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Hear Ye... Here Ye...



You are invited – indeed urged – to come to and participate in TCC’s Annual Town Meeting happening this Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 PM. We’d come drag you here if we could but, since this is a community that respects free will, we’ll rely on earnest entreaties instead. We’re not above a bit of bribery though, great refreshments will be served.

So, if you ever felt like you’re always the last one to be “in the know” ...come, find out what’s going on. Ever wonder how decisions get made about the Center? Here’s your chance to ask. Curious about the members of the Board of Directors and what they do? Come, meet, greet and query. Have questions about where the money comes from and where it goes? Now’s the opportunity to find out.

So...Bring your ideas, your questions, your suggestions and let us know what you want, both **for** and **from** TCC. Remember, it takes a community to run a Center!

-Meg Bachtel

Speaking of Meetings

The TCC Board of Directors is having a special “open” Board meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:30 PM and you’re invited. Here’s your opportunity to see the board in action. Hear about the 1999 budget, the next Friendraiser, the Creating Change Conference, etc. It’ll be informative and fun!

Bread & Roses Gets The Dough



Photo by Gerry Lengen

Don Buxton, president of the Triangle Community Center is seen here presenting a check for \$4,700 to Karen Veronica, co-chair of Bread & Roses. The check represents B&R’s share of the proceeds from the wildly successful production of “Pageant” last January.

“Pageant”, the second theatrical production directed by Scott Robbins, played for five house-filled nights at the Norwalk Community and Technical College in Norwalk. The play netted over \$14,000. TCC and TCC’s Scholarship Fund received the other two thirds of the profits. The Center is sponsoring another musical, “Nonsense A-Men!” which will play for five nights in January 1999. Proceeds will again benefit B&R, TCC and the Scholarship Fund.

Site Committee

The lease on the Center’s space expires in 1999 and deciding on whether to stay or go begins now. A Site Committee is forming for just that purpose. Should we find a new space or fix up this one?. Should we stay in Norwalk or move to Westport? What about Stamford? Help to negotiate a new lease or renegotiate the old one. And what about zoning? And what about being too visible? And harassment? Come, join the Site Committee and be a part of the plan. After all, it’s your home too. Call Dave Carroll at (203) 838-1881 or e-mail him at: dcfour@aol.com

Movie Night at TCC



Lay del Deso (Law of Desire), (subtitled) filmed in Spain in 1987, 105 min. is the next scheduled film slated for TCC's Movie Night. This film is an upside down, inside out cornucopia of love in all its guises with murder, amnesia and suicide thrown in to complete the mix. The couplings and uncouplings happen so naturally that we can't help but embrace this cast of characters. Filmed on location in Madrid and other parts of Spain, the film depicts some of the fringes of the Spanish entertainment world.

The plot revolves around an older producer who attracts the interest of a 19 year old man. The young man's infatuation and love is of such intensity that he allows nothing to interfere with the fulfillment of his obsession. The cast of characters include a transsexual who was the brother of the producer but who now is the sister, an inept police team composed of a father and son and Antonio Banderas as the 19 year old. The original love interest of the producer is the primary obstacle to fulfilling the 19 year old's desire (we can't give away too much!). The Law of Desire stars Antonio Banderas, Carmen Maura, and is produced/directed by Eusebio Poncela. Come and see this Spanish hot tamale on Sunday, October 25 at 7:00 PM. Popcorn and drinks and your \$3.00 make this evening a winner. See you there!

Thanks!

The Triangle Softball team concluded their season with an 8 win 9 loss record. Games were played primarily at Norwalk beach's Calf Pasture. The Team wishes supporters who came out to special thanks goes to support and sponsorship for next season. The team along with their new uniforms. "We're ready to take on all challengers!" said Coach Marie Johnson.



to thanks all the fans and to cheer for the team. And a TCC for their generous Preparations are being made will have a new logo to go

Lesbian Lit Group

For their November discussion group which will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd, the Lesbian Literature Group has chosen the "The Accidental Activist- A Personal and Political Memoir" by Candice Gingrich. Two copies of this book are available in TCC's Resource Room as well as local bookstores. For more information call Christine at (203) 847-8476. The Lesbian Literature Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at TCC starting at 7:30 PM.

HIV/AIDS Discussion at TCC

On October 9th at 7 PM TCC's Out & About group will be hosting an open discussion about HIV/AIDS and safe sex. Nasheed Abbul'Wakil will be leading the discussion, providing instruction and answering questions. This discussion is open to ALL members of the les/bi/gay/trans community.

Lookin' Good!

If you've been to the Center lately you're sure to have noticed the remarkable change in the many bulletin boards and display panels throughout the Center. They are organized, tidy and up to date! Now who would have taken the time and have the patience to tackle this assignment? Wendy Capelin and Calvin Burwell...that's who. Not only did they do a terrific job, they actually VOLUNTEERED to do it without even being asked and while the Board was still reeling from the terrific job they had done, we received a list of goals and actions prepared by the dynamic duo. Spooky isn't it. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to you both!

"Nonsense A-Men!" Auditions

Open auditions for "Nonsense A-Men", the all-male version of this play, directed by Scott M. Robbins, and will be performed in Norwalk, Connecticut in January 1999. The chosen dates are January 15, 16, 21, 22, 23. Mr. Robbins is seeking five men who can act, sing and dance.

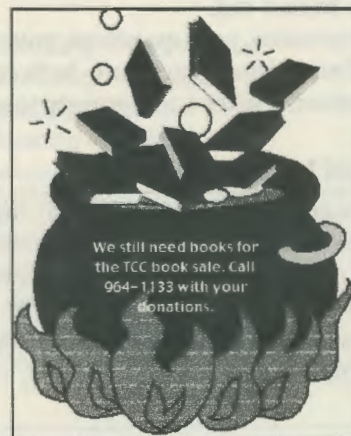
Auditions will take place on Friday, October 16th at 7PM and Saturday, October 17th at 10 AM in the Performing Arts Center of the Norwalk Community Technical College at 188 Richards Ave, Norwalk, off the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) exit 13. For more information call Michael Collins at (203) 281-8984 or (203) 375-3567.

Eric Marcus at TCC

Eric Marcus will be appearing at TCC on November 8th where he will be discussing his new book, *Together Forever: The Gay Marriage*, the first look at happy, long-lasting gay and lesbian relationships from the ground up. It is published by Anchor Books.

