



# The Resource Line

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE G/L/B/T COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

## GLRC Board Elections This Month

The GLRC of Cedar Rapids is reminding the community that the election of the 2001 Board of Directors is quickly approaching.

The election is open to everyone who feels they could make a positive contribution to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) community no matter what your sexual preference, through the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Cedar Rapids.

Newly elected board members will be required to attend monthly GLRC board meetings, and discuss and vote on a variety of different issues. Board members will also be expected to communicate throughout the months with other board members on issues that may need addressed prior to the next board meeting. Board members will also be encouraged to attend a variety of different GLRC functions.

The following is the official mission statement of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids, *"Our purpose is to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered persons, their families, friends, allies and the community at large."*

- Nominations for one and two year seats are opened, and the general membership is invited to submit nominations to the secretary via postal or electronic mail. Postal mail nominations should be sent to the attention of "Secretary" at the Center's post office box (found in the "Area Resource List" in this newsletter). Electronic mail nominations should be sent to "".
- Wednesday, October 4, 2000, the Board of Directors meets for its regular meeting. Nominees or

persons interested in running for a seat are invited to attend to watch the board in action and learn more about what we do.

- Wednesday, October 18, 2000, the annual meeting of the general membership, located at the GLRC office on the third floor of the Paramount Building. Elections for the 2001 Board of Directors will be held, along with a program of informational presentations. Nominations will be taken from the floor, in addition to those already received by the secretary. Prior to the election, all nominees will be asked to give a short speech about themselves and qualifications they have to run for the Board of Directors.

- Results of the elections are printed in the November Resource Line. The Board of Directors meets Wednesday, November 1, 2000, for its regular meeting, and newly elected directors for 2001 are invited to attend.
- Wednesday, December 6, 2000, the final meeting of the 2000 Board of

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## Local Crusader goes after Internet sexual predators of children

By Phil Nickerson

In the past few weeks there has been some concern in the GLBT community, over Michael Jones of North Liberty, Iowa, and his crusade to catch Internet adult predators of minor children. Mr. Jones was the person who alerted the Archdiocese of Dubuque about the Marion Catholic Priest who had accosted a minor decoy on America Online.

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## Movie Night & Potluck October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 Featuring: Steel Magnolias

**B**ring your favorite dish to share and a hearty appetite on October 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The GLRC is located at 305 2nd Street SE Suite 324 take elevator to third floor, and we are in Suite 324. The GLRC will furnish table service (plates, plastic spoons, knives and forks, and napkins). Soda pops in several flavors are available for 50 cents each at the Resource Center. If you haven't been to movie night yet please join us please do so. The response to movie night gets bigger and bigger as each month passes. It's a fun time, and a chance for one to be social, and better yet it is FREE. Don't want to come to the GLRC alone bring a friend this event is an open event, and all ages are welcome to come to movie night. This month's movie is a classic so if you haven't seen it make sure you put October 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar so you can come watch Shelby drink her juice and be social with your community.



### Movie synopsis:

In a quaint well-kept Louisiana hamlet a group of local women congregate at Truvy Jones's Beauty Salon where they gossip and giggle while preparing one another for life's little tragedies and terrific triumphs. Lately, the talk of the town has been M'Lynn Eatenton's daughter Shelby — betrothed to handsome young lawyer Jackson Latcherie — and her upcoming wedding. Quirky newcomer Annelle is Truvy's latest assistant whose peculiar past is enough to gain her acceptance into the cliquish coffee klatch.

And then there's mean spirited Ouiser Boudreaux, whose extreme wealth and bad temperament have alienated her from the community. Much to her mother's dismay, Shelby's plans to have children cause a serious health concern due to her severely diabetic condition. Luckily these steel magnolias can lean on one another for support. Academy Award Nominations: Best Supporting Actress—Julia Roberts.

## GLRC of Cedar Rapids

### General and Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:** Board members Kris Davis, Barb Osborn, Scott Alt, Chris Taylor, Traci Taylor, Dave Shafer, Phil Nickerson, Tricia Kitzmann

General members: Bob Redlinger, Rick

Dave Shafer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Reports

**Secretary:** Kris submitted the August minutes which were accepted into the record. Kris is submitting a grant request for \$4000 to ICAP for Social Marketing of HIV Prevention Information. The grant is due Friday. Tricia is completing a grant request for \$3000 to Philanthrafund for the GLRC newsletter and Website. This request goes in next week.

