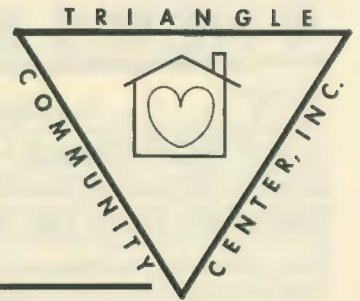


# Triangle Community Center News & Views



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## TCC FABULOUS FRIENDRAISER!

JOIN US for another TCC  
**FABULOUS  
FRIENDRAISER!**  
on Saturday, July 25, 1998  
from 5- 8 PM. We'll be at  
the home of John Wallace,  
12 Cleveland Rd. in New  
Haven. Donations to TCC  
in any amount will be  
appreciated. BYOB.

**Come!  
Our  
Guests**



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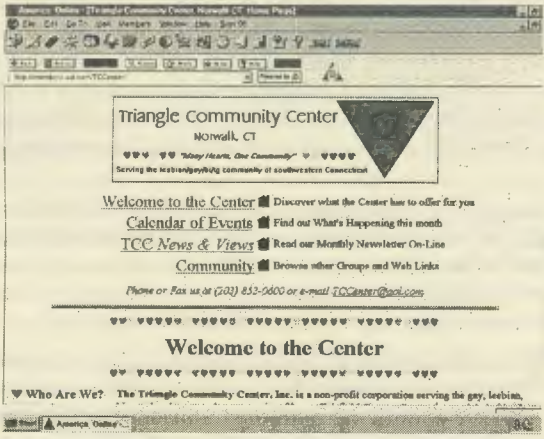
**Directions:** From I-95 - North to Exit 43. Left off of exit to Route 122/Campbell Ave. (West Haven). Follow 122 east - past Route 1, past Route 34. Second right after Route 34 is Cleveland Road - House is 2<sup>nd</sup> from end on right (white with green shutters).  
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### Lesbian Lit Group

For their August discussion, the Lesbian Literature Group has chosen a novel by Diane Wood Middlebrook entitled "Suits Me - The Double Life of Billy Tipton." This is the biography of Dorothy (Billy) Tipton, a female jazz musician in a male only profession. Her desire to perform professionally became so great that in 1933, at the age of 19, she re-invented herself as Billy Tipton, a male jazz musician. And it wasn't until her funeral, 55 years and three wives later, that her secret was revealed.  
"Suits Me" was published in 1998 by Houghton Mifflin books. Because it is a new book, it is sold in hardcover only. Copies of "Suits Me" are available at local bookstores and Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. For more info call Christine at 847-8476. The Lesbian Literature Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at TCC starting at 7:30 PM.

### Visit our Web Site at:



<http://member.aol/TCCenter/>

## BATTER UP!

Reasons you have not attended any of the Triangle Community Center's Women's Softball games:

1. I didn't know that TCC had a softball team. (Yes, they do.)
2. I didn't know that they played locally. (Yes, they do.)
3. I didn't know they welcomed spectators. (Yes, they do.)
4. I didn't know their schedule. (Yes, you do.)

### TCC Women's Softball Schedule:

- Tuesday, July 7 - The field at Calf's Pasture in Norwalk, 9 PM
- Thursday, July 16 - The field at Ponus Ridge Middle School, 6 PM
- Thursday, July 23 - The field at Ponus Ridge Middle School, 6 PM
- Tuesday, July 28 - The field at Calf's Pasture in Norwalk, 9 PM
- Tuesday, Aug 4 - The field at Calf's Pasture in Norwalk, 7:45 PM
- Thursday, Aug 6 - The field at Ponus Ridge Middle School, 6 PM



### Splinters from the Board

I read a morning meditation by Chris Glaser in *The Word Is OUT*. Chris was given a business card on the back of which was a rubber stamp imprint of a goose. When he asked why, he was told that it symbolized team work. When the geese fly in their V-formation, if the leader tires s/he drops back to the end, and a new leader moves up. If a goose is injured, two healthy geese fly low with it to help it get back to the formation. When a second flock comes in contact with the first, the two flocks merge, forming one larger single V rather than compete with one another. These actions offer a positive approach to the shared burden of a community.



I have heard it stated that the gay and lesbian community is not a real community because of its diversity of views, ethnicity and gender. However, unlike geese, human communities form by the conscious effort of individuals to come together with a common goal or purpose.

Today, sadly, that sense of community is missing at the Triangle Center. The membership is slowly diminishing. The meetings that are offered are often sparsely attended. The number of people in the community (not just members, but all of us within the community) who participate in the Center's purpose of extending a warm and welcoming hand to everyone who is lesbian, gay, transgendered, or bisexual, is shrinking.

Some of us honk that the Center does not offer enough to our community - meaning the "Center" doesn't sponsor and run events that we enjoy or are entertained by. Some of us honk that the Center is run by a "clique" of exclusive members - meaning we may feel excluded from our community. Some of us honk that we are too busy to participate in Center and/or community events - meaning we are too closeted, shy or selfish to give back to our community.

When we honk, we are like geese on the ground - noisy and nasty, and soon burnt out. When we work together, we are like geese flying - a beautiful miracle of nature. Like geese aground, the Center is about to burn out. It's time for us to fly again. Look for an upcoming announcement of a new Town Meeting to re-launch the community in the Center. -John Wallace

### Sportsters Needed

For a story I am doing on sports in the gay community, I need to talk with gay men and lesbians who are involved in gay sports teams or leagues. This can be team sports (soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, rugby, etc.) or individual (running, swimming, etc.). Of course, I'm on deadline! Any help would be appreciated-please contact me ASAP: Dan Woog - dwoog@optonline.net or naddy@aol.com - Phone: (203) 227-1755 - Fax: (203) 227-3035.

### Pride News

#### CA - Painting the Hill Pink

The Friends of the Pink Triangle, who place a pink triangle atop Twin Peaks for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Freedom Day parade, say that this year's icon will be 120 feet across, twice as big as the old one. Money for the new one came from the mayor's Promotion Fund of Grants for the Arts, part of the hotel tax fund.

#### CA - 3,000 Attend Simi's 1st Festival

With events running the gamut from impassioned public speakers to competing drag queens, the county's first Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival took place in Simi Valley as thousands showed up from across Southern California to celebrate with food, music, dancing and fun.

Held on a wide, grassy expanse near the intersection of Los Angeles Avenue and Tapo Canyon Road, the festival drew more than 3,000 people, both gay and straight, with some from as far away as San Diego, Simi Valley police said. Though the event also attracted about 30 protesters from some local churches, the demonstrations were peaceful and police reported no incidents.