Eric is co-author with Greg Louganis of the #1 New York Times best-selling *Breaking the Surface*, (Random-House: 1995, Plume, 1996). He is also the co-author of *Icebreaker: The Autobiography of Rudy Galindo*, the 1996 U.S. Figure Skating Champion (Pocket Books/Simon & Schuster, 1997). In addition, Eric is the author of five other books:

1. Why Suicide? Answers to 200 of the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Suicide, Attempted Suicide, and Assisted Suicide (Harper-San Francisco, 1996);
2. Is It A Choice? Answers to 300 of the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Guys and Lesbians (Harper-SF, 1993);
3. Expect the Worst (You Won't Be Disappointed) (Harper-SF, 1992);
4. Making History: The Struggle for Gay & Lesbian Equal Rights, 1945 to 1990, An Oral History (Harper-Collins, 1992);
5. The Mate Couple's Guide: Finding a Man, Making a Home, Building a Life (Harper-Collins, 1988 and 1992).



"Nunsense A-Men!" is Coming in January

Nunsense A-Men!—an all new, all male version of the smash play "Nunsense"—is coming to Norwalk, Connecticut in January 1999. The original "Nunsense" featured five women playing five nuns and ran for nearly a decade in Manhattan, with 3,672 performances. The new "Nunsense A-Men!" is currently running at the 47th Street Theatre in Manhattan. The rights for the Norwalk performances, directed by Scott M. Robbins, were negotiated by special arrangement with the author, according to Mr. Robbins.

The shows run January 15th and 16th (Friday and Saturday) and January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at 8 PM all five evenings, with receptions following each show. The performances will be held at the Norwalk Community and Technical College (NCTC) Performing Arts Center at 188 Richards Avenue in Norwalk, off Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) exit 13. Tickets are \$50 and \$35 for the show and include a post-show reception. "Nunsense A-Men!" is being sponsored by the Triangle Community Center (TCC), the gay and lesbian community center at 25 Van Zant Street (Route 136) in East Norwalk, CT. Portions of the proceeds will go to benefit TCC and Bread & Roses, the AIDS residence in Fairfield County. "Nunsense A-Men!" features comedy, gags, music and songs ranging from tender to hand-clapping torrid.

How was "Nunsense" received by the critics in New York?

"Habit forming," said the New York Times.

"A cheerful evening of songs and skits," said the Catholic Standard and Record.

"This irreverent and hilarious spoof has zany momentum," said Variety.

"Nunsense is good old-fashioned comedy at its best: it is quick-paced, generally raucous, occasionally touching and totally wonderful. Bravo!" said Back Stage.

And "Nunsense" was the winner of the Outer Critics Circle awards for best off-Broadway musical and best music.

The director, Scott M. Robbins, directed the January 1997 Norwalk performances of "Woop-Dee-Doo", the June 1997 Westport, CT performances of "The World Goes Round" and the January 1998 performances of "Pageant". "Woop-Dee-Doo" raised \$17,000 for TCC, and for Bread & Roses, and other AIDS organizations. "The World Goes Round" played to virtually sold-out audiences and benefited Bread & Roses. "Pageant" also raised \$14,000 for TCC and Bread & Roses.

Mr. Robbins produced several productions at the Pinecrest Theatre in Fairfield County, including the premiere production of "Stay Tuned", which he also co-produced in New York. Scott Robbins has taught acting for many years and several of his former students are now on Broadway and television and in films. He has staged more than twenty-five large-scale productions in addition to the 1997 productions of "Woop-Dee-Doo" and "The World Goes Round" and the 1998 production of "Pageant".

The plays have become a centerpiece of TCC and Mr. Robbins was recognized with an award from TCC in January 1998 for the productions, which have raised money and also involved large numbers of TCC members, bringing them together as a community. (Also recognized with a special TCC award in January 1998 was actor Ron Dryer of Stamford who appeared in all three shows and who dedicated his work to the cause of AIDS care and research).

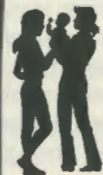
Anyone wanting information about "Nunsense A-Men!" may telephone TCC publicity director Michael Collins of Stratford, who may be reached at AM 1220 WQUN Hamden, CT at (203) 281-8984 or evenings and weekends at (203) 375-3567. Questions may be faxed to Mr. Collins at (203) 378-7162.

-Michael Collins

On Friday, October 2nd at 8:00 PM,
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Bridgeport
will be hosting an Opening Night Reception for:

Love Makes A Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families

This nationally recognized traveling photograph text exhibit from The Family Diversity Project of Amherst, MA will continue through Oct. 25th at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 96 Chapel St., Stratford, CT. Tickets are \$10 per person; \$7 students and seniors.



This exhibit with photos by Gigi Kaeser, depicts a variety of families of all races with gay or lesbian moms, dads, grandparents, and teenagers. The words and images show their strength, support and love.

The exhibit will be open to the public on the following dates:

Sundays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Monday, October 5 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wednesdays, October 14 & 21 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Other visits can be scheduled by appointment.

For more information call Janice Wood at 375-6455.

Another New Board Member!

Meg Bachtel is the newest member of the Board of Directors of TCC. She brings with her organizational, communication and leadership skills that have been honed to a fine point through her years of volunteer work in the gay and lesbian community including her indispensable work with the CT Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights that led to the passage of the Connecticut's Gay Rights Law. She currently volunteers as a chef one night a month at Bread & Roses where she and her partner Justine Michaud prepare dinner for the residents. Meg brings with her a wealth of experience as a board member having previously served a term on TCC's Board of Directors. Welcome aboard!



October 11th
National
Coming
Out Day!

IF YOU WANT MY OPINION....

Clinton vs Starr

We have slipped into an era of sexual McCarthyism. Will we look back on this salacious episode of American political drama 20 years or weeks from now and realize how effectively and destructively distracting a side show the Starr investigation has become. It is appalling that \$40 million of tax dollars have been spent starting with a failed real estate deal and ended with kinky sex in the Oval Office. If the litmus test of idealized squeaky clean morality and absolute truth (whatever those 2 things are) are applied to the Presidency as a credential for holding the office, let the billion dollar investigations begin of every politician. Microscopic examination of skeletons can become the new national rage! Since when have we believed that politicians ever tell the whole truth, and that any of them or us (since we are all flawed human beings) can pass perfection tests designed for gods.

