



Day of Silence

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Being gay, getting gray, being young, being in and being out; learning from each other

by Leah D. Seppenwol

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NC Conferences bring our diverse community together to learn about and from one another.

The first annual NC Unity Conference covers the gamut — all ages, all every thing.

It will feature an aging workshop as part of the Unity weekend — focusing specifically on "Bridging the Gap: Learning More about Senior LGBTQ's.

Aging happens. Even in the LGBT community. We perhaps fight it harder than most — walking, running, hiking, biking, swimming, rugby, golf, tennis, baseball, softball, basketball, dancing and frisbee. Not to mention spinning, intervals, tai bo, pilates and yoga. Rounding it out with tucks and lifts, gleaming caps and shaved places — we are so not different from the "other" people.

Two North Carolina events will address LGBT housing alternatives, healthcare, legal issues, gender, and coming out

The North Carolina Unity Conference

April 11-13 . UNC Chapel Hill

The keynote is Urvashi Vaid, author "Virtual Equality" and former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Plenary speaker: Mandy Carter, national lesbian activist discussing anti-racism and social justice.

Workshop/Seminar leaders include: Shane Landrum from MTV's "Road Rules," discussing being out and on TV.

- SoulForce: "The SoulForce Alternative: Confronting Spiritual Violence Against God's LGBT Children."
- Gender-Variant Panel: "Man, Woman, And Transgendered"
- GenderPAC "Gender and Youth: the New Wave of College Activism"
- EqualityNC: "Sex, Violence, and Discrimination"
- Mark Kleinschmidt and Mike



• Connie Vetter: "Transgender Legal Issues"

Yancey Gulley: "Tolerance vs Nurture"

• Gwendolyn Bikis: "Breaking Down a Wall", a discussion of her novel *Your Loving Arms*

• Grahaeme Hesp on being Gay and Greek

• Youth Panel Issues

• Time Out Youth of Charlotte, NC: "How to be an LGBT Youth Ally"



Urvashi Vaid, author, former Director of NGLTF



Mandy Carter renown lesbian activist

• Skott Freedman: "Battling Biphobia and Bringing Bisexuals Back to Both Communities"

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Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium gets US grant totalling \$1.4 M

Federal grant five-year grant came from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services

In October 2002, the US Department of Health and Human Services through Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, awarded a grant to the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium. The annual award is over \$283,000 with a 5-year total of over \$1.4 million for the term of the grant.

The Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium will use SAMHS grant funds to enhance the currently operating Regional Case Management Network to include access to substance abuse professionals that can serve as resources for case managers as they work with clients that have substance abuse issues. The goal of the SAMHSA project is to connect HIV positive clients with substance abuse problems to treatment options and support during treatment and aftercare. The Regional Consortium will con-

tract with local substance abuse treatment professionals, to work with clients — along with the case manager — on a solution to the substance abuse issue.

As required by the grant, the Regional Consortium has also hired additional staff members with



substance abuse expertise to offer insight and advice to case managers on dealing with client substance abuse

issues. The Consortium welcomes new staff Anna Gaddy, Heather Stewart and Paula Bess.

The Consortium mission is to foster and ensure a regional approach to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS and meet the needs of those affected by the disease, with compassion and dignity.

Organizational Activities:

Prevention Education, Case Management Supervision, Housing Voucher Program, AmeriCorps Team Coordination, and Matching Grants Program

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Partner charged in murder

Lesbian's murder is 3rd domestic violence homicide in Charlotte Mecklenburg

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte-Mecklenburg police charged a woman, who lived on Reddman Road, with murder in the death of a woman found in the front yard of the home the women shared.

Early on Saturday morning, March 8, a neighbor found 34-year-old Joyce Miller Gaddy lying dead in the grass, and phoned police, said Capt. Marc DeLuca of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Homicide detectives learned Gaddy lived with Angela Renee Thompson, 32, whom patrol officers later found, questioned, and subsequently charged later the same day.

Thompson is currently being held without bond at the Mecklenburg county jail.

On the following Tuesday, The Domestic Advocacy Council held a silent march in uptown Charlotte to honor the memory of Joyce Miller

Gaddy. It also happened to be the day her memorializing began at the her mother's home.

"The main issue is to memorialize these women who have died needlessly," said Michael Sexton of the Advocacy Council. "We're also trying to raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence."

The Domestic Advocacy Council, pledged to march every Tuesday which follows a homicide tied to domestic violence in Mecklenburg county. Area police, counselors and victim advocates regularly participate in the marches. The public is encouraged to join them.

Joyce (Brice) Miller Gaddy is survived by her mother, her son and a host of relatives and friends.

Family and friends observed a traditional African Three Day Ceremony at her mother, Rebecca Brice's home.

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