



RESOURCE LINE

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Gill Foundation Grant Awarded

On May 21, 2002, the GLRC received a letter from the Gill Foundation that stated the award of a challenge grant in the amount of \$3000 for general operating costs. The Gill Foundation is a \$260 million endowed organization committed to securing equal opportunities for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



About the Gill Foundation

The mission of the Colorado-based Gill Foundation is to secure equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Established in 1994 by software entrepreneur Tim Gill, the Gill Foundation is the nation's largest funder of the GLBT organizations. With an endowment of \$260 million, the Gill Foundation has invested nearly \$40 million in non-profit organizations throughout the country. For more information, call 303-292-4455 or visit the web site at <http://www.gillfoundation.org>.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant from the Gill Foundation. The grant comes at an important time for this organization so that we can continue to provide a space for the GLBT to meet," said Linda L. Davenport, President of the GLRC Board of Directors. "We see this grant as an indication that we are on the right track in our commitment to providing the a resource and referral center and a place to meet and hold events such as educational programming, support groups, and socializing."

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GLRC Resource Line

Scott Alt, Kathy Towe, Kendy Wazac

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August Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the GLRC Board was called to order at 7 PM on August 5, 2002 by Linda Davenport, President.

Present:

Linda Davenport, Scott Alt, Trish Hyde, Tony Hansen, Duane Foster, Chris Formanek, Jay Mc Atee and several members of the community.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the July meeting were distributed and read aloud by Trish Hyde. The minutes were unanimously approved. Notes for August were recorded initially by Tony Hansen and then by Trish Hyde in the absence of Dot Sheldon.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: 07/01/02 \$6914.85
Income: \$5750.00
Expenses: \$6647.47
Ending Balance: 07/31/02 \$6017.38

Report read by Trish Hyde. Trish will meet with Bob Redlinger to discuss the book-keeping necessary for the opening of the new checking account at Wells Fargo. Money for Ausadie was not reported in July due to deposited on August 3. Approved unanimously

Old Business

Discussion was opened regarding signature authority for the checking account. There will be three board members on the signature card. Two signatures will be required on every check. The president, secretary and treasurer will be the three board members on the signature card.

Coordinators for Outreach Y.E.S.

Linda presented an idea for board members to think about before the next meeting. She would like to see about implementing 4 directors for 1) Development, 2) Public Relations, 3) Programs, and 4) Resources. Each director would have separate duties or responsibilities, and those can be filled with volunteers from the community. The duties are as follows:

Development

Grant Coordination, Sponsor & Fundraiser, Volunteer Coordinator

Public Relations

Web Master, Editor of the Newsletter (with a Layout Editor under this duty), Advertising Manager

Programs

Education Coordinator (Monthly Programs), Group Program Coordinator, Women's Chat, Men's Chat, Youth Alliance Group

This proposal was tabled for further

discussion at the September board meeting.

Resources

Media Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator

Search for gay-friendly referrals, i.e., doctors and lawyers.

4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament

Mostly people just came out to play instead of paying entry fee. Next year, we may want to look at budgeting a cash prize instead of having an entry fee.

Pride Picnic

Need someone to spearhead the picnic. Linda and Kate Varnum from PFLAG volunteered. Linda is soliciting online. At this time, the Marion HyVee is donating a coffee pot. We'll add this to the Christmas bulbs, cappuccino machine and some ID Lube Baskets for the Picnic. We also have a cross-stitch, gift certificate from the Iowa River Power Company, and 2 haircuts and styles from a local stylist.

Survey

The GLRC will consider doing a survey to find out if and what businesses would be willing to accept business from the GLBT community. Kate Varnum volunteered to work up the survey questions. Jennifer Williams and Jay will make survey calls. We need to focus on the positive - those business who are gay friendly instead of anti-gay.

Women's Campout Out/Gay Day at Adventureland Update

Des Moines GLBT Community Center has expressed interest in promoting Gay Day. Tickets will be \$18. Any additional money from ticket sales over 50 will be used to sponsor kids who would be financially unable to go otherwise. Jennifer Williams will start a list of kids interested in going. If there are more kids than tickets, tickets will be awarded on a lottery system.

Extra Mailing Promoting Price Picnic and Adventureland - A motion was made to create a separate flyer promoting the Pride Picnic and Gay Day at Adventureland. It will be mailed out by the end of the week. This was unanimously approved. There will also be a full page ad in the September *Resource Line* promoting Gay Day.

New Business

New Board Member - Lorma Lang was nominated and unanimously approved as a member at large.

Board Member Resignation - Andy Harrison's resignation was submitted and unanimously accepted.

Fundraising Opportunity - Pat Rohner wants to look at a race in the fall or next year around Pride Fest to raise funds for the Center. She will look into blocking off the streets or if should be held in the Park.

