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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Asbjornson, Karen
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 12:02 PM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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Karen Asbjornson
Office of Senator Carol Roessler
(608) 266-5300/1-888-736-8720
Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

From: couvares@yahoo.com [mailto:couvares@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 11:34 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

October 16, 2003

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Sincerely,

Peter Couvares
309 N Blount St Apt D
Madison, WI 53703-3930

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE - 47th SESSION

NOTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN

FOR TRANSMITTAL TO: Dr. Donald Mash, Chancellor
Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate
Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Assoc Vice Chancellor, Student Development & Div
Robert Shaw, Associate Dean, Student Development & Diversity
Senator Ron Brown
Senator Dave Zien
Assemblyman Robin Kreibich
Assemblyman Larry Balow
Representative Carol Owens, Chair, Assembly Com on Family Law
Representative Steve Kestell, Vice Chairperson, Assembly Com on Family
Members of the Assembly Committee on Family Law
✓ Sen. Carol Roessler, Chair, Health, Children, Families, Aging & Long-Term Car
Members of the WI Senate Com on Health, Children, Families, Aging & Long
Term Care

ACTION BY: UW-Eau Claire Student Senate


CONCERNING: Resolution 47-R-27, In Opposition to Proposed Changes to the
Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver .

DATE: October 15, 2003

Resolution 47-R-27, In Opposition to Proposed Changes to the Wisconsin Medicaid Family
Planning Waiver, passed by Student Senate on October 14, 2003.

Action by: _____

Date _____

Notice transmitted by:  _____
Adrian C. Wenz, Student Body President

Date 10/14/03

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kurtz, Hunter
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 8:18 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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From: tamilyn8@msn.com [mailto:tamilyn8@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 11:50 PM
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Sincerely,

Tammy Danielson
1106 Charles St

La Crosse, WI 54603-2518

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[mailto:nancy.landre@advocatehealth.com]
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Sincerely,

Nancy Landre

2401 E Olive St
Milwaukee, WI 53211-1735

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From: KOLSON1@wi.rr.com [mailto:KOLSON1@wi.rr.com]
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Sincerely,

Kristine Olson
6820 26th Ave

Kenosha, WI 53143-4772

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From: Kurtz, Hunter
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 8:24 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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From: larauk05@hotmail.com [mailto:larauk05@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 8:06 PM
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Sincerely,

La Ra
1 E Gilman St Apt 104

Madison, WI 53703-1448

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kurtz, Hunter
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 8:30 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 6:30 PM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
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Sincerely,

Kathryn Hawkins
106 N 6th St

*River Falls, WI 54022-2517

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Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 8:31 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
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From: mhgold@bu.edu [mailto:mhgold@bu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 4:53 PM
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Sincerely,

Meredith Goldberg
4445 N Farwell Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53211-1760

10-17-03

all family planning programs being audited
to ensure they are budget neutral.

Concern - remove teens - will affect
budget neutrality.

* Chris Taylor stopped in to discuss concealed
carry w/ Hunter. While she was here she
mentioned the above to me.

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Callate@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 9:27 PM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
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Sincerely,

Debra Montesinos
356 River Dr
Appleton, WI 54915-1209

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Hoxtell, Wade
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 10:43 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: AB67

I dont think this is a consituent, and I havent added it in Forward...But I figured you should see it.

Wade

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff McCabe [mailto:McCabeJA@co.outagamie.wi.us]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 9:46 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: AB67

Dear Senator Roessler

This proposed change appears to be a request to legally allow an organization or person to IMPOSE thier moral or religous beliefs on someone else, at a time when they are unable to speak for themselves. They want to be able to do so despite the fact the person had in advance made thier wishes known. I believe the current law allows them the ability to both honor the compromised persons wishes and thier moral and religous beliefs. Please don't fix something that is not broken.

