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Happy 30th Anniversary

Poet Nikki Giovanni, actress Gabrielle Union set to help ICASA celebrate milestone

The celebration to recognize 30 years of anti-rape work is set. The work is ongoing.

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault will celebrate its milestone 30th Anniversary with an evening of recognition on Sept. 27, 2007 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

It's an evening to celebrate 30 years of work by rape crisis center staff and volunteers to assist victims of sexual violence; 30 years of answering 2 a.m. hotline calls; 30 years of providing counseling; 30 years of meeting victims at the emergency room or in a courtroom; 30 years of changing legislation; 30 years of believing victims; and 30 years of hope.

"The anniversary is a celebration in honor of the strength rape survivors have shown through the decades and the efforts of rape crisis center staff to support those survivors and their friends and family," ICASA Executive Director Polly Poskin said. "ICASA is a leader in the anti-rape movement and we will continue to work on behalf of victims until we reach our ultimate goal, which is an end to sexual violence in our society."

The celebration will be highlighted by the appearance of poet, activist Nikki Giovanni and actress, activist Gabrielle Union.

Dr. Giovanni, a world-renowned poet, author and longtime advocate for



Nikki Giovanni



Gabrielle Union

equality, will deliver the keynote address. She teaches at Virginia Tech University and was recently in the spotlight following her uplifting speech during the memorial services following the shooting tragedy on the Virginia Tech campus.

Union, a leading movie actress who has appeared in movies such as *Daddy's Little Girls*, *Running Scissors*, *Deliver Us from Eva* and *Bad Boys II*, is also a staunch supporter of rape crisis centers. She has advocated in Washington D.C. on behalf of increased funding for rape crisis centers. Union is a rape survivor and speaks glowingly of the support and care she received from a local rape crisis center in her native Nebraska.

"We are thrilled that these two high-profile women will be joining us for the anniversary celebration," Poskin said. "Their commitment to speak out on behalf of rape survivors and children inspires those of us working in this field."

Loretta Durbin, wife of Illinois Senator Richard Durbin, is the evening's honorary co-chair. The event will recognize early founders of ICASA

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Thoughts on turning 30

Anniversary reason to celebrate ICASA's accomplishments

In 1976 there wasn't an ICASA.

In 1977 there was.

In 2007 there still is.

Thirty years old. Happy anniversary to us.

There are times that I and probably most others don't appreciate what a milestone anniversary this is. In general, those within the anti-rape movement spend the vast majority of their time working to achieve what has not yet been done.



Sean Black

Laws not passed. Money not given. Attitudes unchanged. And most importantly victims not reached.

It's a lot to think about and the thoughts aren't really happy. It can be overwhelming to think about the work that still needs to be done. It can be depressing to think about the barriers that still exist for rape victims. It can be downright disheartening to think about the beliefs many in this country still hold for rape victims.

While those thoughts can't be ignored all the time, we can't dwell on the negative. We instead can use it for fuel to inspire changes in services and laws and attitude. We must remember and think about how far the movement has come.

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Since ICASA was born, things are better. I realize this most when I travel across this nation, attending sexual violence prevention conferences or making presentations. It's at these events that I realize how fortunate I am to

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be living in a state that has ICASA. It is at these events that you begin to see the impact ICASA has had across the nation. It's there that you meet the people who use the material ICASA has produced or are emulating the laws ICASA has helped pass in Illinois.

Laws in the state of Illinois have been completely revamped since ICASA's inception. The 1983 legislation completely changed the way rape victims could be treated in Illinois courts and provided the foundation for a multitude of other states to follow. That is progress.

Future legislation focused on statutes of limitations, marital rape, prevention programming and other issues. That is more progress.

Services to victims have grown exponentially in the state. What once was a coalition of nine rape crisis centers is now a coalition of 34 thriving rape crisis centers. Those centers provide counseling and advocacy services to victims that would not have been reached 30 years ago.

What was a non-existent prevention programming campaign is embedded in each ICASA center. Media campaigns have specifically targeted stopping rape. ICASA's evaluation of education programs led to the creation of curricula that can now be found in every state across the country. Centers have made inroads to schools and other community groups that have thrived with the

strength of the coalition behind it.

These are good things. These are things to celebrate.

And most important, is the the unyielding effort by rape crisis staff to help more victims, teach more people, and change more laws. This effort warrants applause. This effort is what drives ICASA forward.

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Earlier this summer, I was reading the year's biggest blockbuster, which included these lines,

"That's right, Harry ... come on think of something happy,"

"Something happy?" he said, his voice cracked.

"We're all still here," she whispered, "We're still fighting. Come on, now."

Good advice for us non-fictional characters to remember. Let's remember where we've come from, enjoy the success ICASA has helped deliver, but keep fighting to end sexual violence so that ICASA's 60th anniversary can be a celebration of even greater accomplishments.

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Viewpoint is a regular opinion column in Coalition Commentary.

WHAT IS ICASA?

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault is a not-for-profit corporation of 34 community-based sexual assault crisis centers working together to end sexual violence. Each center provides 24-hour crisis services, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and conducts educational programs in Illinois communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) is to end sexual violence and to alleviate the suffering of sexual assault victims. This work is inseparable from ICASA's commitment to eliminate oppression in all its forms. To accomplish these goals, ICASA advocates for public policy that prevents sexual violence, guarantees sensitivity to victims, and promotes social justice. ICASA uses the power of public education to change beliefs and attitudes about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and the devastation of oppression. Through community programs that provide advocacy, counseling and education, ICASA works for a safe, free and just society.

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MARKET DAY

Participants at ICASA's Statewide Sexual Assault Conference consider the options during the marketplace section of the Racial Justice Institute. The Institute used Open Space Technology to enable participants to set the agenda to focus on efforts best suited to their skills.

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ICASA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Activism fuels Giovanni's work

Poet a champion
for equality for
women, children

Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. Over the past thirty years, her outspokenness, in her writing and in lectures, has brought the eyes of the world upon her. One of the most widely-read American poets, she prides herself on being "a Black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English." Giovanni remains as determined and committed as ever to the fight for civil rights and equality. Always insisting on presenting the truth as she sees it, she has maintained a prominent place as a strong voice of the Black community. Her focus is on the individual, specifically, on the power one has to make a difference in oneself, and thus, in the lives of others.

Giovanni will bring her commitment to Chicago on Sept. 27 as the keynote speaker at ICASA's 30th Anniversary Celebration.

"We are so proud to have Dr. Giovanni be with us at this event," ICASA Executive Director Polly Poskin said. "She has been a torchbearer for equality for the past several decades and we feel her spirit and strength go hand in hand with what this anniversary celebration represents."

Ms. Giovanni was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and grew up in Lincoln Heights, an all-black suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her sister spent their summers with their grandparents in Knoxville, and she graduated with honors from Fisk University, her grandfather's alma mater, in 1968. After graduating from Fisk, she attended the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. She published her first book of poetry, *Black Feeling Black Talk*, in 1968, and



Poet, activist Nikki Giovanni will be the keynote speaker at ICASA's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 27, 2007 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

within the next year published a second book, thus launching her career as a writer. Early in her career she was dubbed the "Princess of Black Poetry," and over the course of more than three decades of publishing and lecturing she has come to be called both a "National Treasure" and, most recently, one of Oprah Winfrey's twenty-five "Living Legends." Many of Giovanni's books have received honors and awards. Her autobiography, *Gemini*, was a finalist for the National Book Award; *Love Poems*, *Blues: For All the Changes*, and *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea* were all honored with NAACP Image Awards. *Blues: For All the Changes* reached #4 on the *Los Angeles Times* Bestseller list, a rare achievement for a book of poems. Most recently, her children's picture book *Rosa*, about the civil rights legend Rosa Parks, became a Caldecott Honors Book, and Bryan Collier, the illustrator, was given the Coretta Scott King award for best illustration. *Rosa* also reached #3 on *The New York Times* Bestseller list.

Giovanni's spoken word recordings have also achieved widespread recognition and honors. Her album *Truth Is On Its Way*, on which she reads her poetry against a background of gospel music, was a top 100 album and received the Best Spoken Word Album given by the National Association of Radio and Television Announcers. Her *Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection*, on which she reads and talks about her poetry, was one of five finalists for a Grammy Award.