Proposal of AA Group at the GLRC - Jennifer Williams submitted a proposal to start an AA group on Friday evenings at the center with herself as facilitator. She would continue in this capacity until a satisfactory replacement facilitator could be found. This proposal was tabled for further discussion. A vote will take place via e-mail or conference call by the 18th for approval of this proposal. This time frame is so that, if approved, meeting notification can go out in the September *Resource Line*.

Grants

There are 2 grants due by 9/15.
- Philanthro Fund - \$3,000 maximum amount. The GLRC will make an application for these funds.
- Volunteers are needed to learn to write grants for the Center.
- Guild Grant is due in March
- ICAP - harder to get, but it's due 9/13. Need to show involvement from the GLRC in HIV Health. The newsletter publications of HIV information monthly may assist in showing this involvement. There is a brochure that we need to complete that may help the Center in obtaining these funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM by unanimous decision. The next general meeting is at 7 PM on Monday, September 9, 2002 at the Center.

Minutes submitted by Trish Hyde.

GLRC Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons, their families, friends, and allies, and the community at large.



Movie Night & Potluck

**September 26, 2002
7:00 PM**

The Celluloid Closet



This is an informative documentary that chronicles the history of gay/lesbian representation in Hollywood cinema. Its witty interviews and revealing film clips will fascinate cinema history buffs, though more serious-minded activists may find it too lightweight. The movie stars Tony Curtis and Whoopie Goldberg. Directors are Robert Epstein and Jeffery Freidman.

Join the fun! Bring your favorite dish to share and bring a hearty appetite. The GLRC will furnish plates, utensils, and napkins. Soda pop is

available for 50 cents per can at the Resource Center.

If you haven't been to a movie night, please join us. If you've been to a movie night, you know it's a good time, so we expect to see you again! This is a great chance to socialize and check out the GLRC office space.

Movie night is FREE. Why not bring a friend? This is an "open event," and all ages are welcome! The GLRC is located at 305 2nd Street SE, Suite 324 (take elevator to third floor).

GLRC Announces LGBT AA Support Group Meeting

The GLRC is sponsoring an LGBT AA Support Group! This will be a group that meets the unique needs of our community. Since the dominant LGBT culture is based around the club scene, it is getting harder for us to distance ourselves from alcohol related events. The Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgendered populations have unique needs and circumstances that can only be properly addressed within the comfort and safety of our community.

Where:

Gay & Lesbian Resource Center
305 Second Street SE - Suite #324
Cedar Rapids, IA

When:

Every Friday night, 6 PM - 7:30 PM.
Group begins Friday, Sept. 20.



Meeting Format

1. Meeting begins promptly at 6:05 PM.
2. Facilitator greets everyone and shares a moment of silence.
3. Reading: "How It Works" from the AA "Big Book."
4. Reading: Twelve Steps.
5. Reading: Twelve Traditions.
6. Announcements.
7. Introductions begin (no crosstalk).
8. 15 minute smoke break at 6:45.
9. Finish introductions and begin "Big Book" study and discussion.
10. Group ends promptly at 7:30 PM.
11. Serenity Prayer.

Come join the group if you need the support. Let's stay sober together!

Jennifer Williams

For more information, contact Jennifer L. Williams at 319-366-2055 or send e-mail to jwilliams@crglrc.org.

The Gay Generation Gap

**From *Planet Out*
by Paula Martinac**

In one of her stand-up routines, lesbian comedian Kate Clinton used to joke about getting closer to the age when she'd no longer be marching in the Gay Pride parade but riding on the bus reserved for gay seniors. The closer I get to riding that bus myself, the more I am philosophical about age and interested in the topic of ageism

Each generation -- the pre-Stonewall folks, the baby boomers, and the under-30 crowd -- has something unique to offer the rest of the community

among lesbians and gay men. We generally think of ageism as a sin that younger people commit against an older generation, by excluding

seniors from decision-making roles or discounting the opinions of people over 60. But, in fact, ageism operates across a wide spectrum.

I'll admit, for example, that I have occasionally been guilty of haughtily assuming that anyone under 25 has nothing to offer intellectually or that queer youth have it easier just because they're growing up in the age of "Will & Grace." At the same time, I have found myself trivialized by some lesbian and gay seniors who have made pronouncements like, "You're too young to know anything about this, of course, but in my day ..." These attitudes stem from a lack of connection among the generations of lesbians and gay men and are, I think, profoundly self-defeating.

Granted, the country as a whole is segregated by age, so the lesbian and gay community is just mirroring the larger society. The fact is, people have different likes and dislikes at various stages of their lives, which makes intergenerational socializing and sharing a challenge. I haven't been to a lesbian bar in about 10 years, although I gave them a fair amount of business when I was in my 20s. "When I go to gay bars," one gay man in his mid-60s admitted to me, "I feel more than a generation or two removed."

While it may be difficult to navigate intergenerational friendships, it would be emotionally and politically beneficial for us to make the effort.

