bars, African American Council of Churches, The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists, Van Galder Bus Company, Hawk Investments and Reality Executives to provide shelter and services for evacuees.

In Milwaukee and through its offices statewide, ARCW has begun providing medical services to Katrina victims as well. ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson announced September 9 that the state Department of Health and Family Services had designated the agency as a provider of health and social services to Katrina evacuees with HIV/ AIDS who come to Wisconsin. "We have affirmed to the state that we are pleased to make our medical, dental and mental health clinics and our case management, housing and legal services available to all HIV positive evacuees," Nelson said.

Three social services case managers have been designated to coordinate care and access to health services, medications, housing and other needs. The state's HIV/AIDS drug reimbursement program has also created a special waiver application for out-of-state hurricane evacuees.

According to ARCW communications director Kate Venne, service inquiries have come from throughout the state. "ARCW is pleased that we can play an important role

well as the over 400 people our medical clinics already serve," Venne noted. ARCW is the primary beneficiary of AIDS Walk Wisconsin and has also been designated by the State of Wisconsin to provide medical care to HIV-positive hurricane evacuees.

Venne largely dismissed concerns that donations to the hurricane relief effort might dampen support for the AIDS Walk, comparing the event to the post-9/11 walk. "After September 11, we found the we still had a very successful walk," Venne said. "I think it was because people were feeling particularly generous and realizing that a lot of folks need help. I think the Hurricane Katrina effect will show again that people want to reach out and help."

Individually, the state's LGBT community members have been offered several gay-friendly ways to donate to Katrina relief. New Orleans native Ellen DeGeneres has started a fund as well as gay philanthropist Tim Gill's pledge to match up to one million dollars for Katrina-earmarked donations to the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Fund.

Many of Wisconsin's gay people have chosen to support hurricane relief efforts through the well-established Rainbow World Fund (RWF), which was created following the Asian tsunami disaster last Christmas. RWF has established a fund for donations to help the survivors of Katrina. RWF is responding with food aid - donations through RWF will go to America's Second Harvest (ASH), the nation's food bank network. In Wisconsin, for example, ARCW's food pantries access Second Harvest's food resources.

ASH has reported that at least ten food banks and hundreds of related agencies were hit by Hurricane Katrina. 100% of the RFW Katrina donations are being used to provide meals and groceries, transport food to survivors, and secure additional warehouse space to assist food banks in resuming and maintaining operations. The Rainbow World Fund can be found online at: www.rainbowfund.org.



in caring for people affected by Hurricane Katrina," Venne told *Quest*. "My first thoughts in the days following the hurricane were of the people with HIV or AIDS who lost medication or who didn't have necessary nourishment to take with their medication. The people who we will help in Wisconsin will have a very immediate need for medical care. In most of these cases people are coming to us who haven't had access to their medications or care for more than two weeks."

Venne also noted that the unexpected jump in service needs has come as ARCW began its final outreach for support of its annual AIDS Walk. "Funds raised from AIDS Walk Wisconsin will help these new patients as

"NAKED BOYS" VENUE PAYS TO DEMAND APOLOGY MGAC Reverses Itself A Day Later, Commending Mayor Barrett's Response

Milwaukee - Even as it applauded Mayor Tom Barrett's response to the closure of "Naked Boys Singing", the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center continued to run a paid advertisement "demanding a public apology" for the August 18 shuttering of the nude review. In two press releases in a 24-hour period, the MGAC first demanded a public apology from and then commended Barrett for his response to the closing.

The MGAC placed the "open letter" ad directed to the mayor and the police chief in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel calling for their immediate attention and response to the use of the MPD vice squad to enforce "a non-existent license violation." The advertisement ran in the paper's Metro section on August 31 and September 2, and questioned the city's action against the MGAC during a spiraling violent crime wave.

The advertised demand came despite the revelation in the follow-up investigation that neither the MGAC nor the police were aware of the non-profit exemption contained in the small theater license ordinance used to close the revue. Despite its commendation of Barrett, the center's \$634K claim against the city remains in place.

In an August 30 letter to Milwaukee

Common Council President Willie Hines, the mayor requested that Hines review the actions of the City Clerk's Licensing Division to determine whether or not appropriate requirements were placed on the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center. The letter went on to ask the Common Council President to



investigate the procedures of the Licensing Division in this matter. The mayor asked Common Council President Willie Hines to handle the matter because, according to the mayor, the licensing division is not under his mayoral authority. The mayor pledged if it is discovered that hostility towards

Milwaukee's LGBT community played a role in the closure, he will apologize.