Giovanni's honors and awards have been steady and plentiful throughout her career. The recipient of some twenty-five honorary degrees, she has been named Woman of the Year by *Mademoiselle Magazine*, *The Ladies Home Journal*, and *Ebony Magazine*. She was tapped for the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and named an Outstanding Woman of Tennessee. Giovanni has also received Governor's Awards from both Tennessee and Virginia. She was the first recipient of the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award.

ICASA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Union stands up for anti-rape work

Actress takes active role in supporting crisis centers

One of today's hottest movie stars, Gabrielle Union, continues to shine, on and off screen.

The acclaimed actress has starred in several movies and will be appearing in *Perfect Holiday* in theatres this winter. Union doesn't limit her starring roles to the screen as she has embarked on a lead role of anti-rape activist.

Union's efforts on behalf of rape crisis centers and the clients they serve will continue with her appearance at ICASA's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 27, 2007 in Chicago.

"We are thrilled to have Gabrielle join us at our anniversary celebration and hope that her presence and the notoriety she brings will empower others to step forward and work to end rape in the United States," ICASA Executive Director Polly Poskin said. "We commend her courage in taking on this challenge."

The actress first stepped to the forefront of the anti-rape movement when the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence co-sponsored a sexual assault hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on April 5, 2006.

The hearing was highlighted by Union's compelling testimony recounting her story of being a rape survivor to the congressional staff and guests.

"Gabrielle's testimony that day was inspiring to all those who work in this field," said Poskin, who was at the event. "To have this major celebrity speaking out as a rape survivor on behalf of rape crisis centers was tremendously uplifting to the entire anti-rape movement."

Her story and testimony was later featured on Entertainment Tonight.



Actress Gabrielle Union, center, poses during an event sponsored by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence in Washington, D.C. during 2006. Union has been a staunch supporter of rape crisis centers.

Union passionately talked about the invaluable assistance a local rape crisis center provided her during her time of crisis. She urged Congress to provide increased funding to rape crisis centers.

The event was part of a week long lobbying effort by the Alliance and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence for increased funding for rape crisis centers and battered women's shelters.

This December, Gabrielle stars alongside Queen Latifah, Terrence Howard and Morris Chestnut in *The Perfect Holiday*. The soon-to-be holiday favorite stars Gabrielle as a divorced mom of three whose youngest daughter asks a department store Santa (Morris Chestnut) to find her mother a boyfriend for Christmas.

Directed by Lance Rivera, the film was produced by Shakim Compere and Queen Latifah through their production company, Flavor Unit Entertainment

Gabrielle recently wrapped *Starship Dave* alongside Eddie Murphy. Directed by Brian Robbins, the film will be released by Twentieth Century Fox in May, 2008.

Gabrielle was most recently seen in writer/director Tyler Perry's "Daddy's Little Girls" starring opposite Idris Elba and in director Ryan Murphy's "Running With Scissors," starring Annette Benning, Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes, and Alec Baldwin.

Past films include "Bad Boys II" opposite Martin Lawrence and Will Smith, "Breakin' All the Rules" co-starring Jamie Foxx, "Deliver Us From Eva" alongside LL Cool J, "The Brothers," Universal's cult hit "Bring It On," "Welcome to Collinwood" with George Clooney and Sam Rockwell, "Abandon" opposite Benjamin Bratt and Katie Holmes, "Two Can Play That Game," "Love & Basketball," "Cradle to the Grave," "Ten Things I Hate About You," "Neo Ned," "The Honeyymooners," and "She's All That."

On television, Gabrielle starred in ABC's critically acclaimed series "Night Stalker" with Stuart Townsend and was also seen in HBO's award-winning "Something the Lord Made," which starred Alan Rickman, Kyra Sedgwick, and Mos Def.

Gabrielle made her television debut in UPN's hit comedy "Moesha," and then went on to guest-star in hit shows such as "ER," "Dave's World," "Friends" and "The Steve Harvey Show."

Shortly thereafter, Gabrielle had a recurring role on two WB hit shows, "Sister, Sister," and "7th Heaven." Gabrielle also appeared in a guest role on the hit show "Friends."

In addition, she joined the cast of Steven Bochco's CBS drama "City of Angels" for one season.

ICASA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ICASA MOMENTS IN TIME

- **1977:** Illinois Coalition of Women Against Rape (ICWAR) is formed.
- **1982:** ICWAR receives first Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant allocation of \$148,889.
- **1983:** Illinois Criminal Sexual Assault Act is signed into law, revising Illinois rape and incest statutes.
- **1983-84:** "Confidentiality of Statements Made to Rape Crisis Personnel" grants absolute privilege to sexual assault victims.
- **1984:** ICWAR changes its name to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.
- **1985:** ICASA granted its first allocation of state General Revenue Funds.
- **1986:** ICASA receives its first allocation of federal VOCA funds from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- **1992:** Citizens vote "yes" for the Illinois Constitutional Amendment for Victims Rights.
- **1996:** ICASA first receives VAWA funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- **1997:** ICASA celebrates 20th anniversary with friends and colleagues.
- **1999:** ICASA moves into its newly constructed administrative office building at 100 N. 16th Street in Springfield.
- **1999:** ICASA, with VAWA prevention funds, begins a two-year evaluation of its prevention education programs in Illinois schools.
- **2001:** ICASA and the Illinois Department of Human Services co-host a statewide sexual violence prevention conference.
- **2001:** ICASA releases sexual assault prevention program evaluation results.
- **2001:** ICASA forms the Training and Technical Assistance Institute.
- **2002:** ICASA co-hosts with the Centers for Disease Control the second national conference on sexual violence prevention.
- **2006:** ICASA initiates an anti-bullying prevention program.
- **2007:** ICASA hosts Sexual Violence Prevention Symposium.
- **2007:** ICASA celebrates 30th anniversary with friends and colleagues.

Celebrate

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and take time to honor those currently doing the work at ICASA centers.

ICASA was established by nine centers in 1977. It has grown into a 34 center coalition with a budget of approximately \$15 million. ICASA has been at the forefront of fighting for rape victim rights. It has helped rewrite Illinois criminal statutes and worked endlessly to change laws for better

treatment for rape victims.

ICASA's core has always been its belief and support of victims. Each center provides counseling and advocacy to females and males of every age; to family members and friends of victims. These specialized services support survivors of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, acquaintance rape, sexual harassment and incest. The center's work may begin shortly after a victim is raped or years after an assault. In either case,

the crisis center provides free and confidential services to promote healing and advance justice.

ICASA has also spearheaded prevention education work, including the creation of its Inside the Classroom Curriculum and a bullying prevention project currently underway in 11 communities in the state.

We look forward to you joining us to celebrate 30 years of activism and service.



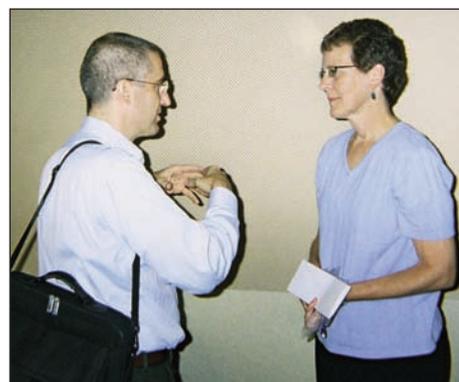
Sexual Violence Prevention Symposium 2007

In an effort to develop new approaches to prevent sexual violence and aid sexual violence survivors, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault held a Sexual Violence Prevention Symposium on June 27-28 in Lombard. The event drew together more than 50 representatives of rape crisis centers, victim organizations, allied professionals, law enforcement, education and other organizations. The Symposium is the beginning of an effort to push the boundaries of sexual violence prevention and create systems to better serve survivors. Those issues are both the challenges and the opportunities before the anti-sexual violence movement.

The two-day event began with opening remarks by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. She was followed by a presentation by Lori Dorfman and Larry Wallack of the Berkley Media Studies Group focused on providing strategies for working on public policy and with the media.