Sincerely,
Jeff McCabe
Vice President Wisconsin Nusing Home Social Worker Association

Halbur, Jennifer

From: yvonnebackus@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 11:18 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
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Sincerely,

Yvonne Backus
5908 N 66th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53218-1929

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Amber Zeddies
814 W Olin Ave # 1
Madison, WI 53715-2142

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Sincerely,

Rachel Newlin
1328 E Albion St Apt 37
Milwaukee, WI 53202-2222

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Eugene E Zastera
448 Boyd St.
Oshkosh WI, 54902

Dear Eugene,

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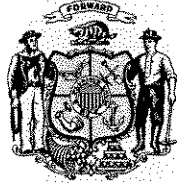
Sincerely,

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CAROL ROESSLER
State Senator
18th Senate District

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WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Heather Ramponi
171 Alexandra Ct.
Oshkosh WI, 54902

Dear Heather,

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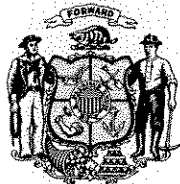
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Margaret McLane
623 Ledgeview Blvd.
Fond Du Lac WI, 54935

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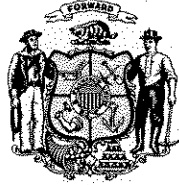
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Barbara Kotsonis
124 W Arndt St
Fond Du Lac WI, 54935

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WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Shanah Zastera
448 Boyd St.
Oshkosh WI, 54902

Dear Shanah,

Thank you for your contact on Senate Bill 186 relating to a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change.

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Thank you again for sharing your views. Please feel free to contact me further with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Carol Roessler
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October 17, 2003

Beverly Gudex
340 Linden St.
Fond Du Lac WI, 54935

Dear Beverly,

Thank you for your contact on Senate Bill 186 relating to a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change.

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Halbur, Jennifer

To: wagins@chorus.net
Subject: Bishop Morlino

Greg,

Thank you for your e-mail. I do have Bishop Morlino's testimony regarding Senate Bill 186. The other Committee members do as well.

I enjoyed your comment about why "I fell in love with a nice quiet person like Paul." Funny! He's not always quiet!

Greg-thank you for your comments- I certainly wish I had known you were present. I could have met you personally.

Thank you again for ensuring I take a look at Bishop Morlino's testimony.

Take Care,

Carol

Halbur, Jennifer

To: From
Subject:

Roessler, Carol
Bishop Morlino

Greg,

Thank you for your e-mail. I do have Bishop Morlino's testimony regarding Senate Bill 186 and will strongly consider his views in my decision on this issue.

I enjoyed your comment about why "I fell in love with a nice quiet person like Paul." I plan to share that with him.

Thank you again for ensuring I take a look at Bishop Morlino's testimony.

Take Care,

Carol

The other committee members do as well

- Funny! - He's not Always quiet

Carol - You wanted a response sent to the attached e mail ... is this okay?

Also - there is an extra copy of the e-mail for you to take home to Paul (you said you wanted to).

~~Carol Roessler~~

Thanks!
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~~Greg - Thank you for your comment~~

I certainly wish I had known ~~it today~~ you were present? I could have met you personally



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Martin Gruberg
2121 Oregon St.
Oshkosh WI, 54901

Dear Martin,

Thank you for your contact on Senate Bill 186 relating to a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change and Senate Bill 99 relating to requiring a hospital to provide to an alleged victim of sexual assault, with consent, information and emergency contraception and providing a penalty.

On September 23, 2003 the full Senate voted 29-4 to send SB186 to the Health, Family, Children, Aging and Long Term Care Committee, which I chair. A public hearing was held on October 14, 2003. I will keep you updated as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Senate Bill 99 was sent to the Health, Children, Family Aging and Long Term Care Committee on April 9th, 2003.

Thank you again for sharing your views. Please feel free to contact me further with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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CAROL ROESSLER
State Senator
18th Senate District

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Contact Date: 09/19/2003

Contact Type: E-mail

Summary: SB99 rape victims/SB186 family planning waiver

Issue:

Position:

Description: -----Original Message-----

From: Martin Gruberg [mailto:gruberg@vaxa.cis.uwosh.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 9:08 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject:

The Wis. ACLU and Planned Parenthood have asked me to contact you regarding two bills before your Health Committee.

1)SB 99, ensuring that rape victims get full medical treatment in emergency rooms, has been before your committee since April. I urge affirmative action on it.

whereas 2)SB 186, undercutting the Family Planning Waiver program, passed your committee without a public hearing and without a vote. Why cripple a program that's 90% federally funded? When the bill comes before the full legislature, I hope you'll reconsider your position.