#### CA - Elementary Pride - Michael P. Ellard

In June, I was invited to a band event that was unlike any band event I'd ever played at before. The Clarendon Elementary School in San Francisco was having a gay pride event, and they wanted the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band to come and play. Entering the school grounds, I was spied by a group of boys who began to shout to me. "Play something!" "Play your horn!" I played a quick arpeggio, and they became more excited. "Play 'Mary Had a Little Lamb!'" I played and they were awed. Inside, the parents and teachers were no less welcoming.

At the pride assembly, the kids loved us. They clapped along with us, counted us in at the beginning of one of our pieces, and even danced when allowed to do so. We were whisked on and off stage between various other gay and lesbian performers and more San Francisco politicians than you can shake a stick at. The mayor had come and gone before we got there, but two city supervisors and the city treasurer came to visit us while we were in our well-stocked dressing room.

For me, the best part of the whole day occurred when the city treasurer got up to address the kids. "Do you know what today is?" she asked. "Gay Pride Day" answered several hundred elementary school voices in unison. Backstage, my jaw dropped. If I had had any doubt as to whether the kids understood what was going on, I could doubt no more. Those kids were celebrating gay pride day, and they were loving it. Clearly, these kids live in a universe which I simply could not have imagined when I was growing up. The universe has changed, and changed for the better.

[Ed. Note: Thanks to Denny Burke for submitting this article.]

#### DC - Gay Festival Entertains

A flowing, joyous cacophony punctuated Washington's annual Capital Pride Festival on June 7, a river of attitude and good vibrations that mixed and matched the ordinary with the outlandish. The drag queens inspired whistles and cheers, as they always do. Miss Gay Dreamgirl was a man and so were the mermaids in sequined fish skin.

The parade emptied in a closed-off Pennsylvania Avenue to a grand boulevard packed with tens of thousands of people. Countless same-sex couples stood hand-in-hand, sipping brunch-time mimosas and lattes as the parade passed. Untold numbers more strolled later with friends or partied in groups as bands rocked and bladders rolled. In the mood sweepstakes, up defeated down, no contest.

Politicians marched, this being an election year. So did Catholic gays, followed by Lutherans in Pride and a Mormon gay group. Supportive parents and friends marched. Some marchers carried a quilt in memory of friends who died of complications from AIDS. Amid more commonplace displays, the Lesbian Avengers, perennial favorites, seemed almost retrograde in their defiance as they waved flags painted with a picture of a time bomb.

## IA - Cedar Rapids Debuts PrideFest

June marks the first public observance of Gay Pride Month in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. More than 20 community organizations were involved in the celebration, which ran for three days. Events included a Men's Health Night which offered health and nutritional advice, free tests for HIV, and wellness information targeted at gay and bisexual men; the photo exhibit "Love Makes A Family" and a free showing of "The Celluloid Closet," a critically acclaimed documentary about gays and lesbians in the film industry. The highlight of Gay Pride Month in Cedar Rapids was PrideFest with booths offering food, drinks, information, books, music and art. A stage featured music and entertainment, as well as community leaders, who spoke in support of diversity and tolerance.

## IN - PrideFest Celebrates Diversity

PrideFest, the annual gay and lesbian event, now in its 18th year, drew thousands of people to the Downtown plaza in Indianapolis. Some lounged on the grass in the shade. Others sunbathed. Most took at least one lap around the plaza, checking out the 82 booths. One goal of the event is to remind people of the diversity that exists in this city.

A stroll past the booths also showed a range of interests. Exotic leather goods were on as well as books of lesbian love stories next to those featuring practical financial and legal advice for same-sex couples. Booths that sold baseball caps with rainbow-flag logos also sold bumper stickers with general-interest humor. Other booths were for groups that help gays and lesbians cope with the world, and vice versa.

## MA - Boston Pride Survives Downpour

Despite a steady rain which led the Boston Pride Committee to postpone its official parade and festival yesterday, a few hundred determined revelers marched down Boylston Street, wielding umbrellas and dodging puddles. A collection of brightly-colored umbrellas formed an awning over the marchers as they inched down the street behind two makeshift floats, one truck blaring some high-energy dance music that prompted some to dance in the street. Three motorcycles revved through the crowd, and a group of high school-age marchers giddily pounced on the puddles. Police held traffic on the street to let marchers through and did not try to halt the unofficial parade or the celebration on the Boston Common afterwards. Last year the parade drew 220,000 people and 109 registered groups, Taylor said. This year, 170 groups had signed up to participate. The official parade and festival will be rescheduled for either June 27 or July 11.

## MI - Pride Event Emphasizes Families

Allowing same-sex marriages isn't just about legal rights, it's also about creating family, a national marriage rights activist said. Craig Dean was the keynote speaker for the 11th annual West Michigan Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride celebration. He told participants that they must work to not only extinguish society's hatred of gays and lesbians, but also the self-loathing they carry within themselves.

Dean's comments about family played into the day's theme, "West Michigan Family Reunion 1998." The event included a blend of politics and entertainment, which was a key focus of first-year organizer Daniel Gale. Gale wanted to make sure this year's event emphasized concerns about gay youth, including the rate of suicide among that population segment. He also wanted to ensure AIDS education was available and that people become politically aware. Entertainment included music, the Grand River Squares — a square-dancing group that has performed at the event every year — and stand-up comedian Karen Ripley.

Participants watched from blankets and lawn chairs. Meanwhile, many shopped at booths offering items such as clothes and jewelry or educational materials. Organizers say they were pleased with the turnout. The new president of the Lesbian and Gay Community Network of Western Michigan called it the largest gathering ever, with some 45 different organizations participating.

## NJ - Gays More Upbeat

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Celebration was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> in Asbury Park. For the past seven years, Jersey Pride Inc., a statewide group based in New Brunswick, has hosted the gathering. Forty groups—from gay motorcyclists to canoeists to parents—paraded to the boardwalk before joining a festive "pride rally" in the park.

The day was free of conflicts and subtle discrimination that some attending said was part of gay life. Lodi residents Chris Dunn and Jason Rheil used the festival to advertise a new newspaper targeted at gay youths and their friends. The initiative is a way of suicide among gay teens and violence against gays, Rheil said. "What we want to do is make saying 'I'm gay' as acceptable as saying 'I'm left-handed,'" said Rheil. That kind of acceptance flourished in the sunny, windy weather. Neighbors along Sunset Lake flew the rainbow gay pride flag in support while others seemed oblivious to the activities as they tended to their yards.

