

# The Resource Line

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GLBT COMMUNITY

## ICAP Grant Prepares GLRC for the Future

**In recognition of its accomplishments and vision, Youth Pride Alliance of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids was awarded a grant for \$3,553 in June of this year**

**T**he grant will support several new projects designed to improve the Center's communication and outreach capabilities, especially to youth, while helping the GLRC and YPA carry its mission into the future. The parent project is 'Operation Inform.'

Awarded by the Iowa Community AIDS Partnership (ICAP), with assistance from the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation, the Elton John AIDS Foundation and the National AIDS Fund, the grant targeted organizations within Iowa that emphasize AIDS education and outreach to at-risk populations as a part of their mission".

Following ICAP's announcement of the grant opportunity, office manager, board Treasurer and Director of Youth Pride Alliance, Carol Riels, drafted a proposal with help from members of the Youth Pride Alliance and submitted it to ICAP for consideration.

Representatives from ICAP later visited the GLRC and spoke with Riels as part of their review process. Of the visit, Riels recalls, "I felt like the site visit went well. I think we all had the same understanding that GLBTQ youth of Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas are at great risk and that it is very difficult to let them know that there is a youth group available to them.

That's why a strong Internet presence is so important. The women I visited with seemed to feel the heart of the mission of Youth Pride Alliance."

In June, ICAP announced Youth Pride Alliance of the GLRC was one of the organizations to be awarded funding. Of the \$3,820 requested, the group received \$3,553.

As planned, funds from the grant are already helping Youth Pride Alliance and the GLRC to grow in several key areas. Some of the funds have been used to acquire service with a new web hosting provider, which will allow the existing GLRC web site to grow and add state-of-the-art new features (see related article).

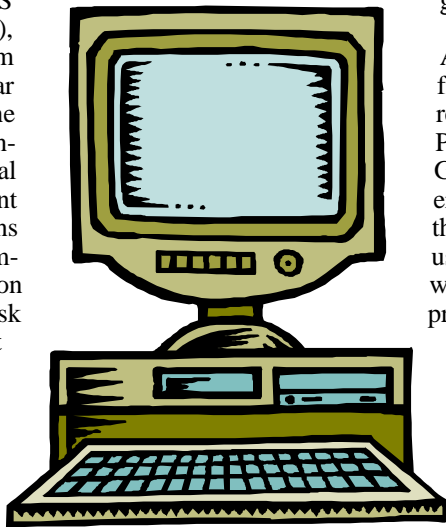
Money from the grant has also been used to purchase a new computer system for the GLRC office to be used by Youth Pride Alliance and for office functions. The new computer includes a wide range of software and sufficient storage and system memory to run any popular applications.

The computer also includes a voice-capable modem, which will be used to provide a 24-hour automated information line for the community. Using this information line, a person could call at any hour, regardless of whether someone was

in the office, and use their touch-tone phone to retrieve information about area resources, emergency hotlines, or services offered by the GLRC.

Look for more details in the future as this project nears completion.

Youth Pride Alliance and the GLRC would like to thank the funders for enabling the youth group to reach out to other youth with educational opportunities and support.



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## Dinner Under The Stars

Once again the GLRC will host an elegant and wonderful social evening of **Dinner Under the Stars**. This annual event has been a big hit in the past and is sure to be the highlight of the year again. If you aren't familiar with this event here are some tips. We hope to see you there.

- We need table sponsors/hosts. Would you like to sponsor a table? Call the Center and leave a message or fill out the attached form.
- Several things are up to you. How many people would you like to have at your table? Friends, people from work or church etc.

- The cost is \$15/person. That cost can either be paid by you or you can collect from your table guests. After all, you are doing the work for your table so don't be afraid to ask them to cover the cost. Make this event affordable for you, the host.
- The table settings, decorations and ideas are furnished by you. You can do anything you want.... elegant, theme (Hawaiian, Chinese, 50's, hobo), picnic or whatever fits your mood.
- If you are not able to host a table but would like to attend, call the Center for a reservation.....there

will be room for you and certainly extra table guests are welcome.

- This is a RESERVATION ONLY event. Please call as early as possible to make arrangements for your table.

This event is scheduled for September 11 with hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00. The location of this event and the menu have not yet been finalized, so watch for details or call:

GLRC (366-2055) and leave a message or Jim Foxwell at (365-0670-home) or (364-4101-work)

Call your friends and make this a fun and profitable event for **our GLRC**.

