

GREETINGS AND HAPPY SPRING!

Our goal is to keep you informed and to get your input on the various facets of the Almost Home Project.

The cutting and recutting continues...

By Ben Krutzik

The editing process is keeping everyone at 371 extremely busy as we move toward completion of *Almost Home*. Our office in Milwaukee has seemingly turned into a round-the-clock operation—during the day, the other interns and I might find ourselves searching for shots of C.N.A.'s helping residents or sending a FedEx shipment off to our editor Tom Haneke in New Jersey, while Brad burns the midnight oil a few nights a week screening the latest rough cuts sent back from Tom.



In this screen shot from *Almost Home*, Bob Haig takes his wife Delores out to lunch.

The first assembly of scenes from the film was completed on January 28 with a running time of nearly three hours. A February 28th screening by advisors yielded some helpful suggestions. Since that time, the film has undergone a series of revisions and currently stands at a solid 110 minutes. Of course, the film continues to change on a daily basis as editing moves forward and the storyline is refined.

“The central challenge has been to weave together the dramatic stories of our principal characters and the movement toward culture change,” Brad said. “It’s a real trick.”

This week, the Independent Television Series (ITVS) screened a copy of the rough cut and offered their feedback. They called it “compelling”, “great visual storytelling,” and “moving.” More importantly, they agreed that *Almost Home* should be a 90 minute film!

Looking down the line, we plan to complete the picture and have a locked version of the film by mid-April, followed by color correction in Atlanta. Finally, audio mixing and online editing will be done at WPTV before the film is delivered to PBS at the end of May. As always, we’ll keep

It’s official! 90 minutes!

The Independent Television Series (ITVS) viewed a cut of *Almost Home* this week and they loved it! This was the first step in securing a broadcast date. We will let you know as soon as we do!

Clips from *Almost Home* are now available!

As promised, a DVD of clips from *Almost Home* is now available. Your DVD will be sent to each public television station via snail mail.

Stations, please share this DVD with your community partner. If you do not receive this package in the next two weeks, or would like the DVD sent to a specific address, please contact **Lauren** at laburke@uwm.edu or **414.229.2831**

Thanks for your patience!

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This information as well as funder logos, photos, and other graphics will be made available on a password protected page of the *Almost Home* web site. The page and access password will be made available soon.

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The outreach team would always love to hear your feedback! Please feel free to contact us anytime with questions or comments.

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