The second day utilized open space technology to set the participant-driven agenda. The effort produced starting points for refocusing and revitalizing primary prevention efforts throughout the state. The topics included prevention programming, education standards, alcohol, guns, media, engaging youth, men in the movement and several other topics. The work will continue throughout the next year as meetings are held to expand on the groundwork from the Symposium.

The costs for the Symposium and followup meetings are provided through a grant from the Chicago Foundation for Women.



Upper left: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, poses with ICASA staff, Lyn Schollett, left, Carol Corgan, back and Polly Poskin. Madigan delivered the opening address to Symposium participants. Above: Melissa Ernat of QCR/SACP of the Quad Cities and Angela Rose of P.A.V.E. engage in a lively discussion at the Symposium. Left: Anna Johnson of Phase/WAVE of Rockford was one of more than 50 participants at the event. Lower Right: Facilitator Michael Hermon meets with ICASA Assistant Director Carol Corgan after a session.

Sound Off



Keeping a watchful eye on the portrayal of women in pop culture ...

Old Spice deodorant advertisement stinks

Old Spice deodorant joined the litany of companies marketing their product to the detriment of women. The advertisement shows an attractive woman seductively licking an ice cream cone. The ad's text says, "This is simply a picture of a woman eating a vanilla ice cream cone." In the bottom right corner is a picture of a stick of deodorant. There is no correlation between deodorant and a woman eating an ice cream cone. It's an image that shouldn't be used to sell deodorant. It's an image that shouldn't be used at all.

Converse treads down wrong road

Converse's "Chuck Taylor" brand tennis shoes latest ad campaign is "Get Chucked." The ad features a man towering over a kneeling woman on a picnic table, his hand between her legs, her head thrown back spitting water over her head. The phrase, "sexy mess" is scribbled on the picnic table. As for the shoe, it can barely be seen at the bottom of the advertisement, and not even the entire shoe at that. It's a horrible message. It's a horrible ad for selling shoes. It doesn't have anything to do with shoes. It has everything to do with posing women as sex objects to be objectified and groped in public.

Coverage of Benoit tragedy misguided

By Ami Lilly

The world of wrestling, they say, has recently been rocked by the loss of Chris Benoit, one of its celebrated superstars, who was found dead over the weekend, along with his wife and seven-year-old son. Atlanta investigators have announced that they are treating the incident as a murder-suicide; they believe Benoit murdered his wife and son, and then killed himself.

In the wake of this news, the USA Network scrapped its regularly scheduled "Monday Night Raw" broadcast in favor of a three-hour tribute to Benoit.

A three-hour tribute to a man investigators say murdered his wife. A three-hour tribute to a man investigators say murdered his child.

I do not suggest that anyone at the WWE is applauding Benoit's heinous actions, nor am I insinuating that Benoit's profession alone drove him to kill. However, I do believe that anyone who wanted to see some of the worst of what one human being can do to another need only tune into a WWE broadcast. Bullying? It's there. Misogyny? Got it. Homophobia? Check. Violence? Degradation? The list goes on and on.

Week after week, the WWE parades violence and sexism in a slick, highly-produced package and markets it as entertainment. And, week after week, millions tune in and buy what they are selling. Critics of the WWE are laughed off as hypervigilant prudes, and told to lighten up. The WWE isn't the

problem, they say. We are.

To some degree, they're right. We are part of the problem. We live in a society driven by the law of supply and demand. If we get rid of the demand, the supply problem takes care of itself. And yet, we continue to demand violence packaged and sold to us as entertainment. We continue to subscribe to Pay-Per-View events and watch, as violence and degradation of women are normalized before our very eyes. We continue to purchase toys in the likenesses of WWE personalities so that our children can reenact what they see as they play. And we continue to say, just as the wrestling industry wants us to, that it's all in the name of entertainment.

Isn't it time we say, instead, that this violence has no place in our living rooms or our lives? Isn't it time we refuse to honor the man police say murdered his family?

If there are any more tributes to be offered in the aftermath of the Benoit case, please, let them be for the woman he should have loved and honored. Let them be for the child who will never graduate from high school, or go to college or have his own relationship. Let the tributes be for the thousands of other women and children who have suffered and died as a result of domestic violence. Let them be for those who are brutalized by sexual violence and degradation.

And then, after we have grieved, after we put aside our mourning, let us stand together and say "No more."

On the Shelf



A sampling of material available on Counseling Significant Others from ICASA's library. To check out material please visit www.icasa.org.

Alexander, Debra Whiting.

"Children Changed by Trauma." A Healing Guide. 1999.

Using the framework of trauma theory as a template, Whiting gives concrete case examples and interventions that can be explored immediately or long after an event.

Angelica, Jade Christine.

"We are Not Alone." A Guidebook for Helping Professionals and Parents Supporting Adolescent Victims of Sexual Abuse. 2002.

The book is designed to help guide adolescent sexual abuse victims through the social services and criminal justice systems.

Cameron, Grant.

"What About Me." A Guide for Men Helping Female Partners Deal with Childhood Sexual Abuse. 1994.

The book will help men understand the issues surrounding childhood sexual abuse and prepare them for the journey through the healing process with a survivor

Davis, Laura.

"Allies in Healing." When the Person You Love Was Sexually Abused as a Child. 1991.

Based on in-depth interviews & her workshops for partners across the

country, Davis offers practical advice & encouragement to all partners trying to support the survivors in their lives while tending to their own needs along the way.

Graber, Ken.

"Ghosts in the Bedroom." A Guide for Partners of Incest Survivors. 1991.

The guide provides comfort & guidance for partners in the process of recovery

Hillman, Donald & Solek-Tefft, Janice.

"Spiders and Flies." Help for Parents and Teachers of Sexually Abused Children. 1998.

Authors offer parents, teachers, & counselors critical information on how to deal with the aftermath of reported child sexual abuse

Landry, Dorothy Beaulieu.

"Family Fallout." A Handbook for Families of Adult Sexual Abuse Survivors. 1991.

The book helps families understand the healing process & deal with their own feelings about the disclosure of sexual abuse.

Maltz, Wendy & Holman, Beverly.

"Incest and Sexuality." A Guide to Understanding and Healing. 1987.

Literature provides self-help information for adult survivors of child sexual abuse and insights for clinicians.

Maltz, Wendy.

"The Sexual Healing Journey - Revised Edition." A Guide for Survivors of Sexual Abuse. 2001. This encouraging, hope-filled book can help survivors of all types of sexual abuse achieve the loving and safe sexual lives they so richly deserve.

Matsakis, Aphrodite.

"Trust After Trauma." A Guide to Relationships for Survivors & Those Who Love Them. 1998.

Matsakis provides a stimulating and practical guide to the difficult journey from traumatic isolation & aloneness to meaning & human intimacy.

Mayer, Adele.

"Incest — 2nd Edition." A Treatment Manual for Therapy with Victims, Spouses & Offenders. 1993.

The book is written for the practitioner who treats members of the incestuous triad either individually, as a family, or in group.

McEvoy, Alan W. & Brookings, Jeff

"If She is Raped." Second Edition. 1991.

Authors give positive ways you can help your wife, daughter or a woman friend recover — with insights and understanding about rape and its aftermath

Ovaris, Wendy.

"After the Nightmare." The Treatment of Non-Offending Mothers of Sexually Abused Children. 1991.

The book presents insights into the experiences of non-offending mothers when their children have been sexually abused.

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**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE:
BRIDGES TO SOCIAL CHANGE**

What: National conference sponsored by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Veraunda I. Jackson will provide the keynote address. The event will feature more than 55 workshops and provide advanced training opportunities and information to sexual violence prevention educators, anti-sexual violence advocates and counselors.

Date: Sept. 12-14, 2007

Where: Renaissance Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

More Information: www.pcar.org

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND TRAUMA

What: Sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma. This 12th Annual Conference includes numerous plenaries and workshops.

Date: Sept. 16-19, 2007

Where: Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego, CA.

More Information: www.ivatcenters.org

**A CALL TO MEN OF COLOR: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
AND CHILDREN**

What: Third Annual National Conference sponsored by A Call To Men. Features presenters Ted Bunch, Tony Porter and a host of others.

