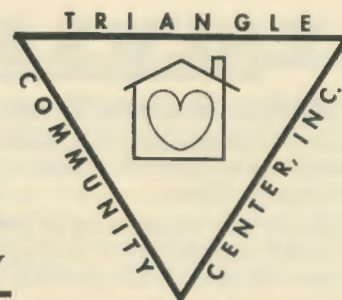


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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

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- SUN, SEPT 1:** No Sunday at the Center because of Labor Day holiday.
- THU, SEPT 5:** Through Sun, Sep 8, Boston - NY AIDS Ride #2. Info, (212) 242-RIDE.
- THU, SEPT 5:** Through Sun, Sep 8, National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association convention, Miami FL. Info, call (305) 538-9999.
- FRI, SEPT 6:** Q College Seminar on Same-Sex Marriage. All day. See F.Y.I. for program and other information.
- THU, SEPT 12:** "Night of Illusions" Fundraiser at the Beach Club, West Haven, to benefit New Haven Community Center. See article. (203) 234-0820.
- FRI, SEPT 13:** Triangle Bowling League opens 1996-97 season at Circle Lanes, Fairfield, 8:30. See article. (203) 333-3113 or 931-8789 for info.
- SAT, SEPT 14:** Triangle Kids Pool Party. (203) 255-5520, (203) 323-6278.
- FRI, SEPT 20:** Committee to plan 1997 New Haven Pride Celebration, Elm City Roasters, New Haven 6-8 pm. See article.
- SAT, SEPT 21:** Monthly TCC Friendraiser at Tom and Walter's home in Bridgeport, 6-9. Free for first-timers. See article for directions. Note it is on a Saturday.
- WED, SEPT 25:** New Haven Town Meeting for newly forming New Haven Gay/Lesbian Community Center. City Hall Public Hearing Room, 200 Orange St, New Haven, 7-9. Info, (203) 782-2000.
- SUN, SEPT 29:** Benefit fundraiser for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Burr Hometrad, Fairfield, 4-6 pm. Attorney Suzanne Goldberg, who helped win *Romer v. Evans* in the Supreme Court, will speak. See article.
- SUN, OCT 6:** Annual Stamford area AIDS Walk, Cove Island Park, noon on. Registration, (203) 977-4387
- SUN, OCT 6:** Journalist Marvin Liebman ("Independently Speaking") at Triangle Community Center. 4-6. See article below.
- FRI, OCT 11** Through Mon, Oct 14: PFLAG 15th annual International Conference in Washington DC. Info, call (202) 686-0474 or locally (203) 544-8724.

For the latest update on What's Happening in the area check our TCC home page on the internet.

<http://members.aol.com/tccenter>

MARVIN LIEBMAN TO SPEAK AT TCC

Marvin Liebman — Communist turned conservative Reaganite turned gay activist, writer and commentator — will speak at the Triangle Community Center in Norwalk on Sunday afternoon, October 6, at 4:00.

As a young man, Liebman served in the U.S. military in Africa and Italy during World War II, but was discharged in 1944, given a general discharge as a homosexual, and denied all veteran benefits.

In the years prior to and immediately following World War II, Marvin Liebman was an avid Communist. He worked in what was then the Palestine underground to help build what was to become the state of Israel.

He then quit the Communist party, married an art student and became very active in the intellectual Bohemian life of Greenwich Village in Manhattan.

At some point he became completely disillusioned with the politics of his youth and, making an abrupt about face, became a leading anti-Communist organizer. He started a number of right-wing organizations, one of which has become the Heritage Foundation. He paid a critical role in getting the Dalai Lama out of Tibet and to the West, where he was safe from the hands of the Chinese Communists.

In 1968 he worked on Ronald Reagan's first campaign for the Presidency. When he finally became President in 1980, Liebman went to Washington and joined the "Reagan Revolution," working with the National Endowment for the Arts. In between the Reagan campaigns, he spent his time producing

"LET'S PUT ON A SHOW!"

TCC WILL PRODUCE

"WHOOOP-DEE-DOO!" IN DECEMBER

TCC's Special Events Committee and the Board of Directors enthusiastically announce the upcoming musical production of the late Howard Crabtree's play, "Whoop Dee-Doo!"