Let us get over our preoccupation's with sex at the expense of the real and critical business of the country and crisis facing nations and peoples on our planet. Now, the Russian government is teetering, Asia has financial woes, probable breakout of religious wars in the Middle East, continued terrorism in South America, turmoil in Africa, even campaign finance and health care reform in the US are far more important, albeit more complex and less soap opera interesting, than this Lewinsky affair. Or are we missing the point entirely, that this is the modern, bloodless coup d'etat removing a popular, effective, democratically elected President from office? Yes, Bill Clinton showed poor judgment and control by having an affair with someone about the age of his daughter. Yes, he was stupid and naive to lie about it. It is not the first or last time he or many other leaders in government and business intoxicated by the power of position have had extramarital affairs. And it won't be the last time. So why are we told by the media and government leaders to be so "shocked", mouth open gasping and shaking our heads about whether to take Mr. Clinton behind the woodshed or call the moving van.

No wonder some members of Congress are stalling for time in declaring their bandwagon decision for or against impeachment proceedings. Public life is not comfortable or for the most part a laudatory career choice anymore. Casting stones is painful and unproductive. We vote for and pay for people in government to conduct the business of this country and take a leadership position in world politics. For the last several months Congress has been on a coffee break reading Hustler magazine, while the store it is supposed to be minding has closed for business. Let us put this matter behind us and move on to feeding, caring for, sheltering, protecting, and bolstering one another, to strive to be positive agents of change in our country, and earn our place as responsible citizens of the world.

- Justine Michaud

Letter: Thomas column deeply flawed

I was appalled to read Cal Thomas' column ("Telling truth about gay behavior") in the July 23 edition of The Telegraph (Nashua, NH). In the wake of recent news regarding the prevalence of violence against gay and lesbian youth, Thomas' insinuation that gay rights activists work through "intimidation" was sad and in poor taste. As a Unitarian Universalist who will soon be ordained as a minister, I rush to point out that not all religious people think like Mr. Thomas. I am concerned about the ethics of using a former drug user who admits he "developed a hard attitude toward others, even [his] lovers" as an example of "the gay lifestyle." The relationship pattern Thomas described would be no more healthy or moral if it were heterosexual.

The sin in this situation was in using other people only as vehicles for pleasure. That sin, I am sorry to say, is all too common in every sexual orientation. The deepest flaws in Thomas' writing, however, are religious and theological. Thomas claims that tolerant religious people "don't recognize sin when they see it because they've denied the One who defines what it is." This is a dangerous statement. Only God can have a perfect ability to understand God's will, unfiltered through human motivations and foibles...

Thomas also writes: "That various medical groups and liberal religious denominations have declared homosexual behavior not a disease or a sin says more about the organizations and denominations than it does about the possibility of change." As a religious liberal I agree, and gladly. What it says is that these organizations share a fundamental respect for human dignity and the courage to speak against bigotry in whatever form we find it. I am proud that my religion has had this courage. Thomas' column was poor religion and poor journalism. In the future, I hope you are more careful about printing columns like these.

- Daniel S. Schatz, Milford

A Second Letter by Our Own RH

Published in The Naples (FL) Daily News on August 25, 1998.

As half of a 60-something gay male couple planning to retire to the Sun Coast in a few years, I have one thing to say about Nancy Farren's letter (Aug. 11) claiming that "the average male homosexual dies at age 40."

Hogwash!

Her factoid has no scientific basis whatsoever, even though the anti-gay forces repeat it over and over as if it were common knowledge. The origin of the myth is the long-discredited 1993 Cameron study, where the "statistics" were obtained by counting up the obituaries of gay men and lesbians in a number of national gay magazines. It is not difficult to see the fallacy in this "study." It does not count a cross-section of all gay people who die, but only those well-known activists and celebrities who are openly gay - a sample strongly skewed toward younger people in the first place.

Most gay people of my generation are still in the closet, and when we die few of us get our obituaries in the gay media. The younger generation who grew up after gay liberation are more likely to be "out" and politically active, and their deaths, though much less frequent than those of older gays, are the ones more likely to be written about in gay magazines.

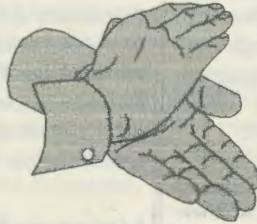
If Ms. Farren is going to use her credentials as a health professional to make pronouncements about gay health, she ought to check on the validity of the factoids she uses to support her opinions.

- Roger Hooverman, Norwalk, CT

Greenwich Greets Archbishop

Piqued by the vote of the world's Anglican bishops denouncing homosexuality as contrary to Christian morals, about 50 gay and lesbian activists wearing pink triangles were among the 800 worshipers at the Christ Church in Greenwich on August 23rd. They were drawn by the preacher - Archbishop of Canterbury George L. Carey, spiritual leader of 70 million Anglicans worldwide, including American Episcopalians.

There was nothing like a confrontation between Carey, who upholds traditional church values, and those who are pressing for the ordination of men and women who are openly homosexual and the blessing of same-sex unions. In the stone Gothic church here, politeness ruled. It was quite unlike the experience down and shoved from his pulpit by a radical gay protesting in the good old Anglican can way. We listen the officially recognized Episcopal gay and lesbian busload of activists came from New York City for the reaffirmation of traditional values was upheld in England, which is held every 10 years. It brought nations. The bishops from the Third World - African, from the West to denounce homosexuality as contrary resolution is not binding on the member churches but is morally persuasive.



Carey had in England at Easter, where he was shouted group. "Those of us in the U.S. Episcopal Church do our to one another," said Barry Bynum, a member of Integrity, caucus, who flew in from Atlanta for the service. A service and others drove from as far away as Maine.

overwhelmingly in August at the Lambeth Conference together more than 600 Anglican bishops from 160 Asia and Latin American - joined traditionalist bishops to Scripture in a 526-70 vote, with 45 abstentions. Such a

Carey acknowledged the presence of the men and women, including some priests, who were wearing the pink triangle. "My integrity too calls me to stand out for what I believe to be orthodox sexual morality," Carey said in his sermon. "But is it not possible for us to show the way in our divided society, how strong positions can be held in tension without demonizing one another? ...Let me assure you that the resolution from the Lambeth Conference calls upon us all to listen to one another and I am committed to that, for my experience tells me that in giving hospitality to the stranger we may be entertaining angels unknowingly."

Bishop Clarence N. Coleridge of Connecticut was among the bishops who participated in the service. He said the Lambeth resolution "is not going to change my care for my clergy whatever their orientation." At the same time, he said, his position continues to be that "I will not ordain and I will not permit blessings" of homosexuals unless the policy of the Episcopal Church that such things are "inappropriate" is changed.

