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One Word In AOL Profile Leads to Discharge of Navy Veteran

“Many Worlds, One Community” is 1998 PrideFest Slogan

Milwaukee—The PrideFest Council has voted to accept “Many Worlds, One Community” as the 1998 festival slogan. After reviewing over 90 submissions, the Council determined “Many Worlds, One Community” speaks to the diversity of the community, while also embracing the unity of all its members. Over half of the submissions received contained at least one of the three words: “community,” “diversity” and “unity.”

This year’s festival is scheduled for August 28, 29 and 30 at the Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee. The June weekend traditionally used by PrideFest has been scheduled for the Harley Davidson 95th Anniversary Bash.

The new PrideFest website: www.pridefest.com will allow web browsers to witness the unfolding of the festival. Members of the community can also request information by calling (414) 272-FEST; email: pridemilw@aol.com.

Cayman Islands Denies Cruise Ship Entry Because Passengers are Gay

Editor’s Note: The following comes to us from Kevin Ivers, Log Cabin Republicans’ Director of Public Affairs as a community alert.

Enclosed below is an excerpt from the *Washington Blade* detailing how the Cayman Islands, a U.K. dependency, denied a Norwegian Cruise Line vessel landing rights because it was hosting a Gay cruise vacation.

To immediately register your opinion directly with the Cayman Islands Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Transportation, we are also providing you with the necessary contact information.

Be aware that the American Family Association is calling on its members to PRAISE the Cayman government for this action.

Attn. Ms. Angela Martin
Hon. Thomas C. Jefferson Minister of Tourism, Commerce and Transportation Government Administration Building Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands Telephone: 345/949-0623 Fax: 345/949-4053 Email: cscayman@candw.ky mailto:cscayman@candw.ky

By Kai Wright

Organizers of a Gay cruise vacation announced this week that the government of the Cayman Islands, a British depend-



Supporting Camp Heartland - 1100 Club friends and patrons presented the Oberons with a check for \$1,000 to help with its drive to raise money for Camp Heartland for children with AIDS. Shown above are Grandma (aka Robert Mingloff) and Oberons President Stephen Polomis. Special thanks were given to Dennis Bartley for building the wishing well used by patrons to collect donations.

Washington, DC—The fact of witch hunts that weed out Gay and Lesbian military service personnel in violation of the Pentagon’s “Don’t ask, Don’t tell” policy was denied in mid-December, 1996 by Navy Secretary John Dalton.

Stark evidence in the case of a 17-year Navy veteran, Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh (no relation to convicted Oklahoma City bomber), however, flatly contradicts the Navy Secretary’s denials.

McVeigh, Chief of the Boat, the USS Chicago, a Pearl Harbor submarine, became the subject of an investigation after he used a single word that was included in an America Online user-profile.

Navy Secretary Dalton refused last month to discuss the Navy’s investigation of McVeigh with reporters, though he defended Clinton administration’s policy which says persons attracted to their own sex may serve in the military as long as they do not disclose their sexuality.

Major Gay rights groups have harshly criticized that policy. More military personnel, particularly women, have been discharged for homosexuality, they say, than before it went into effect. McVeigh’s case, critics believe, illustrates that whatever the intention of 1993 policy, the military is now more aggressive than ever in going after Gay and Lesbian service members.

On January 5 the Chief of Naval Personnel approved a recommendation to discharge McVeigh, citing “Homosexual Conduct Admittance” as the reason for the discharge. The message says that

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ency, has denied their vessel landing rights. The Caribbean island’s Minister of Tourism cited the group’s inability to follow “standards of appropriate behavior” as cause for turning the group away.

The Motor Ship Leeward, chartered by Norwegian Cruise Line, was scheduled to dock at Grand Cayman on February 1. The stop was part of a seven-day cruise booked by Atlantis Events Inc., a West Hollywood travel group which specializes in organizing vacations for Gay people. A total of 910 people, primarily Gay men, made reservations for the cruise, which is still set to depart from Miami on January 30.

In a letter dated December 8, 1997, and addressed to Norwegian Cruise Line’s port captain in Miami, the Cayman Minister of Tourism Thomas C. Jefferson stated, “Careful research and prior experience has led us to conclude that we cannot count on this group to uphold the standards of appropriate behavior expected of visitors to the Cayman Islands, so we regrettably cannot offer our hospitality.”

The Ministry of Tourism did not return several phone messages from a *Blade* reporter. Kathy Owen of the New York-based firm Patrice & Tanaka Co., which handles some public relations for the

ministry, told the *Blade* that the office does not plan to discuss the matter and further.

Robert Chatterton Dickson, spokesperson for the British Embassy in Washington, told the *Blade* that the island’s Executive Council—which is the executive body of the island, similar to a state governor—is expected to release a statement of “regret” for any offense cause but de-

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Woman of the Year Tammy Baldwin

Everyone we spoke with regarding Tammy Baldwin had the same things to say, intelligent, wonderful to work with and principled.

Baldwin is best known as Wisconsin’s first (and so far only) openly Gay or Lesbian State Legislator. But her career of public service spans a wide variety of positions that have given her a wealth of experience on many issues.

As an undergraduate, she worked with the Criminal Division of the US Justice Department in the early 1980’s. She also worked as an adviser to Governor Tony Earl in the mid 1980’s.

Other elements of her service to the public include working with the Madison Technical College, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Victims and Witness Assistance program, the Comparable Worth Task Force and Action Wisconsin, the Board of Social Services, the Dane County Task Force on AIDS, the Unified Services Board along with numerous other positions.

Baldwin was elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in 1986. She distin-

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Our Man of the Year Tom Reed

For many activists here and around the country it is impossible to think of Miller Beer and not also think of Tom Reed. Mr. Reed after all is Miller’s most visible representative to America’s Gays and Lesbians.

His friends describe him as one of the hardest working people they know. He is a company man, incredibly modest and totally unwilling to talk about his accomplishments.

Ask Tom Reed about something he has done for the Gay community and all you hear is that he has done nothing, but work for Miller Brewing Company.

To be sure, Miller Brewing is a generous supporter of the fight for equality both here and around the country and not just for Gays and Lesbians but for other minority groups as well. Miller has a well known commitment to recognize diversity

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A Blockbuster - Blockbuster District Manager, Cynthia Trevison, gives ARCW Executive Director, Doug Nelson a check for \$9,984 which was raised from the Good Neighbor program for AIDS Walk Wisconsin.