The mayor also indicated that he had asked Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty to review and explain Milwaukee Police Department's handling of the situation. The MPD Vice Squad closed "Naked Boys Singing!" on August 18.

"It is reassuring that the mayor has shown real civil courage and leadership by demanding accountability from the city's administration and MPD when their powers are misused," MGAC director Paul Masterson said.

"Naked Boys Singing" director Mark Hooker also appeared pleased by Barrett's letter. "I hope the mayor can begin a healing process to restore Milwaukee's reputation. The story was covered by over 150 media outlets including the New York Times and CNN. I just hope I can get back to doing theater. I never understood what this was all about in the first place. But I do believe in the free expression of art in our country and am very happy that the mayor has taken the right action," Hooker said.

The MGAC press release also reported that the venue is unaware of any public statement made by MPD Chief Nannette Hegerty regarding this issue.

In related news, Masterson has announced that a recast version the Uncommon Theatre's production of "Naked Boys Singing" will begin on October 29.

PRIDEFEST REAPS RECORD PROFITS

Milwaukee - PrideFest has announced that this year's festival has made record profits. In a recent press release, the organization estimated approximately \$90,000 in earnings for this year's festival. Final festival-related expenses and income are still being tallied, however.

"Thanks to great support from the commu-

nity, PrideFest had its best year ever," said PrideFest Task Force President Scott Gunkel. "It was a year of many broken records, but the most important was the record income."

"The many volunteers, sponsors, vendors and the community at-large all came together to make this success possible," said Treasurer Cindy Taylor. "It's a testa-

ment to the great potential of PrideFest."

The Task Force is planning a community town hall meeting to be held in October. The date and location have not yet been finalized. The town hall will offer an opportunity to review details of the 2005 festival and serve as a kick-off for the 2006 event, which will be the 10th year PrideFest has been on the Summerfest grounds and its 18th year overall.

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CALIFORNIA STUDY SHOWS GAY SMOKING RATE DOUBLE THE AVERAGE

Los Angeles - California's first detailed look at tobacco use by specific populations, released September 6 has found that gays and transsexuals were more likely to smoke than other people. The data, compiled by the state Department of Health Services working with other researchers, offered a striking counterpoint to an overall decrease in smoking throughout California.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community reported smoking rates of 30.4%, nearly twice the 15.4% rate for the general population. Gay men smoked at twice the rate of other men among the California general population.

"The data for lesbian and bisexual women is even worse," Larry Bye, vice president of



the Field Research Corp., which assisted in the studies, overseen by the Department of Health Services told *Los Angeles Times* reporter Hector Becerra. "Lesbian and bisexual women are smoking at almost three times the rate of women in general."

The findings come two years after a UCLA study also found that gays and lesbians were more likely to smoke than the general population, prompting a push in some gay communities across the country for new anti-smoking campaigns.

The state's study did not offer an explanation for those figures. But some activists have speculated that some gays turn to cigarettes as teenagers to deal with the stress of

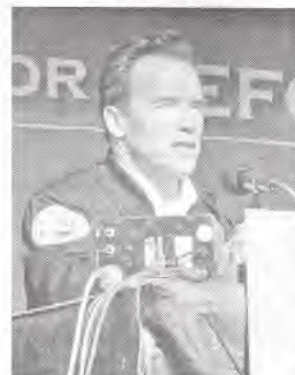
"coming out" and potential discrimination.

Ed Mullen, 53, a lawyer, said he has wondered why he and other gay friends seem to smoke so much even though they are aware of the health risks. "I had a cookout the other night and there were 10 people there, and only one person did not smoke — and that was my mother," Mullen said.

Mullen said it may be a reflection of a life in which many gays and lesbians have been rejected by family. But he shrugged at a definitive answer. "You think the gay community is smart, and you would think they understand the health risks," Mullen said.

Bye, of the Field Research Corp., said it was still unclear why gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people reported higher rates of tobacco use. These groups did not report feeling as if there were overt attempts by the tobacco industry to target them through advertisements, Bye said. "We're not finished with that part of the analysis," he said.

SCHWARZENEGGER TO VETO HISTORIC GAY MARRIAGE BILL



Sacramento - California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Sept. 8 that he would veto a bill to legalize same-sex marriage "out of respect for the will of the people," a move that immediately drew heated criticism from gay rights supporters and cheers from right-wing groups opposed to marriage equality.

The bill, passed by the state's lawmakers in the past week, would make California the first state to legalize same-sex marriage through its legislature. In Massachusetts, recognition of gay marriages came through a court ruling. Connecticut also passed a same sex civil unions bill earlier this year.