Mobile Mammography

The Yale-New Haven Hospital Mobile Mammography Van will visit the locations listed below to perform breast cancer screening mammography. One in every eight women will develop breast cancer at some time in her life. Screening mammography is still the best known method in the early detection of breast cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends that women receive a mammogram every year beginning at age 40. The entire process takes less than 15 minutes. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Yale-New Haven Hospital mammography office Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM at (203) 688-6800.

Location:	Date:
October 1,6,12,19,28	Lot 22, Yale University, 266 Whitney, New Haven
October 7	Oronoque Village, Stratford
October 26	Lot 2, Yale-New Haven Hospital Frontage Rd., New Haven
October 29	Westport Stop and Shop, 1970 Post Road, East, Westport

New AIDS Group In Bridgeport

A Therapy Group for gay men living with HIV/AIDS has been started at Family Services Woodfield at the corner of Fairfield and Clinton Ave. in Bridgeport. Private insurance, Title 19 and Ryan White Funds are accepted. The group began late in September but is still open to new members. This is an opportunity to focus on specific issues and solutions in a safe and confidential setting. For more information please call the Intake Department at (203) 368-4291, ext. 328.

Kudos to Hooverman!

Roger Hooverman's pen has been as busy as ever. He recently had the following letter published in the New Haven Register on September 2, 1998

Letter:

Andrea Sheldon, Executive Director of the Traditional Values Coalition, wrote on Aug. 18 of two "shocking" days in San Francisco during which she searched the Public Library's Hormel Gay and Lesbian Reading Center for items that would offend her. The purpose of her distasteful task was to find material she could use to defame Mr. Hormel and the gay and lesbian community.

Last winter I happened to make a business trip to San Francisco and, having heard so much about the Hormel Center, I made a point to stop at the library and see it for myself. I found it to be a pleasant reading room tucked away in one corner of the vast building, its walls packed with books.

I recognized titles I had read, many of them classic works of gay fiction and non-fiction. Two or three people sat about, reading quietly. On the ceiling an inspiring mural, "Into the Light," depicted the rise of gay culture from the early Greeks to the writers, scholars and artists of today. It is a place that gay people can be proud of.

This is the largest gay and lesbian reference library in the world, so beyond the books on display there must be a great many more books and journals and pamphlets stored away for access by the serious student. It is not surprising that within this vast collection Sheldon was able to find some items that met her needs.

A mature researcher would know how to put this material in perspective. Sheldon's approach reminds me more of the grade-schooler who gets hold of an "adult" novel and underlines the dirty words in red crayon.

-Roger Hooverman, Norwalk, CT

Stamford Newspaper Offers Benefits

The Advocate, the daily newspaper of Stamford, has announced that it will offer health-insurance benefits for the first time to same-sex partners of eligible employees as of January 1st. The Advocate's new benefits came as the result of major policy changes at The Advocate's parent company, Times Mirror Co. Similar moves have already been made by other major media organizations, including the New York Times Co., The Washington Post and Knight Ridder Inc.

U.S. employers in general, are increasingly offering domestic-partner benefits. Other major Washington, D.C. area companies that offer these benefits include the Discovery Channel, America Online Inc. and Fannie Mae. According to the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, more than 500 companies across the country offer this coverage, up from about five in 1989. About 44 media companies offer the benefits, the journalists association said.

MCC/NH Service for AIDS Awareness Month

As part of its ongoing AIDS Awareness Month Activities, the Metropolitan Community Church of New Haven will have a candle lighting and special HIV/AIDS healing litany added to their regular worship services, as well as a special guest speaker, Rev. Alexander R. Garbera, on October 11, 1998. Rev. Garbera's sermon "Spiritual Survival with HIV/AIDS" is based on his 12 years experience living with the virus and loving people with HIV/AIDS. "As a long term survivor and HIV/AIDS activist," Rev. Garbera said, "I don't think I could have made it without a firm belief in a God that loves me unconditionally, and a community that supports and prays for me when I need it."

Rev. Garbera will be speaking at the regular MCC New Haven worship services on October 11, 1998, starting at 9:30am and 4:00pm. MCC New Haven is a Christian congregation especially serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons. For more information on this special service, or about MCC New Haven, please contact Rev. Frank Beard, Pastor. (203) 389-6750.

Hartford Pool Fee Controversy Takes New Turn

A gay West Hartford couple has entered the continuing pool fee controversy, which has captured national headlines, by filing a complaint with the state's human rights commission. Barry E. Amos and Andrew O'Brien, who have lived together for the past four years in a home on Trout Brook Drive, say the town's pool fees, which deny unmarried couples who live together a discounted "family" rate, are discriminatory and deny them equal access to a public place. In a complaint filed in late July with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Amos and O'Brien said that on two occasions they went to the Cornerstone Aquatics Center on Buena Vista Road to apply for membership, and on both occasions were refused membership in the "resident family" category.

This human rights complaint is the latest development in the pool fee controversy, first raised by another local gay couple, which has led to several contentious town council meetings at which hundreds of residents, married and unmarried, young and elderly, have voiced their opinions. The debate has divided the council along party lines, with the Republican-controlled majority voting to retain the current fee structure, and Democratic members wanting to make changes to accommodate unmarried couples. Currently, families pay \$395 for the annual pool membership and individuals now pay \$295, a \$50 discount from the previous rate of \$345. That means a gay couple living together must pay \$590 for an annual membership at the pool..

George Stephanopolous in Fairfield

Former presidential advisor George Stephanopolous will be visiting Fairfield, CT on October 21st. He was a featured keynote speaker at the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) convention in Washington, D.C. in October 1995. He will be appearing at the Quick Center at Fairfield University, North Benson Road in Fairfield, at 8 PM.

Mr. Stephanopolous, who is currently an ABC television network news commentator and a visiting Professor of Political Science at Columbia University in Manhattan, will discuss policy, politics, and the media. In his remarks to the 1995 NLGJA conference, he expressed strong support for ENDA, a proposed federal law to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination in employment. For prices and other information about his October 21st appearance in Fairfield, call the Quick Center Box Office at (203) 254-4010.

--Michael Collins

Maloney Meets with Gays in Waterbury

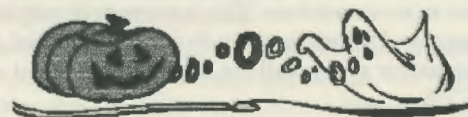
U.S. Congressman James Maloney met with a group of gay and lesbian community leaders and constituents in a special meeting on August 20th, at his office in Waterbury.