Gay Generation Gap (Continued on page 6)

The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Cedar Rapids is a 501(c3) non-profit organization. As a sponsor of the GLRC, you can help us to continue providing information, referral, and support services to Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities. Become a part of the GLRC by sending your tax-deductible sponsorship donation today. In return, you will receive the GLRC's community newsletter, the *Resource Line*, delivered to your home or office each month to keep you informed of the latest community news.

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Women in the Wild Outdoors

A fun time was had by all at the "Women Only Camp Out" sponsored by the GLRC. Ten women (and seven dogs) pulled in campers and pitched tents for the weekend. Some came from the Quad Cities, while most were from the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City area.

The group camping site at Pinicon Ridge was filled with the sound of

hammers, laughter, and warm greetings as we set up on Friday night. After dinner we gathered around the campfire, made S'Mores and got to know one another.

Saturday's events were fishing (and lots exaggerating about fishing), volleyball, cards, and paddle boating. Six other women came out to visit and share in the fun and activities. After dinner we gathered around the campfire

again to talk and share our funny stories. The evening ended with a fire dedication. Each woman made a dedication and named a woman she respects.

Sunday morning greeted us with a small rain shower. Everyone broke camp at her own pace. We are in agreement that over all it was a fun time. We also are looking forward to next year's camp out and celebration of sisterhood in nature.

Gina Tanksley

Comic Book Hero Fights Gay Bashing

from *Associated Press*
by Verena Dobnik

NEW YORK -- The comic book company that created Superman and Batman has a cutting-edge new story line: A gay teenager is the victim of a hate crime.

DC Comics' "Green Lantern" No. 154 hits newsstands in September -- with main character Terry Berg beaten almost to death on a street.

Terry actually emerged as a gay character in 2001 in issue No. 137, which was cited by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

as the year's best comic book. Terry is a sidekick to Kyle Rayner -- aka Green Lantern -- whose emerald ring gives him supernatural powers that keep New Yorkers safe.

"Terry came out because he had a crush on Kyle. Who wouldn't? He's tall, with all those muscles," says cartoonist Judd Winick, who created the gay character at the suggestion of DC comics editor Bob Schreck, also responsible for the "Batman" series.

Schreck "knew I'd be pretty sensitive to gay issues," says Winick, 32, who is married and lives in San Francisco.

He was a cast member of MTV's "Real World," a documentary-style show that detailed the lives of a group of people living in the same house.

Winick's "Real World" roommate was Pedro Zamora, a nationally known AIDS activist who died in 1994. Their friendship inspired Winick's comic-book story "Pedro and Me."

If there's a lesson in dropping gay issues into "Green Lantern," one of DC's flagship titles, "it might be that it would be great for young people to see that the Green Lantern doesn't care that Terry is gay. He's a person," says the cartoonist.

"Terry represents acceptance. And now, in this hate crime, we're discussing the worst side of the gay issue."

In issue No. 154, the teenager and his boyfriend are walking down the street when three men start yelling out a derogatory anti-gay word and chasing them. They catch up with Terry, who's brutally beaten.

Though he's a main character whose gay lifestyle is a running thread in the comic series, it's not the first time the comic book industry touches on gay issues.

The 1993 coming-out of Marvel Comics' Northstar, of the Canadian "X-Men" group Alpha Flight, was a sensation. "X-Men" characters Mystique and Destiny had an implied lesbian relationship, and the "Green Lantern" features lesbian supporting characters Lee and Li.



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Mission Statement:

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Admission criteria include:

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- Adult status 18 years or older.
- Ability to take care of one's personal hygiene-Clare House is not a Hospice.
- *No applicant will be denied admission based on race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religious preference or political belief*

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If you have an interest in learning more about Clare House, or are interested in a possible volunteer opportunity, please give us a call. If you feel that Clare House may be a good housing opportunity for you or for someone you know feel free to contact us.

Donations are always welcome.

Phone: 319-364-4101 or
clarehousecr@hotmail.com

Gay Generation Gap (Continued from page 4)

Nancy Spannbauer, co-founder with her life partner, Ellen Ensig-Brodsky, of a New York-based senior support group called Pride Senior Network, worked professionally in nursing homes for more than 20 years before retiring. "The people who are the happiest and are most enjoying their later years," she noted, "are the ones who have friends who are younger as well as friends their own age."

In addition, the lesbian and gay movement has much to gain politically when different generations are in dialogue with one another and not off in their own age-specific groups. Each generation -- the pre-Stonewall folks, the baby boomers, and the under-30 crowd -- has something unique to offer the rest of the community, which they've learned from their own particular era. At this year's Pride march in New York, one apt sign carried by gay seniors really summed this up -- "Celebrate experience."