☐ Yes, I would like to host a table!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Jim Foxwell at 7:00PM. Board members present were Jim Foxwell, Kris Davis, Chuck Sitter, Carol Riels, Dan Davis, Pat Rohner and Sandy Vopalka.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available.

The Financial Report, presented by Treasurer Carol Riels, was approved.

The Office Report, presented by Office Manager Carol Riels, was approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Pride Picnic** – Carol reported that a few more auction items had been received and that follow-up calls were being made. She said that several items needed to be picked up and that Curtis Muckler had volunteered. She reminded everyone of the times for the event and that Scott Alt was bringing a volleyball net. She had purchased the chicken that afternoon and would distribute it to Diane and Dan, who were going to pre-bake the chicken prior to the event. She also reported that the lodge was confirmed and that six additional tables were requested at a cost of \$3.00 per table.

**Youth Pride Alliance** – Carol informed the board that the youth received the ICAP grant and that the youth group had already ordered and received the new computer and had obtained a domain and a mail list for the GLRC and was now working on setting up the voice mail system and the website. Members of the group, along with Director Carol Riels, are gathering information to be placed on the web pages, which will debut in September.

**Dinner Under the Stars** – The date was set for September 11<sup>th</sup> and the ticket price is \$15.00. The location and menu are yet to be determined. (Please note the article in this newsletter.)

**Cost of GLRC Events** – After a lengthy discussion and the introduction of several emails from people in the community, Dan made a motion that the ticket price for the Pride Picnic would be \$10.00 per person with no exceptions, since this was a fundraiser. Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 yays and two nays. Further discussion to set policy for fundraisers will be scheduled for a future meeting.

**Presentation on Fundraising** – Carol and Lana will do a presentation on fundraising, stemming from a conference of district GLBT Community Centers held in Des Moines in May. The information will be presented to the community and allies on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at the GLRC.

**Balanced Billing for Utilities** – The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Code of Conduct** – The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Memberships** – The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Listing in McLeod Directory** – The discussion was tabled until Carol could check into the possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

## Profit And Loss Statement For The GLRC

June 15 through July 12, 1999

Income		
Advertising	\$129.00	
Donations/Newsletter	20.00	
Donations/Other	147.00	
GLRC Pride Fest	1.00	
Men's Discussion Group	140.00	
Pop Income	39.59	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$476.59</b>

Phone/Long Distance	6.52	
Phone	45.41	
Rent	425.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$871.31</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>		<b>\$394.72</b>

These totals reflect ONLY GLRC Expenses and Income, not Pride Fest transactions that are maintained by the GLRC.

Expenses		
Electric	\$ 61.84	
Gas	17.97	
Newsletter postage	58.58	
Newsletter printing	255.99	

You can see from this report that our donations and fundraisers are very important to keeping the GLRC operable. The Board of Directors, under the guidance of the General Membership, has asked that financial reporting be included in each issue of the newsletter so that the community and allies could see our month to month financial status.

## Gay Men To Convene In October

**G**ay and bisexual men from throughout Eastern Iowa will gather at Pinicon Ridge Park, north of Cedar Rapids, on Saturday, October 9.

The day-long retreat—part of the Lives Worth Living program organized by Rapids AIDS Project—will feature presentations by internationally known performance artist Tim Miller and New York entrepreneur Sean Strub.

Designed to attract gay men of all ages and backgrounds, the event will offer networking opportunities in a relaxed, informal setting, while introducing participants to a variety of social, cultural, and political resources.

The schedule, which runs from 10 am to 6 pm, features two of the most recognized and influential gay men in America today.

Tim Miller, born in California in 1958, has been creating performances since the age of 20. His workshops and performances have been presented everywhere from New Orleans and Minneapolis to London, Paris and Copenhagen. He achieved national notoriety in 1990, when the National Endowment for the Arts

yielded to pressure from the radical right and took away a grant it had previously awarded him. Together with three other performing artists who had their grants revoked (the so-called NEA Four), Miller sued the federal government and won.

When he's not on the road, Miller is artistic director of Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica. He has taught at New York University, University of California at Riverside, and California State University in Los Angeles.

Sean Strub grew up in Iowa City and attended Georgetown and Columbia Universities. He is the author of such books as [Cracking the Corporate Closet,] as well as the founder and publisher of [POZ, POZ en Espanol,] and [MAMM] magazines. An activist and entrepreneur who has raised tens of millions of dollars for social change, Strub has received the National Leadership Award from the AIDS Action Foundation, and the Cielo Latino Campanero Award from the Latino Commission on AIDS.

In 1994 Strub was named to the Out 100, [Out] magazine's listing of America's most influential gay men and lesbians.