Congressman Maloney, whose 5th district includes northern and central Fairfield County and northern New Haven County, said he has seen more support than ever for the proposed federal law that would extend federal protection to gays in jobs and employment. Maloney, a Democrat, noted there are now more than 150 co-sponsors for the proposed law. Even so, he said he thinks it will be a while before this law is passed. Maloney noted the progress that has been made in gay rights. He said that one generation ago, the attitude was that it was perfectly all right to discriminate against "those people." But he said that with the progress made in the civil rights and women's movements, peoples' attitudes have changed and they are more accepting of the idea that gays should not be discriminated against.

Among the 20 or so people present at the meeting were Don Buxton, president of the Triangle Community Center (TCC), and Michael Collins of Stratford, director of publicity for TCC and general manager of AM 1220 WQUN, Hamden CT. Robin Passarella of the Children From The Shadows organization, spoke of the need to protect gay youth from taunts and intimidation in public schools. She said that in the 5th congressional district of Connecticut, the only school districts with gay-straight alliances to help gay youth are in the Fairfield County towns of Danbury and Brookfield.

John Allen, founder of the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, made note of the spate of anti-gay rhetoric and proposed anti-gay laws in the Republican controlled House. But in his remarks Maloney said that the anti-gay measures passed in the House will never pass in the Senate.

Congressman Maloney said that gays should take on the issues that are less difficult to win. As individual victories accumulate, they help increase the momentum for the total fight. As an example, he said that gays should concentrate their fight on passage of the proposed federal law to protect gay people in employment. This proposed legislation he feels, will be easier to get passed than some other, more volatile issues.



THE "EX-GAY" MOVEMENT

Can Gays Convert?

Transformation Ministries is a branch of Exodus International, a nondenominational Christian fellowship dedicated to helping homosexuals change their orientation. Touting strict Scriptural reading and a discredited theory of childhood development, Exodus was until recently one of the better-kept secrets in the American church. Then on July 13, in conjunction with conservative groups like the Christian Coalition, it started taking out full-page ads in major newspapers. In gentle, loving language, smiling "ex-gays" offered the bold promise: we changed, so can you. Gay advocates fumed. The mainstream psych community bridled.



"For the ad's sponsors, the uproar was golden.

"We've done 37 interviews in the last 10 days," exults Falzarano, who describes himself as "one of the top five 'ex-gays'"

.....For more than a century, therapists, churches and groups like the Aesthetic Realists have tried to change gays by means including drugs, electroshock and even testicular transplant. But after the American Psychiatric and Psychological associations voted in the 1970s that homosexuality was not a disorder, most therapists got out of the sexual-conversion business. Last year the American Psychological Association officially declared "reparative therapy" scientifically ineffective and possibly harmful. The public is less convinced. In a new Newsweek Poll, 56 percent said gays could become straight; 11 percent of gays agreed.

Exodus offers a tidy explanation for homosexuality. Boys with absent fathers, girls with absent mothers, get stuck in developmental limbo and seek masculine or feminine fulfillment through sex with members of their own gender. By recognizing this deficiency, and through prayer, individuals can replace some gay desires with same-sex friendships. Or so the theory goes. Heterosexual desire may or may not follow.

Concersion Controversy in FL

Sergio is gay but desperately wishes he weren't. And so on Monday nights Sergio, joins a Fort Lauderdale support group with 14 others just like him: gay men and lesbian women who want to be straight. The group is Worthy Creations — a branch of Exodus International, a nondenominational Christian ministry — created by former gays. The group's leader is Richard Culbertson, 59, who heard about changing sexual orientation 15 years ago through a radio ministry broadcast. The effort to convert is fraught with peril. Sergio admits that he "slipped" a couple of months ago and had a same-sex relationship after nearly four years of abstinence. During the support group, Sergio suggests pairing up with a prayer partner. Culbertson nixes the idea. He describes a scenario in which two gay men — both lonely — call each other at 2 a.m. for support. "The next thing you know, they end up in bed together," says Culbertson.

Group Helping Gay Mormons

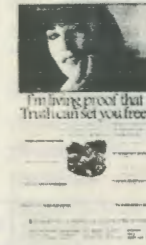
Some 300 Mormon men and women gathered in Salt Lake City last August, looking for support, understanding and help in "overcoming" homosexual behavior and "diminishing" same-sex attraction. The eighth annual conference of Evergreen International, a support group for people trying to overcome their homosexuality and remain faithful to LDS teachings, addressed such issues as "struggling with recovery," "raising gender-secure children" and how to resist masturbation, said David Pruden, the group's executive director.

Ex-gay Movement Growing in MO

About two decades ago, Andy Comiskey, transfixed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, peered into his heart and came to a conclusion: He no longer wanted to be gay. So he prayed, and he delved deep into his past, into his psyche. Now 40, married for 16 years and with four children, Comiskey, of California, is the "ex-gay" leader of Desert Stream, a national Christian ministry with 200 church-affiliated groups in cities across the country. Last week at Metro Christian Fellowship in Grandview, Mo., Comiskey and nearly 500 other people dealt with issues of what Comiskey calls sexual "brokenness," including gays, lesbians, transsexuals, adulterers and Internet porn addicts. He held a three-day seminar on how, through God's grace, they could all find healing and redemption.

Doubt About Ex-Gay Couple's Orientation

In a previously forgotten Wall Street Journal interview, the nation's most prominent "ex-gay", John Paulk, admitted to not being 100% cured of his homosexuality even though he was already married to a woman. In light of recent questions raised by Time magazine about whether Paulk's wife was ever a lesbian at all, many are now asking if the ex-gay house of cards is starting to crumble.



On April 21, 1993, John Paulk—who recently appeared on the cover of Newsweek with his "ex-lesbian" wife Anne—admitted to the Wall Street Journal that his new-found straight orientation was not as intense as that of the "average man on the street." In the same interview, Paulk also put cold water on the notion that he and his wife were yet cured of their gay orientations.

Time magazine added further fuel to the Paulk credibility fire. On July 27, 1998, the magazine reported being unable to find even one former girlfriend of the supposedly former-lesbian Anne Paulk. In addition, Time reports that Paulk "conceded that her ties to women in college were 'more emotional than sexual.'"

Woman Behind Anti-Gay Ads

Over the last two and a half years, leaders representing about 25 conservative Christian groups have been meeting for private strategy sessions to discuss how to counter what they see as the increasingly powerful "homosexual lobby" and its legislative victories. The conservatives believed that their position was getting clobbered: Gay people were adopting children, coming out on television shows and persuading politicians to vote for anti-discrimination laws.