**Treasurer:** Dave Shafer presented a Budget Proposal Worksheet, to be used by committee and event coordinators to request money from next year's budget.

**Office:** Barb presented the August office report.

**Outreach:** Chris is submitting the membership dues to the CR Convention & Visitors Bureau. We can then be included in the visitors' packets for the upcoming year. We will be billed in November for next year's membership in the Renaissance Group. We can put items in their

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## Local Crusader Goes After Internet Sexual Predators of Children (Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Jones is second in command of a non-profit organization, Better A Millstone, Inc. of Monterey, CA. Better A Millstone is an organization that deals with the abduction of children, online child pornography, online solicitation of children, to online sex travel (adults traveling to minors or adults paying for minors to travel to them). There are 73 volunteers of their organization across the world working to stop the exploitation of children.

**According to Mr. Jones, married heterosexual men are the leading persons to accost minors, not only on the internet, but also generally in society.**

I had a chance to sit down and speak with Mr. Jones in person with regard to some of the issues that had been brought to my attention by several of you in the community. I found Mr. Jones to be truly genuine in his mission and he, nor Better A Millstone is not targeting any specific groups of people. Mr. Jones major in college was adolescent developmental psychology.

One of the reasons Mr. Jones is doing this type of work is because of his nephew, who was abused as a child, in turn, his nephew grew up to be an abusive person himself. Mr. Jones spoke with great compassion and love for his nephew, who is also gay. He obviously does not want this to happen to other children, which spurs him on his crusade.

According to Mr. Jones, married heterosexual men are the leading persons to accost minors, not only on the Internet, but also generally in society. Although, in the Sunday, September 17, 2000 *Gazette*, an article on Mr. Jones and his crusade stated "Jones works his computer, warring against men who troll the Internet, looking for sexual encounters with boys." Going after men who go after boys may be Mr. Jones's forte, however, he does not limit himself to just men. One of his current cases involves an adult woman.

On America Online, Mr. Jones establishes a decoy profile, which states that he is a minor boy, and other miscellaneous information. From there he will go into chat rooms, usually a "boy" chat room, an "over sixty" chat room, and he has been known to visit both the "Iowa" and "Iowam4m" chat rooms. Mr. Jones does not make initial contact nor does he steer an online chat to sexual conversation. He waits for the adult to approach his decoy and the adult to lead the conversation to an inappropriate manor. Once this has happened, he immediately sends the chat conversation to America Online, alerting them of the adult's actions. He also saves the information for his own records. If online chats continue, Mr. Jones keeps detailed records of everything and continues to notify AOL. If it gets to the point where conversations between the adults and Mr. Jones's minor decoy become inappropriate (in terms of soliciting sex, meeting for a sexual encounter, or exchanging pornographic pictures) then Mr. Jones turns his information over to authorities. Since Mr.

Jones is just a private citizen, not working for any law enforcement agency, this does not constitute entrapment.

Many of the adults Mr. Jones goes after have been referred to him, either by other minors, or people who know of adults pursuing minors on the Internet. Mr. Jones checks out all leads. Some cases lead to nothing, others have led to arrests. If an adult has been referred to Mr. Jones, his online decoy may initiate the chat and let the adult lead it to where ever it goes. If the online decoy does initiate the chat he will not lead the chat to an inappropriate sexual manor. He always leaves that to the adult.


Mr. Jones also offers an online ministry that works as an online referral service. Basically steering troubled youth to appropriate websites that deal with abused and exploited children. Mr. Jones will even

refer homosexual youth to appropriate websites dealing with gay youth issues.

Mr. Jones (unaware he was doing so) does break at least one AOL terms of service rule to accomplish his mission. He has also referred to certain online screen names, that he is targeting, as pedophiles openly in chat rooms. Personally, I feel that Mr. Jones sometimes acts as judge and jury. I do not agree with all of Mr. Jones's tactics to ensnare sexual predators. Our laws, however, are not strict enough, and too many parents are not doing their job in monitoring their children's Internet activities, that we need people like Mr. Jones watching out for kids.



Overall, Mr. Jones seems to be a decent human being on a mission to stop the abuse of children on the Internet. If Mr. Jones stops just one child from being abused, it is worth it!