Date: Sept. 26-28, 2007

Where: DoubleTree Hotel, 300 Canal St., New Orleans, La.

More Information: www.acalltomen.org

ICASA ADVOCATE TRAINING

What: Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault sponsored training focused on providing information and skills to rape crisis center advocates.

Date: Oct. 8-9, 2007

Where: Hilton Springfield, Springfield

More Information: 217-753-4117

23RD ANNUAL MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

What: Annual major conference includes opening plenary by John Briere. Event features more than 70 workshops on prevention, investigation, and treatment issues for victims and offenders. The presenters include Cordelia Anderson, Jan Hindman, Olga R. Trujillo, Wendy Lader and Linda Sanford. The opening two days are pre-conference advanced training institutes.

Date: Oct. 15-18, 2007

Where: Marriott-Madison West, Middleton, Wisconsin.

More Information: www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/hhi/midwest

Abusers make use of tech toys

Teens report high rate of abuse through technology

A 2007 survey on teens and dating abuse reveals that an alarming number of teens in dating relationships are being controlled, threatened and humiliated through cell phones and the Internet with unimaginable frequency. The research also reveals disturbing data that a significant majority of parents are completely unaware of this type of dating abuse and the dangers facing their teens.

The survey was conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU) for Liz Claiborne Inc. Teens surveyed range in age from 13-18. Key Findings Include:

Teens report dating abuse via technology is a serious problem

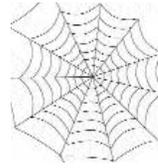
- 71% of teens regard boyfriends /girlfriends spreading rumors about them on cellphones and social networking sites as a serious problem.
- 68% of teens say boyfriends /girlfriends sharing private or embarrassing pictures/videos on cell phones and computers is a serious problem.

Cell phone calls and texting at unimaginable frequency mean constant control day and night

- Nearly one in four teens in a relationship (24%) communicated with their partner via cellphone or texting HOURLY between midnight and 5:00am.
- One in three teens (30%) say they are text messaged 10, 20, 30 times an hour by a partner inquiring where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with.

CAUGHT ON THE WEB

ICASA's website, www.icasa.org, continues to evolve. Listed below is recent information made available on the site.



■ Stats and Facts

ICASA's By the Numbers, Sexual Violence Statistics manual is available. Also, several reports similar to the Liz Claiborne technology survey are available in the appropriate category.

■ Sound Off

If something in the media or elsewhere has caught your eye, please voice your opinion about it in the Sound Off section of the Bulletin Board

■ Counting the Links

Numerous organizations are listed in the Links section. If you would like to submit an organization to be linked, please e-mail Sean Black at sblack@icasa.org.

Parents do not know about dating teens' constant contact

- 67% of parents whose teens were checked up on 30 times per day on their cell phone were unaware this was happening.
- 82% of parents whose teens were emailed or texted 30 times per hour were unaware this was happening.

Cell phones and Internet have become weapons of teen dating abuse

- One in four teens in a relationship (25%) say they have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cellphones and texting.
- One in five teens in a relationship (22%) have been asked to engage in sex by cellphone or on the Internet when they do not want to.

Parents do not know about this abuse

- 71% of parents were unaware that their teen is afraid of not responding to a cell phone call, text or IM message or email for fear of what their partner might do.
- 67% of parents were unaware that their teen was asked to have sex or engage in sexual acts via cell phone, email, Instant Message, or texting when they did not want to.

Parents believe technology makes dating abuse more prevalent and more hidden - yet few are doing anything about it

- 57% of parents believe that computers and cell phones make abuse in teen dating relationships more likely to occur. And 53% of parents believe that computers and cell phones make abuse easier to conceal.
- But roughly one in four parents of teens (28%) say they limit their teenager's use of a cell phone and online communications with a partner.

Parents also do not know that their teens are victims of physical and sexual abuse

- 75% of parents were unaware that their teen had been physically hurt or bruised by their partner.
- 69% of parents were unaware that their teen was pressured by their partner to perform oral sex.
- 58% of parents were unaware that their teen had been hit, slapped, pushed, punched, kicked or choked by their partner.

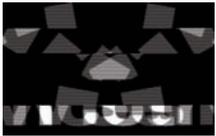
The survey was compiled for Liz Claiborne, Inc. For the complete survey visit www.loveisnotabuse.com.

Macomb rocks night away;

Center organizes concert to promote services

More than 500 people rocked for a good cause on May 4.

WIRC-CAA Victim Services held its second annual Rock Against Rape on May 4, 2007 in Macomb. Pairing with Modern Rock 95.9 and Michael's Hair Design, Victim Services provided information on sexual assault as well as holding drawings for free haircuts, t-shirts, and a DVD player throughout the evening.



Tripleswitch, Transfer to Red, two local bands, and Chicago's RED SHIRT returned to entertain the crowd again this year with the addition of two new bands, Staggard, from Hancock County, and Phyllis and the Sharks from the Quad Cities. Each of the five bands was generous enough to donate their services to support the event. Event goers paid a \$5 cover fee to attend the event.

"This is a great way to show the community the services we offer while raising money that will help those free, confidential services to continue to run as successfully as they do," said Cher Hamilton, WIRC-AA Medical/Legal Advocate.

Each Wednesday in April, WIRC-CAA Victim Services held its annual Hands Around the Courthouse events to draw attention to child abuse prevention. One was held in each of the agency's four service counties during the noon hour on successive Wednesdays. Speakers from Victim Services and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services provided information on abuse and neglect statistics for each county and services available. Information was also given on how individuals can prevent child abuse in their communities. The events ended with each attendee making a verbal commitment to work to



George Regennitter, fiddle player, guitarist and backup vocals for Staggard poses with WIRC-CAA Victim Services Staff Cher Hamilton, Medical/Legal Advocate; Jessica Stockwell, Children's Advocate; and Naomi Taylor, Prevention Educator at the center's Rock Against Rape fundraiser held May 4.



WIRC-CAA Victim Services of Macomb held a Hand Around the Courthouse event each Wednesday in April. The event took place at four different county courthouses.

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Quetzal Center takes flight



Susan Catania of Illinois Department of Human Services, Tony Kopera, CEO of Community Counseling Center of Chicago and Courtney Avery, director of C4 Quetzal Center talk during the Quetzal Center's Taking Flight event that was held in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.



Susan Catania of the Illinois Department of Human Services places a ribbon on a display during the Taking Flight event sponsored by Quetzal Center. More than 130 supporters turned out for the event that applauded the courage of sexual assault survivors.

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end child abuse.

During the week of April 17-20, 2007, WIRC-CAA Victim Services staff and volunteers set up exhibits of the Clothesline Project to bring awareness of violence against women and children in the center's four counties. Exhibits were set up at Western Illinois University and Spoon River College, Macomb, Monmouth College, Monmouth, and the Hancock County Courthouse lawn, Carthage. Sessions to create new t-shirts are held each spring on campuses and the WIRC-CAA Victim Services offices. If all T-shirts were exhibited from the more than 10 years of making, at least 450 shirts would be displayed.

WIRC-CAA also went to court on April 17.

Playing to a standing room only crowd in the McDonough County Courthouse's largest courtroom, WIRC-CAA Victim Services staff and community members put on a mock sexual assault trial.

Written by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and adapted by

VS staff to go with Illinois laws, the trial brought awareness of the use of date rape drugs in sexual assault. Western Illinois University students, local community members including a retired judge, retired State's Attorney, current Assistant State's Attorney, police detective, Victim Services staff, and volunteers made up the cast for the event. The jury was selected from the audience.

While the jury deliberated, WIRC-CAA Victim Services Director Diane Mayfield spoke to the audience, giving sexual assault statistics for the center's service area and the state of Illinois. She also spoke of what individuals can do to help someone who might disclose an assault and gave an overview of the agency's services.

The evening ended with time for the audience to question participants and the jury about the experience.