"The final straw," said Janet Folger, a member of the strategy group, came in June when Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary, denounced Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the majority leader, as "backward" for comparing homosexuality to alcoholism and "kleptomania." So, in a conference call to the group of conservative strategists in Washington on June 24, Ms. Folger proposed taking out full-page newspaper advertisements that would show "former homosexuals" who "overcame" their sexual orientation through prayer and the help of Christian "ex-gay ministries." The advertisements ran recently in seven major newspapers with a combined circulation of nearly 8 million.

In a recent interview, Ms. Folger said she is convinced that conservative Christians are victimized by a popular culture that ridicules and dominates them. The debate over homosexuality illustrates her point, she said. Gay rights groups have persuaded Americans that Christians who condemn homosexuality are intolerant, she said, while actually it is gay people and their supporters who are intolerant of Christians.



MEDIA NEWS



TV Is Coming Out!

Here is a list of 20 gay characters who will be appearing in this fall's lineup: Fantasy Island's Harry, Linc's Martin, a recovering drug addict in Rude Awakenings, Stanford from Sex and the City, Chicago Hope's Dennis Hancock, ER's Maggie Doyle, Frasier's Gil Chesterton, Tim Bayliss from Homicide: Life on the Streets, Friend's Susan and Carol, Hank and Pete from Suddenly Susan, Debbie and Joan from Mad About You, Nash Bridge's Stacy and Pepe, John Irvin from NYPD Blue, the Profiler's George Fraley, Veronica's Closet's Josh and of course South Park's Mr. Garrison and The Simpson's Waylon Smithers.

Gay Paper Folds After 22 Years

A gay and lesbian newspaper that began as a few mimeographed pages with handwritten headlines and grew into a computer-designed national publication, is folding after 22 years. The last issue of "Our Own Community Press" was distributed leaving Hampton Roads, VA with a single gay-interest newspaper, "Out & About". Kirk Read, editor of "Our Own", said that the newspaper was built by indefatigable volunteers who saw themselves on the front lines of a civil rights struggle. But in recent years, the passion has faded. "Our Own" was distributed monthly to about 12,500 people nationwide, provided news, commentary, classified advertising and a large resource directory.

TRIVIA

Answer to September - Death at the Bar, by Ngiao Marsh. The hint was that it was part of the Mystery series on PBS, with Detective Roderick Alley.

Question for October - Can you name this TV min-series? It was the initial mini-series of its kind, first broadcast 25-30 years ago. The main characters were two women, actual historic figures. One was the ruler of her country, the other the most powerful woman in her country other than monarchs and Prime Minister, gaining her power through her close and intense friendship with the ruling monarch. The ruler was one of the historic figures speculated to have been a lesbian, and indeed when the two women had a falling out one of the accusations made of the monarch by the other woman, was her attachment to a younger woman.

Signorile Leaves OUT Magazine

Popular columnist Michelangelo Signorile left OUT magazine amid drastic content changes that critics say have led to the "dumbing down" of the 6-year-old magazine. A press release issued Aug. 19 by OUT trumpeted the hiring of radical sex educator Pat Califia as a regular columnist. Five paragraphs into the release, it was revealed that Signorile will no longer write his monthly column, "and has declined an offer to remain with the magazine as a contributing writer." However, the Aug. 21 New York Post depicts a less genteel departure, one that includes a public fracas between Signorile and OUT editor in chief James Collard.

"The Brit [Collard] summoned fiery OUT columnist Michelangelo Signorile to lunch at Blue Water Grill - intending, sources say, to try to rein him in - and wound up standing drenched in the dining room after Signorile let fly a glass of water," Page Six writer Jean MacIntosh related. MacIntosh's source reports that Collard, who's made sweeping changes since becoming editor in March, told Signorile his columns "had lost their passion." That's where the glass of water came in.

Three months after taking OUT's editorial helm, Collard launched a radical redesign. Architectural features and quick-hit profiles of relatively minor figures have replaced national news stories and celebrity interviews. And OUT has become even more style-conscious, with fashion spreads often indistinguishable from clothing advertisements. The editorial changes may have made Signorile's column incompatible with OUT. "Signorile in America" dealt with topics like Sex Panic! and the changing political climate, which don't fit into the

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TRANSGENDER NEWS

Where Are You?

For several months now, I have been submitting information about transgendered topics to the Triangle News & Views, and I can say I don't think I've received even one contact. The reason I got involved in offering TV information, is because it is said the Triangle Community Center is GLBT supportive. (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered) While it may be T supportive, I have to wonder if there are any T's in the Center? Our club, "the connecticuT View" will be having our 4th year anniversary next month and we have grown to over 70 members. We attend Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus concerts, and as many Gay Balls and Dances where we are welcome. Our support system tries to help members with significant other issues, and we offer members an opportunity to express their female side in safe environments at our monthly gatherings.

Because I do believe that there are TG members in the TCC, I would like to offer those groups like PFLAG or the Men's Group etc. who might not have an idea what a TV is, by offering to speak to those or any groups who would like dialog, definition, explanation or just an inquisitiveness about who we TV's are all about. If you would like to schedule a fact finding meeting with us, we would be happy to meet with your group. Please contact us at masond@aol.com or "connecticuT View", P.O. Box 2281, Milford CT. 06460

NEWS & VIEWS

NATIONAL NEWS

G/L Press Awards Announced

In the first round of the 2nd annual Vice Versa Awards for excellence in the gay and lesbian press the San Francisco Bay Times won the largest number of awards in Division A (weekly and biweekly publications) with 13 - including three first-place awards (best op-ed piece or news analysis, best first-person column, and best review). Frontiers won the largest number of first-place awards overall, with four in Division A (best news article, best editorial, best entertainment interview or personality profile, and best humor piece).

In Division B (monthlies and quarterlies), the Baltimore Alternative won the most awards with eight - including three first places (best comprehensive coverage or investigative report, best editorial, and best review). In Division C (national publications), Out won the most awards with five - including three first places (best comprehensive coverage or investigative report, best first-person column, and best review).

The Vice Versa Awards program was established in 1997 to honor the 50th anniversary of Vice Versa, North America's first lesbian or gay publication. Eighty publications from 29 states, two provinces, and the District of Columbia participated. The awards ceremony, which is co-sponsored by Q Syndicate and Gay Net, will take place on October 1, 1998 in Las Vegas. The following awards will be announced and distributed at the ceremony: Best Publication (3 divisions), Best New Publication, Best Publication Web Site, Best Special Issue.