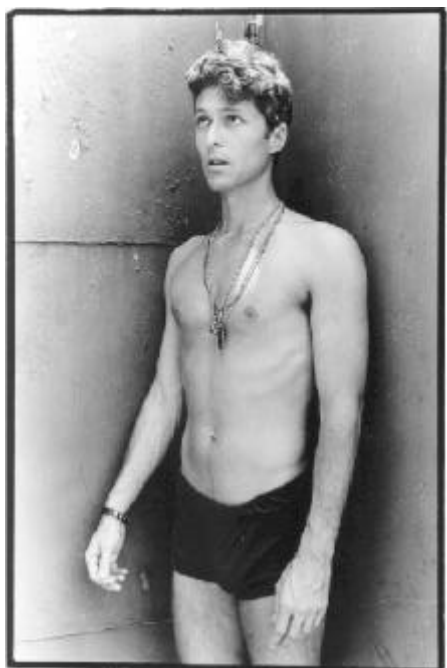
More recently, [Crain's Business] identified him as one of New York's Top Six Entrepreneurs.

In addition to Miller and Strub, others scheduled to make presentations at the retreat include Peter Cannice, a Des Moines writer and HIV/AIDS educator; Roy Porterfield, a Cedar Rapids businessman and long-time volunteer in gay rights and HIV organizations; and Brian Wilkes, a counselor and therapist who works with gay and lesbian clients in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

Cooperating organizations include Legion Arts and CSPS, the Gay & Lesbian Resource Center, and the Linn County Health Department. The event is funded in part by a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

A \$10 registration fee covers all materials, lunch and refreshments. Participation is limited, and advance registration is required. To register or for additional information, call Rapids AIDS Project at (319) 393-9579.

## Tim Miller to premiere new work at CSPS



**When CSPS opened as a contemporary arts center in 1992, the first nationally-known figure to appear in the old hall was Tim Miller, a Los Angeles performance artist known for his gay activism and outspoken politics.**

**S**ince then, Miller has performed around the world, and CSPS has welcomed scores of well-known artists, but the relationship between the artist and the arts center has remained an unusually close one.

Now, if everything goes as planned, CSPS will host the world premiere of Miller's latest composition.

Miller is currently writing [Glory Box,] a new performance that will explore the themes of lesbian/gay marriage and immigration—and will likely display Miller's customary mix of sweetness, wit and outrageousness.

While major artists like Miller traditionally premiere their new works in larger cities, CSPS has hosted a number of premieres in recent years, including Dan Hurlin's [The Shoulder].

The first performances of [Glory Box] are tentatively scheduled to take place at CSPS Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, in conjunction with Miller's appearance at the Lives Worth Living retreat.

For updates, watch these pages, or send an e-mail to CSPS at

legion@artswire.org

## Pride Picnic Not Only Fun But Successful

*By Carol Riels, Committee Chair*

The weather was cooperative for this year's Annual Pride Picnic, held at Pinicon Ridge at Woodpecker Lodge, on July 17<sup>th</sup>. That is, unless you don't like full sun and a little humidity!

The day started out with set-up at 11:00. Thank you to all who showed up early to help. You don't know how much others and I appreciate the help! We were ready for picnic attendees in a timely fashion.

Chris Anderson and Jan Gaut, owners of Spectrum, set up a booth where folks could purchase GLBT items and/or get their tarot cards read. Thanks, Chris and Jan, for vending at this year's event.

During the early afternoon hours, everyone had the opportunity to play volleyball (thanks to Scott Alt for supplying the net and ball), croquet and horseshoes (supplied by John Cairns and Jim Foxwell). Those who didn't play games took walks in the park and socialized with others.

Snacks and drinks were available all day and evening.

At 3:00PM (we started a little late because people were still coming in) we started the auction. Bidders were able to purchase items ranging from art to exercise equipment to tickets to shows, to fresh baked bread and everything imaginable in between. At the end of this article you will find a list of all the contributors. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of you who donated items and to those who made purchases. You made it possible for the GLRC to operate its programs and pay the bills for the center for the next couple of months.

Chef Bob and his helpers toiled over the hot coals to grill chicken, hot dogs and polish sausage for the nearly 65 people who attended the picnic. Along with the meat dishes were side dishes and snacks donated by members of the community and allies. I wish I hadn't been so tired and hot. I would have loved to be able to enjoy the meal. It looked and smelled delicious!!!

During the meal and after, people were able to visit and renew old friendships and establish new ones. DJ Gene Stocker played music in the background the whole day.