Lesbian and gay seniors can be

role models to younger generations, especially in the area of relationships. Many same-sex couples have been together 10, 20 or 30 years, either in monogamous relationships or in open, mutually agreeable ones. But these older, long-term couples often aren't visible in the community, and the stereotype of lesbian and gay seniors as alone and lonely persists. "Younger lesbians and gay men think we fade away after 35," Ensig-Brodsky told me. "They need to know you can have a very productive life and close relationships."

It isn't only senior lesbians and gay men, though, who have something to offer from their life experiences. Assuming that mentors and role models have to be of a certain age is itself a form of ageism. Ensig-Brodsky has suggested that queer youth be sought out to teach seniors concrete technical skills. "We need young people to teach us computers," she stated. In fact, many lesbians and gay men under 35 are computer and Web whizzes, with skills enviable to a generation

that grew up using manual typewriters and carbon paper.

Also, queer teens are often on the cutting edge of lesbian and gay organizing and can teach the rest of us about the challenges of coming out in hostile environments, such as some families and schools. I'm always moved by the stories of gay teenagers who take their same-sex partners to their high school proms -- not just in San Francisco, but also in less traditionally queer-friendly places like Iowa and Indiana. They're mapping out new territory that people my age and older could only dream about when we were teens.

And what about my generation? We taught ourselves community organizing and fund-raising and built national and local lesbian and gay organizations into a powerful movement with political clout. As we get further into middle-age, we can turn our attention to defying ageism within the community by creating ways to share what we know and learn from the experiences of other generations.

Comments from the President

Thank you for voicing your concerns regarding the GLRC's **Resource Line**. I tend to agree about the newsletter being too impersonal. But, just within the last couple of weeks, several people have come to me wanting to write articles for the newsletter, which has been very positive for me as the new president. If elected president again in October for the 2003 term, I would like to see the **Resource Line** reflect the positive aspects of the community in which it serves. A member of the gay community suggested the idea of a "Spotlight" on members of the communities. I will actively search for someone who is willing to write and interview people from the GLBT communities.

Some concern was brought to my attention in regard to the HIV/AIDS articles that were featured in the last newsletter, I am responsible for that. I wanted the community to realize that this issue is far from one of SILENCE. The recent statistics on HIV/AIDS, especially within the young adolescents/adults, show that it is on the rise again. I feel that as a resource center having a partnership with RAP (Rapid AIDS Project) we need to keep reminding people about the severity of this problem. Because the youth seems to be the population we need to reach the most, we as adults in the GLBT communities must continue to alert each other about the importance of safety in regard to HIV/AIDS.

To address the Mr. and Ms. PrideFest situation, the rules were established by the Pride committee and presented to the board for approval. These rules then should have been followed by the organizer of the contest. Unfortunately, a poor decision was made regarding the rules that were clearly stated. All parties involved with the PrideFest have taken responsibility for their actions. As PrideFest coordinator, I also take the

responsibility for this misfortune and have voiced my opinion to eliminate such competition from the PrideFest agenda. At the emergency meeting of both the board and the PrideFest committee, a private party stepped forward and will be doing this competition. The PrideFest committee and the GLRC Board of Directors agreed that the event will then be recognized during PrideFest. This should eliminate any controversy for the PrideFest committee.

I hope that I have responded to most of your concerns. Your continuing support of the **Resource Line**

is greatly appreciated by the board and the members of the community. Remember that we will only be able to continue the newsletter with your support. The mailing list is growing with every monthly mailing. We now send out nearly 600 newsletters to people in Cedar Rapids, the surrounding areas in Iowa, and across the United States. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I hope the GLRC can continue to change for the better.

Linda Davenport
President, GLRC Board of Directors

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"Times" Okays Gay-Couple Notices, Stirs Debate

from *USA Today*
by Elizabeth Weise

Gay and lesbian groups Monday (August 19) hailed *The New York Times*' announcement that beginning next month, it will run same-sex couples' commitment ceremony notices alongside wedding announcements, calling it a landmark decision that will help change hearts and minds. But some lamented the dilution of the institution of marriage.

The *Times* made the announcement in an article Sunday [August 18].

"We recognized the newsworthiness of this growing and visible trend and our response is based on that newsworthiness," says *Times* spokesman Toby Usnik.

Joan M. Garry, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, says the decision will give readers a "much clearer understanding of the world that gay men and lesbians live in."

David Blankenhorn, author of *Fatherless America* and founder of the Institute for American Values, called the move a cultural bellwether. "What's problematic is this watering down of marriage's distinctiveness as a social institution," he says. "It tends to communicate that marriage is just one other kind of relationship,

neither better or worse than others. But on the other hand it's reflecting reality, at least a reflection of elite culture."

And David Popenoe, a sociologist with the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, says from many angles, allowing gays and lesbians to announce their commitment ceremonies isn't "high up on the list of factors that might weaken marriage"

"There are many people in the country who, even though they thing the particular tradition of marriage should be kept for heterosexuals, are not opposed to sanctified partnerships for gays, and that's basically what *The New York Times* is recognizing here."

