



By Michael Hinzman

It is time that we make our voices heard louder than ever before. It is time that we demand that our leaders in this country realize, we have the same rights as not only Americans But also Gay Americans. It is time that we no longer hide ourselves away in our professional places of employment, schools, shareless, neighborhoods. No, it is time we ring the bell demanding equal rights, from our so-called leaders that would deny our simply right to be.

It is time my fellow Gay Americans to become diligent in our pursuit of happiness. We no longer can allow our community counted only when convenient. No, it is time we take our rightful place among the dogmatic heterosexual society. It is time that we teach our children the true meaning of diversity and tolerance for others. It is time that we make it known there is no shame in which we are, and that we shall not hide any longer appeasing the status quo.

It is time Gay America, we take back that which is so rightly ours. Our rights to love, live, and pursue the American dream. It is time that unity becomes an all-yearling event for our community, helping one another. Calling on the brothers and sisters, throughout this great Nation to unite in our just cause. We no longer can allow the conservative movement to destroy what our past advocates fought so diligently for. No, we must refuse to go to quietly unass-

suming and most assuredly not agreeable with the obvious Gay unfriendly agenda that the current administration is so graciously building here in our homeland.

It is time advocates, to dust off the signs and fill this generation with the desire for equality, which has brought us this far. It is time gay America for Marches on Washington, signed petitions, letters to our leaders. Yes, positive voices united in what we have been accused of for so long. "The Gay agenda." It is time Gay America, we bring our community together to prevent the separation of our community of Gay America, at the hands of the conservative agenda that is becoming more obvious every day.

It is time Gay America that we stand for our causes and not allow our own self doubt and discouraging feelings, to allow these self righteous to push us back into the closet. It is time to refuse the acceptance of our community simply for the entertainment of the straight world. It is time to claim our rightful place in the UN-united states where, every man and woman is meant to be created equal. It is time to stop the madness and discrimination of our people. No, we can no longer allow our community members to remain in the unincorporated state, that allows these self righteous to quietly heard our people as they did in days since past. We must educate our youth for the cause at hand.

It is time Gay America that we make our contributions known throughout the land. The artist, politician, doctor, lawyer, the teacher, church leaders, community worker, laborer. It is time that our daily contributions be tallied showing our right for equal justice, protection, and right to live our life. We can no longer remain quiet and agreeable with the status quo. Allowing our voices to be smothered by the conservative would be dictators. We can no longer fear retaliation for simply standing while being counted.

It is time Gay America to show we are many not a few. It is time to come into the sunlight of free America and claim what is ours. Yes, gay America it is time to get involved and use our voices to be heard above the ranging hate and intolerance. Our losses are many, while our needs are greater yet. It is time gay America that or community goes on high alert. We are in danger to falling victim to the conservative agenda. The conservative agenda has drawn the lines, refusing to grant us what is ours by the very definition of our constitution; and that is simply freedom. Freedom to live and love whom we want. Freedom to be the person that the great power above made us.

Gay America—We pay our taxes while contributing to society. Why should it even be suggested that we do not have the basic equality that the straight society hold as Americans? Why should we be silenced until they see a purpose for us? These are the questions Gay Americans should be asking themselves in this our darkest hour. What is it to become of our community if we sit back while we are steamrolled by the conservative agenda? Pink triangles, Camps, registration of our members? While these notions may seem extreme and unlikely, ask yourself what are their plans are for us?

It is time Gay America, the call is now. Everyday more and more gay unfriendly rulings are setting the stage for gay life in America. We need to bring awareness of the issues to our community members. It is more than political agendas at work here. We are becoming the most discriminated against community in the United States where, even other communities of diversity and openly discriminated against, have joined with the conservative agenda. It is time Gay America.

PRIDEFEST SEEKS INPUT AT TOWN HALL, ANNOUNCES DATES FOR 2005



The PrideFest Task Force hosted a town hall meeting Thursday, November 11, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, to present audited results of the 2004 festival and seek input for the 2005 event.

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The Men in Glen Hanson's Head

By Andrew Hicks



It was just a little after 10am when I picked up the phone to call artist and cartoonist Glen Hanson to chat about his new book GMEN, which will be released this month. Hanson's work contains everything from print ads to cartoons to his comic strip Chelsea Boys that he creates with collaborator Allan Neuwirth, but he will talk more about that later. Today, Hanson is overworked and not even noticing the time when I call.

"This is turning out to be, from a word standpoint in terms of having to do everything myself-kind of work, probably the hardest year," says Hanson as we start our conversation. While this may prove to be Hanson's busiest year, he is no stranger to working hard. After studying animation at Sheridan College, Glen went on to design characters for TV's, "Beetlejuice" and MTV's "Daria." In 2000 he launched the series "Spy Groove" and as a result was nominated for an Annie Award (which is a prestigious art director award) for his art direction and design. He has since developed shows for Nickelodeon and Disney studios.

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Leaving Metropolis

Written By Cam Lindquist

Now playing on here! TV and available on DVD

What do you get when you take a famous gay painter, a questioning ex-cartoonist/restaurant owner, a doll-collecting short order cook,

a gossip columnist fag-hag, and a pre-op transsexual woman struggling with HIV? Well in Winnipeg, Manitoba you get a love triangle and a few extras in there to spice up the mix.

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Rare Infection Spreading Among Gay Men



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(Atlanta, Georgia) Most gay men have never heard of Lymphogranuloma venereum, or LGV, but it is spreading in gay communities across the United States. The Centers for Disease Control warns it is heading to North America.

A Wish Come True

Interview with Lesbian Film Director Sharon Fernan

By Andrew Hicks



shot just outside of Austin, and is on its way to becoming a cult classic.

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