Schwarzenegger said the legislation would conflict with the intent of voters when they approved an initiative five years ago that prevents California from recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states or countries. "We cannot have a system where the people vote and the Legislature derails that vote," the governor's press secretary, Margita Thompson, said in a statement.

Gay civil rights advocates said the Republican governor had betrayed the bipartisan ideals that helped get him elected in the 2003 recall election. "Clearly he's pandering to an extreme right wing, which was not how he got elected," said Geoff Kors, executive director of Equality California, one of the bill's sponsors. "He got elected with record numbers of lesbian and gay voters who had not previously voted for a Republican, and he sold us out."

Marriage equality opponents gloated over the announcement. "I'm encouraged that the governor is going to stop the runaway Legislature, and he's going to represent the people," Karen England of the Capitol Resource Institute, a Sacramento group that lobbied against the bill, said.

The governor has until October 9 to issue the veto. A veto override in California requires a two-thirds vote in both the Assembly and Senate. The Assembly approved the bill 41-35, while the Senate voted 21-15.

It is doubtful the bill could gain enough support to override a veto, but supporters of the measure say they could delay sending it to the governor's office. San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno, one of six openly gay members of the legislature and the author of the gay marriage bill, spent September 8 mustering support for parliamentary maneuvers to delay the bill from reaching the governor's desk. The bill has not been printed following its passage in the Assembly and already the state's largest LGBT civil rights group - Equality California (EC) - has begun demonstrations.

Dozens of same-sex couples held a candlelight vigil in front of the Capitol on September 8. Over the following weekend demonstrations were held in other cities throughout the state, and EC has already begun an email campaign encouraging its supporters to

flood the governor's office with condemnation.

The protests come as Schwarzenegger prepares to announce his candidacy this week for a second term and as he heads into a tough special-election battle in November that would alter government spending, make it harder for teachers to gain tenure, and immediately overhaul political boundary redistricting to break Democrats' control.

Despite his promise to veto the bill, Schwarzenegger still believes "gay couples are entitled to full protection under the law and should not be discriminated against based upon their relationship," Thompson's statement said. "He is proud that California provides the most rigorous protections in the nation for domestic partners."

California already gives same-sex couples many of the rights and duties of marriage if they register with the state as domestic partners.

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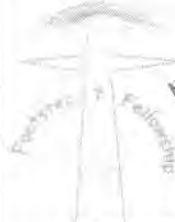


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Friday, September 16

Broadway Theatre Center (Cabot Theatre), 158 N. Broadway, Milw., **Skylight Opera Theatre** opens its production of *Little Women* this evening, and continues thru Oct. 2 (Tickets - schedule info - 414 / 291-7800 or www.skylightopera.com)

Shelter (Green Bay) We present Layla LaRue + Natasha Marques, Baja, Mercedes Andrews, Chantal, Kahlla LaMonte and Tony K. Show time 11 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

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Sunday, September 18

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Monday, September 19

Outwards Book Club meets 7: 30 pm. Romance is in the air in September when the group will discuss *Hot Sauce* by Scott Pomfret & Scott Whittier. All welcome to join in the discussion

Wednesday, September 21

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Saturday, September 24

Fall Frolic & Barn Dance (Rural Dykes Association), Schumacher Farm Park, 5682 Hwy 19, Waunakee, WI. Free, donations for DJ welcomed. Snacks & drinks provided (alcohol prohibited at this county park).

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MASSACHUSETTS ADVOCATES' WEBSITE OUTS SIGNERS OF ANTI-GAY PETITION

Boston - Two Massachusetts gay activists have begun posting the names and addresses of anyone who has signed a petition that could lead to a statewide ban on gay marriage on the internet. The **KnowThyNeighbor.org** website, a project of Thomas Lang & Alexander Westerhoff, one of the first gay couples married in the state, came after state Attorney General Thomas Reilly certified a ballot question that bans gay marriage and civil unions September 7. The ballot question's supporters must collect almost 66,000 signatures from registered voters, and approval from 25% of state legislators to get the question on the 2008 ballot. Lang said the name, street address, hometown and zip code of everyone who signs the petition will be posted on the couple's website.

"Everyone's scrambling to know who in

their town would sign this," Lang told the *Boston Herald*. "And this website will give gay people the tools to know, to defend themselves and their families, to let them go neighbor-to-neighbor and say, 'I don't



Compiled & Written By Mike Fitzpatrick

GAY 'SURVIVOR' CHAMP NICKED FOR TAX EVASION

Providence, RI - Richard Hatch, who won \$1 million on the first season of the reality show "Survivor," was indicted September 8 for failing to pay taxes on his winnings from the CBS show.