Quetzal Center

More than 130 supporters turned out April 19 to applaud the courage of sexual assault survivors and listen to a live performance that expressed in music and art the tumultuous journey of those recovering from sexual violence. The event at The Spot marked C4's celebration of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Taking Flight, sponsored by C4's Quetzal Center, featured music by Filipino musician David Wycoco and Pacific Soundz Productions as well as a performance from Angels at the Edges, a three-woman ensemble who utilized dance and original sketches to portray the pain and healing from childhood incest and sexual abuse. The intimate stage area was also transformed into a dance floor when Connect Force, a hip-hop dance troupe sponsored by Alternatives, Inc. performed to wild applause.

Among the performers were some of



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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Northwest CASA

Hotline: 888-802-8890 Business: 847-806-6526

AURORA

Mutual Ground, Inc.

Hotline: 630-897-8383 Business: 630-897-8989

BELLEVILLE

Call for Help/Sexual Assault Victim's Care Unit (SAV-U)

Hotline: 618-397-0975 Business: 618-397-0975

BLOOMINGTON

Stepping Stones Sexual Assault Services

Hotline: 800-570-7284 Business: 309-622-0461

CARBONDALE

Rape Crisis Services of the Women's Center, Inc.

Hotline: 618-529-2324 Business: 618-549-4807

CHARLESTON/MATTOON

Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service (SACIS)

Hotline: 888-345-2846 Business: 217-348-5033

CHICAGO

Chicago Hotline: 888-293-2080

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago/Quetzal Center

Business: 773-765-0612

Mujeres Latinas En Accion

Business: 1-773-890-7676

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, Harris Center, Sexual Violence and Support Services

Business: 773-955-3100

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, Loop, Sexual Violence and Support Services

Business: 312-762-2772

Rape Victim Advocates

Business: 312-663-6303

CHICAGO HEIGHTS

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, South Suburban Center, Sexual Violence and Support Services

Hotline: 708-748-5672 Business: 708-754-0486

DANVILLE

R.E.A.C.H.

Hotline: 217-443-5566 Business: 217-446-1337

DECATUR

Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center

Hotline: 217-428-0770 Business: 217-428-0770

DEKALB

Safe Passage

Hotline: 815-756-5228 Business: 815-756-7930

ELGIN

Community Crisis Center, Inc.

Hotline: 847-697-2380 Business: 847-697-2380

GALENA

Riverview Center, Inc., Sexual Assault Prevention & Intervention Services

Hotline: 888-707-8155 Business: 815-777-8155

GLEN ELLYN

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, West Suburban Center, Sexual Violence and Support Services

Hotline: 630-971-3927 Business: 630-790-6600



Around the **TRAINING TABLE**

A LOOK BACK

Highlights of recent trainings facilitated by ICASA's Training Institute.

STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE:

2007 TRENDS AND ISSUES

MAY 29-31, SPRINGFIELD

ICASA hosted its annual statewide conference at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The event began with an evening reception on Tuesday, May 29.

The conference kicked off the morning of Wednesday, May 30 with a general session featuring Vednita Carter on "The Violence of Prostitution." The session discussed prostitution as violence against women and girls, and examined the abuse of power and control against the victims. Carter, right, is pictured above with ICASA Executive Director Polly Poskin and co-presenter Joy Friedman.

A recognition luncheon took place on Wednesday. ICASA presented the 2007 Moxie awards to five honorees for their creative efforts to combat sexual violence. (See pages 22-23 for more information)

The afternoon included workshops on the online sexual exploitation of children, reaching Arab-American survivors and reaching underserved populations.

ICASA hosted a forum "Prostitution - What's It Really Like?" on Wednesday evening. More than 50 people attended the event, which worked to teach participants about the dynamics of prostitution and its impact on the community.

Thursday's activities were highlighted by workshops that include information on art therapy, confidentiality, clinical supervision and prevention education.

The conference ended with a general session by Sujata Warriar on "Engaging Cultural Differences in Sexual Violence Cases." The session examined the notion of culture through the many centuries that the term has been used. It then provided a critical redefinition of culture to include intersection and interconnection of all forms of oppression.



Freedom House Board President Paula Lough (second from left) leads her team to victory during the FISH Philosophy training, held recently at Freedom House in Princeton.

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the 250 women reached by Quetzal Services every year. Against a backdrop of tee-shirts decorated to honor sexual assault survivors, Sharmaili Majmudar recited original poetry. Sara Sullivan invited visitors to take knitting needles in hand and participate in the Threads of Compassion, a non-profit that delivers hand-knit scarves to women undergoing emergency treatment after a sexual attack.

For Quetzal Center staff member Molly Boeder, the evening was a chance to display more than 30 pieces of art she created since being sexually assaulted four years ago. Her favorite is a ballet dancer poised on a ring of volcanic fire.

"I had a hard time talking about my attack, and the art was a way for me to express myself," Boeder said.

Visitors were encouraged to attach a feather to a life-sized quetzal, a Central American bird symbolic of the freedom sought by sexual assault survivors.

Princeton

In observance of National Sexual Violence Awareness Month, Freedom



House's Board and staff sponsored an open house in April. Approximately 65 people attended the event which included a sexual violence awareness exercise, entitled "Walk the Walk." In this exercise, participants safely experienced the issues and emotions that survivors of sexual violence face every day.

The staff also used this opportunity to launch its Designs by Lucinda Pin Campaign, with proceeds from this fundraiser benefiting the victims served at Freedom House.

"We sold and continue to sell house- and heart-shaped pins in honor of Freedom House as well as pins with inspirational messages," said Stephanie Cartwright, Freedom House Special Projects Manager. "The maker of these handcrafted pins had formerly been homeless before creating her now very lucrative business. Lucinda's story is closely aligned to some of the hardships our clients have experienced, so we felt the sale of these pins to benefit our clients was very fitting."

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GURNEE

Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault
Hotline: 847-872-7799
Business: 847-244-1187

HICKORY HILLS

The Pillars Community Services
Hotline: 708-482-9600
Business: 708-741-4500

JOLIET

Sexual Assault Service Center
Guardian Angel Community Services
Hotline: 815-730-8984
Business: 815-729-0930

KANKAKEE

Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault
Hotline: 815-932-3322
Business: 815-932-7273

MACOMB

Western Illinois Regional Council/Community Action Agency Victim Services
Hotline: 309-837-5555
Business: 309-836-2148

MCHENRY

Pioneer Center/Voices Program
Hotline: 800- 892-8900
Business: 815- 344-1230

PEORIA

The Center for the Prevention of Abuse - Innerstrength
Hotline: 309-691-4111
Business: 309-691-0551

PRINCETON

Freedom House, Inc.
Hotline: 800-474-6031
Business: 815-872-0087

QUAD CITIES

Quad Cities Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling Program, Family Resources Inc.
Hotline: 309-797-1777
Business: 309-797-6534

QUINCY

Quanada Sexual Assault Program
Hotline: 800-369-2287
Business: 217-223-2030

ROCKFORD

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. (RSAC)
Hotline: 815-636-9811
Business: 815-636-9811

SPRINGFIELD

Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault
Hotline: 217-753-8081
Business: 217-744-2560

STERLING

YWCA of the Sauk Valley
Hotline: 815-626-7277
Business: 815-625-0333

STREATOR

ADV & SAS
Hotline: 800-892-3375
Business: 815-673-1552

URBANA

A Woman's Fund, Inc., Rape Crisis Services
Hotline: 217-355-5203
Business: 217-355-5214

VANDALIA

Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies (SAFE)
Hotline: 800-625-1414
Business: 618-283-1414

And Justice

What is the All White Club?

All White Clubs are non-profits that, without trying, find themselves with an all white organization.

These are not groups that have intentionally excluded people of color. In fact, many times they have developed recruitment plans to get more people of color involved in their group. However, when people of color join the group, they are essentially asked to fit into the existing culture. Many leave after a frustrating period of trying to be heard.

After years of trying, the Club cannot figure out why they do not have more people of color in their group, they begin to blame people of color for not being interested in the group's important issue or work, or they just give up. They do not understand that without analyzing and changing the organizational culture, norms, and power relations, they will always be an all white club. While they are good people, they have no analysis of racism or of power and no accountability to people of color or communities of color.

*From the Dismantling
Racism Project
www.dismantlingracism.org*

White people mean and uncaring?