## TX - Dallas Pride Celebrates 20 Years

Twenty years ago, a dozen or so guys chipped in a little money, rented a hall and put on a dance. After the dance was over, the hosts realized they'd accidentally made a small profit, so they donated the money to the forerunner of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and a fund-raiser was born. Two decades, hundreds of volunteers and millions of dollars later, Razzle Dazzle Dallas is one of the city's major fund-raisers for AIDS services, bringing thousands of people out to celebrate gay pride in a street fair. The outdoor party, now includes a casino, a bazaar, food and drink areas, and, of course, dancing. Hundreds of people descended on the area almost as soon as the sun set, taking full advantage of a cool evening after a severe heat wave.

Razzle also has a year-round program that provides airfare for people with AIDS who want to visit their families for holidays, weddings or other milestones. The first Razzle was held as part of Gay Pride events that go on nationwide around June. By 1978, Dallas had had a few Pride events, including a small parade, but nothing sufficiently festive, said Razzle co-founder Dick Weaver. But the main event remains the June party, which now attracts up to 10,000 people and raises \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year. This year's \$33,000 Razzle budget has been almost totally funded by sponsors, freeing up most of the gate proceeds for the beneficiaries.

## UT - Gay Pride Goes On Parade

The annual Gay Pride parade in Salt Lake City swelled to about 3,000, all of whom wound up partying at the City-County Building, where eventually an estimated 15,000 joined the celebration. Were they lured by the strutting cross-dressers or the leather-clad men from the Uniform Leather Club of Utah or the Utah Gay Rodeo Association members trotting their steeds? The floats, the playful nature of the paraders and beautiful, cool weather all contributed to a day to share messages from hope to satire and spiritual matters. The theme for this year's celebration was "diversity and acceptance." Two motorcycle officers from the Salt Lake City Police Department said those words held true.



### Magazine Rates Durham Best

A national magazine for gays and lesbians has rated Durham among the nation's 10 best cities for homosexuals to live. The article in the June issue of "Out" dubs Durham "the college town" and praises it for an "atmosphere of tolerance usually associated with big cities." Listed as Durham's highlights are Manbites Dog Theater, which holds an annual "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" festival; the county library, which publishes lesbian and gay bibliographies; the Durham Dragons, a women's fastpitch softball team; and the fact that old Southern houses can still be purchased for less than \$100,000. Other cities on the list were New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Atlanta and Columbus, Ohio.

### McNally's Canceled Play May Be Staged

Several theaters have come forward with offers to stage a play about 13 gay men who meet to enact the story of Jesus after the Manhattan Theater Club canceled its production, said the play's author, Terrence McNally. McNally said in an interview that he had bitterly opposed the decision by the theater club, which cited anonymous death threats. He said he was considering the proposals, which could conceivably stage the play soon. The Williamstown Theater Festival in northwest Massachusetts, one of the nation's leading summer theaters, offered to produce the play in its 1999 season.

The Manhattan Theater Club's two top administrators said this week that they had canceled the play after receiving threats to burn down the theater, kill its staff and "exterminate" McNally. At the same time, protests against the cancellation continued, with the National Coalition Against Censorship, based in New York City, calling on the theater club, one of the city's leading incubators of Off Broadway and Broadway drama, to reinstate its plans to produce the McNally play this fall.

### "A New Brain"

By the time this goes to press, it will be too late to catch a wonderful production (the first in Connecticut) of Terrence McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" by Theaterworks in New Milford. The last performance was June 27th. But it may not be too late to see "A New Brain," the newest musical by William Film, best known for his Falsettos trio of one-act musicals. This limited run ends August 2nd, presumably because the star, Malcolm Gets, goes back to Hollywood to start another season of Caroline in the City. A stellar cast with magnificent voices headed up by Gets, sends Finn's melodies soaring. The plot if that is important, revolves around Finn's real life story of finding out he had a potentially fatal brain anomaly and the subsequent response by him and those nearest and dearest to him, of the possible consequences of the brain surgery needed to save his life. Even in preview the cast was polished and splendid, but if the critics love the show as much as I did the 250 seat theater (the Mitzi Newhouse, at Lincoln Center) is going to fill up fast. Seggerman

### Zebra'z is Largest Gay Catalog Supplier

The world's largest lesbian and gay mail-order department is in San Antonio, tucked away on a tree-shaded block of East Euclid Avenue, where it produces more than \$1 million in revenues each year. "Our forerunner, Shocking Gray, was the world's first and only lesbian and gay mail-order business when they opened in 1991," said Glenn Chase, president of ZEBRA'z. Shocking Gray filed for bankruptcy in 1995. Chase and several other investors have since taken over and operate the business and showroom.

The store draws visitors from across the country and a few international customers. Every inch of the 800- square-foot showroom is filled with rainbow candles, flags, clothing, books, videos, greeting cards and jewelry. "One of our best sellers is the same-sex marriage cake-topper," said Chase. He explained the individual bride and grooms come in a variety of ethnic backgrounds and added interracial "commitment ceremonies" are popular in San Antonio.

"It's a growing business," Chase said. "Last week we shipped to Norway and Spain. Here in the United States, a large portion of our business are rural orders. We currently offer 5,000 items in our catalog and Web site," said Chase. "We mail about 600,000 catalogs every year. We hope to double that in the near future."



### New Haven Center Web Site Has Moved

The New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center's (NHGLCC) web site has moved to a new location, and can be found at: <http://www.i-out.com/nhglcc> The move, according to NHGLCC Web Master Alexander Garbera, "was due to the kind offer of New Mass Media to host our site."

New Mass Media, publishers of the Advocate Weekly Newspapers, wants to be responsive to their gblt readers, and help them keep in touch with what is going on and each other. The new location is part Inside Out (<http://www.i-out.com>), the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender web site. Visitors can find a variety of gblt resources at this site, including links to other popular local sites as well as a link to Inside Out's guide to Provincetown (<http://www.ptownguide.com/>).

### Scotland - Church is Online with Gay Weddings

A Scottish Church has gone on the Internet to advertise homosexual, bisexual and transgendered weddings. The Holy Trinity Metropolitan Community Church in Edinburgh is the first in Scotland to offer religious blessings to same-sex couples. Its Web page says: "We offer relationship blessings to couples irrespective of gender identification or sexuality." The Church claims in its advertising that "some of the earliest recorded Christian marriages were between people of the same gender".

It includes in its rites and sacraments Holy Union and Holy Matrimony for people of the same gender and argues that the Old Testament has been misinterpreted. Stephen Harte, treasurer of the Church said: "We request that people go to counseling and that they attend two services at the church before the blessing. . . We have not done much in the way of public advertising until now but we officiate between four and five blessings a year." The Church wants to see homosexual marriages legalized in Britain as they are in Denmark.