Status: Pending

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Owner: Halbur, Jennifer

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Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Jeffery M Reese
43 ½ W 12th St.
Fond Du Lac WI, 54935

Dear Jeffery,

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WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 17, 2003

Ann Fontecchio
N8817 Highway 151
Fond Du Lac WI, 54935

Dear Ann,

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: norulztj@vbe.com
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 12:07 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

October 18, 2003

Dear Sen. Roessler,

I support the Family Planning Waiver as it is currently implemented and want my opposition to the effort to repeal the Waiver as proposed in SB 186/AB 383 counted during the public hearing.

The Family Planning Waiver provides basic health care to low-income women and saves Wisconsin taxpayers millions of dollars. The Family Planning Waiver has already helped over 31,000 Wisconsin women access basic and needed preventative and diagnostic reproductive health care, including screenings for breast and cervical cancer, annual check-ups, birth control, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

As you know, the Family Planning Waiver was implemented January of 2003 to extend family planning services to low-income women aged 15-44 who are at high risk of unintended pregnancy because they do not have health coverage through Medicaid or BadgerCare. The goals of the Family Planning Waiver are to reduce unintended and teen pregnancy, the transmission of sexually transmitted infections and to promote the early detection of cancer among low-income women who have no health care coverage. Prior to the implementation of the Family Planning Waiver, low-income women in Wisconsin had to be pregnant or have children to qualify for preventative reproductive health care services and birth control.

The Department of Health and Family Services has testified about their concern that efforts to amend young women out of the program could result in the loss of the entire Family Planning Waiver. In addition to attracting \$38 million in federal funds over the five-year project to Wisconsin, the Family Planning Waiver is estimated to save our state at least \$17 million GPR dollars and \$8.9 million in Medicaid costs associated with unintended pregnancies.

When this issue is before the Health and Family Law Committees, I urge you to support the Family Planning Waiver that provides basic health care to low-income women and saves Wisconsin taxpayers millions of dollars, and oppose SB 186/AB 383.

Sincerely,

Tracy Johnson
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Halbur, Jennifer

From: abtilson@tznet.com
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 4:39 PM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
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Sincerely,

Brenda McClellan-Tilson
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Marshfield, WI 54449-3405

Halbur, Jennifer

From: jkpeter1@students.wisc.edu
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 7:03 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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Sincerely,

Jane Peterson
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"The Deal with Older Guys"

There's a good reason Americans support parental notification laws.

by Eric Felten

08/12/2002, Volume 007, Issue 46

EVERYONE SEEMS TO AGREE that Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen, President Bush's nominee for a spot on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, has about as much chance of getting past Judiciary Committee Democrats as James Traficant has of getting back into Congress. The reason: The "pro-choice" lobby has made her defeat its Number One priority.

What disqualifies Owen, in the eyes of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) and other critics, is her decision to uphold a Texas "parental notification" law. That law requires a minor, if she wants an abortion without her parents knowing about it, to demonstrate to a judge one of three things: (1) that she is sufficiently mature and well informed to make the decision herself; (2) that notification would not be in her "best interest"; or (3) that her parents would react to the news with physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.

Parental notification laws are tricky for the abortion rights crowd. Somewhere around three-fourths of Americans favor statutes that require girls under 18 to get their parents' consent for an abortion. Not having had much luck dissuading voters--there are 42 states with laws requiring some type of parental consent or notification--Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and other abortion-rights groups have concentrated on creating enough loopholes and exceptions in those laws to make them ineffectual. For example, suspending parental notification when a judge deems a girl sufficiently mature would normally make an excellent loophole, as long as judges are willing to take an elastic view of what counts as maturity. Justice Owen was not.

It's hard to blame her. After all, if parents are kept in the dark, who looks out for the best interests of underage girls? In practice it is the clinic workers, the ones counseling pregnant teens, who assume the burden of protecting girls' welfare. Which is why in most states, doctors, nurses, counselors, and other abortion-clinic workers are held to the same standard as doctors, nurses, and counselors in any other health care facilities: That is, they have a legal obligation to report child abuse when they see evidence of it. So it is worth asking how well clinics are fulfilling their role--and responsibilities--as advocates for troubled girls. The answer, it seems, is not well at all.