Because gay men and lesbians cannot legally marry in the USA, to be considered for *Times* announcements couples must hold a commitment ceremony, enter into a civil union in Vermont or register as domestic partners in their home city, county or state. *Times* editors will choose among

those who submit announcements based on newsworthiness and accomplishments of the couples and their families, as is already the case for marriage announcements.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation counts 59 US papers that run such announcements, including *The Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Jim Bettinger, director of the Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford says mainstream papers such as *The New York Times* tend to be right in the middle of the curve on social issues.

"When I saw [the notice] in the *Times*, I thought, 'OK, gay marriages have arrived'. Once The New York Times does it, it's hard for other quality newspapers not to do it."

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at 8:00 AM

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Tickets in advance are \$18.00 each

Questions? Call: GLRC at 319-366-2055.

E-mail: katevarnum@yahoo.com or thyde@crglrc.org

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Rash of Transgender Murders in August Shocks Community

For Immediate Release:

August 16, 2002

From:

The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC)

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Houston, Texas

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media@ntac.org

Phone: 832-483-9901

Web site: <http://www.ntac.org>

Only twelve days into August, 2002, and it is becoming one of the deadliest months on record for Transgender murders. According to the First Coast News station in Jacksonville, FL, on the morning of August 8, a man walking his dog along Spring Grove Road at the Northside found 28-year-old Deasha (Gerald) Andrews slumped over in her car. She had been shot more than once and apparently died on the spot.

According to Rusty Mead, the GLBT Community Liaison for the Jacksonville Sheriffs Office, this is not being investigated as a hate crime. Based on information that Mead has been given by the JSO, some of which she could not reveal, there is nothing that suggests a hate crime had been

committed. Part of the reason that leads police to believe this is that Andrews had been found in a very violent part of town, an area that has had several murders in the past. Andrews has been known to frequent this area regularly.

The Jacksonville Sheriffs Office have also ruled that the Andrews murder is not related to the murder of Terrianne Summers, a Transgender activist who was shot in Jacksonville on December 12, 2001. The only similarities are that both victims were Transgender, and both were shot. Mead informed us that the lead detective for the Andrews murder is the partner of the lead detective for the Summers murder. Both detectives had made a conscientious effort to show respect to the victims by ensuring that they refer to them with proper pronouns.

On August 12, 2002, violence struck again when two Transgender youths, Ukea (Deon) Davis, 18, and Stephanie (Wilbur) Thomas, 19, were found in the front seat of Thomas's Toyota Camry about 3:25 AM at 50th and C streets SE. According to the DC Police, both victims died at the scene from multiple

gunshot wounds.

According to Earline Budd, a Transgender activist in the DC Area, witnesses say a car drove up beside the two youths, and a gunman fired shots from an automatic weapon. The gunfire killed Davis and critically wounded Thomas.

Another car drove up after the shooting,

The national Transgender Day of Remembrance is scheduled to take place on November 20, 2002.

and an unidentified man got out and walked up to the driver's side of Thomas' car. The man pushed Thomas' shoulder to see if she was still alive. Thomas moaned in pain, but the man fled upon hearing the first car return. The gunman then got out of the first car and fired additional shots into Thomas' car, killing her.

According to Budd, firefighters from Engine Company 30, the infamous "Dirty Thirty" involved in the Tyra Hunter tragedy, responded to the scene - which ironically, was just one block from the intersection where Tyra Hunter was critically injured seven years ago. Adding insult to injury, the dead women were dragged out of Thomas' bullet-riddled car, and Thomas' body was dropped face first on the ground. Later a firefighter pushed Thomas' body over with his foot, as blood poured from her head and neck wounds, according to an eyewitness. The fire-fighters were apparently afraid to touch the victims.

In honor of the slain teens' memory, the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition has begun a fund to be given to the Transgender Health Empowerment Center (THE) in Washington DC. Both victims participated in THE, and the money collected will help the organization provide a memorial service so that


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THE BETTER WAY!

Transgender Murders (Continued on page 12)

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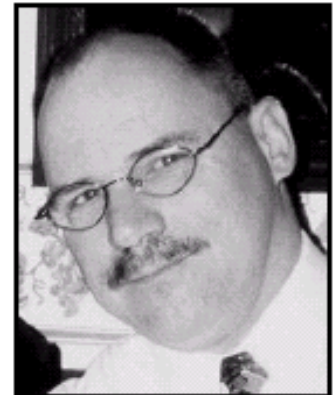
An annual one-day retreat for
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10 am to 5 pm
Saturday | October 26 | 2002
Pinicon Ridge Park
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To register, receive a brochure
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contact Rapids AIDS Project, American Red Cross,
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Rob Nash
Actor | Playwright | Standup
As seen on HBO



Kevin Sitter
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Community activist