### Trivia Question

#### Answer to June

- Iris Love is an archeologist who identified a long lost statue of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love.

#### Question for July

- What name do two gay Englishmen share? One is a 16th century philosopher/scientist and the other is a 20th century artist known for his gruesome portraits.

## Connecticut News

### Gay Marriage in Conn.

As for gay marriage, why not just tie your own knot, without the state's stamp of approval, and be happy? Because of cases like that of Baby Z. The consequences of a homosexual union outside the realm of law suddenly become stark. And the would-be benefits of a state-sanctioned gay family also become clear. Without the legal license so many gay couples now seek, and are routinely denied, who ultimately suffers? The kids.

Baby Z was born to a lesbian couple in Connecticut through artificial insemination. But only one of his two moms—the one who carried him in her body—is legally his parent. The other mother wants to adopt him, but the courts have said no, not unless his biological mother gives up her parental rights. Baby Z, under current adoption laws, isn't technically "free" to be adopted. Were his two parents legally married, though, he would be. Those same adoption laws include special provisions for stepparents to adopt their spouses' biological offspring. Baby Z is relegated to a familial limbo, simply because the state-and society-won't recognize his parents as a legitimate couple.

It has lately become fashionable to navigate the thicket of child custody disputes by using "the best interest of the child" as a singular guide. Is it in Baby Z's best interest, then, to have the community at large refuse to recognize his family unit as "exemplary"—the term used by a Yale professor who conducted a home study for the courts? If his biological mom were to die, is it right for this child to be left a legal orphan, his status to be decided by a probate court? The best interest of the child? If that's what we really do care most about, the answer to Baby Z's dilemma is as simple as the case is currently complex: Recognize his two mothers' union as committed, loving, stable-and legal.

### State Guides Approved

The state Board of Education has approved new sex education guidelines for public schools including suggested framework for lessons dealing with AIDS, puberty and homosexuality. The board, in a 5-0 vote had no comment on the decision, but five parents and a minister told the board they opposed the mention of homosexuality in the schools. Education Department spokesman Tom Murphy said the only reference to homosexuality in the guidelines is an item that teaches students to respect others' sexual orientations.

The guidelines are a compromise reached after months of debate over what is appropriate to teach about sex in kindergarten through high school and how much input parents should have into their children's sex education. The framework is merely a suggestion for local school districts. Communities decide whether they want to use them. The compromise includes, a state law that requires students to learn about AIDS prevention and demonstrate respect for others without bias or harassment based on race, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. The guidelines also emphasize that parents must be allowed to keep their children out of sex education classes.

### Living Positively! in New Haven

The Living Positively! Support groups are changing their meeting time and location, and starting in July of 1998 will be meeting on Thursdays, starting at 8:00pm, at the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Founded in 1990 by a group of long term survivors of HIV/AIDS, Living Positively! is based on the 12 suggested steps and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. These steps have been adapted by the group for living with HIV/AIDS, and membership in any other 12 step program is not required. Living Positively! will continue to run two groups. One group is for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and the other concurrent meeting for their friends, family, and significant others. For more information about the day, location, and time change or about Living Positively! please call Peter at (203) 248-5057.

### W. Hartford Defines 'Family'

Harriet Elish gets her health insurance from the town of West Hartford where her partner is an employee. But the gay couple doesn't qualify for the significantly cheaper family rate at the town's public pool. That's because even though West Hartford is one of the few communities in the state giving employees and their same-sex partners health benefits, the town declined this week to take the leap toward offering similar treatment to its residents. The Republican-controlled town council Tuesday reduced the cost of individual membership, but denied unmarried couples living together the right to pay a discounted "family rate." WestHartford's dilemma-laid bare when 100 angry residents hurled insults and then stormed out of the meeting—was a stark example of a Connecticut town struggling to define the term family in an era of rapidly shifting social practices.

The issue, which has been addressed by private businesses both locally and nationally as well as by some municipalities throughout the U.S., is just beginning to emerge in Connecticut. And there is little rhyme or reason to how local communities resolve such questions. In Mansfield and Hartford, for example, some benefits have been extended to local government employees and their "domestic partners"—gays, lesbians or unmarried heterosexuals. The majority of towns and cities, however, make no such concession. And when it comes to deciding how residents should pay for town services, communities statewide have vastly different ways of defining a family unit. In Windsor, a family includes "not more than five [people] ... living and cooking together in the same dwelling." In Middletown, if you tell the recreation department you're a family, you're a family, no questions asked....

Extending benefits to domestic partners has been debated across the country, with companies like IBM, Apple, Bank of America, Disney and Warner Bros. coming out as leaders in providing such benefits. Locally, several corporate employers offer same-sex couples health benefits, including Yale University and The Courant. But few local municipalities offer such benefits to employees, said Kevin Maloney, a spokesman for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Joseph Grabarz, executive director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, said the issue is not about redefining families, but about equal rights. "No one was asking any council member to approve of a lifestyle, whether it's divorce or being gay or being a single parent," Grabarz said. "What they were asking for was equal treatment and that does not necessarily mean approval."

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## Transgender News

### SUM...SUM...SUMMERTIME!!!!

by Denise Mason for "the connecticuT View" Transvestite Club, P.O. Box 2281, Devon CT 06460

I think there's a song that goes something like that. Well, for the 'connecticuT View' its time for the newsletter editor, Denise Mason, to take the summer off and not pound the keys, wield the scissors or stick on stamps and address the monthly newsletter..

Despite not having a summer newsletter, the club is still interested in having a Golf Tournament and Family style picnic with their significant others, of course in DRAB (sic). Several members have already expressed interest in both activities, but to date '6/4/98' we don't have a place or date where we will hold these summer events. I suggest anyone wanting to participate along with us, write me at masonD@aol.com. for up to date information.

Along with this, I recently read that INVESTMENTS the TG club of Cape Cod is looking for other club involvement's (sic). I have already written to them and have indicated our clubs (sic) support. I think it would be super to have clubs interact in each others activities.

Last year, Nov.'97, INVESTMENT girls attended our "Female Impersonation" Show where we raised \$3125 for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Though there were 8 of them in attendance, due to the energy and excitement of the evening we of the cTView couldn't properly interact with the Cape Cod girls and S.O.s (sic) If time is set aside for a joint event, possibly we can get to know one another better. I know several cTView members are planning on attending an INVESTMENTS "Pool Party", and I am pushing for a caravan of us going to their December Xmas party. I've also written to the SUNSHINE club of Upper MA and sort of invited us to attend their August picnic. Of course all these clubs are invited to our events, if and when we can get a handle on the date and place.

