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Gay Day at Adventureland

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Sun, Water, Spirit, Smiles, Pride, Fun, New Friends, Long time Friends too!!!

Where can you get all that for \$19.00 in one day? We did, and next year you can too! The 2nd Annual Gay Day at Adventureland Park in Des Moines took place on September 6, 2003. About 40-50 individuals state wide drove to Des Moines to enjoy themselves, forget life for a day, and meet new people, have fun with their friends, and just simply be kids again for about 8 hours!!!

I was amazed at the locales some came from to enjoy themselves. The cities I heard mentioned were Cedar Rapids, The Quad Cities, Sioux City, Omaha, Spirit Lake, Des Moines, and even a little town called Kellogg. Of course people broke into groups to ride everything from the Silly Silo, Log Rides, Ferris Wheels, to one of the new attractions, the Super Shot in which you are shot many floors into the air, and simply dropped in a free fall from the top!! The water rides which are always a major hit with any age group, of course, left most of us soaked to the skin, much of which was our own splashing and not a result of the ride itself.

The day was long, the weather cooperated beautifully, although some of the



Front Row: Chris, Brian, John, Barry, Matt
Back Row: Scott, Rexton, Scott, Matt, Terry, Will

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stomachs didn't on the wild rides. Many of us planned dinner together afterward and some hosted a get together at a downtown hotel inviting all that could attend to come and get to know each other and share some additional fellowship. This is probably one of the most fun and relaxed events I have personally attended with the GLRC, and my partner and I even met a great couple whom live three blocks away, and we had never met publicly in Cedar Rapids. By far, the best part of the day was meeting so many great new people!!

Please keep your eyes open for the dates of the 3rd Annual Gay Day at Adventureland and I can assure you that you will have a great time, shedding life for a day.

Lesbian Gospel Singer, Songwriter and Evangelist Marsha Stevens to Appear at Faith United Methodist Church

Born again lesbian Evangelist, Marsha Stevens, will perform her original music at Faith United Methodist Church, 1000 30th St. NE, Cedar Rapids on Sunday October 12, 2003 at 6:00 pm. There is no admission fee for the performance; A free will love offering will be collected.

Marsha Stevens is the famed composer of ***For Those Tears I died (Come to the Water)***, a standard of Christian hymnals since 1972. Since coming out as a lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society – most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served – she has focused her talents on evangelizing the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community through her gospel music.



Marsha Stevens

Highly respected throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), she is the first lay recipient of the prestigious Purple Grass Award for excellence as an evangelist.

She has recorded eleven solo albums and a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label and she performs over 120 concerts a year.

The Gay Music Guide rates two of her releases as among the top 20 albums of 1995 and 1996. Considered shocking by some and comforting to others, she performs ***The Body of Christ Has AIDS*** and ***Love is the Only Law***, as well as many other selections that express her distinct Christian views.



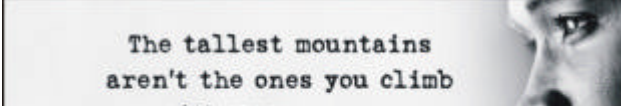
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Did you know that the Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center is only 1 of 2 in Iowa?

Did you know that a study by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services showed:

- ?? **30%** of the completed youth suicides are committed by lesbian and gay youth annually!
- ?? **28%** of lesbian and gay high school students were dropping out of school because of harassment resulting from their sexual orientation!
- ?? **80%** of lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth report severe isolation problems!
- ?? **45%** of gay males and 20% of lesbians report having experienced verbal harassment and/or physical violence as a result of the sexual orientation during high school!
- ?? **26%** of gay and lesbian youth are forced to leave home because of conflicts with their families!
- ?? **97%** of students in public high schools report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from their peers!
- ?? **53%** of students report hearing homophobic comments made by school staff!
- ?? **68%** of adolescent gay males use alcohol and 44% use other drugs; 83% of lesbians use alcohol and 56% use other drugs!

In a study of depression and gay youth, researchers found depression strikes homosexuals youth four to five times more severely than their non-gay peers.

Gay and Lesbian students and community members often feel invisible in the world. Their invisibility is typically reinforced by heterosexism in their environment school, or workplace, which causes gay and lesbians to feel invisible, unsupported, and isolated! You as a member of the Gay and Lesbian Community can help change these alarming facts.

How?? The how part is the easiest part!

The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Cedar Rapids is a Non-profit organization which relies on YOUR donations and support to survive, and as their mission statement reveals, provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gay, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons, and all who are associated with them in their lives. **We're beginning to establish more contacts in the school system and will be going more public with the Center to fulfill these demanding goals!**

**In Honor of this organization, Club Basix will host
A Celebration of the
Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center
Sunday, November 9, 2003**

MSM Men's Retreat

A one-day rural retreat for gay and bisexual men "Lives Worth Living" will be held on Saturday October 4, 2003 from 10 am to 5 pm at Lake Macbride State Park. Since 1999, the Lives Worth Living retreat has attracted men of all ages, shapes and backgrounds. Whether you're a couch potato or a party animal, you're not likely to find a better use for that 15 bucks (which covers all materials, breakfast, lunch and refreshments) that is burning a hole in your pocket.