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## GLRC Education & Outreach Programs

By Chris Taylor

The Gay & Lesbian Resource Center of Cedar Rapids serves as an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, allied and the community at large. To this end, the Education and Outreach programs of the GLRC plan events monthly and throughout the year. In the past few months, there have been educational programs on Transgender Issues and Lesbian/Bi Women's Health. We have also held informational open houses for professionals working in the community.

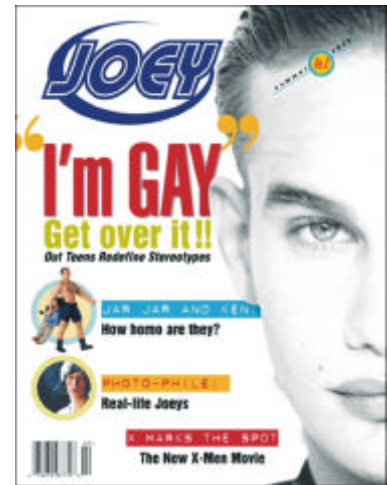
On a broader community level, the GLRC has become a member of the Cedar Rapids Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Renaissance Group (a downtown revitalization organization).

The Education and Outreach Committees respond to the interests of our community. If you have suggestions or would like to get involved in either of these programs, contact the GLRC at 366-2055 or email Outreach Coordinator Chris Taylor at [ctaylor@crglrc.org](mailto:ctaylor@crglrc.org).

## "Joey"

There is a new magazine out on the racks by the name of "JOEY" and it is geared for gay youth. The magazine is published quarterly. If you are interested in picking up a copy of Joey you can do so by swinging by Barnes and Nobel or if you don't want to buy it drop by the center and check out this quarters issue. If you want to subscribe to Joey you can do so by calling 1-888-550-JOEY. The magazine is sent in a paper envelope.

The GLRC Board of directors has approved to purchase a



2-year subscription to the magazine so check out the new magazine "Joey" the next time you're at the GLRC.

## GLRC General and Board Meeting Minutes September 6, 2000 (Continued from Page 2)

newsletter now. Chris asked for volunteers for the Campaign 2001 Committee.

**Education:** Flyers were distributed for the Transgendered 101 workshop, being held Thursday September 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Beems Auditorium.

**Fundraising:** Reports from Pride Picnic and Evening at Ausadie will be presented at next meeting.

### Old Business

Pridefest 2001 planning committee will meet this month, and will report at next meeting.

Chris reported that the Social Service agency open house is Sept. 21 from 10a.m.-2 p.m.

Chris and Tricia will be in Des Moines and will deliver the \$250 contribution to the Des Moines GLRC. The Annual Meeting is October 18, and Dave hopes for presentations from all Board members. The Board discussed logos, and voted to adopt the GLRC Unity rainbow swirl logo without the year 2000 as the GLRC logo, not just the campaign logo.

### New Business

Dave proposed standing rules "Financial Policies and Procedures" and "Standing Committees" which were approved with one addition specifying that coordinators may spend money within their approved budgets, without specific Board approval.

Scott proposed that the GLRC pay \$29.95 for a subscription to Joey, a magazine for GLBT youth. Barb proposed that the GLRC purchase an ICLU book of gay & lesbian civil rights, for \$9.95.

Both expenditures were approved. Scott and Phil are planning a fall variety show fundraiser at Club Champs and Club Basix, with cover and tips going to the GLRC. Barb asked the Board about participation in a fundraising sale at Younkers, which the Board decided to decline.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Kris Davis, Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report for August 2000

Balance August 2000 . . . . . 6,108.87

Income . . . . . 746.25

### Expenses:

.... Rent . . . . . 400.00

.... Electricity . . . . . 35.00

.... Phone . . . . . 81.72

.... Printing . . . . . 261.30

.... Supplies . . . . . 69.80

.... Subscription . . . . . 119.95

.... Banking Charge . . . . . 21.75

.... Event Cost . . . . . 131.35

.... Total . . . . . 1,120.87

Balance September 2000 . . . . . 5,734.25

## CSPS Welcomes Gay, Lesbian Performance Artists in October

**S**an Antonio performance artist Paul Bonin Rodriguez will present his acclaimed new show, "Memory's Caretaker," at CSPS Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7.

An autobiographical take on growing up in Texas, the performance reflects the artist's experience as the gay son of French and Mexican parents.