As most of you know the "connecticuT View" TV club is a member of Renaissance and its 8 Chapters and 14 Affiliate clubs. Renaissance has changed its name to reflect on their involvement with such a large community by renaming their newsletter to Renaissance Community New & Views, and a promise to include more information from each Chapter and Affiliate club.

While I've got your ear...is there anyone who knows of a nice hall, or restaurant where we can present our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Female Impersonation Show and Benefit for Pediatric AIDS. If anyone knows of such a place, please e-mail me. Thanks, Hugs, Denise masonD@aol.com



## National News

### Stamford AIDS Doctor Mixes Hope & Caution

Though it is not totally effective in blocking the transmission of HIV, two local AIDS experts said they support testing of a new AIDS vaccine in humans. Stamford AIDS specialist Dr. Gary Blick, who has worked on the development of a similar vaccine, said human testing of a potential vaccine does not have to guarantee immunity to be valuable. A California company announced last week the US Food and Drug Administration had approved the world's first full-scale test of a vaccine.

"If it could save 30 percent of people who might otherwise be infected, this would be a great advance," said Blick, who has treated hundreds of patients and has been involved in the study of protease inhibitors, a breakthrough AIDS treatment. But Blick said he is only "cautiously optimistic" about the vaccine's ability to protect a substantial portion of the population. Since no vaccine is 100 percent effective some experts are reluctant to conduct full-scale tests of the AIDS vaccines until they have a sound scientific knowledge of how the experimental vaccines work.

Like Blick, other experts believe that if a vaccine can protect some percentage of a group at risk of getting the disease, it should be tested. Though the, vaccine, called Aidsvax, has been shown to produce HIV antibodies - proteins that fight invading germs in the blood - the real question is if those antibodies will be able to combat an influx of HIV in every case, said Blick. Effectiveness could vary according to the strength of a person's immune system, or the amount and the strains of HIV to which that person has been exposed, he said. Produced by the South San Francisco based, company Vaxgen Inc, the vaccine last week, gained federal and Food and Drug Administration approval to be used in experiments involving 5,000 uninfected volunteers in the United States and Canada and another 2,500 in Thailand. The vaccine was tested on 1,200 uninfected volunteers beginning in March 1992. It was found to be safe and in 99 percent of the participants, it was successful in building immunity, according to the company.

It attempts to prevent AIDS through injections of part of the HIV virus. If a recipient is exposed to HIV, the antibodies would attack the virus, blocking its invasion of cells preventing full scale infection. The vaccine does not infect a person with HIV because it is made from only a fraction of the virus. Those exposed to HIV will eventually manufacture antibodies over a period of months, Blick said. But the virus can permeate cells within just days or hours of exposure, he said. With antibodies already in the blood, a person would instantly fight off the infection if exposed, he said.

In the United States, shots will be given to participants from high-risk groups like gay men and the uninfected partners of people who have HIV. Researchers, however, have said the experiment contains all inherent conflict. Those who receive the vaccine will be urged not to engage in unprotected sex, because half of the participants will receive a placebo and because the effectiveness of the vaccine is unknown. Practicing safe sex, however, will limit the degree to which the vaccine will be put to the test. Despite the flaw Blick feels the study is worthwhile. A sizeable drop in the number of AIDS cases in a high-risk community could indicate the vaccine is working, he said.

### Baptists Want Gay Order Nullified

Southern Baptists in Salt Lake voted to ask Congress to nullify President Clinton's order prohibiting discrimination against civilian federal employees because of their sexual orientation.

Delegates at the denomination's annual convention rejected by 1,071 votes to 1,005 an amendment that would have asked Clinton's own Southern Baptist congregation to consider disciplining him unless the president rescinds his May 28 executive order. Clinton's executive order added homosexuals to the list of groups protected from discrimination.

"Homosexual politics is masquerading today as civil rights, in order to exploit the moral high ground of the civil rights movement. Homosexuality is immoral, contrary to the Bible and contrary to traditional Judeo-Christian moral standards, and the open affirmation of homosexuality represents a sign of God's surrendering a society to its perversion," said the resolution, which passed overwhelmingly.

### Clinton Bars Job Bias Against Gays

President Clinton has signed an executive order to protect homosexual federal workers from job discrimination. "Individuals should not be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work," Clinton said in a statement accompanying the order.

Gay and lesbian political activists heralded the move, which adds sexual orientation to the list of categories for which discrimination is illegal. The others are race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicaps and age. Previously, the Clinton administration had instituted the policy agency-by-agency. This order ensures a uniform policy for civilian workers throughout the federal government. Clinton, in his statement, added a pitch to Congress to pass a long-pending bill to extend protection from job discrimination to all American workers in both the public and private sectors.

## Disney Gay Day Protest Fizzles

Operation Rescue churned out few protesters and did little to disrupt Gay Day at Disney's Magic Kingdom on June 6, raising questions about the clout of a group that once could draw thousands to its banner. Just seven protesters, trailed by a larger number of Walt Disney World security officers and media representatives, entered the park. The predicted showdown between protesters and gays fizzled to a few polite conversations.

An estimated 120,000 people were in Orlando for the weekend festivities. Disney officials wouldn't say how many people were in Magic Kingdom, although unlike past Gay Days it didn't fill to capacity, Warren said. Operation Rescue came to town with the hope of "saving" Orlando from homosexuality, abortion clinics and what it considers to be pornography peddled by Barnes & Noble bookstores. But in the end, its showing was a far cry from its glory days.

## Conservatives Block Gay Nominee

Supporters of the stalled nomination of a gay philanthropist to become ambassador to Luxembourg said they have drawn to within one vote of being able to break a conservative stranglehold. James Hormel now has the support of 59 senators, picking up an additional Republican vote, supporters said. A small band of conservatives, complaining about what they see as Hormel's gay rights activism, have been able to prevent a vote. To break such a hold requires the votes of 60 senators. If confirmed, Hormel, 64, of San Francisco would become the United States' first openly gay ambassador. Clinton nominated him to the post last year, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended the nomination to the full Senate last October.

## Lott Says Gays are Sinners

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said that he believes homosexuality is a sin, and that gay people should be assisted in dealing with it "just like alcohol...or sex addiction...or kleptomaniacs." Lott was immediately criticized by an official of the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization.

The Mississippi Republican made the remarks while taping an interview for "The Armstrong Williams Show," a cable television show. When Williams asked Lott if he believed homosexuality is a sin, the senator replied, "Yeah, it is..."