Everyone was too hot and tired to dance; though a dance was scheduled, and the evening ended earlier than expected. Many stayed behind to put everything back in order and clean the lodge and area outside. Thank you to all that were willing to help. It's really nice when this sort of thing isn't left to two to four people.

Each and every one of you who were involved in the Annual Pride Picnic made the event a success. The words 'thank you' seem so small and yet my heart is full of gratefulness.

Be expecting an even bigger and better Pride Picnic next year. A committee is forming now and some great ideas are being suggested. As with everything else at the GLRC, we just continue to grow and improve!

### Donors for this year's Annual Pride Picnic (not in any particular order):

Alternatives  
CSPS  
Cutting Gardens  
Ginsberg's Jewelers  
Kathy Hall and Cindy Price  
Staples Office Supplies  
Taco John's on First Ave.  
New Pioneer Co-op  
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Carol Riels & Lana Haman  
Kai Gabriel  
Dan Davis  
Penquins Comedy Club  
Al's Red Frog  
Liar's Theatre  
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If I have omitted a contributor, please advise me (319-366-2055 or email me at [crglr@crglr.org](mailto:crglr@crglr.org)) and I will be sure that person is acknowledged in the next newsletter.



## New GLRC Web Site

Visitors to the GLRC web site may have noticed a few changes in recent weeks. The changes are part of an effort to expand the GLRC's presence online and provide a wider range of information and services to the community.

The most obvious change is the site's new address, [www.crglrc.org](http://www.crglrc.org), but with it comes many less-visible changes that will help to improve the site over the coming months.

Following the awarding of the ICAP grant (see article, p. 1), it was decided to move the GLRC's existing web site from Geocities to another hosting provider. After comparing many available services, C I Host ([www.cihost.com](http://www.cihost.com)) was chosen since they offered the best mix of features for the most competitive price. As part of the transition to the new service, the Center acquired the domain name "crglrc.org" and the associated "www.crglrc.org" web site address.

For the tech-heads, C I Host offered many exciting features with its web hosting package, and some of these were particularly important in the decision to switch. Among them, C I Host offered unlimited network bandwidth, 500 MB of data storage, support for Microsoft FrontPage, full login access to the server, several high-level development languages including C, perl and php, a database server, POP e-mail accounts, and support for unlimited e-mail lists and information auto-responders.

In short, these features would allow the GLRC to expand its existing services tremendously and also create valuable new services for the community.

GLRC webmaster Dick Spurlock has already worked with the new hosting service. "It's great to work with a server that provides Microsoft FrontPage support which simplifies the updating of the web page - so many capabilities of FrontPage can now be utilized where it was impossible to do so through Geocities," Spurlock commented.

The web service with C I Host is also allowing for other projects in addition to the existing GLRC web site. One of these, a directory of important community resources and information, will

let users browse and submit information over the Internet through an online database. This project is already in development and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1999.

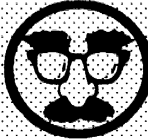
Youth Pride Alliance, the GLRC's youth support group, is also making use of the new web service. Thanks to the ICAP grant, the YPA web site is well underway. Set to be online in early September, the site will include a youth resources page with access to crisis lines, coming-out topics, informative chat rooms, and meeting information. This will mark a breakthrough in support for our young community, reaching a group that had otherwise been very difficult to reach. The site will provide young people with important information while ensuring confidentiality and safety.

The new site will also help to connect members of the community— including youth— as never before. Users will be able to e-mail the GLRC with questions, sign up for discussion mailing lists, and get information about activities and support groups.

There's still much work to be done in order to fully utilize all of the features offered by the new hosting service. In the meantime, our thanks go to the funders of the grant for taking the first important steps and providing the financial resources to make it possible.

*David Shafer/Jasen Prell*

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### New GLRC Talk E-mail List

A new e-mail list named "glrc-talk" is available for open discussion of issues relating to the GLRC and the Cedar Rapids glbta community. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to: [glrc-talk-subscribe@crglrc.org](mailto:glrc-talk-subscribe@crglrc.org).

The server will automatically add your address to the list and you'll receive a reply with additional information, including instructions for posting to the list. Other e-mail lists covering specific topics are being planned and will be announced, as they become available.

## Women's Book Club

Name of Group: Reading Women  
When: 3rd Weds of the month, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Where: Barnes & Noble, Cedar Rapids

We are going to have Barnes order books ahead of time so the Sept book will be available to buy at the Aug meeting, etc. Readers can also get the books through the CR library. The group will be open to new members - just show up!