Hatch faces 10 charges, including tax evasion, filing a false tax return, wire fraud, bank fraud and mail fraud. U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente said Hatch, 44, did not pay taxes on his "Survivor" prize, income from a radio show and rental income. The Newport resident also allegedly used donations to his charity, Horizon Bound, to cover personal expenses.

Prosecutors charged Hatch with two counts of tax evasion in January. He agreed to plead guilty, but backed out of the deal in March, saying he thought CBS was responsible for paying the taxes on his prize. CBS has said Hatch was well aware of his obligations to pay taxes on the money.

At the time the charges were filed, Hatch was on a plane headed for Houston to help hurricane victims at the Astrodome and could not be reached for comment. Rod Mitchell, a spokesman for Hatch's lawyer, Michael Minns said.

The grand jury, which received the case after the plea deal fell apart, indicted Hatch

for filing false 2000 and 2001 tax returns, which omitted his income from the reality show, \$327,000 he was paid to co-host "The Wilde Show" on a Boston radio station and \$28,000 in rent on a property he owns in Newport.

The indictment said Hatch had two accountants prepare tax returns that included his "Survivor" winnings but did not file them when he learned he would owe hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes. In 2002, he had one of the accountants prepare a second return that did not include his TV show winnings. He filed that one, which called for a \$4,500 refund, the indictment said.

Hatch was also accused of misusing \$36,500 from a nonprofit camp he set up, Horizon Bound. For example, he allegedly kept for himself a \$10,000 donation made in return for his appearance on the NBC game show "Weakest Link." He spent the money from the game show on a construction project at his house, the indictment said.

Hatch faces a maximum of 75 years in prison if found guilty on all charges. He also could face millions of dollars in fines.

On "Survivor," Hatch stood out for being a cunning and ruthless competitor, and spent some of his time in the nude. He won

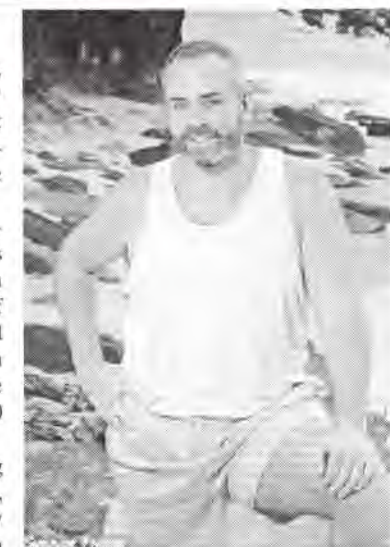
appreciate your signing this."

"I'm going to be aggressive personally," he said. "I want to know that the people I do business with are not against (gay marriage). This is going to be won by economics."

Gay marriage opponent Kristian Mineau, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute, complained that website is "intimidation by no other name." Mineau is listed on the site, along with the first thirty people to sign the petition, including former Boston mayor Ray Flynn.

Westerhoff already introduced himself to one of the first petition signers, Madelyn Shields. Shields told the *Herald* she found the meeting "a bit odd," but described Westerhoff as gracious. She said she hoped other exchanges between gay marriage advocates and petition signers are as gracious.

"I have a number of gay friends and I treat people the same regardless, but that does not change my position of what I believe marriage is," she said.



the show's first season in August 2000. He has since appeared on other TV shows, most recently the "Battle of the Network Reality Stars" on Bravo.

Since the TV show, Hatch has weathered a series of legal battles. He was arrested in April 2000 on a charge of abusing his then 9-year-old son. That charge was later dropped. In 2002, Hatch was found innocent of assaulting his ex-boyfriend.

Thank You SIR: by Jeff Hicks

INTERNET RED FLAGS AND DATING TIPS FOR KINKY PEOPLE

From Ft. Lauderdale Bondage Club Founder: This deserves passing along. — jeff H.

"Red flag" is a term used to describe a personal trait or behavior that is common in people who are harmful to their partners. When getting to know someone online it is very important that you look for these red flags. When you see these red flags slow down or stop the relationship. Understand that none of these red flags alone are definitely a sign of a bad person. They only tend to be an indicator of a problem situation. The more you see these red flags, the more you are at risk. Many of these red flags can apply to both unhealthy Doms and subs.