"you should still love the person," Lott added. "You should not try to mistreat them or treat them as outcasts. You should try to show them a way to deal with that problem." The remarks shoved Lott into a controversy that has engulfed the scientific, gay and conservative communities: Whether homosexuals have chosen their lifestyle or whether it is biologically predetermined.

A Response: Jesus never mentions homosexuals. He does however, specifically condemn divorce and remarriage. He says that is adultery and Leviticus says that adultery is punishable by death.

Michael Collins

## Sailor to Retire with Benefits

The highly decorated Pearl Harbor sailor who had to sue the Navy to stay in the service after it accused him of being gay is retiring under a settlement that gives him full benefits. Timothy R. McVeigh will leave the Navy after 18 years of service but will be allowed the benefits normally given to a serviceman who has served at least 20 years. McVeigh, who has never revealed his sexual preference, said that it was never an issue. McVeigh also reached with America Online, the nation's largest online service, a separate out-of-court settlement. The online service said it will pay McVeigh damages for violating his privacy. The amount was not disclosed.

## Thanks, Mr. Speaker

A staff slip-up in House Speaker Newt Gingrich's office made the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force \$1,900 richer, when a calendar signed by Gingrich drew spirited bidding at a charity auction. The calendar skyrocketed in value with the addition of some correspondence: a fax from the speaker's office clarifying that the calendar had been given without Gingrich's consent and that he "is not supportive of the... task force."

"I thought it fitting to bring the calendar home to Newt, since he was so generous to give it to us," said Garrith Xavier-Carey, who was raised in Gingrich's own Cobb County, Ga., and now lives in Atlanta. The "Ire of Newt" package brought the highest price of the more than 600 items auctioned.

## Robertson Warns Gays of Hurricanes

Calling it a message of redemption, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson said one of Florida's biggest cities should beware of hurricanes after allowing "Gay Days". Gay organizations sponsor the annual event in Orlando, with flags of a Rainbow design flying from downtown utility poles. "I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you," Robertson said on "The 700 Club," the Christian Broadcasting Network talk show.

Robertson also said the widespread practice of homosexuality "will bring about terrorist bombs, it'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor." Robertson said his warning "is not a message of hate. This is a message of redemption." Mitch Rosa, president of Hampton Roads Pride, a regional gay rights group, laughed when he heard of Robertson's remarks. "I feel sorry for him, I really do," Rosa said. "If he's worried about a hurricane, he should worry first about his own roof"

## Majority of Americans Support Gay Rights

A growing majority of Americans support gay and lesbian equality, according to a new report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task (NGLTF) Policy Institute. "From Wrongs to Rights: Public Opinion of Gay and Lesbian Americans Moves Toward Equality" is the most comprehensive analysis of trends in public opinion about gay men and lesbians during the past twenty years

It shows that strong majorities of Americans now support equality in employment (84 percent); housing (81 percent); inheritance rights (62 percent) and social security benefits (57 percent) for same-sex couples; and gays in the military (66 percent). In addition, disapproval of same-sex relationships dropped a substantial 19 points from a peak of 75 percent in 1987 to 56 percent in 1996. The report also shows the percentage of people opposed to same-sex marriage (and those opposed to adoption by gay and lesbian couples) to be declining.

"From Wrongs to Rights" also demonstrates the paradoxical nature of public support, showing that despite the significant gains in positive attitudes regarding legal equality, gay men and lesbians remain unpopular. Despite the persistence of anti-gay sentiment, however, the report shows that the public's censure of gay and lesbian relations is declining over time.

"From Wrongs to Rights" was published by the Policy Institute of NGLTF and examines public opinion polls over the last two decades that measured attitudes toward gay and lesbian people and equal rights issues. The report reviewed only the most credible polls: those that measured opinion among systematically selected and representative samples of the U.S. adult population as a whole. For a copy of the report, contact Betsy Gressler, Deputy Political Director, at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3306 or by pager at (800) 757-6476. An Executive Summary and the full report are available at NGLTF's web site at <http://www.nglftf.org>.

## BankBoston and Meyers Capital Team Up

BankBoston Development Company, a division of BankBoston, has announced that it has become a direct equity investor in Meyers Capital Management. The \$250,000 investment will be used to provide capital to market the Meyers Pride Value Fund, the only mutual fund that invests in companies that have explicitly stated anti-discriminatory policies in place for gay and lesbian employees.

Meyers Capital Management, formed in 1996 by Shelly Meyers, a former analyst and assistant portfolio manager with The Boston Company, is an investment manager with offices in Beverly Hills, California and Boston. In addition to the Meyers Pride Value Fund, the firm manages private asset and institutional accounts. The company's mission is to be a leader in providing superior investment products and services tailored to women as well as the gay and lesbian community. It is estimated that the tangible assets of the gay and lesbian community in the U.S. exceed \$800 billion.

The Meyers Pride Value Fund invests with a value strategy, focusing on undervalued large-cap companies with strong fundamentals. Current holdings include AMR Corp., (parent of American Airlines) (2.28 percent), Sun Micro Systems (2.99 percent), Sears, Roebuck & Co. (3.66 percent), and Amgen, Inc. (3.15 percent). As of March 31, 1998, the fund had a year-to-date total return of 12.25 percent vs. 11.9 percent for the average domestic stock fund as tracked by Morningstar. The total return for the one year period ended March 31, 1998 was 31.48 percent and the average annual return since the Fund's inception on June 13, 1996 was 24.28 percent. The fund is distributed by BISYS Fund Services, LP. For more complete information on the fund, including fees and expenses, and to receive a prospectus, call the fund at 1-800-410-3337, or visit its Web site at [www.pridefund.com](http://www.pridefund.com).



### CO - Gay Palimony Suit

A Loveland man has filed what might be the state's first homosexual palimony lawsuit in Denver District Court, seeking repayment for supporting his former gay partner. Larry Williams, 41, of Loveland is suing Mark Geffre, 32, of Denver. The two men lived together in Loveland for about eight years while Geffre attended Colorado State University. Williams claims that he financially supported Geffre during their time together and helped Geffre to set up a house and his mortgage company, American Federal Lending Inc. in Denver. The two had agreed that Geffre would return the favor by likewise supporting Williams while he earned a college degree, the plaintiff claims. But Geffre failed to keep his promise and left the relationship after Williams was severely injured in a 1994 car accident, said Barbara Lavender, a Boulder attorney representing Williams.

Now Williams is demanding restitution that probably will amount to at least \$75,000, said Julie Tolleson, managing attorney for the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, a gay-rights group assisting with the plaintiff's case. Williams and his attorneys have not yet settled on the total damages they will seek.