Already a hit in Texas, Boston and North Carolina, "Memory's Caretaker" has been described as "a journey through one family's multi-cultural and multi-sexual identities, expressed in silences, then rediscovered in telling."

The script weaves together tales about Bonin Rodriguez's relationship with his grandmother, as well as stories of the other gay men in his family, including an uncle who disappeared, and an

ex-gay brother who has converted to fundamentalist Christianity.

The following week-end, Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14, finds CSPS hosting Holly Hughes, an award-winning performer, writer and activist, and one of the best-known lesbians in America.

The controversial Hughes was previously seen at CSPS with her performance "Clit Notes," presented to sold-out audiences.

In her new piece, "Preaching to the Perverted," she takes viewers on a hilarious, inspiring tour of the dark side of democracy. Stops include the United States Supreme Court to hear a suit she and three other artists filed against the government, a backstage visit with the Teletubbies; a delicious Salisbury steak supper at the Kiwanis Club of

## MSM Men's Retreat Reminder

**Don't forget to mark your calendars for the "Lives Worth Living" one-day retreat on Saturday, October 7, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**T**his retreat will be held in beautiful Pinicon Ridge Park, located off Highway 13, 15 miles north of Cedar Rapids and just west of Central City, and is a great way for gay and bisexual men to meet new friends and retreat from the daily grind in a relaxing environment.

Featured presenters at this year's retreat are Paul Bonin-Rodriguez and Kevin Sitter.

Paul Bonin-Rodriguez is a performer, dancer, choreographer and playwright from San Antonio, Texas who first received national recognition for The Texas Trinity, three solo performances about a young man coming to terms with his sexual identity. Kevin Sitter is a coordinator for Clinic 42 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis who has directed a variety of community programs serving gay men, high school students, health care workers and people living with HIV/AIDS. He has published over 50 articles on such topics as coming out, men's health issues

and caring for people with AIDS.

In addition to attending Kevin and Paul's presentations, attendees also will participate in workshops focusing on both the physical and spiritual body, and will learn to be more in-tune with what their bodies are saying. These workshops will ex-

plore how and why a person feels what they do.

Come take advantage of the array of social, cultural, political and spiritual resources that will be available all day. Cost for the retreat is \$10,

which covers all materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required, so sign up now. Retreat sponsors include the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, Legion Arts/CSPS, Linn County Health Department, Planned Parenthood, and the Rapids AIDS Project (a program of the American Red Cross). For more information or registration materials, call the Rapids AIDS Project at (319) 393-9579.



Paul Bonin-Rodriguez

Saginaw, Michigan; and "everything from lesbian chic to the Monica Lewinsky flap."

According to a Raleigh-Durham Spectator review of the show, "Hughes was a scream from her first few moments on stage. A gifted comedian, she has a fresh and very funny point of

view, and her wry observations on contemporary society appeal to a wider audience than she might imagine."

As a contemporary arts center committed to diversity, CSPS frequently presents performers, musicians and visual artists whose work deals with GLBT themes.

## From Our House to the School House:

A Recipe for Safe Schools

**PFLAG** Cedar Rapids needs your help! We are currently holding meetings to discuss our Safe Schools project. Our primary goal for this project is to encourage the Cedar Rapids Board of Education to change their district policies to include sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

*"Students who describe themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered are five times more likely to miss school because of feeling unsafe. 28% are forced to drop out."*

—National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "Anti-Gay/Lesbian Victimization," New York, 1984.

**O**ur first meeting was to strategize the coming months. Although National PFLAG will be using the month of October for the Safe Schools project, the Cedar Rapids chapter will present information to the Board of Education in January, 2001. Right now, we are working to gather our information and get ready for our presentation to the Board.

*"Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are at a four times higher risk for suicide than their straight peers."*

—Gibson P., LCSW, "Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide," Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1989.

Other goals for Safe Schools include working with administrators at the 6 middle schools, 3 high schools, and 1 alternative high school. We also would like to meet with students, teachers, and counselors on issues such as harassment, curriculum, and counseling.

*"The Cedar Rapids Board of Education believes each student should:...respect and get along with others...recognize and respect human worth and individuality..."*

Cedar Rapids Community School District Board of Education, Revised: 10-23-95

What do we need? Well, right now, we still need people who are willing to draft our proposals to the Board, gather information for future meetings, and help brainstorm an action plan. In the coming months, we need to have people who are able to help present our proposals to the Board, as well as people who would like to meet with school personnel and students.