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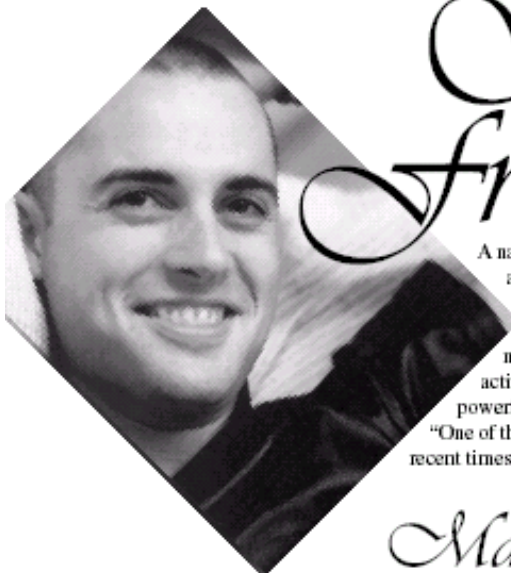
IN CONCERT

*Skott
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A native of New Jersey, Skott Freedman grew up
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Animated by the same passion that's
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World's AIDS Crisis Worsening, Report Says

from *The Boston Globe*
by John Donnelly

Disease spreading fast in sub-Saharan Africa

WASHINGTON - The AIDS pandemic will rapidly worsen, with the number of cases possibly doubling in sub-Saharan Africa in five years, according to an analysis by US intelligence officials.

The conclusion by analysts at the National Intelligence Council, an arm of the Central Intelligence Agency that studies issues of long-term strategic interest to the US government, is largely based on worrisome figures in Nigeria and Ethiopia, which together account for nearly a third of the people in sub-Saharan Africa.

Both countries, with a combined population of nearly 200 million, have surpassed 5 percent infection rates among adults, a tipping point in several other African countries after which the

rate of prevalence soared into double digits.

The analysts are particularly concerned about possible sharp increases in HIV and AIDS in India, the second most populous nation in the world. India has a large percentage of uneducated people and political leadership that hasn't adequately begun to destigmatize the disease, the analysts said.

That same mix of factors was deadly in the first wave of the crisis in Africa. India already has an estimated 3 million people infected with HIV or AIDS.

The AIDS pandemic is entering a "stage of substantial increases in size and scope," said a senior US intelligence official last week in an interview at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another senior intelligence official described the crisis as entering "a larger breakout phase."

About 40 million people are infected with HIV or AIDS, which already is the deadliest disease in human history. About 23 million people have died from the disease - far more than even Europe's Black Death in the 14th century, according to medieval scholars.

In Africa, roughly 23 million people were infected with the disease in 1997, according to UNAIDS, the joint United Nations program for HIV/AIDS. The figure is 30 million now, a 30 percent increase over the previous five-year period. A doubling of cases in Africa in the next five years would push the number of people infected there to 60 million by 2007, analysts from the National Intelligence Council said.

Those dying are mostly people in the prime of their lives, a fact that has disastrous impact on economic growth, education and health systems, and the security infrastructure of the world's most vulnerable continent.

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friends of the teens can grieve their loss

Yosefio Lewis, outgoing Board Chair of NTAC, had previously met one of the victims of the DC shooting. "It is vitally important that we never forget that we are the village, these were OUR children," said an emotional Lewis after the NTAC board meeting. "We have a responsibility to them in death just as significant and meaningful as we did in life."

The statistics are staggering. Whether as hate crimes or other violence, murders of Transgender people are on the rise. This year alone, fifteen murders have been reported, approaching two per month. The Remember Our Dead list is now up to 242 names, with 199 of them being domestic cases and 43 being international.

With the two new victims bring the Washington, DC, total to seven, placing it in a tie with San Diego as the fourth deadliest city in the country.

When the District of Columbia is placed

in the context with the various states in the US, it ranks seventh, tied with Illinois and Massachusetts. With the new murder in Jacksonville, Florida's total has risen to ten, and it is no longer sharing fifth place with Tennessee. The national Transgender Day of Remembrance is scheduled to take

place on November 20, 2002.

For more information on Day of Remembrance Activities near you or for information on organizing your own event, contact Gwendolyn Smith at gwen@gender.org or see the web site: www.gender.org/remember.

Coming in October: Board of Directors Election & General Membership Meeting

The 2003 Board of Directors Election and Annual General Membership Meeting is coming up on October 7, 2002. This will be another great year for the GLRC, as it marks the eleventh year we have been in the community.

Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings, participate in GLRC functions, educate people on the role of the GLRC, assist with GLRC events, and promote UNITY. If you have what it takes to be a member of the 2003 Board of Directors, come to the meeting on Monday, October 7th, and help us make 2003 the best year yet!