The retreat takes place in beautiful

Lake Macbride State Park, located near Highway 1 between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

Featured this year at the Retreat will be dancer, choreographer, teacher, and community activists **Peter DiMuro**. He has worked and collaborated throughout the United States and abroad for more than 25 years. His current project is Near/Far/In/Out, an investigation of gay community and coming out experiences over an 80-year time span. Originally from rural Illinois, Peter now lives in



Peter DiMuro

Takoma Park, Maryland.

The day's program also features

Kevin Sitter, coordinator for Clinic 42 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. With a background in social work and public health, Kevin has directed a variety of community programs serving gay men, high school students, health care workers, and people living with HIV/AIDS.



Kevin Sitter

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By Alan Fredricksen

An Interview Series by Alan Fredricksen

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One on One Interviews with Spiritual/Religious Figures in the GLBT Community.

Watch for this informative information!!!

Board Elections Cedar Rapids GLRC



*October 5, 2003 at the
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*305 2nd St SE Suite 326
Cedar Rapids, IA*

*If you do not wish to run, you
are encouraged to come and
vote for community members
that will best represent you on
the GLRC Board of Directors.*

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New Treatment May Flush Out Hidden AIDS Virus

Researchers reported that a two-step approach could offer the first hope for controlling a lifelong AIDS infection

Dr. Jerome Zack, an associate director of basic sciences for the University of California-Los Angeles AIDS Institute, and colleagues experimented with a technique to locate and kill dormant HIV-infected immune system cells in mice and are ready to test it in monkeys.

Although highly active antiretroviral therapy can keep HIV patients healthy for decades, it cannot reach a latent virus that lurks inside immune system cells. Zack and coauthors devised a two-step system: first partially activating the cells where the virus hides, then killing the cells before the virus can escape.

"About one in a million T-cells holds latent HIV that the antiretroviral drugs can't touch," said Zack. "In order to make it visible, so you can attack it, you have to activate it."

Activating all of a patient's T-cells can cause potentially deadly illness. Zack's team used two compounds to only partially activate the cells: interleukin-7 (IL-7) and

prostratin. "They hit a specific activation pathway but don't fully turn on cells," Zack said.



When the cells have been partially activated, the scientists fire the "guided missile" - an antibody spliced to a piece of diphtheria toxin. "Because the antibody is linked to a toxin molecule, it pops into the cell," Zack explained. "The toxin kills the cell before lots of viruses are made."

The technique cleared 70-80 percent of the reservoir of latent T-cells in mice without mistakenly attacking healthy cells. However, since HIV affects humans in a unique way, it is difficult for scientists to extrapolate results from animal experiments. The next step is to try the technique in monkeys infected with an engineered human-monkey virus called SHIV.

If tested in people, Zack envisions the two-step approach would be used along with a HAART cocktail to stem the virus' spread within the body. He does not think the technique offers the possibility of a complete cure, but it offers the chance that patients might be able to safely stop HAART for years or even decades. The researchers' findings, "Molecular Characterization, Reactivation, and Depletion of Latent HIV," appeared in the journal *Immunity* (2003;19(3):413-423).

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An *educational meeting* will be held.

Check the November issue of the Resource Line or call the GLRC for more information

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OCTOBER 2003

GLRC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

All Calendar events are held at the GLRC (305 2nd St SE, Suite 324)
Unless otherwise specified (Tel: 319-366-2055)

See the area resource list for other location address

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	2 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	3 FFBC2 7:00AM Clarion Hotel	4
5 GLRC Board Election 2 PM Movie Nite 6:45PM	6 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	7	8 Women's Group 6:30—8:30 PM GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	9 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	10 Open Door Coffee House 7:00PM Faith UMC	11
12 Marsha Stevens Concert 6 pm Faith UMC	13 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	14	15 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	16 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	17 Movie Night 7 PM Faith UMC	18
19 Movie Nite 6:45PM	20 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	21 PFLAG Meeting Faith UMC 7 PM	22 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	23 Movie Night & Potluck 7-9 PM	24	25
26 Movie Nite 6:45PM	27 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	28	29 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	30	31	

EVENTS COMING UP!! Mark your calendars

November 9, 2003
November 20, 2003
January 8, 2003

GLRC Celebration
Gay American Smoke Out Meeting
Cedar Valley Humane Society Benefit

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As these events draw nearer, make sure you check your GLRC Newsletter for details