### FL - Gay Couple's Custody Battle

A Palm Bay woman who lost a court fight for custody of a child born to her former lesbian lover said Friday she isn't giving up yet. Penny Kazmierazak, 39, said she will appeal the decision by Circuit Judge Ben Bryan to dismiss the case. Bryan ruled Kazmierazak has no legal standing to be awarded custody of 4-year-old Zoey, the daughter born to Pamela Query, 36, during the two women's now-broken relationship.

Kazmierazak and Query had been together for 10 years when Query underwent artificial insemination in 1993 so the couple could have a child. Kazmierazak, who is unable to have children, said she selected the donor, paid for the procedure, named the child and became Zoey's primary caregiver.

However, none of that evidence was allowed during the hearing. In dismissing the case, the judge noted that Kazmierazak was not the biological parent, had not been married to the child's mother and had not adopted the child. Same-sex marriages and adoptions by homosexual partners are not recognized legally in Florida. Kazmierazak said her appeal to the 4th District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach is not only for Zoey. It also is an effort to change custody laws so that they are in the best interest of children, whether their parents are heterosexual or homosexual.

### MA - Harvard's First Visibility Award

Following their appointment this spring as the new masters of Lowell House, Diana L. Eck and her partner Dorothy A. Austin will receive the first Harvard Gay and Lesbian Caucus Visibility Award. This is the first year that the Caucus Visibility Award will be given. It was created specifically with Eck, professor of comparative religion and Indian studies at Harvard, and Austin, a professor at Drew University, in mind.

Robert W. Mack '71, a member of the caucus' board of directors, said Eck and Austin's appointment was the spark in creating this award, but the Visibility Award further recognizes their long, positive and visible presence as a lesbian couple at Harvard. According to a press release from the organization, a recent caucus student survey emphasized that students need prominent gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered role models in the faculty and staff to help them accept their own sexuality.

### ME - Gay Rights Law

Residents in the tourist town of Ogunquit, with a large population of gays and lesbians want one thing known: They disagree with the repeal of Maine's gay rights law. They are concerned that tourists might decide not to visit Maine because of the controversial vote in February. Selectmen voted unanimously this week to issue a proclamation heralding the town's support of non-discrimination legislation. The action falls short of the gay rights ordinances being considered by other communities such as South Portland, Kennebunk and Camden. But residents of this coastal community - whose year-round population of 900 reaches more than 50,000 during the summer - believe the proclamation will send a message to potential visitors.

The Ogunquit proclamation carries no legal authority. Rather, it recognizes the town's sexual diversity and endorses the spirit of the now-defunct state law. It says the town will continue to enforce the state's human rights law. No one feared that the statewide repeal would result in a huge drop in tourism in Ogunquit. But some believed the town should at least take a stand on the issue so it could respond to those who write to complain.

### NJ - Episcopalians Bypass Gay Minister

Bypassing a gay candidate, delegates electing the Episcopal Diocese of Newark's next bishop chose a pastor who supports ordaining noncelibate gays and blessing same-sex unions. The Rev. John Croneberger will succeed Bishop John S. Spong as bishop coadjutor. Spong will retire in 2000. Croneberger defeated five other candidates, including the Rev. Canon Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Although all six candidates, like Spong, favor ordination of gays and blessing same-sex unions, Robinson would have been the nation's first openly gay Episcopal bishop.

### NY - Gay Wall Streeter Fired

A gay investment banker says he was given the boot because of his sexual orientation in what experts say is the first discrimination suit by a homosexual worker on Wall Street. Joe Daniel, 35, a graduate of Harvard and Yale, charges Dresdner Bank discriminated against him - and ultimately fired him - because he is gay. He's seeking \$75 million in damages.

In June 1996, Daniel said, the firm offered to promote him to vice president, going so far as to print new business cards and circulate a memo announcing the news. But after learning of his homosexuality, he alleges, they reneged. Daniel said he can recall the moment clearly, one Monday afternoon in the summer of 1996, when a colleague, noting his sunburn, asked where he'd spent the weekend. After much hesitation, Daniel said, he revealed that he had been at the largely gay resort town of Fire Island Pines. From that point, he claims, everything changed.

In April 1997 - seven days after he requested that gay employees get the same health benefits as straight ones - he alleges he was terminated in a restructuring that affected only him. That's untrue, Dresdner countered in court papers, contending Daniel - who was paid \$70,000 a year plus a \$35,000 bonus - already was out of the closet at work, and that the restructuring had nothing to do with his sexual orientation.

### NY - Minimizing Marriage, By Cardinal O'Connor

As Archbishop of New York, I am asked from time to time by both Catholics and members of other religious faiths to comment on matters of public policy or to explain church teaching in connection with them. Such is the case regarding the proposed New York City domestic partnership legislation now under consideration by the City Council of New York, which would place unmarried couples on a legal, social and moral par with married couples.

The Archdiocese of New York examines all proposed legislation regarding human relationships from the critically important perspective of its potential impact on marriage and the family. The Church believes unconditionally in the uniqueness of the state of marriage defined as the conjugal relationship between a man and a woman. The Archdiocese of New York must regrettably conclude that the proposed domestic partnership legislation fails to provide the necessary moral and even civil protection for the uniqueness of marriage and the family. On the contrary, it may reasonably be interpreted as equating the non-married state with the married state. This cannot fail to influence the young in their attitudes toward marriage and the family, even discouraging marriage. It can eventually lead to moral and cultural changes in our society neither anticipated or traditionally desired from our earliest days as a people.

...Church teachings on the subject of marriage and the family are in no way unique to the Catholic church. Jewish and Christian scholars down the ages have articulated similar and generally identical convictions, namely the lifelong commitment of one man to one woman in marriage....It is imperative, in my judgment, that no law be passed contrary to natural moral law and Western tradition by virtually legislating that "marriage does not matter."

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## NY - Equality for Gays in Albany

After voting to tighten city laws that protect gay people from housing and employment discrimination, the Common Council passed a resolution Monday urging state lawmakers to pass a law that similarly protects gays. The city already has a human rights ordinance, adopted in 1991, that prohibits discrimination against gays along with other groups.

But two separate ordinances that prohibit employment and housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability and marital status do not mention sexual orientation. Legislation, which unanimously passed, adds "sexual orientation" to the list on those two ordinances, basically closing the loophole in the city's ordinances.

Also, the council voted unanimously to pass a bill urging the state to pass the "sexual orientation non-discrimination" bill. First introduced in 1971, the law would ban discrimination against gays in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and education. Right now, there is no state or federal legislation that provides such protection. The state Assembly passed a bill in 1993, but the Senate did not. In each subsequent year, it has also been held up by the Senate. Other municipalities that have ordinances protecting gays include Albany County, Rochester, Buffalo, New York City, Alfred, Ithaca, Watertown and Plattsburgh.