**Friday, Sept. 6th
@ 10 PM**



PORTFOLIO MEN

**Saturday, Sept. 14th
Friday, Sept. 20th
Saturday, Sept. 28th**

**Shows @ 10:30 PM
& Midnight**

September Events

**Pool Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 14th, 4 PM
Dart Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 21st, 4 PM**

**International Male Delivery
Saturday, Sept. 21st
10:30 PM & Midnight**

Coming

**Wednesdays
in October**

“The Gong Show”

**One Show
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365 days a year
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No Cover!
Your cup is free
\$2.50 Wells, you keep the cup
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Tuesdays: \$3.00 Long Island Ice Tea
No Cover!
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\$1.00 Pucker Shots

Wednesdays: Alley Cat Cup Night
No Cover!
Buy the 12 oz. cup full of Bud or
that light for \$1.50
Refills only 25¢
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Thursdays: \$2 You Call It
\$4 Pitchers *No Cover!*

Fridays: \$2.25 Bottles
that that light, that that light
Coon Light, BrainBT Ice

Saturdays: \$2.25 Bottles
that that light
Bucks 30¢

Sept. 13 - Friday
Male Dancers

Sept. 14 - Saturday
Male Dancers of Card & Dance
on the River Garden

Sept. 20 & 21 - Friday & Saturday
Bottle Machine

Sept. 27 - Friday
Male Dancers

Sept. 28 - Saturday
Male Dancers of Card & Dance
on the River Garden
and also Card hosts the King Show
Karaoke every Tuesday & Wednesday
King Shows every Friday & Saturday at
10:30 pm

Birthday Special

On your Birthday get 15 Pitchers of
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Tuesdays: \$1.50 All Pints
No Cover! \$2.50 All Shots

Wednesdays: \$2 You Call It

Thursdays: \$1 Pints
\$1 Wells
\$2 Shots

Fridays: \$2.50 Bottles
that that light
Bucks 30¢

Saturdays: \$2.25 All Pints
\$2.75 All Shots

Sept. 12 & 25 - Thursday
Male Dancers

Join us for
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Free staff give away with
DJ Michael Swenson

Live DJ - Great Dance Music
7 days a week

Drug Show Every Friday & Sunday
at 10:30 pm



Birthday Special

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15 Pitchers of
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(must be between 21 & 121)

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Sunday, September 8th



Commonbond in concert

Doors open at 2 pm

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Includes: Picnic Food & Concert

Show starts at 5:00 pm.

All Ages Show

First Annual RED RIBBON Weekend Sept. 27, 28, 29

Friday - C.C. Ray Comedy Show - Tickets \$5.00

Saturday - Drag Night
Featuring Miss PrettyBelle, Ron Raymond, Stella
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Matthews, Andrea Alexandar
Tickets \$5.00

Sunday - Red Ribbon Dinner
at Elizabeth's Toll Bridge
Tickets \$30.00 - Reservations Only
Guest Speakers: Senator Mike Connolly,
Representative Pat Murphy, Dubuque City
Councilwoman Joyce Connors, Dr. Viner

For more information call
One Flite Up 563-582-8357

• **Thursday, Sept. 19th - International Male Delivery - Show Time 10 pm •**

Weekly Specials

Monday

Free Pool
Free Pizza

9 pm to close

Tuesday

Karaoke
\$1.00 draws

Wednesday

Buck Nite
9 pm til 1 am
Buck Draws,
Rail Drinks
and Shots

Thursday

\$5.00 Beer Bust
9 pm til 1 am

Saturday

Foam Parties

Friday

Drag Shows



September 2002

GLRC and Community Events

All calendar events are held at the GLRC unless otherwise specified.
See the Area Resource List for other location addresses.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *GLBT Volleyball Shaver Park 2 PM This Way Out AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	2 Labor Day Center Closed	3	4 Women's Group hosted by Lorma Lang 6:30 - 8:30 PM	5 Open House hosted by Alan Fredericksen 7- 9 PM	6	7
8 *GLBT Volleyball Shaver Park 2 PM This Way Out AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	9 GLRC Board Meeting 7- 9 PM	10	11	12 Open House hosted by Alan Fredericksen 7- 9 PM	13	14 Women's Music Fest, Iowa City Noon - 5 PM OWLs Potluck in Iowa City
15 *GLBT Volleyball Shaver Park 2 PM This Way Out AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	16 Open House hosted by Jim Foxwell 7- 9 PM	17	18 AIDS Dinner & Discussion Group 6:30 - 8:30 PM	19 Open House hosted by Alan Fredericksen 7- 9 PM	20 AA Support Group 6-7:30 PM Movie Night Faith UMC 7 PM	21 GLRC / PFLAG Adventureland Trip Meets at Faith UMC, 8 AM GLRC Fun Night returns next month
22 *GLBT Volleyball Shaver Park 2 PM This Way Out AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	23 Open House hosted by Jim Foxwell 7- 9 PM	24 PFLAG Meeting Faith UMC 7 PM	25	26 Movie Night and Potluck 7- 9 PM	27	28
29 *GLBT Volleyball Shaver Park 2 PM This Way Out AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	30 Open House hosted by Jim Foxwell 7- 9 PM	October 1	2 Women's Group hosted by Lorma Lang 6:30 - 8:30 PM	3 Open House hosted by Alan Fredericksen 7- 9 PM	4	5