Life Dynamics is an aggressive, Texas-based antiabortion group. Mark Crutcher, who runs the group, has for years used lawsuits to harass doctors who provide abortions. Looking to lay the groundwork for a class-action lawsuit against abortion providers, Crutcher devised a way to test whether clinic staff would report child abuse when they saw it. Crutcher's group made and recorded some 800 phone calls to clinics around the country. (It is legal in Texas for a party to a phone call to record it without the other party's permission.) In each call, a woman pretending (very convincingly) to be 13 years old explains to the clinic that she is pregnant by her 22-year-old boyfriend; she asks if her boyfriend can

bring her in for an abortion. Listening to the tapes, it is abundantly clear that the clinic counselors know where their duty lies--they are legally obliged to blow the whistle on the "boyfriend"--but that most have no desire to do their duty.

Consider this call to a clinic in Colorado, in which the "13-year-old" is interrupted the moment she mentions the age of her boyfriend.

CLINIC: Okay, let me stop you right there because if you tell me anything else, I have to call the police.

CALLER: Why?

CLINIC: Because you're 13 and your partner's 22, right?

CALLER: Yeah.

CLINIC: That's against the law. I have to report it by law.

CALLER: Oh.

CLINIC: So I don't want to know your name or anything about you if you don't want me calling the police.

CALLER: Okay.

CLINIC: So what you need to do is you need to call completely anonymously and, you know, talk to someone on our appointment line. And don't tell us anything about who your partner is.

That call is representative of what Life Dynamics calls the "overwhelming majority" of the calls it placed. And indeed, listening to a sampling of the conversations, one hears a surfeit of such conspiratorial catch phrases as "I'll pretend I never heard that" and "Forget that you told me that." Clinic staff are exceedingly helpful at coaching the caller in how to keep her boyfriend's age a secret. A Kentucky counselor assures the caller that, though the clinic is supposed to report her pregnancy to the police as evidence of statutory rape, "we've never reported anybody."

Planned Parenthood, whose clinics received the lion's share of the phone calls, has been loath to discuss what is on the tapes, instead issuing a statement dismissing "the reliability of staged tapes of supposed telephone conversations surreptitiously prepared by Life Dynamics, an organization with a notorious anti-Planned Parenthood agenda."

For his part, Crutcher has never tried to hide the fact that his sting operation is part of his litigious, antiabortion agenda. He says the results are proof that clinics have "made a conscious decision to conceal the sexual exploitation of children and protect the men who commit these crimes."

What exactly is Planned Parenthood's attitude towards statutory rape? In a word, relaxed. Consider a column on Planned Parenthood's award-winning website for the underage set, www.teenwire.com, headlined "The Deal With Older Guys." The article--illustrated by a picture of a girl in pigtails (that's right, pigtails) and a man with a snappy van dyke on his chin--starts out with a catalog of the obvious benefits of Lolita-hood. "A major piece of eye-candy asked you out. You're floating. Not only is he gorgeous, but he's older. Older equals sophisticated. He has money, a car, a job, an apartment, experience, adventure, and excitement. He doesn't have a curfew, parents on his case, homework, or

acne. What's not to like?" But soon the article switches to a more cautious tone. "He's been around. You're thinking, 'He can transport me to ecstasy. He can teach me the ins and outs (so to speak) of sex.' On the other hand, he's been with a heap of partners. Increasing the chance he'll pass on 'the gift that keeps on giving'--a sexually transmitted infection."

The article continues with some helpful warning signs of the older guys one should steer clear of. For example, if "he treats females disrespectfully [and] calls women 'hos' or 'sluts.' Watch out." But just when it looks as though their advice will be that, all things considered, a 13-year-old really shouldn't be sleeping with predatory men in their 20s, the column delivers this conclusion: "So are all older guy/younger girl relationships dangerous, harmful, and sick? Of course not." (//)

Does it matter that Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers are, at best, willing to turn a blind eye to statutory rape? After all, few people can work up much indignation over the indiscretion of two high school students in love, one of whom happens to have just passed his eighteenth birthday. (That is, few other than the girl's father should he happen to be on the old-fashioned side.) But as the Life Dynamics sting demonstrated, Planned Parenthood staffers are inclined to look the other way, not just when 17-year-olds are involved, but when a 13-year-old confesses that she is having sex with a man nearly 10 years her senior.