The books we will discuss are:

August - Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells (Barnes has this book on the bargain table for just \$2.99!)  
September - Different Daughters  
October - To Be Real  
November - Daughter of Darkness  
December - bring a favorite book to share with the group  
January - Light of My Father's Smile  
February - Dream of a Common Language  
March - Spirit Healing  
April - Case of the Good-For-Nothing Girlfriend  
May - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
June - Women Who Run With Wolves  
July - bring a favorite book to share with the group & planning session for next year

## ICHR Annual Meeting in Iowa City

Iowa Coalition for Human Rights Annual Meeting in Iowa City to be held at Hope United Methodist Church, 2929 Court St., in Iowa City on Saturday, August 21, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

All folks interested in civil rights and equality for glbt folks are welcome.

It's time to move ICHR into a true state-wide organization - we need people from around the state interested in working on these issues.

Please plan on attending. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact ICHR at [ichriowa@aol.com](mailto:ichriowa@aol.com), or telephone at the following number: 319-339-1661.

## Pride Fest Planning Committee Meeting

If you are interested in working on the Pride Fest Planning Committee, please attend a meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM at the GLRC.

During this meeting we will review Pride Fest '99 and start brainstorming for next years Pride Fest 2000. We are hoping to

have people from all areas of the community working on the planning committee

If you have any questions, please call Pride Fest Coordinator, Carol Riels, at the GLRC at 366-2055 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from noon until 3PM.

## WORTHLESS ORGANIZATION

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That does nothing  
That gives nothing  
That costs nothing  
That suffers nothing  
is worth nothing.**

## Did You Know?????????????

Based on figures from a recent Washington Blade survey, the six largest religious right groups had a combined budget of as much as \$404.9 million or more as of 1998 — a figure more than 10 times greater than the \$39.8 million in combined budgets of the 16 national GLBT groups.

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## Be Cool & Celebrate with Care

Summer brings typical “hot” weather and with it summer fun activities. Are you hosting a party, backyard BBQ, or a camp outing? These make for wonderful, fun times but can also cause many anxious moments especially if your guests drink excessive amounts of alcohol.

\*Here are 10 tips to help you and your friends avoid alcohol-related hazards:

1. Provide attractive, appetizing non-alcoholic beverages.
2. Create a relaxed atmosphere.
3. Never push alcoholic beverages
4. Plan activities that keep guests entertained.
5. Serve plenty of food and limit salty, thirst provoking items.
6. Stop serving alcohol 1 and ½ hours before the party is to end.
7. NEVER allow drinking games.
8. Encourage people arrange for “safe” rides home before they have had too much to drink.
9. Conclude the party with a featured food – such as pizza, sandwiches, or even a special breakfast dish.

10. Remember – serving alcohol to any person under the age of 21 is ILLEGAL.

FREE materials are available at the Cedar Rapids GLRC:

- Non-alcoholic beverage recipe cards:  
Jungle Juice  
Fruit Lovers Milk Shake  
Orange Blush
- Magnets
- Tips to lower your stress
- Hot-time water safety tips

Make the most of your hot-time summer celebrations, have fun and Celebrate With Care! For more information contact: The Area Substance Abuse Council, 319-390-4611

\*(Source: Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center, 1-800-247-0614)

## FDA Says Gay Men Cannot Be Sperm Donors

At its Human Tissue Seminar on April 8, 1999 the FDA announced proposed regulations which would make it illegal for gay men to be sperm donors, block medical assistance for infertility and almost eliminate the possibility of having biological children. Outlining the regulations was the FDA’s chief architect of the proposal, Ruth Solomon, M.D., Director of the Human Tissue Program, Office of Blood and Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) of the FDA.

The regulations, due to be finalized by the end of 1999, will do two things. First, gay men would be banned from being anonymous sperm donors. Under these regulations heterosexual men may have multiple sexual partners and be acceptable. However, gay men in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship would not. Current fertility industry standards require anonymous sperm donations to be frozen and quarantined for six months, then donors are retested for HIV before their sperm is released for inseminations. The HIV window period; the time after infection until an HIV antibody test is positive, is one to three months. In 14 years of using the HIV antibody test, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) could only point to one case of a man who

appeared healthy and went beyond this window period. He did not turn positive for 2 years. He was heterosexual and specialized tests conclusively showed his wife who was infected by an extra-marital relationship infected him. (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 1996; 45: 181-185). In light of the effective screening procedures already in place and because there is no scientific or medical basis for excluding gay donors, such as ban would be discrimination.