## OH - Court Orders Teacher Reinstated

A federal court order, believed the first of its kind in the nation, has directed the reinstatement of a southwest Ohio sixth-grade teacher whose contract was rejected because he is gay. Bruce Glover's lawyer, Alphonse Gerhardstein, said that the Williamsburg Local School District in Clermont County denied that Glover's sexual-orientation was the reason it decided not to renew his contract, but Cincinnati U.S. District Court Judge Susan Dlott believed otherwise. She said the board of education acted out of anti-gay hostility, which "can never be a legitimate government purpose." Glover's first full-time, teaching position was during 1995-96 when he taught English and social studies on a probationary contract, but when he was denied a contract for the next year, Glover sued.

## WA - WSU Cancels Gay Conference

A conference for gay youth, scheduled for Washington State University, was canceled because WSU officials were worried about the safety of participants. The conference for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth and their families was set for June 19-21. "Because reaction coming from around Washington and the region is so intense, we concluded the controversy would impede our ability to have a supportive and productive conference," said Ernestine Madison, a vice provost at WSU. School officials questioned their "ability to provide a safe and supportive environment for young people already exposed to high levels of intolerance," Madison said in a news release.

## Announcement

### Leading Homes

Michael Pavlicin has joined the Westport office of Tilghman & Frost Real Estate. Michael has worked the past three years as an Exclusive Buyer Agent with Leading Homes - The Buyers' Real Estate Company, located in Southport. Michael will continue to specialize in representing real estate buyers. He has extensive experience representing buyer-clients throughout lower Fairfield County, primarily in the market area of Norwalk to Fairfield. Nearly 50% of his business has been with gay and lesbian clients.

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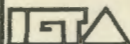
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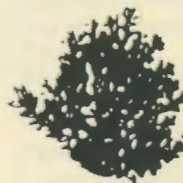
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### Groups Meeting at or Sponsored by TCC

- A.A. - Don 762-9964
- Bi Rap Group** - Peter 838-2806; Robin 855-8646
- Free Association of Fairfield County** - John 268-8858 x304
- Gay Men's Rap Group** - Dave 838-1881; John 389-7381
- Gmosaic (People of Color)** - Nasheed 854-7726
- Lesbian Literature Reading Group** - Christine, 847-8476
- Out & About (20's & 30's)** - Heather 924-2930; Ashley 576-1073 or Dan 838-2367
- OutSpoken (Youth)** - Barb 259-8171; Dan 227-1755; Doug 838-2367
- P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)**  
Joan 544-8724; Lester 322-5380; Belinda 855-1203
- P-FLAG Spouses & Ex Spouses Group** - Joan 544-8724
- Triangle Bowling League (Circle Lanes, Fairfield)** - Lisa 333-3113; Roseann 931-8789
- Women's Rap Group** - Chandra 226-8652; Linda 866-4598; Michele 438-4465

All meetings are held at the Center and in the evening unless otherwise noted. A \$3 donation per person is appreciated with your participation in activities to help support the Center.

### Other Area Groups and Organizations

- Bare & Gay (B&G) gay nudists (203) 330-9595
- Bisexually Curious Support Group Bpt (203) 264-5605
- Chiltern Mountain Club (888) 831-3100
- Connecticut Kids and Families (203) 256-8414
- Connecticut Freedom to Marry Coalition (203) 791-9553
- 40-Up Club.(Social Grp.-call Dale before 10pm) (203) 261-4019
- Gay Fathers Group (203) 866-7051
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Assoc. (203) 332-1480
- Gay Mens Association of Danbury (203) 778-7016
- GEMS (Mature GLBT) (860) 688-1881
- GuideLine (gay/lesbian phone info) (203) 366-3734
- Hartford Community Center (203) 724 5542
- Married Men's Bisexual Suppt Grp Htfd (203) 262-1555
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- The Loft, White Plains NY, (914) 948-4922
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- Triangle Kids (203) 255-6229  
(203) 323-6278
- Western Connecticut Gay Men's Group (203) 773-9947

We're glad to list your non-profit gay/lesbian/bi/tg group free of charge. Call (203) 964-1133. Please keep us informed of changes.

**WHERE ARE WE?** The Triangle Community Center Inc. is located at 25 Van Zant Street in Norwalk. From I-95, take Exit 16 and go south (from Stamford, turn right; from New Haven, turn left). Continue south under the railroad bridge and turn right on Van Zant St. (Route 136). 25 Van Zant is a large condominium office building on the right. TCC is in Suite 7-C on the ground floor, Tel. (203) 853-0600.

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### Connecticut Calendar

**Friday, July 10** — Potluck and Movie Night at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 50 Fitch Street, New Haven. Tonight's feature: "Back Street." Potluck at 6:30 PM, film at 7:15 PM. Suggested donation \$3.00. For more info e-mail: FGDMYO@aol.com.

**Saturday, July 11** — Satan's Kingdom Tubing with the Chiltern Mountain Club, a leisurely two-hour floatdown the Farmington River, fully outfitted for \$12.00, no experience necessary (except basic swimming). Meet at the admissions trailer at 11:30 AM. Please call Richard at 860-647-9037 before 9:00 PM for details and directions.

**Saturday, July 18** — The "Art From the Heart" concert series sponsors an evening of piano with Dan Diego Adams featuring classical, theatre and original musical compositions. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. At the Pequot Library, 720 Pequot Ave., Southport, 8PM. For more info call 203-855-7922 or e-mail: dandiego@ibm.net.

**Saturday, July 18** — Women After Hours Dance (women only), Holiday Inn, East Hartford, 8:30 PM-1 AM, \$10.00 cover. Call 860-528-9611 for directions, or e-mail: chretien1@aol.com.

**Friday, July 24** — Potluck and Movie Night at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 50 Fitch Street, New Haven. Tonight's feature: "Madame X." Potluck at 6:30 PM, film at 7:15 PM. Suggested donation \$3.00. For more info e-mail: FGDMYO@aol.com.

**Saturday, July 25** — Tea For Two Hundred, Cottage Garden Party at the home of Gael Hammer, 63 River Rd., Washington, CT. Events include a fortune teller, musical entertainment, a horticultural silent auction, and garden tours, from 3-6 pm. White apparel is requested. Cost: \$25 to benefit Interfaith AIDS Ministry and Northwest Connecticut AIDS Project. (Rain date: Sunday, July 26) For information or reservations, email: jimburgh@mail1.nai.net.

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