This is a habit of mind and action that has dangerous consequences. Early this year a 10-year-old girl went to her Bridgeport, Conn., doctors, who discovered that she was pregnant. A pregnant 10-year-old is, by definition, walking evidence of sexual abuse. But the doctors, Mukesh Shah and Ann Lule, failed to report the pregnancy to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. Likewise the Summit Women's Center, a clinic that performs abortions. (The girl in the end didn't get an abortion.)

Luckily, the girl's mother called the police, and on April 17, they arrested a man named Jimmy Kave. According to police, Kave confessed to having had sex with the girl repeatedly since January 2001. Kave, it is worth noting, is 75 years old, has a 1984 conviction for child sexual assault in New Haven, and met the little girl through an "Adopt-a-Godparent" program that pairs kids with seniors.

The girl, now 11, gave birth in May. She and her child are in the custody of the state of Connecticut. (Kave is in a different sort of custody, though he is now denying paternity and has given blood for a DNA test.) But if the girl had gone ahead with an abortion and no one had reported it, she might still be spending her afternoons in Kave's apartment. Such is "the deal with older guys."

Eric Felten is a Washington writer and jazz musician.

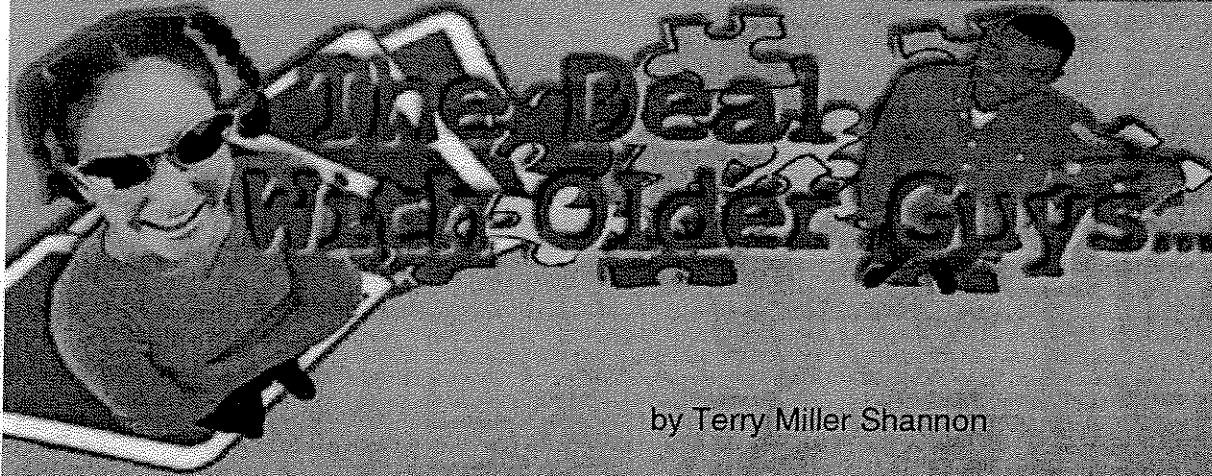
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by Terry Miller Shannon

quick poll

Have you ever dated an older guy?

- Yes
- No

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A major piece of eye-candy asked you out. You're floating. Not only is he gorgeous, but he's older. Older equals sophisticated. He has money, a car, a job, an apartment, experience, adventure, and excitement. He doesn't have a curfew, parents on his case, homework, or acne.

What's not to like?

Your best friend is squawking about being careful. She's such a downer sometimes, it's disgusting. She's just jealous. And who can blame her — stuck with a bunch of immature geeks her own age? But to prove her wrong, you actually do some research. And here's what you find:

Best Friend Question #1: Isn't dating an older guy illegal?

Yes — if he's above your state's *age of consent*, and you are below it, and you have *sex*, it's called statutory *rape*, and he could be sent to jail. Even if you say you were willing, the law says you are not mature enough to give legal consent.