Secondly, it would force directed donors, men who wish to father children with a woman they already know, to freeze their sperm, quarantine it for 6 months and be retested for HIV before their sperm is used for insemination. Given the fact that only 1 out of 6 men (16%) have sperm that survives the freezing process well enough to meet the World Health Organization’s minimum standard of fertility, this second rule will effectively prevent 84% of gay men from the possibility of having children. The only way that some of these 84% who have minimal survival afterfreezing may use their sperm is by expensive and invasive high tech fertility methods. The price for these methods range up to \$12,000 per attempt with very low success rates. Health insurance rarely covers this and most will not have the

money for such expensive and otherwise unnecessary procedures.

The FDA denies they are discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. They do acknowledge that they exclude “men who have had sex with other men in the last five years” (MSM). “Now, that does not discriminate against gay men per se, but I can see how someone might interpret it that way,” is a standard response.

On May 7, 1996 Tom Spira, M.D., Assistant Chief for Medical Science for the CDC, said, “I would not, categorically, want to exclude them (gay men) since we have appropriate testing. If you do so, I believe, you gain a false sense of security.” Charles Schable, Chief of the AIDS Diagnostic Laboratory at the CDC, said, “If one is freezing the sperm and retesting the donor after six months the only reason to apply that criterion (MSM) to semen donors is homophobia.” Both men stressed that they were speaking for themselves and not the CDC as the CDC has a policy advising against gay donors (MSM). Letters from the CDC admit they have no scientific evidence to support

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their policy but are simply following the "advice of a consultant panel."

The FDA does not have to come up with new sperm banking regulations at all. A California Health Department Subcommittee has completed work on proposed regulations, not yet enacted, which follows scientific evidence, protects public health and does not discriminate. California has already enacted a Health and Safety Code (Division 2 - Chapter 4.2 Section 1644.5), which specifically allows the use of fresh or frozen sperm for directed donation as long as the donor has been appropriately screened and the woman has been appropriately counseled about her risks. These two documents are a package that insures both our health and our rights. Dr. Solomon ignored the "

California Plan" in devising the FDA's regulations.

The FDA's regulations would override California laws and would be a program of mass sterilization by regulation. They will deprive lesbians of the choice of having children with gay men. Banning gay men from being donors perpetuates the myth that AIDS is a gay disease. To protest these proposed regulations and to support the "California Plan" please write to the Department of Health and Human Services which oversees both the FDA and the CDC.

*Secretary Donna Shalala, The U.S.  
Department of Health and Human  
Services*

### "Between Women"

Advocate (05/25/99)

Sue Rochman

**T**he Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is launching a research program on HIV-infected lesbians and other women who have sex with women. The study will use a virus matching technique to identify potential causes of transmission between women. The foundation for the study was set by the CDC's Lesbian HIV Issues meeting in 1995 and the release of the HIV Epidemiological Research Study on HIV-positive women, which revealed that nearly 20 percent of HIV-positive women reported same-sex contact. The new study will also look at sexual behaviors between women and to what extent women who have sex with women use safer-sex practices.

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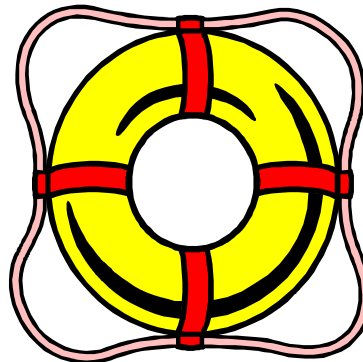


### Need 'gay' advice? Ask Betty

Modesto Bee

PlanetOut, a gay-oriented portal, will host an online advice channel ( ) featuring advice from Betty DeGeneres, the mother of TV's

best-known lesbian, Ellen DeGeneres. Betty will respond to people who submit online questions and PlanetOut members. Visitors can also post messages, listen to online interviews, participate in



surveys and even buy books.

"I guess you could say I'm already a cybermom. So it seemed perfectly natural for me to extend my civil rights work to the digital domain via PlanetOut," said Betty DeGeneres. "I want to help lesbian, gay, bi, trans and questioning youth make peace with their parents, just as I supported Ellen over 20 years ago."

## 1st International Drag King Conference & Showcase

October 15-17, 1999. Columbus, Ohio.

Over the past five years, FTM (female to male) drag has gained great popularity in communities across the United States, and throughout the world. For nearly three years, H.I.S. Kings of Columbus, Ohio has wooed local audiences and wowed those in surrounding states with their amazing shows. H.I.S. Kings, a drag troupe of over 20 members, Fast Friday Productions, their production company, along with Student Gender and Sexuality Services at The Ohio State University are thrilled to host the 1<sup>st</sup> International Drag King Conference and Showcase in Columbus, Ohio.