* Weather permitting

Area Resource List

BUSINESS SERVICES

Brian E Martin, WHYUSA Broker
Office: 319-393-9070
Home: 319-364-3777

Hanna B. Weston (Atty-at-Law)
305 2nd St. SE, Suite 420
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-7796

Kathy Hall (Realtor)
Marian Arens & Associates
319-362-9111 (Business)
319-269-0024 (Home)

ENTERTAINMENT

Alley Cat Cedar Rapids
1548 A St. SW (Czech Village)
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
319-363-5959

Alley Cat Iowa City
13 South Linn St. (in the alley between
Linn & Dubuque)
Iowa City, IA
319-356-6969

Club Basix
3916 1st Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-363-3194

CSPS (Community Arts Center)
1103 3rd St. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA
319-364-1580

One Flight Up
44-48 Main St.
Dubuque, IA
319-582-8357

The Metro
GLBT Bar
510 Mulberry (between 4th & Park)
Waterloo, IA
319-232-2239

HEALTH

AIDS Interfaith Network of Eastern IA
1621 East 4th St.
Waterloo, IA 50703

Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education (ICARE)
321 East First St.
Iowa City, IA 52244
(319) 338-2135 or info@icare-ia.org
www.icare-ia.org

Iowa City Free Medical Clinic
Free Confidential HIV Testing
120 North Dubuque
Iowa City, IA
319-377-4459

Linn County Health Department
Free Confidential HIV Testing
501 13th St. NW
Cedar Rapids, IA
319-892-6000

HEALTH

Planned Parenthood East Central Iowa
Confidential STD Testing & Treatment
for Men and Women
Full Gynecological Exams for Women
1500 2nd Ave. SE Suite 100
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-363-8572
www.plannedparenthood.org

Rapid AIDS Project
Lives Worth Living Program
Women's Voices Program
3601 42nd St. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-393-9579 or rap@crossnet.org
www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/rap.html

PUBLICATIONS

ACCESSLine
Iowa's Newspaper for LGBT
c/o ACCESS in Northeast Iowa
PO Box 1682
Waterloo, IA 50704
319-232-6805 or access@forbin.net

Resource Line
GLRC Monthly Newsletter
PO Box 1643
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643
319-366-2055 or info@crglrc.org

SOCIAL/SUPPORT

Coe Alliance
Weekly Meetings & Events
www.coe.edu/organizations/alliance
319-399-8594 or jchaimov@coe.edu

GLRC of Cedar Rapids
Open House Every Mon & Thurs Night
305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-2055 or info@crglrc.org
www.crglrc.org

GraDykes
Iowa City, IA
For bi/les/queer/dyke identified women
in Grad School
319-337-7661

OWLs
Older & Wiser Lesbians
Monthly Potluck & Social
319-366-2529

SpiritHill Women's Retreat
Info, counseling, Women's Dance on
1st Saturday of each month
319-643-2613

UNITY
GLBT Club for Students at Kirkwood
Community College in CR
Julia Haseleu
Jhaseleu@kirkwood.cc.ia.us

See our Rainbow Pages
(<http://www.crglrc.org/rainbow>)
for more listings for counselors, restaurants,
youth information, other social support offerings,
and miscellaneous organizations.

SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

Faith United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation Worship
Service at 11:00 AM
1000 30th St. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-363-8454
www.crfaithumc.org

Pathways of Light Spiritual College
Rev. Lorma Lang, O.M.C.
Ordained Minister available for Unions
& other ceremonies
Relationship Counseling for Couples &
Individuals, and Study Groups
319-447-5729

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
A Welcoming Congregation Forum at
10:00 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM
600 3rd Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-362-9827
www.peoples.cedarrapids.uus.org

Unity Center of Cedar Rapids
Rev. Thelma Hembroff
Sunday Service 10:00 am
3791 Blairs Ferry Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-393-5422 or
319-393-6837 (*dial-a-prayer*)
www.unitycr.org

SUPPORT

Clare House
Independent Living for people with
HIV/AIDS
PO Box 1183
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1183
319-364-4101

Iowa Artistry
Transgender Support
PO Box 11093
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410
IowaArtistry@tgforum.com
www.transgender.org/iaor/index.html

Men's Support Group
****Postponed****
Please call 319-393-9579 for more
Information on men's group.

PFLAG
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
4th Tuesday of every month
Faith United Methodist Church
1000 30th St. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-399-2543 or PFlagcr@yahoo.com
www.geocities.com/pflagcr

Women's Chat Support Group
1st Wednesday of every month
6:30 - 8:30 PM at GLRC
305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-2055

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