Best Friend Question #2: Isn't dating an older guy risky?

- He's more sexually experienced

He's been around. You're thinking, "He can transport me to ecstasy. He can teach me the ins and outs (so to speak) of sex." On the other hand, he's been with a heap of partners. Increasing the chance he'll pass on "the gift that keeps on giving" — a *sexually transmitted infection*.

He might also expect too much. You could end up as a victim of *date rape*, used, abused, and possibly pregnant.

- He's powerful

Older Guy has more money and strength than you do. That's very

manly, no? But come to think of it, that makes you the weaker one. Ever hear the phrase "balance of power"? When a relationship isn't evenly balanced, it can mean trouble. Trouble, as in bullying. As in, "I never use a *condom*." Or even dating violence.

- He doesn't have to answer to anyone

Independence can be a great thing. But it also means your parents, friends, and teachers don't know Mr. O.G. A guy who's not part of your circle might feel less accountable for how he treats you.

Drugs and alcohol are easily available to him. Being drunk or high is often an aspect of rape and other abuse cases. And don't forget, it's hard to make responsible choices when you're not sober.

Best Friend Question #3: What red flags should you watch for?

- He treats females disrespectfully. He calls women "hos" or "sluts." Watch out.
- There's gossip that he's been violent. Sometimes where there's smoke, there really is fire. Be very cautious.
- He dates younger girls only. Way older guys who only date young girls may be immature, unsuccessful with women, or so self-centered they need to be admired by someone who will be in awe of them.
- He doesn't want to hang around with your family and friends. Ask yourself, "Why?"
- He pressures you to do anything that makes you feel or weirded-out.
- He tries to keep you from being with people you care for, or from doing things you enjoy.
- You either don't have a father, or have a poor relationship with him — which ups your chance of being vulnerable to older guys.
- He doesn't have friends or interests outside of you. Scary, huh?

So are all older guy/younger girl relationships dangerous, harmful, and sick? Of course not. But the potential dangers should make anyone very cautious. But then, you already knew that. After all, you're the one who did all that research.

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Asbjornson, Karen

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 9:14

To: Halbur, Jennifer

Subject: FW:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Wagner [mailto:wagins@chorus.net]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 8:09 AM

To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us

Subject:

Hi Carol,

Just a quick note regarding the hearing last week for SB186. I don't know if you were aware of the time restraints on Bishop Morlino's ability to testify. I do know that he was to be one of the first "regular" people to testify, but unfortunately there were several Senators who certainly like to talk. Whether this was a calculated effort on their part to quell the Bishop's testimony I do not know. Unfortunately everyone in that room was a loser for not having the opportunity to hear one of the most learned and enlightened men in Madison speak on this issue.

After seeing a day in action of your duties as "chair", I can certainly see why you fell in love with a nice quiet person like Paul:) Ha. Take care.
greg

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, WISCONSIN CHAPTER
POSITION STATEMENT ON AB 383/SB 186

The National Association of Social Workers, Wisconsin Chapter (NASW WI) strongly opposes AB 383 and SB 186, which would remove 15-17 year olds from Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver.

NASW WI opposes this bill for the following reasons:

The family planning and health services currently available to 15-17 year olds through the Family Planning Waiver are a critical part of comprehensive community services to reduce adolescent pregnancy and childbearing and to reduce sexually transmitted diseases. In fact, experts have credited access to confidentially reproductive health care services with some of the recent declines in adolescent pregnancy, abortion and childbearing. (Social Work Speaks)

Research has shown that when teenagers give birth, they are less likely to complete high school, which in turn makes it more likely that they will live in poverty. (DHFS website)

Children who are born to younger teen mothers may also experience poorer health, lower educational attainment and higher rates of adolescent childbearing themselves. (DHFS website)

Adolescent pregnancy is very costly to society. The Department of Health and Family Services estimates that Medicaid currently pays for 85% of births to teens in Wisconsin. (Mark Moody, DHFS) Further reducing teenage pregnancy can reduce the Medicaid budget and contribute to the state's fiscal health. Conversely if adolescent pregnancy increases due to the loss of services provided by the Family Planning Waiver, Medicaid and BadgerCare costs to the state could increase. According to the Department of Health and Family Services Fiscal Estimate, by preventing unintended pregnancies over a five-year period, the Waiver will save taxpayers approximately \$9 million in Medicaid costs and \$17 million in General Purpose Revenue.