This conference has been designed to draw together an international array of people interested in many aspects of drag

king culture. This event presents a unique opportunity to bring together performers, fans, photographers, writers, filmmakers, students, theorists and activists of drag king culture. It will include academic and non-academic workshops, paper presentations, panel discussions, and open forums that will create an environment for creative and enjoyable networking and dialogue on a wide range of topics related to FTM drag.

On Saturday October 16th, the afternoon session will consist of the "Drag Kingdom Science Fair" which features interactive booths "manned" by drag kings who will help you experiment with a drag king identity first hand. Explore facial hair application, binding techniques, or learn the

best way to pack. Concurrent with this event will be two panels. The first panel "Different Kings, Different Lives" will be a personal experience panel featuring kings from around the world. Here we will discuss how region, race, class, age and identity (among other things) affect different kings. The second panel "Is FTM drag political?" will discuss whether or not the act of performing and/or living FTM drag is political and if so, in what ways.

For information contact: Julie Applegate or Donna Troka, Conference Coordinators, or write: Fast Friday Productions, P.O. Box 82591, Columbus, Ohio 43202.

## Clinton Names Gay Staffer

NEW YORK BLADE  
By Lou Chibbaro Jr.

President Clinton has appointed openly gay attorney Sean Maloney to the position of assistant to the president and White House staff secretary, making him the highest-ranking openly gay man to serve in the Clinton Administration or any previous administration.

Maloney, 32, who has worked in other White House jobs since 1997, becomes the third openly gay person to be appointed by Clinton to the rank of assistant to the president.

In October 1997, Clinton named Virginia Apuzzo, a veteran leader in the gay civil rights movement and a high-ranking aide to former New York Governor Mario Cuomo (D), as assistant to the president for management and administration. And in November 1998, the president named Karen Tramontano, the openly gay chief of staff to former D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly (D), as assistant to the president and counselor to the White House chief of staff.

Maloney assumed his new job on June 1, when he replaced Phillip Caplan, who is leaving government to join an investment banking firm.

As staff secretary, Maloney will head a staff of more than 100 employees who will be in charge of clearing and editing all written material that enters and leaves the Oval Office. The flow of paper and other material that Maloney will help manage includes policy and national security matters, according to a statement released by the White House. He will also be in charge of editing and approving all presidential briefing and decision memos as well as editing executive orders and presidential directives. In addition, he will be responsible for preparing all legislation for the president's signature.

Maloney has served as deputy assistant to the president and deputy White House staff secretary since October 1998. Beginning in July 1997, he served in the staff secretary's office as special assistant to the president.

"Sean Maloney has done an outstanding job of managing the flow of information

to and from my desk and providing important counsel," Clinton said in a statement released this week. "He is a valued member of my senior staff in a critically important job. I am confident that he will continue to serve with distinction as staff secretary."

Maloney's ties to the president began during the presidential primaries in 1992, when he worked on then Governor Clinton's campaign in a number of states. He continued to work on the campaign at the Clinton-Gore headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., after Clinton won the Democratic nomination. Following November 1992 election, Maloney joined a New York City law firm, where he specialized in institutional and criminal investigations. In 1996, he served as deputy director of the Clinton re-election campaign for New York State.

Maloney and his partner, Randy Florke, currently share residences in Manhattan and Washington, D.C., where they are raising their nine-year-old son.

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## Clinton Names Gay Staffer (continued from Page 10)

Richard Socarides, the openly gay special assistant to the president who serves as the White House liaison to the gay community, said there are currently at least 20 openly gay members of the White House staff who serve in political posts.

In a telephone interview, Maloney said the president's strong support for equal rights for gay people has set a tone that has made him feel comfortable placing a picture of himself with his partner and their son on his desk in the West Wing of the White House and "nobody considers it a big deal."

## Student Attacked Because He Acted Gay

INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL, May 20, 1999

By Thomas L. Flannery

**T**wo Lancaster men may be spending the better part of 40 years behind bars for attempting to kill a Franklin & Marshall College student last May. A Lancaster County jury took less than an hour to convict Anthony S. Delgado, 20, and Brian K. Byrnes, 18, of attempted murder and conspiracy.

Delgado and Byrnes were arrested May 15, 1998, by Lancaster police Detective Joseph Hockley and charged with viciously attacking Thomas Coleman, 20, as he walked back to F&M from a local pub May 10, the morning he was to graduate.