*"Teaching and learning are considered the focus for school improvement plans. To that end, school improvement plans should address:*

*A supportive adaptive environment that:*

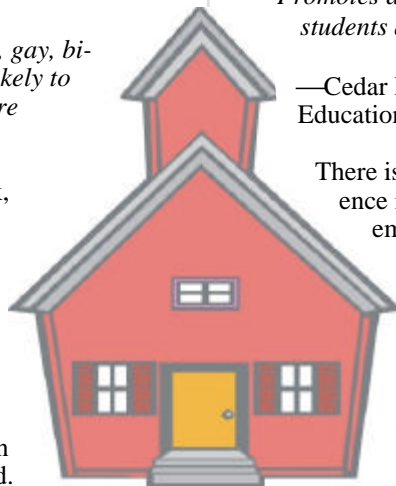
- *Provides flexible instructional arrangements to accommodate individual differences*
- *Provides comprehensive guidance and counseling services*
- *Promotes a safe, positive, collaborative climate for all students and employees"*

—Cedar Rapids Community School District Board of Education, Reviewed: 08-09-99

There is always room for everyone to make a difference in this project. If you would like to help, please email us at [pflagcr@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagcr@yahoo.com), or call 363-5647.

*"...as someone who came out in HS, I wish (a non-discrimination policy) would have been in place because gay HS students need to be guaranteed a harassment-free school environment."*

Graduate, Washington High School Class of 1992



### Interested in G.L.B.T. Friendly AA?

**Are you interested in forming a GLBT AA group? I am asking people who are to please let me know (Janis at 319-981-2264. All information is confidential.)**

**When would you prefer to have a meeting if there where to be one?**

**What time and where would you like them to be held?**

**The GLRC would be open to us meeting there but if this is not a place where you would like to meet I am open to any other suggestions.**

**PLEASE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR ALL OF US who feel that this is a part of our total recovery**



## Club Champs in Czech Village Offers Variety, Variety, Variety

Club Champs is located in historic Czech Village across from the Czech & Slovak Museum. The building Club Champs occupies, used to be known as Riverside. Club Champs owners Jeffery Parent, Ray Jones, Gary Arnold, and General Manager Mark Priske have put a lot of time and effort in renovating the building, and making Club Champs a reality.

Club Champs opened Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2000 with the goal of operating in a safe and comfortable atmosphere that provides options, variety, and excellent service for the gay and lesbian community. An upscale venue that attempts to offer "something for everyone", whether that's a relaxing evening with friends and a steel drum band on the rooftop patio, darts & pool in the game bar, or dancing to great dance music and light show in the night club.

Club Champs offers A nonstop variety of entertainment. Having 3 separate bars in an expansive 12,000 square foot location even allows them to have more than 1 type of entertainment on any given evening. Club Champs is currently planning to add different styles of entertainment such as comedians, female & male impersonators, theme nights, and mainstream entertainers to their regular schedule of live music and dancers.

When asked what types of drinks specials they will offer Owner Jeffrey Parent replies:

"Variety is the name of the game! The rooftop patio usually calls for more exotic drink specials like rum coconuts, long island ice teas, and pina coladas, etc.. Of course we'll continue with our \$.50 domestic pints on Wednesdays and continually mixing things up on weekends. Customers should always remember to consider portioning when comparing drink specials. All of our draft selections come in 16 ounce pints, we pour 1.5 ounce shots, and pride ourselves on making a nice strong mixed drink.

Club Champs was asked how they would be working with the other alternative bar, Club Basix, to draw a larger amount of people who would consider traveling here because of two choices of bars to patronize?

Jeffery replies: "Since opening on August 4<sup>th</sup>, Club Champ's management has made it a top priority to ensure that their employees maintain a professional and positive perspective with regard to their working relationship to other alternative bar. They have required that their employees refrain from voicing any negative comments or opinions about the other bar to other employees or patrons. Club Champs is very proud of their success in this area and have received numerous compliments on the lack of negative rumors and gossip originating from their business. Club Champs would be willing to cooperate with Club Basix in any mutually beneficial event that would promote increased involvement by the gay and lesbian community.

Club Champs management would like to thank the Cedar Rapids and greater Iowa community for their better than expected start. They are currently welcoming over 200 people on Fridays and many times 300+ people on Saturdays to their club.