Clintons Attend Hamptons Fundraiser

It seemed like the usual type of upscale event the weekend of August 1 when President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton arrived at an East Hampton, Long Island, home for a \$5,000-per-person fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee. The president and Mrs. Clinton mingled with about 75 guests who had gathered around a swimming pool.

According to organizers, this wasn't exactly the typical DNC fundraiser. It was organized by Gay Democrats and held at the home of an openly gay couple. The couple - Jonathan Sheffer, an acclaimed composer, conductor, and founder of New York's Eos orchestra, and Christopher Barley, a Manhattan physician - are avid Democrats and staunch Clinton supporters. Gay Democratic activist Jeff Soref, who helped organize the event, said the fundraiser drew about 55 paying guests and pulled in \$400,000 for the DNC. Soref, a member of the DNC and co-chair of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a New York Gay civil rights group, said some of the guests contributed \$25,000 and \$50,000 each.

Ferraro Gets Endorsement

With the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate still a race in search of some sizzle, Geraldine Ferraro picked up the endorsement of two gay Democratic clubs. Ferraro appeared at City Hall with supporters from two Manhattan-based gay and lesbian groups - the Millennium Triangle Democratic Club and the Pride Democrats - and proclaimed her support for national legislation currently under consideration that would ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. While Ferraro said she supported federal legislation that would guarantee employment-related benefits to domestic partners, she opposed the formal recognition of gay marriages. She said that was an issue for states, not the federal government, to decide. . . .

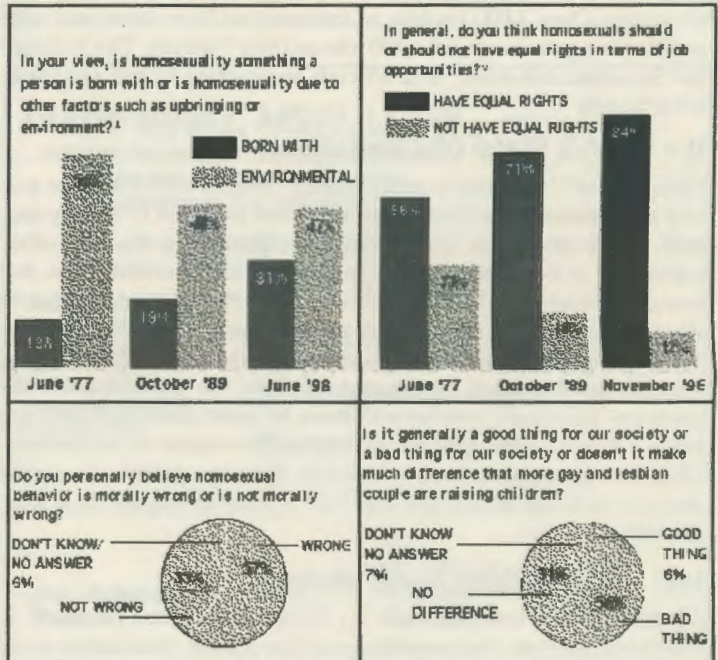
Knowing Someone Gay Doesn't Mean Support

More than one-third of Americans said they have "close personal friends or relatives" who are gay, according to the results of a Louis Harris poll released August 19th. The conventional wisdom among activists has been that the more people know someone gay, the more likely it is to get support for passing laws to protect gay people from discrimination. But the Harris poll indicates that support for such laws was about the same, regardless of whether the respondent had a "close personal" friend or relative who is Gay. Of the 623 adults surveyed by phone nationwide between July 17th and 19th, 52 percent said they favor laws to "make it illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians." That included 53 percent of people with a close personal friend or relative and 51 percent of those without.

What did set voters apart were gender, education, and "political philosophy." Fifty-six percent of women favored making anti-gay discrimination illegal, while only 48 percent of men did. Sixty-two percent of college graduates favored making discrimination illegal, while only 34 percent of people who had only "some" high school did. And sixty-five percent of self-described "liberals" favored laws making discrimination illegal, compared to 42 percent of "conservatives."

Surprisingly, the regional breakdown of support for Gay civil rights protections showed that the stronghold is not in the "East" (58 percent) but in the "Midwest" (62 percent). Not surprisingly, as previous polls have indicated, the least supportive region of the country was the "South" (43 percent). The polling sample had a margin of error of four percentage points.

Just the Facts Ma'am



"If God is telling us he can't do anything about starving kids in the Sudan but he has the time and energy to make gay people straight, God is one hurting buckaroo." Colin McEnroe, Hartford Courant, August 10, 1998.



STATE BY STATE

CA - Brief Headline Signals a Moment to Rejoice

"No obits," announced the profoundly simple banner headline on the front page of the Bay Area Reporter. For the first time in 17 years, in a city long considered America's ground zero in the AIDS epidemic, a week had passed without a single obituary arriving at the editorial offices of the Bar, as the paper is known. The introduction of combination therapy for HIV infection, with at least three AIDS drugs, is widely believed to be responsible for the dramatic decline in AIDS deaths over the past two years.

In California, according to the state Department of Health Services, there were 2,674 AIDS deaths from July 1997 to July 1998, compared to 4,307 in the previous 12 months—a 38% drop. Nationwide, the number of AIDS deaths dropped from 21,460 in the first six months of 1996 to 12,040 in the first six months of 1997, according to the most recent figures available from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. That represents a 44% decline.

FL - Summer Break for Gay, Lesbian Travelers

There are two reasons why the Daytona Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau has helped promote a three-day spring break-like event aimed at gays and lesbians. Dollars and cents. Beachfest could attract as many as 20,000 visitors, according to tourism officials. More importantly, it could generate close to \$8 million for local businesses. Businesses have been contacting Beachfest organizers because they want "part of the dollars," event chairman Jerry Corlis said. Beachfest has expanded to three days this year, adding a Friday evening reception at the Holiday Inn Sunspree and events starting that afternoon. Over 1,000 packets of information have been sent out, and they've gotten around 1,400 hits on their Web site. The Holiday Inn Sunspree is booked, and officials are starting to put people in other hotels.