This very special event, directed by Scott M. Robbins, is slated for the weekend of December 13, 14 and 15. Scott's professional contacts have already landed TCC the loan of the original production costumes, wigs and sets. The production is planned to benefit several area AIDS organizations.

Beyond being a fund-raiser, the production is most certainly a community building event drawing on the expertise of a number of theater professionals, TCC members and the community at large. It is also a terrific opportunity for the Center to present a gay-themed show to the general public.

Open auditions for cast will be announced shortly for some time in October. In the meantime, a number of key details are falling into place and many others are still to be accomplished.

Most important is assembling a staff to perform the wide range of responsibilities necessary for the success of the project. Help

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MARVIN LIEBMAN STORY (CONTINUED)

movies and theatrical productions and providing assistance to endeavors as diverse as William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" and Father Bruce Ritter's Covenant House.

His life took another turn in 1990, when in the pages of the *National Review*, a publication of his long-time friend William F. Buckley, Jr., he came out publicly as a gay man.

In 1992 his autobiography, "Coming Our Conservative," was published. (It's available for borrowing in the TCC Resource Room.) Then in 1995 he wrote a column for the *Advocate* in which he announced his independence from any labels, including Conservative, Christian, or Republican.

He now devotes all his time, talent and energy to the American lesbian and gay community and syndicates a monthly column, "Independently Speaking" to gay and lesbian publications throughout the United States.

Marvin Liebman will be appearing at the Triangle Community Center on October 6th at 4pm. He will speak from personal experience on how coming out changes ones personal and political agenda.

— compiled from releases by Mike Collins and Marianne Seggerman.

WHOOOP DEEDOO (CONTINUED)

is needed in many areas like public relations, playbill production and ad sales, theater staffing, and catering of a champagne reception. Please call Michael Pavlicin (866-6993) to lend your time and talents to this project.

Mark your calendar and watch for more exciting details in this newsletter. Watch local newspapers for the announcement of "open auditions."

-MP

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John Allen, Don Buxton, Bill Clinton, Mike Collins, Bryon H., Karen J., Roseann M., Tom Mariconda, Judith Martin, Doug Nissing, Michael Pavlicin, Mike Roper, Barb Schade, Bob Scrofani, Marianne Seggerman, Michele T.

FRIENDRAISER

BRING A FRIEND TO TOM & WALTER'S

The September Friendraiser will be on Saturday, September 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bridgeport apartment of Tom Mariconda and Walter Dembowski (Executive House, 3900 Park Avenue, Apartment 4-E). Note that the date is a Saturday, not our usual Friday. A buffet meal and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Feel free to Bring Your Own Bottle of...whatever.

As always, a voluntary contribution of \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members will be collected to cover expenses. But, we are trying something a little different this time, to encourage more first-timers and newcomers to attend. Anyone coming to a Friendraiser for the first time can get in free. And anyone who brings a first-timer to this Friendraiser can get in free also.

Directions: Take the Merritt Parkway (either direction) to Exit 47. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Park Avenue. Travel 1.7 miles on Park Avenue (past Sacred Heart University on the right, and the Discovery Museum on the left) to Executive House (3900 Park Avenue) on the left. Park in the Visitor Parking spaces on the side of the building (but not in the Emergency spaces in front) or on either side of Park Avenue, except near the bus stops. Take an elevator to the fourth floor. Turn right, head to Apartment 4-E, and walk right in! It'll be good to see you!

- TM

LETTERS

NEWCOMERS THRILLED BY TCC WEB PAGE, SAYS GUIDELINE STAFFER

I answer the phone once a month for the Guideline, and very often get calls from people moving to Fairfield County from other states. They want to have information sent to them, so they know what's going on before they arrive. I always mention our Web Page, and people are really thrilled, because they can get their information instantly.