Testimony during the two-day trial revealed Delgado and Byrnes had been hanging out at a house on New Holland Avenue, smoking marijuana and drinking grain alcohol, when they spotted Coleman on his way home from Quips Pub.

Both Delgado and Byrnes gave statements to police admitting to the attack, which they said Coleman brought upon himself by acting gay. City police Detective Andrew Morgan testified that Byrnes told him the defendants thought Coleman was gay.

## Nevada Becomes 11th State With Anti-discrimination Protection For Gays

Brendan Riley

**CARSON CITY (AP)** – A bill prohibiting job discrimination against gays was signed into law by Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn.

"Signing this bill was a matter of fairness and doing what's right for the people of Nevada," said Guinn, the state's first Republican governor in 16 years. "Discrimination based on race, gender, religion or sexual orientation is wrong and I hope this law sends that message loud and clear," he added.

The measure was sponsored by Assemblyman David Parks, D-Las Vegas, the only openly gay member of the Nevada Legislature. Parks said he's "immensely pleased" by the decision of the governor

to sign AB311, which becomes effective Oct. 1.

Nevada joins 10 other states and the District of Columbia, which have similar laws, according to the Washington, D.C. based Human Rights Campaign. The federal government has yet to pass a national law, and some opponents of the Nevada bill had suggested the state wait until Congress acts. Opponents also objected that the bill signifies the state's approval on a lifestyle they say is morally wrong, and could lead to lawsuits.

The bill adds sexual orientation to race, color, sex, religion and disabilities as things banned from discrimination in hiring, promotion and firing. However, tax-exempt organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, are excluded from the law.

## Survey Says Most In U.S. Could Vote For Gays

**M**ore than three-fourths of Americans said they could support gay and lesbian candidates for state legislature or Congress, says a survey commissioned by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation. Two-thirds said they could vote for a gay or lesbian presidential candidate.

The poll of likely voters in the 2000 elections found that 77 percent of respondents – including majorities of religious conservatives – are interested in a candidate's stand on issues, not his or her sexual orientation.

Of those surveyed, 64 percent of fundamentalist Christians, 81 percent of mainline Protestants and 87 percent of Catholics said they would consider voting for homosexual candidates.

Currently, about 170 of the 500,000 elected officials nationwide are openly

gay or lesbian. There were five such candidates for Congress in 1998, the largest number ever.

"Voters of all stripes are clearly telling us that what matters to them is not their candidate's sexual orientation," said Brian K. Bond, the foundation's executive director. But despite current sentiments, only 11 states have laws against job discrimination based on sexual orientation. "In 39 states," said Sloan Wiesen, the foundation's communications director, "it remains perfectly legal to fire someone because he or she is gay or lesbian."

The survey, conducted March 29-April 2, tapped 1,000 voters and used focus groups in Madison, Wis., Tucson, Ariz., and Encino. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.



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44-48 Main St  
Dubuque, IA  
319-582-8357

### The Bar

East 7th & Sycamore  
Waterloo, IA  
319-232-0543

## HEALTH

### AIDS Interfaith Network of Eastern IA

1621 E 4th St.  
Waterloo, IA 50703

### Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education (ICARE)

c/o Laura Hill, Executive Director  
321 E. First St.  
Iowa City, IA 52244  
(319) 356-338-2135 voice  
ICAREIC@aol.com

### Linn County Health Dept.

Free Anonymous HIV Testing  
501 13th St. NW  
319-398-3551

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Iowa City, IA  
319-377-4459

### Rapid AIDS Project

3601 42nd St. NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
319-393-9579

## PUBLICATIONS

### ACCESSLine

Iowa's Statewide Newspaper for Lesbians & Friends  
c/o ACCESS in Northeast Iowa  
PO Box 1282  
Waterloo, IA 50704  
319-232-5805  
access@forbin.com

### Iowa's Pride

The University of Iowa  
20314 Iowa Memorial Union  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1317  
319-335-3251 voice  
319-335-3407 Fax  
iowa-pride@uiowa.edu

### Resource Line

GLRC Monthly Newsletter  
PO Box 1643  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1463  
319-366-2055  
theglrc@geocities.com  
www.geocities.com/~theglrc

## SOCIAL

### OWL's

Older & Wiser Lesbians  
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319-366-2055

### GLBT Social Sunday

Second Sunday of every month  
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Sanctuary  
405 South Gilbert St  
Iowa City, IA

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319-399-8594

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crglrc@crglrc.org  
www.crglrc.org

### SpiritHill Women's Retreat

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
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319-364-4101

### PFLAG

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
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2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month  
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### Women's Support Group

1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month  
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