Club Champs looks forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with the gay and lesbian community for years to come. So if you are looking for a wide variety on your Evening Out, Club Champs seems to be providing just that. Club Champs invites you to visit their website @ [crlclubchamps.com](http://crlclubchamps.com).

## Great Turn Out For Seventh Annual Iowa Women's Festival

The seventh annual Iowa Women's Festival kicked off with a totally amazing concert by Afro-Belgian group Zap Mama (in a very rare American appearance) at Hancher Auditorium, which was followed by the IWMF's Second Annual Drag King Review at Mabel's in Iowa City.

On Saturday a crowd estimated at between three and four hundred people enjoyed sets by Cedar Falls' singer-songwriter Karla Ruth, area acoustic trio Just Friends, Kathryn Muselik of Iowa City, BeJae Fleming and Jackie Blount of Ames, and Irene Schroeder and Laurie Haag, one half of Iowa City's Mad River Band.

Twenty some vendors shared arts and crafts and information with the participants. In the evening concert-goers were treated to an incredible performance by Atlanta-based singer-songwriter Michelle Malone, who rocked the crowd with her original songs and closed with a touching cover of the Rolling Stones classic "Wild Horses."

The all-volunteer committee that plans the festival in conjunction with the Women's Resource and Action Center was pleased with how the Seventh Annual Iowa Women's Festival turned out and is seeking volunteers interested in helping to plan the 8th annual event next year.

## New Name for Women's Voices Support Group

**"Chix Chat" is the new name for the women's support group that meets on the first and third Tuesday each month at the GLRC. The group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Chix Chat Support Group discusses a wide variety of issues, from sexual identity, to women's health, to family issues and concerns.

Chix Chat is more than just a support group, it is an excellent way to socialize, meet

new people, make new friends and visit with old friends. We invite you to come spend an evening to discuss women's issues.

If you have any questions regarding Chix Chat Support Group, or any other group, please call the Center.

## Study: Gay and bi men smoke more than heterosexual men

by Jon Garbo  
GayHealth.com

**H**opes that men who have sex with men have dramatically quit smoking cigarettes just went up in smoke. Preliminary data from a study presented this summer at the Gay Men's Health Summit indicate that more gay and bisexual men in the United States light up, compared to the general population of men.

"Our data is preliminary, but so far it indicates that rates are slightly higher among gay and bisexual men," said Gregory L. Greenwood, Ph.D., M.P.H., co-author of the study. Data is in the process of being analyzed and

statistically weighted, he said. When finished, researchers will have a more accurate picture of gay and bisexual smoking rates versus those among American men overall, though "I don't think the differences are going to be extreme," Greenwood said.

Greenwood and his team from the University of California, San Francisco, interviewed gay and bisexual men in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City and Chicago about their smoking habits. Of 2,881 original participants, 1,780 completed the interviews. Interviews

took place from 1997 to 1998.

The study preliminarily identified trends among gay and bisexual male smokers. These men were more likely to begin smoking in their early 20s, compared to non-gay men who typically start in their mid-teens, according to the study. The delay in smoking may be related to the environments in which men who have sex with men socialize and come out—namely bars, where smoking is prevalent, said Greenwood. The age difference may also be explained by cigarette ads that target the gay community and sponsorship of gay events by tobacco companies, both of which reach a college-age audience, said Greenwood.

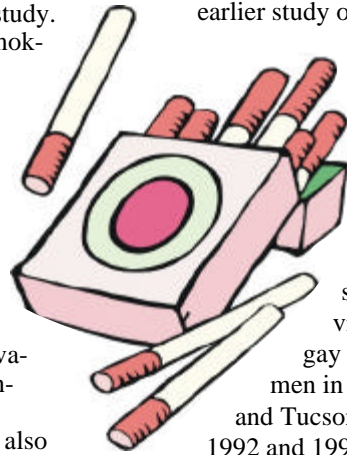
Of the participants who expressed an interest in quitting, the most commonly reported reasons were to save money and because smoking made them feel unattractive, said Greenwood. Participants did not cite health concerns as a primary reason to end their habit, he added.

Participants also were found to favor an individual approach to quitting. "Like men in general, gay and bisexual men ended up quitting after a couple of attempts. Those who finally quit reported

going 'cold turkey,'" or stopping all at once, said Greenwood. "Of those still smoking, around 20 percent were interested in a some sort of smoking cessation group" to help them quit, Greenwood added.