**By Robert Jensen
University of Texas**

"Study shows that white people are mean and uncaring"

That would have been my headline for a recent story from *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, which was reprinted on AlterNet. The study reported an Ohio State University study of white people's understanding of the black experience (AlterNet's headline was "Whites Just Don't Understand the Black Experience"). Curiously, the psychologists who conducted the research spun the data in exactly the opposite direction, and the conflicting interpretations tell us much about race relations in the United States.

The researchers found that whites more accurately assessed the burden of discrimination borne by a hypothetical minority group in a fictional country than they did in the specific case of black people's experience in the contemporary United States. In the hypothetical situations, whites estimated that the minority group members (described in the same terms as Black Americans) deserved \$1 million in compensation, but when presented with the question in the context of Black Americans, the median estimate was \$10,000.

That result was not surprising, but I was taken aback by the conclusion one of the researchers drew:

"Our data suggest that such resistance is not because White Americans are mean and uncaring,

morally bankrupt or ethically flawed. White Americans suffer from a glaring ignorance about what it means to live as a Black American."

I think the data — along with all my experience both as a white person and someone who writes about white supremacy — suggests exactly the opposite:

White Americans are mean and uncaring, morally bankrupt and ethically flawed, because white supremacy has taken a huge toll on white people's capacity to be fully human.

My reasoning is simple: Given all the data and stories available to us about the reality of racism in the United States, if at this point white people (myself included) underestimate the costs of being black it's either because (1) we have made a choice not to know, or (2) we know but can't face the consequences of that knowledge.

On #1: To choose not to know about the reality of a situation in which one is privileged in an unjust system is itself a moral failure. When a system is structured to benefit people who look like me, and I choose not to listen to the evidence of how others suffer in that system, I have effectively decided not to act by deciding not to know.

On #2: If I do know these things but am not willing to take meaningful action to undermine that unjust system, then my knowledge doesn't much matter. Again, I have failed in moral terms.

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For All

"There is a way to look at the past. Don't hide from it. It will not catch you - if you don't repeat it."

Pearl Bailey

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In either case, white people have incentives to underestimate the costs of white supremacy, to avoid facing our moral failing. Rather than suggesting whites "suffer from a glaring ignorance about what it means to live as a Black American," it's more accurate to point out that we whites typically choose to turn away from (1) the information readily available to us, or (2) the consequences of the information we do possess.

Much the same argument could be made about men's assessment of the cost of being female in a patriarchal culture; or the way in which affluent people view the working class and poor; or how U.S. citizens see the rest of the world. In each case, there's a hierarchical system that allows some to live in privileged positions while consigning others to subordinate status. The systems are unjust, and hence the advantages for the privileged are unjust. There's no shortage of data and stories available to those of us in the privileged positions if we want to struggle to understand the lived experience of those without those privileges. If we willingly avoid learning about that experience, or we know about it but fail to organize politically to change those systems, then we are responsible for the systems' continued existence.

So, is it too harsh to say that we white folks are mean? Uncaring? Morally bankrupt? Ethically flawed? What about men, the affluent, and U.S. citizens?

My point is not to preach from on high. I happen to be a member of all four of those privileged groups: white and male, affluent relative to the vast

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majority of the world, and a U.S. citizen in a world dominated (for now) by a hyper-militarized United States. Because I have a job as a teacher that allows me to spend a lot of time acquiring information, I know a fair amount about the reality of all four of those systems of power: white supremacy, patriarchy, predatory corporate capitalism, and imperialism. As a result of that study and the privileges of my job, I spend a fair amount of time writing, speaking, and organizing as part of movements trying to undermine these systems.

But this doesn't leave me feeling particularly upbeat. The more I study and organize, the more I realize that the system of white supremacy is woven more deeply into this society -- and, hence in some sense, into me -- than I ever imagined. That leads me to a little thought experiment, a twist on the researchers' study.

Imagine that you could line white people up in front of a door and get them to really believe that if they walked into a "race-changing room" they would emerge on the other side with black skin and an accent

associated with blacks from the South. Then ask whites to set their price -- the amount of money it would take them to agree to enter that room. Imagine there was an attendant there with stacks of cash, ready to hand money to the white folks. Just for fun, let's say the cash award would be tax free. In that setting, when white people really had to face the possibility of being black -- knowing all they know about the reality of life in white-supremacist America -- what would the price be?

My guess is that a significant percentage of whites would not become black for any amount of money. I also am fairly confident that the median price set by the whites who might be willing to go into the room would be considerably more than \$1 million.

In that moment of choice, which would get at the truth about what white people think about being black, the problem wouldn't be that we whites don't know enough. We know plenty. The issue would be whether or not we had transcended the deeply rooted white supremacy of the culture. In that moment, we would find out about the depth of white people's commitment to a color-blind society.

I applaud the researchers for devising a study that tries to get at these difficult realities. But we must not fall prey to the temptation to interpret data the way we wish the world were. In this world, we struggle to transcend 500 years of white supremacy. The more we struggle, the more we learn about just how difficult that is.

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10 unique laws attorneys can use

Utilization of legal rights benefits rape victims

Rape is different from other crimes. It is unique in its impact and its devastation. Rape victims are treated differently than people whose houses are robbed, those who lose a family member to murder, and even victims of other kinds of violence such as a shooting. Because society treats rape victims with more questions and less empathy than other crime victims, rape victims need unique legal remedies to find health care, safety, justice and compensation.



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Fortunately, as the field of crime victim rights law develops, state legislatures and Congress are creating more tools that lawyers can use to help a client who is also a rape victim.

The following is a list of 10 legal tools available to an attorney representing a rape victim. All states offer some of these remedies to victims; in Illinois, all of these tools are available. Attorneys working with crime victims should be aware of the status of these tools in their states so that they can most effectively represent rape victims.

Access to Emergency Contraception

Rape victims report that their greatest fear after an assault is pregnancy. Emergency contraception (EC) is a high dose birth control taken within 120 hours of a sexual assault. One form of EC is now available to adults without a prescription. Nine states allow pharmacists to dispense EC. Hospitals around the nation vary in their willingness and practices in dispensing EC. Many states have passed statutes requiring hospitals to either offer rape victims EC, or to at least offer victims information about

EC. Lawyers representing rape victims must know what the law is in their state, and where to refer a rape victim for immediate access to EC.

Evidence Collection and Emergency Health Care Payment

An unpaid hospital bill can haunt a rape victim for years. Rape victims should not be saddled with costs for health care they needed only because they were raped. Some states, including Illinois, have a special fund to pay for health care for uninsured victims. Under VAWA 2005, states must certify that if they use STOP funds to pay for forensic exams, that a governmental entity incurs the full cost of the exam.ⁱ For out-of-pocket expenses for ongoing health care, crime victim compensation funds are available.

HIV Testing of Offender

Another great health care worry for victims is that they will contract HIV. Many states provide rape victims with the right to be tested. The timing of that option varies from the arrest to charging to after conviction and in some states the victim must request the test. Under VAWA 2005, to receive GTEAP funds, states must certify that they provide rape victims with the option to be tested for HIV within 48 hours of the indictment.ⁱⁱ

Minors' Rights to Consent to Health Care and Counseling

For a minor to receive health care or counseling, an adult must consent to the service, unless a state has a specific exception allowing a minor to consent to a certain kind of care. The trend among states is to give minors increasing rights to consent to health care, except for abortions. Many states have exceptions allowing minors to consent to contraceptives and prenatal care, STD treatment, substance abuse counseling, short-

term mental health services, abortion, emergency and post-rape health care. The age of majority varies by state. Attorneys should know the age at which minor clients can consent to health care, and which services are available to minors without a parent's consent.

Confidentiality Protections for Rape Crisis Services

The unique nature of rape, particularly the blame and stigma that often accompanies it, creates a compelling need for victims to have access to confidential, victim-centered advocacy and counseling. Around the country, rape crisis centers are afforded three kinds of statutory privilege for client communications:

Absolute: communications with the rape crisis center will only be disclosed with the written consent of the victim.