IL - Illinois State OKs Benefits

Illinois State University is now offering benefits like sick leave and tuition waivers to the unmarried domestic partners of faculty and staff. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is the only other university in the state to offer a formal domestic benefits plan. But some other schools, like Northern Illinois, offer limited benefits to domestic partners as part of other policies, such as sick leave. Illinois State's program does not cover medical and dental insurance. Those benefits are provided by the state and do not include domestic partners. To enroll, couples will have to attest that they are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely. They also must have lived with each other for at least 12 months and share financial obligations like a joint mortgage or a joint checking account.

MO - Gay Rodeos Raise Money

Members of the International Gay Rodeo Association faced off in the Show Me State Rodeo, a Missouri Gay Rodeo Association event at the Wyandotte County Fair Grounds in Kansas City, Kan. last month. Gay rodeos throughout the country have raised money for people with HIV, AIDS and breast cancer. Over the last 13 years the International Gay Rodeo Association's 2,500 members have helped generate more than \$2 million for charitable causes. The Missouri chapter, active since 1986, has raised about \$70,000 in the past four years.

NY - Rebel Priest Is Reassigned

The Rev. James Callan conducts gay weddings, allows women an active role on the altar and serves Holy Communion to non-Roman Catholics in a downtown Rochester parish he has ministered for 22 years — all forbidden by church rules. Now, Callan is being reassigned to another parish, and he believes the ejection was ordered by senior officials at the Vatican who want to rein him in for his disobedience. Bishop Clark of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, who courted criticism himself for holding a Mass for gays and lesbians last year, said it was his decision to reassign Callan. He warned that the parish needed to change some of its ways to line up with "definitive church teachings."

TX - A Lesson in Kindness

JR's is an Oak Lawn bar and grill with a \$4 million-a-year liquor business. Sam Houston Elementary is Dallas' oldest school and one of its poorest. The distance between them is exactly a block. But until last fall, they were worlds apart. Then, as principal Ricardo Weir likes to say, destiny intervened. This fall, JR's and three other gay bars owned by Caven Enterprises Inc. are adopting the entire school. They're planning Halloween parties, Christmas gifts for every child, Valentine celebrations and an Easter egg hunt. Sam Houston has some new playground equipment this year, courtesy of JR's. Its yard is free of cockleburs for the first time in a long time. The children have more than \$1,000 in new school supplies. The number of tutors signed up to read to the children once a week has doubled, from 35 to 70.

It all started last fall when JR's manager, Donald Solomon, was looking for a small Christmas project. He wanted to provide Christmas for a few families who live in the little neighborhood of frame houses behind the Cedar Springs Road bar. So the principal considered the offer. He told Mr. Solomon he couldn't pick one or two children from a class of 22. So the bar manager sighed and said, "All right, we'll take a whole class. Pick one." The principal thought about it. But once again, he couldn't choose. "How many children are in the kindergarten class altogether?" Mr. Solomon asked. One hundred and seventy, came the answer. Mr. Solomon went back to his employees and took a vote. The vote was a unanimous yes.

One day Mr. Polachek was visiting Mr. Weir when the principal said, "Isn't that interesting? We're such good friends. You have four businesses. I have a school with four grades that need to be adopted. It almost seems like destiny, doesn't it?" So Mr. Polachek went to the employees at the three other Oak Lawn bars he owns and asked them if they wanted to follow JR's lead in adopting Sam Houston classes. They did.

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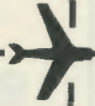
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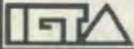
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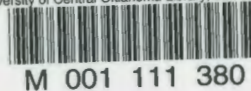


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 Gay Men's Rap Group - Dave 838-1881
 Gmosaic (People of Color) - Nasheed 854-7726
 Lesbian Literature Reading Group - Christine 847-8476
 Out & About (20's & 30's) - Heather 924-2930, Ashley 576-1073
 or Dan 838-2367
 OutSpoken (Youth) - Perry & Sara 846-4569; 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;
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 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 (203) 899-0270
 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 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
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 Metropolitan Community Church (203) 389-6750
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 (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
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TCC Calendar

October, 1998

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Rap 7:30	2 G-Mosaic 7:30 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	3
4 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Town Meet 3-5	5 Women's Rap 7:30	6 Lesbian Lit 7:30	7 P-FLAG 7:45	8 Men's Rap 7:30	9 Out & About 7:00 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes Safe Sex Discussion 7:00	10
11 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	12 Women's Rap 7:30	13 TCC Board 7:30 Fundraising 7:30	14 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	15 Men's Rap 7:30	16 G-Mosaic 7:30 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	17 N&V's Deadline
18 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	19 Women's Rap 7:30	20	21 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex-spouses 7:30	22 Men's Rap 7:30	23 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	24
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Connecticut Calendar

Friday, October 2 – Movie: "Fried Green Tomatoes" at the NHGLCC, 50 Fitch Street, New Haven. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:15 PM screening, \$3.00. More info: FGDMYO@aol.com.

Friday, October 2 – The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents its acclaimed musical "Out!" at Choate's Paul Mellon Arts Center in Wallingford, 8:00 PM.

Saturday, October 3 – The Connecticut Coalition For Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights presents its first annual benefit "Out Awards". For more information call 860-953-1290.

Friday, October 9 – Movie: "Diabolique" at the NHGLCC. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:15 PM screening, \$3.00. More info: FGDMYO@aol.com.

Sunday, October 11 – "Spiritual Survival With HIV/AIDS" presentation by Rev. Alexander R. Garbera, at MCC- New Haven. Worship services, 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM. For more information call Rev. Frank Beard, pastor, at 203-389-6750.

Friday, October 16 – Movie: "Mildred Pierce" at the NHGLCC. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:15 PM screening, \$3.00. More info: FGDMYO@aol.com.

Friday, October 23 – Movie: "Thelma and Louise" at the NHGLCC. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:15 PM screening, \$3.00. More info: FGDMYO@aol.com.

Sunday, October 25 – AIDS Walk '98 to benefit AIDS Project Hartford, sponsored by the Hartford City Mayor's Office. To volunteer to help call 860-951-4833 x314.

Friday, October 30 – Movie: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the NHGLCC. 6:30 PM potluck, 7:15 PM screening, \$3.00. More info: FGDMYO@aol.com.

Saturday, October 31 – Project 100/The Hartford Community Center presents a Halloween Dance in honor of its 10th anniversary. 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM; \$7.00 donation. 1841 Broad St., Hartford.

Saturday, October 31 – Women After Hours Annual Halloween Dance (women only). East Hartford, 8:30 PM - 1:00 AM, \$10.00 cover. Call 860-528-9611 for directions.

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