Dr. Greenwood co-wrote an earlier study on this topic, published in the December 1999 edition of *The American Journal of Public Health*. Researchers interviewed 2,593 gay and bisexual men in Portland, Ore., and Tucson, Ariz., in 1992 and 1993. They found that smoking rates among gay and bisexual men were "substantially higher" than rates found among the general population of men, said Greenwood. However, the higher rates could have been skewed because some of the participants were recruited from bars, where smoking is prevalent, Greenwood explained.

The same study found 30 percent of college-educated gay and bisexual men smoke, compared to only 13.8 percent of the general male, college-educated population. It also found that smoking among gay and bisexual men peaks between ages 30 and 40, then steadily declines. "The older you get, the more likely you are to quit," said Greenwood.



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## National/State Headlines

Excerpts taken from datalounge.com

### Ex-gay Leader Confronted in Gay Bar

#### Can gays really be converted?

A prominent ex-gay leader once featured as “going straight” on the cover of Newsweek magazine was confronted and photographed by activists Tuesday night patronizing a gay bar in Washington, D.C.

John Paulk, board chair for the umbrella ex-gay group Exodus International, admitted in an interview with Southern Voice that he was in Mr. P’s, a gay bar in Washington’s DuPont Circle neighborhood, but said his only intention was to use the bathroom.

A gay man who works for the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay political group, was at the bar on Tuesday night, recognized Paulk, and immediately called Wayne Besen, HRC’s associate director of communications. Besen, who recently authored an HRC report on the ex-gay movement, rushed over to Mr. P’s, camera in hand, and confronted Paulk.

Paulk is well known not just for the Newsweek cover story on him and his wife Anne, a self-described ex-lesbian, but also dozens of advertisements placed in mainstream newspapers trumpeting “conversion” to heterosexuality through prayer.

### Fundamentalists Push Ad rumoring Hillary Clinton Homosexuality

ROANOKE, Va.—The Roanoke Times reports that a fundamentalist Christian organization has created a television ad that implies Hillary Clinton is a lesbian and supports gay marriage, but they have yet to find a television station in New York that will run the ad.

The Christian Action Network, based in Forest, Virginia, and founded ten years ago by a former editor of Jerry Falwell’s Liberty Federation newsletter, claims the ad is designed to fill a void in the current New York U.S. Senate race.

### Judge: Don’t Ban Gay-Positive Books for Kids

by Jon Garbo

A federal judge in Wichita Falls, Texas struck down a local ordinance on September 19<sup>th</sup> that required the relocation of two gay-positive children’s books from the children’s section to the adult section of city’s public library.

In his ruling, U.S. District Chief Judge Jerry Buchmeyer found the ordinance violates federal and state constitutional rights to receive information.

“The resolution and the book removals burden fully-protected speech on the basis of content and viewpoint and they therefore cannot stand,” Judge Buchmeyer wrote in his memorandum opinion.

### FDA Approves New Protease Inhibitor

by Jon Garbo

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) pushed Abbott Laboratories’ new protease inhibitor, Kaletra (lopinavir/ritonavir),



through its approval process, assigning the drug an accelerated approval status on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The drug will hit shelves as early as this week.

Kaletra is approved to treat [HIV](#) infection in adults and children over six months old, in combination with other antiretroviral drugs.

The FDA gives accelerated approval to drugs based on patients’ need and data from ongoing studies. “For [AIDS](#) drugs especially, we make them available before they’re completely approved,” says FDA spokesperson, Laura Bradford. The FDA will continue to collect and analyze data on Kaletra to determine if the drug should be granted full approval in the future.

Kaletra is a combination of two protease inhibitors,

ritonavir and lopinavir, a new drug. “Though ritonavir is an effective antiviral, most people can’t tolerate a full dose of it,” explains Margrit Carlson, M.D., assistant professor at the UCLA Care Center. When used in combination with other drugs, however, ritonavir increases their effectiveness. “The ritonavir allows you to take less of the other drugs. You can take fewer pills, and not as often,” Dr. Carlson adds. This is good news for people on [HAART](#) who have trouble managing a potentially overwhelming amount of daily medication.

### Gay Groups Work Together to Re-Launch Election Site

NEW YORK CITY—GayVote.com, a joint effort of some of the most important organizations in the LGTB movement, today unveiled new, completely updated information for the November 7, 2000, elections. The site’s producers hope it will have the same effect it had for the 1998 elections, when it helped mobilize hundreds of thousands of voters.