Semi-absolute: communications with the rape crisis center may be disclosed without the victim's consent in limited circumstances (e.g. evidence of the victim's intent to commit a crime or a malpractice case against a counselor).

Qualified: communications with the rape crisis center will be disclosed when the court finds it appropriate.

Some states have a common law (based on case law) privilege protecting rape crisis center communications. Other states have no privilege at all. Lawyers representing crime victims in criminal or civil cases must know how protected their clients' communications about the assault with other providers are.

Polygraph Prohibition

One tool to counteract the historic doubting of rape victims is to disallow

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THUMBS UP ... THUMBS DOWN



A summary of legal decisions in Illinois

Cook County



On May 21, 2007 Judge Hanlon of the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows found Hanover Park Chiropractor, Dr. Bradley Hayashi, guilty of battery after a two-day long trial. Hayashi sexually assaulted his patient while giving a full body massage. He was sentenced to 12 months probation, 10 days in Cook County jail, and ordered to have no contact with the survivor or her family members. Assistant State's Attorney Tom Kougiyas tried the case and brought in the conviction.

Cook County



In July, Rev. Daniel McCormack was sentenced to five years in prison after he pled guilty to sexually abusing five boys between the ages of 8-12 inside the parish rectory. Assistant State's Attorney Shauna Bollicker prosecuted the case.

DuPage County



On March 7, Judge Robert Anderson sentenced Joel DiSanto to five years in prison after DiSanto pled guilty to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count of indecent solicitation. The 31-year-old DiSanto was convicted of using the Internet to lure underage girls into illegal abusive encounters.

DuPage County



On April 10, Judge Perry Thompson sentenced John Wentworth to three years and six months in prison after Thompson pled guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count of indecent solicitation of a minor. Wentworth had established a MySpace account on the Internet and was using it to lure underage girls into sexually abusive relationships.

DuPage County



On April 4, Judge George Bakalis sentenced Gerardo Alvarez-Sadano to 17 years in prison after he pled guilty to one count of predatory criminal sexual assault and one count aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The 52-year-old Alvarez-Sadano assaulted his then 7-year-old great niece over a 10-month time period in 2005 and 2006. He also assaulted a playmate of his great niece.

DuPage County

On Jan. 31, Judge Perry Thompson



sentenced James Koch to three years in prison after he pled guilty to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Koch assaulted his nieces multiple times between Jan. 2006 and Aug. 2006.

Kankakee County



In March, Judge Kathy Elliott sentenced Byron Laster to 36 years in prison. Elliott found Laster guilty of three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and sentenced him to 12 years for each count, to be served consecutively, for a total of 36 years. Laster had two previous convictions for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorneys Brenda Claudio and Carol Costello.

Kankakee County



On May 14, 2007 Judge Adrienne Albrecht sentenced Fernando Vazquez to eight years in prison after Vazquez plead guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault. The then 39-year-old man sexually assaulted a 7-year-old neighbor in 1993. Vazquez fled the state of Illinois on the day of the assault. He was picked up on an outstanding warrant for this crime in Iowa in March 2007.

Kankakee County



In March, 2007, a jury found Leo Buckner II not guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of his six-year-old daughter. After a five-day jury trial, the jury deliberated only 30 minutes to return the verdict.



The case was vigorously prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorneys Carol Costello and Katie Reed.

Kendall County



On April 13, Judge Thomas Mueller sentenced Casey Keil to seven years in prison after Keil pled guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The 22-year-old Keil raped a 13-year-old neighbor twice in October of 2005. Police were able to recover DNA evidence that linked Keil to the crime. Keil will have to register as a sex offender and serve two years of parole after his release. First Assistant State's Attorney Michael Reidy prosecuted the case.

Kendall County



On May 31, Judge Thomas Mueller sentenced Lester Campillo to five years in prison after Campillo pled guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse and solicitation of child pornography. Campillo of California was arrested in Dec. 2006 at O'Hare Airport. He was flying to meet an underage teenage girl from Oswego. He had sent inappropriate pictures to the girl. Assistant State's Attorney Robert Dore prosecuted the case.

Lake County



On February 21, 2007, Lake County Judge Fred Forman sentenced Cory Dorsey to 8 years in prison for criminal sexual assault. Dorsey sexually abused his step sister when she was from ages 5-8.

Lake County



On March 5, 2007, Tyrone Bailey entered a plea agreement to Battery, a misdemeanor charge. He was originally charged with Criminal Sexual Assault/Force. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail but was released due to the time he served prior to the sentencing.

Lasalle County



On May 31, 2007, Judge Christopher Ryan sentenced Russell H. Nolan Jr. to 32 years in prison. Nolan violated an order of protection his wife had obtained against him by breaking into the marital residence. Once inside the home, Nolan proceeded to rape his wife at knifepoint. Nolan was convicted on two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and three counts of home invasion. The prosecutor on the case was Assistant State's Attorney Greg Sticka.

Sangamon County



On May 30, Judge Leslie Graves sentenced Michael Leach to a total of 70 years in prison after a jury convicted him on eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and one count of aggravated robbery. Leach broke into the victim's apartment and assaulted her several times. He then stole her car and was arrested in Chicago the next day. Assistant State's Attorneys Randy Blue and Gabe Grosboll prosecuted the case. The victim also thanked Springfield Police Department Detective Scott Kincaid for his efforts in the case and the Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault for its support.

Judge's ruling draws national protest

ICASA joins effort to prevent silencing of rape victims in court

Rape victims must not be silenced.

Anti-rape supporters gathered across the country and the state of Illinois at noon, Tuesday, July 17 to protest an abominable ruling against rape survivors by a judge in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Members of the the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault took part in protests held in Springfield, Chicago, Macomb and Champaign-Urbana. The protests also took part in cities across the country, including Los Angeles and New York.

Angela Rose of P.A.V.E. helped spearhead the protests, ignited because of a ludicrous judicial ruling in Nebraska.

On June 16, Lancaster, Nebraska County District Judge Jeffrey Chevront issued a court order banning the victim and prosecutors from using the words "victim," "assailant," "rape," "sexual assault kit," and "sexual assault nurse" during the prosecution of a rape. Adding to the absurdity of his ruling, the judge declared jurors were not to be informed about the banning of these words. It's a ruling that forces victims to use neutral or positive terms like "sex" to describe a violent sexual assault. This judicial muzzling of rape victims is intolerable.

"No one, including a judge, has the right to tell a rape victim that she can't use her own words to describe what happened to her. It's unfortunate that the judge would make this ruling," said Polly Poskin, Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. "It puts prosecutors at an unfair disadvantage and revictimizes survivors unnecessarily."

On Thursday, July 12, Judge Chevront declared a mistrial in the case, saying the pre-trial publicity tainted the jury pool.

The victim, who says she was raped



Katie Plock of WICR/CAA of Macomb takes part in a protest against the prohibition of using the word "rape" in a trial by a judge in Nebraska. Plock was part of the event held in Macomb, one of several that took place across the nation. Below, WICR/CAA Victim Services Director Diane Mayfield speaks with the media about the event.

by Pamir Safi, could have been held in contempt of court and been sentenced to jail for refusing to adhere to the court mandated word choice. A November 2006 trial in the same case ended in a hung jury.

While Illinois law provides that the words "rape," "rapist," or any derivative of the word "rape" may be used in the courtroom, ICASA and its 34 rape crisis centers protest against the fact that Judge Chevront would silence the victim or any court would consider silencing rape victims.

"Rape victims must be protected by the judicial system rather than revictimized," Poskin said.



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To date, Freedom House has raised almost \$900 with its pin campaign.

Freedom House recently engaged in the FISH Philosophy training, donated by Freedom House Board President Paula Lough. As a result of the many changes at the agency, the four-hour training encouraged a workplace in which employees choose to be energized, to have passion for what they do and to maintain a positive attitude each and every day.

"We were so pleased Paula brought this to us," said Freedom House Executive Director Connie Doran, who invited the entire staff, Board of Directors and volunteers. "This was a great team training exercise and a great fun and team-building day for staff.

Following the training, several employees have taken turns keeping the Philosophy's momentum up by decorating the building with positive messages, sharing FISH items with others and coordinating extracurricular events in which

the entire staff can participate.