These recommendations are to help you avoid getting into an abusive relationship. If you think you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship please visit NLA's Domestic Violence Project web page at: <http://www.nlaidvproject.us/>

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Treats you lovingly and respectfully one day and then harshly and accusingly the next. >> Goes to great lengths to get revenge on people. >> Lies or withholds information. >> Cheats on you or is overly jealous. >> Will not discuss what your possible future relationship could be like. >> Tries to keep you in the dark about what might happen next in the relationship. Does not respect your feelings, rights, or opinions. >> Belittles your ideas. >> Blames you for your hurt feelings. >> Abuses alcohol or other drugs. >> Is constantly asking for large amounts of money from you or others. >> Threatens suicide or other forms of self-harm. >> Deliberately says or does things that result in getting themselves seriously hurt. Monitors your communications (emails, phone calls, chats) with others. >> Only interacts with you in a kinky or sexual manner as if role-playing. >> Will not have normal everyday vanilla conversations. >> Never shows you their human side. >> Is emotionless. >> Hides their vulnerability behind their D/s role. >> Has multiple online identities for interacting with the same communities. Disappears from communication for days or weeks at a time without explanation. Is rude to public servants such as waitresses, cashiers and janitors. >> Never says thank you, excuse me or I am sorry to anyone.

Safe Dating & Correspondence Tips Before meeting:

Do not give out personal information to strangers. This includes your name, phone number, address, and place of work or email addresses you use for other purposes. Get a P.O. Box if you need to get mail from them. >> Do not send money to your online interest. There are online users that earn a living by faking love and pretending to run into hard times. >> When you do make telephone calls, make sure your phone blocks caller ID or call from a public phone. Do not call collect. Your number will appear on their bill. >> Exchange multiple recent nonsexual photographs to avoid embarrassment and hurt feelings. >> Get a background check before meeting. There are several services that will do this through the Internet. >> Make it clear you are not going to engage in any BDSM activity on the initial dates.

During the meeting:

Meet in public places, preferably with a friend. Do not let your date pressure you into going somewhere else even if the date is going fine. >> Try to make your first date a daytime event. >> Drive yourself to and

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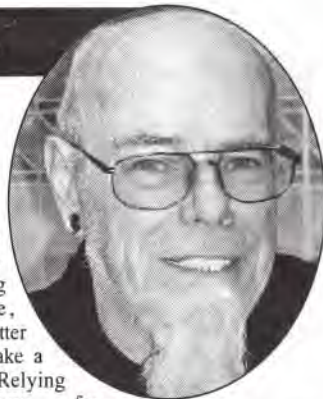
transportation can put you in an unsafe position. >> Establish a safety net complete with safe calls and details on your date. Tell your safety net your date's information, where you are going and what to do in case you do not make your safe calls. >> Make sure your date knows you have a safety net set up. It is a great deterrent to those with bad intent. >> Follow your gut instinct. If it 'feels' bad get away as quickly and smoothly as you can. >> Bring along a cell phone on your date and do not become separated from it. >> Do not drink alcohol on your date or leave your drink unattended. >> Never engage in bondage during your initial BDSM sessions. >> Do not leave your wallet or purse unattended. Your date may dig through them to find out information you do not want them to know. >> If you are traveling to the meeting, do not let them meet you at the airport or bus station. Use cabs or rental cars for going to and from the public meeting place. Do not stay with them or let them make arrangements for you. Do not let them know where you are staying. >> Be aware that safe words, safe calls, contracts, negotiations or gut instincts will NOT fully protect you from a real criminal. Take your time and be sure of what you are getting into. Criminals have less patience for difficult targets and will often either give up the idea of meeting or not show up at all.

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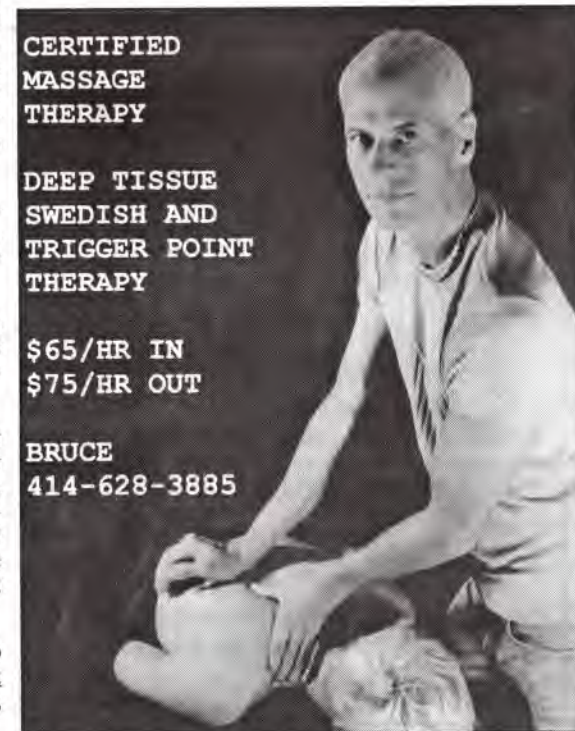
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