“GayVote.com is an important and indispensable part of the coalition that is educating, mobilizing and turning out the GLBT vote,” said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Elizabeth Toledo. “This year’s election is one that comes along once in a generation. It has the potential to dramatically reshape the political landscape—for better or for worse.”

The NGLTF, as well as the Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, have worked on the site. The site is operated as a community service of the Data Lounge Network and its parent company Mediapolis, inc.

The site features federal candidate information for all 50 states, plus overviews of local "hot-spots" and key races for the LGTB community. It highlights results of a Gay Vote 2000 survey that was sent to all incumbents running for reelection. It also presents visitors with an easy way to register to vote online and comment on races in their areas.

## Dr Laura Lays A Ratings Egg

LOS ANGELES—Dashing the inflated hopes of its host and producers, the premiere of "Dr. Laura," the syndicated television talk show hosted by controversial radio personality Laura Schlessinger, did far worse than industry executives predicted, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Nielsen Media Research says "Dr. Laura" attracted just 2 percent of homes Monday in the 46 largest U.S. media markets. The rating is not only below the average for programs preceding the show, it is well under what the same stations averaged in the time slot last year.

## Wal-Mart Appeals Transgender Woman's \$2 Million Bias Award

by Grant Lukenbill  
Gay.com Network

A transgender woman who was awarded \$2 million in a

suit against Wal-Mart is back in court.

Ricky Bourdouvaes, 27, sued Wal-Mart last year for discrimination after she was fired from her cashier job at a New Jersey store. When no company representative showed up for the court hearing in July, a superior court judge awarded Bourdouvaes a default settlement. Company spokesman Tom Williams responded that the Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart did not know it had a court date and would appeal.

Bourdouvaes' bias suit, originally filed against the company in May 1999, alleged she was the target of workplace discrimination based on gender variance. The suit cites excellent job reviews until her supervisors learned she was transgender. Wal-Mart claimed Bourdouvaes was fired for leaving the register area and that funds were reported missing from the register's cash drawer.

In response to Wal-Mart's appeal, Superior Court Judge Douglas Hague has ruled that Bourdouvaes is to wait 30 days before collecting the awarded damages. But Williams told the Associated Press and DiversityInc.com that the company will definitely be requesting a release from that decision.

"We are pleased that the default judgment was set aside, and we will most certainly be arguing the case now on its merits," he said.

Bourdouvaes' attorney, Mark L. Stanton told a local New Jersey newspaper, the Home News Tribune, "I am confident that once the evidence is presented, the courts

will make a substantial award in her favor."

## And in Iowa.....

### Gay Bashing Ends in Car Accident in Iowa

DES MOINES, Ia.—Two men shouting slurs from a jeep at two drag queens in downtown Des Moines, crashed into a van, sending themselves and three others to area hospitals, the Associated Press reports.

The occupants of the Jeep apparently joined a crowd of people yelling derogatory names, throwing things and threatening the two men dressed as women. It was not immediately clear whether the two men targeted in the incident were transvestites, pre-operative transsexuals or entertainers.

Casey Forrester, 23, and Joshua Farrell, 19, both of Des Moines said they were accosted by a crowd yelling threats early Tuesday. Forrester said they called police after someone hit him on the hip with a full can of soda. Someone spit on Farrell, they said, and a man in the Jeep hit their car windshield with a baseball bat.

"It started out as gay bashing or transsexual bashing, whatever you want to call it," said Casey Forrester of Des Moines. "Once people realized we were drag queens there was instant hate. One guy was spitting at us from his car."

When police arrived, the victims identified their assailants in the Jeep. The officer arriving at the scene approached the jeep, but it sped off into traffic. Less than 10 minutes later, the Jeep plowed into the side of a van.

The Jeep's driver, 21-year-old Jeremy Hughes was listed in serious condition. His passenger, Luke Floyd, 19, escaped with only minor injuries and is reported to be in fair condition at a hospital in Des Moines. Two passengers in the van remain in the hospital under supervision. A third was released and treated.

Des Moines police say charges related to the crash were pending, as well as a reckless-driving charge from the earlier incident, when a police officer saw a baseball bat from the Jeep hitting the car windshield where Forrester and Farrell had fled for safety.



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