Central Charleston

SACIS was active throughout April, sponsoring a variety of events including an open House, a screening of the film "No! Confronting Sexual Assault in Our Communities," displaying material at Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University and wearing black on Thursdays in April. SACIS also benefited from books, raising \$1,705 with a used book sale in May.

SACIS Administrative Assistant Erin Walters recently won the 2007 Social Science Writing Award at Eastern Illinois University for her paper, "Emotional Impact of Aggression for Aggressors and Victims."

North Elgin

The sky was alive with action and it was

all to benefit Elgin Community Crisis Center.



The center held its second annual hot-air balloon festival fundraiser, the Glow Show, in May. It featured more than 15 hot-air

balloons, and more than 2,000 people attended the event held at Elgin Community College.

Gurnee

LaCASA put out the welcome mat, holding its annual Open House on March 31. The event provided tours of the facility, viewings of educational videos and bilingual discussions of the videos. LaCASA's 18-and-under volunteer group, REAL Kids CARE Committee, also provided art, music and video presentations. The Committee raised almost \$250 from a bake and art sale.



Legislative

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victim polygraphing. Many states already prohibit this practice as a condition of continuing the investigation or prosecution. Under VAWA 2005, to receive STOP funds, states must certify that they do not allow victim polygraphs.ⁱⁱⁱ

Civil Protective Orders

Protective Orders are well-established tools available to domestic violence victims in every state. But to obtain a domestic violence protective order, the victim and the offender must have some kind of a relationship – depending on the state, that could be a marriage or dating relationship, a child in common or a shared home. However, the woman who was raped by a college classmate, a work colleague, or a fellow tenant in her apartment building was, until recently, without such a remedy.

Today, 17 states have protective orders in place for rape victims. These are civil orders, so the burden of proof is lower than in a criminal case, making this a more accessible remedy in some cases than a conviction. Violations of these orders result in criminal contempt, fines or prosecution depending on the state. In most states, violations are placed in the statewide database that tracks outstanding warrants and orders. Protective order proceedings are becoming more complex and lengthier

in some states and victims desperately need legal counsel to represent them in these proceedings.

State Leave Bill

Up to half of sexual assault and domestic violence victims lose their jobs after the violence, often because they need time to heal and time to seek medical and mental health care, as well as to participate in the criminal justice system. Several states have passed laws allowing sexual assault victims unpaid time off work to deal with the impact of the assault. Depending on the state, the victim may be allowed time to go to court, to access support services, and to secure safe housing. Some laws, including the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act^{iv} in Illinois, also prohibit employers from discriminating against victims of violence. Victims also may be eligible for leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.^v

U Visa

Victims of sexual assault in other countries may flee to the United States seeking safety. U Visas are available to non-citizens who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse resulting from criminal activity, including sexual assault, incest, torture, female genital mutilation and other violence and who have been willing to be helpful in the investigation of the crime. To apply for a U Visa (currently available as

interim relief), the victim must have a law enforcement certification that the criteria above have been met.

Civil Cause of Action for Gender-Based Violence

An excellent tool for holding sex offenders accountable and for compensating victims for their injuries is a civil cause of action for gender-based violence. In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the provision of VAWA that created a civil cause of action,^{vi} effectively shifting the possibility of creating such a tool to the states. Only California and Illinois currently have specific causes of action for gender-based violence;^{vii} other states have introduced the legislation.

To most effectively represent rape victims, attorneys must be aware of the unique needs these clients have, and of the unique remedies available to assist them.

ⁱ VAWA 2005 §101.

ⁱⁱ VAWA 2005 §102.

ⁱⁱⁱ VAWA 2005 §101.

^{iv} 820 ILCS 180/1, *et seq.*

^v 29 U.S.C. §2601, *et seq.*

^{vi} *United States v. Morrison*, 120 S.Ct. 1740, 529 U.S. 598, 146 L.Ed.2d 658 (2000).

^{vii} Gender Violence Act, 740 ILCS 82/1, *et seq.*; Cal.Civ. Code §52.4 (2002).

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ICASA's 2007

It was with great pleasure during ICASA's Statewide Sexual Assault Conference in May that we presented the 2007 Moxie Awards to five individuals or organizations for their work to end sexual violence. The honorees have continuously spoken out against sexual violence, using their voices and also their magnificent creative talent. ICASA recognizes them for producing new and innovative messages for understanding and preventing sexual violence. We thank them for their inspiring contributions.

ICASA Executive Director Polly Poskin is pictured with each honoree.



ANGELA ROSE/PAVE

Angela is an outspoken sexual assault survivor who uses her voice, drive and talents to shatter the silence of sexual violence. Angela founded P.A.V.E. (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment) in 2001. The chapter organization uses social, educational and legislative tactics to teach about sexual violence. The organization has held many events drawing attention to sexual violence, including panel discussions, conferences and music concerts. It also initiated the "Binding Project" in 2006, a unique attempt to blend education, art and dialogue to establish empowerment for victims of sexual assault.



A LONG WALK HOME

A Long Walk Home is at the forefront of using a multimedia approach to empower rape survivors and increase awareness of sexual violence. The Tillet sisters, Scheherazade (in photo above) and Salamishah, began delving into building a multimedia approach to empower sexual assault survivors and increase awareness in 1997. In 2000, they unveiled SOARS (Story of a Rape Survivor). Following the creation of SOARS, the sisters founded A Long Walk Home in 2003. A Long Walk Home uses art therapy and visual and performance arts to document, educate and bring about social change. The organization is dedicated to developing comprehensive anti-violence programs that use visual and performance arts as vehicles for healing, social change and education.

Moxie Awards



REANAE MCNEIL

Reanae is a longtime force in the anti-sexual assault movement. A dynamic playwright and performing artist, she has won several awards for her one-woman plays and spoken performances. Reanae has toured extensively across the United States. Reanae has performed and spoken on African-American women and violence. Her plays deal with the many social issues that plague women such as: sexual abuse, sexism, domestic violence, self-esteem, discrimination, AIDS, racism and breast cancer. Some of her many originally written plays and performances include: "Black Women in Transition," "Where Have all the Black Men Gone?," "Blues Women Don't Wear No Shoes," "I've Been a Woman," and her acclaimed one-woman show, "Don't Speak My Mother's Name in Vain," which deals with the herstory of rape and sexual assault of African-American women.



YOUNG WOMEN'S ACTION TEAM

The Young Women's Action Team is a group of inspiring teenage girls from Rogers Park, a neighborhood of Chicago. The efforts of this group simply lift your soul and give you hope for the future. Founded in 2003, this youth-led, adult-supported group is a social change project that empowers women on issues that affect their lives. YWAT has set up leadership camps, held educational workshops, researched sexual harassment, promoted Citywide Days of Action, produced a video and is currently involved in a research project about engaging young men as allies in ending violence against girls and young women. Under the leadership of Mariame Kaba, the group is breaking down barriers and speaking out against sexual violence. The group's motto is "Take a Stand No Matter What."

Daphnee Rene, Director of YWAT, is pictured above.



CATHARSIS PRODUCTIONS

Laughter can be a great asset in changing perceptions about a serious subject. It is with this formula in mind that Christian Murphy, far left, and Gail Sterns combat sexual violence. In 2000, Gail and Christian formed Catharsis Productions, which confronts and educates audiences on challenging social issues in innovative and unexpected ways. Catharsis is best known for its program, SEX SIGNALS. The program incorporates humor and audience participation to foster understanding about the nature and impact of acquaintance rape. The show has been performed more than 1,000 times at over 400 schools. Catharsis has built upon the foundation of SEX SIGNALS with supplemental workshops and discussions. Gail also has produced a solo presentation, RANT! The show focuses on the relationship between language, hate crimes and sexual assault.

ICASA's 30th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, September 27, 2007

5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL.

Keynote: Dr. Nikki Giovanni, poet/activist

Special Guest: Gabrielle Union, actress/activist

Emcee: Laura Washington, professor/columnist

To learn more about the celebration on or to make an anniversary donation,
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Debbie Ross Band 8:00-10:00 p.m.



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