An estimated 47,000 women will receive family planning services under this waiver who would not otherwise have access to them. (DHFS waiver application to United States Department of Health & Human Services) By giving more women access to family planning services, the Family Planning Waiver will reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and abortion. Wisconsin's family planning program averts 14,100 unintended pregnancies and 12,100 abortions per year

Services to 15-17 year olds through the Family Planning Waiver are also critical to assist victims of sexual assault, including rape and incest. According to the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the vast majority of sexual assault victims are under the age of 18. Young women ages 16-19 are four times more likely than the general

public to be victims of rape and need access to confidential health care. In Wisconsin the average age of a sexual assault victim is 15. Continuing health care coverage for young people in the Family Planning Waiver is crucial to ensuring victims of rape and incest will get the confidential care they need and desire. (www.wcasa.org)

NASW WI calls upon members of the Wisconsin State Legislature to support the continuation of Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver and vote against AB 383 and SB 186.

"Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting" in *Social Work Speaks*, Sixth Edition, National Association of Social Workers: Washington, DC 2003

DHFS Website: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/children/pregnancyplan/consequences.htm>

Mark Moody, Department of Health & Family Services, Guest Editorial, Wisconsin State Journal, May 10, 2003

Ventura, S.J., Martin, J.A., Curtin, S.C. & Mathews, T.J. (1999). Births: Final data for 1997. In *National vital statistics report* (Vol. 47). Hyattsville, MD; National Center for Health Statistics.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault web site (www.wcasa.org)

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 22, 2003

Ariane Levesque
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Dear Ariane,

Thank you for your contact on Senate Bill 186 relating to a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change.

On September 23, 2003 the full Senate voted 29-4 to send this bill to the Health, Family, Children, Aging and Long Term Care Committee, which I chair. A public hearing was held at 10:00am on October 14, 2003 in room 411 South.

Thank you again for sharing your views. Please feel free to contact me further with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol".

CAROL ROESSLER
State Senator
18th Senate District

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- * Grothman + Lentham: Separate bill which will push back the effective date of the bill.
 - This would be in place of SB 186

Rachal Carabell

- * Could we not allow contraception to 15-17yr but still provide other services?
 - Rachal not sure, she'll check. At 1st blush - no. Also mentioned that contraception is medical (covered by MA) + abstinence is more social service.

Michael Fiore CMS 410-786-0623

- * To the best of his knowledge, this would not be the case (when asked if the state would lose funding for entire program if we changed the age).

- * CMS never requested a certain age group be served.

- * It's up to states to choose which level they want to serve - not CMS.

- * If we did change the age, we would need to prove budget neutrality.

Why by taking out 15-17 yrs, we would be diverting enough births to maintain budget neutrality.

③ We would have to say, the fertility rate at a certain pt in time for 18-44 + X # of

births would be averted and this would save more than it costs to provide family planning services.

* No reason we couldn't change age / would need to prove budget neutrality (he thinks we can).

Quest JH

- ~~Q~~ Is it possible to not allow contraceptives to 15-17 yr. olds but still provide other services under the demonstration.

~~A~~ Mike's answer:

- No. Either allowed to receive all services or none. Really aren't too many services provided outside of contraception. The basic thrust of program is to provide contraception to prevent births.

- He pointed out that a 15yr. old who qualifies for MA would be eligible for family planning services. It's the demonstration project that provides more flexibility.

SB 186

10-20-03

Conversation with Rachel Carabell
Re: SB186

- Both Rachel + Charlie thought it would be best for a letter to come from CR rather than FIB.
- They suggested starting with CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) (Case) Tom Skutke }
Task
- Warning: CMS not likely to provide a "yes"/"no" answer. They will want a complete proposal in front of them. They will want to know about budget neutrality - what did WI assume when figuring out the budget?
- Suggested that CR maybe contact Tommy Thompson directly if she had a good relationship with him.
 - If send letter - call also.