Thanks again for putting it all together. As you-know-who says, "It's a good thing!" {{{}}

Bob Scrofani (BobScrof@aol.com)

UCONN/STAMFORD WOMEN'S CENTER NEEDS YOUR BOOKS

The UConn Women's Center is in the process of forming a library/resource center of material concerning women. If you remember that first book which made you exclaim, "I am Woman, hear me roar!" (whatever your gender), why not share your experience with a college student by donating a copy of that book (or books) to the Center! Any and all material about women would be greatly appreciated. Another one of our goals is to have a Mac computer in the Center to allow women the opportunity to connect with women's resources world-wide and to also help us with our newsletter. If any kind soul out there happens to have a "spare" Mac with WWW capabilities they'd like to donate to our cause, we'd also be very grateful!

For further information or to make a donation which we'll gladly pick-up from you, please call June at 222-7803(H) or 322-3466(W).

- June Dunn

FREE WEBSITES FOR G/L/B/T GROUPS

Hi - I'm trying to put together a website containing links of interest to the g/l/b/t community of Connecticut. I've included a link to your website. Please let me know if this is not okay and I'll delete it. Also, feel free to link back to my page (www.OutInCT.com/ourtown/).

Also, please let people know that I'm offering websites free of charge to non-commercial groups serving our community.

Thanks —

Rick Goldberg

MARICONDA LETTER CONDEMNS ARSON AT NORWALK JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The following letter has been sent to the Editor of the *Norwalk Hour*.

The Hour
346 Main Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851
August 14, 1995

To the Editor:

On behalf of our membership, we express our outrage and horror at the recent vandalism and arson of the Jewish Community Center. It was an act of cowardice and hatred intended to cause fear in anyone who ever called that center home. And that had been such a lovely place. Six or seven years ago it was even rented out for a lesbian potluck, with scores of women admiring the view of the Sound from the balcony. As the other community center in East Norwalk we are afraid, too. Will we be next? As Elie Wiesel said at a gay and lesbian fundraiser in New York in the late 80's: "People who hate, hate everybody".

Sincerely,

Thomas Mariconda, President, Triangle Community Center

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TCC NEWS

TRIANGLE BOWLING LEAGUE JOINS TCC, ANNOUNCES FALL SEASON

The Triangle Bowling League, one of the largest and most active lesbian organizations in the area, has become affiliated with the Triangle Community Center as a Center-sponsored organization.

The League will begin its 1996-97 season on September 13, 8:30 pm, at a new location, Circle Lanes in Fairfield, and is looking for new members. All are welcome, men and women, and you don't have to be an expert bowler to join; the league is strictly social, and not competitive.

According to one tongue-in-cheek league spokesperson, "The Triangle Bowling League is a group of people who really really do not bowl well enough to participate in an amateur bowling league. In fact, the league has had nights where everyone has bowled facing backwards and through their legs. Needless to say that it is a very social league that has a lot of fun."

The league has also managed to donate thousands of dollars to two dozen charities in the process, she said. "How, you ask? Well, the other bowling leagues take their excess money and use it at the end of a season for prizes and banquets. Our league uses the money to help any group in our community that is in need."

For more information, call Lise at (203) 333-3113 or Roseann at (203) 931-8789.

POLITICAL ACTION GROUP MOVES TO 3RD WEDNESDAY

In an attempt to bolster participation, the Political Action Group (PAG) has decided to change their meeting date. From now on, the group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18. The meetings will continue to be held at the Triangle Community Center. The group focus is to prepare letters to our local and state representatives on gay related political issues. All are welcome to participate!

LESBIAN LIT WILL DISCUSS WOLF GIRLS AT VASSAR

On Tues., October 1, the Lesbian Literature Reading Group will discuss *Wolf Girls At Vassar*, edited by Anne MacKay (St. Martin's Press).

If you'd like to support women-owned businesses, this and other future books that the group will be reading can be ordered from Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. Copies may also be available in the TCC Library.

Interested persons can contact Karen at (203) 371-8487 for more info. A \$3 donation per person from those participating will help support the Center.

35+ WOMEN TAKE A BREATHER

The 35+ Women's rap group has suspended meetings for the time being. Members are planning to resume meeting in a new format later in the year. Watch this space for further information next month.

TCC RESOURCE ROOM GETS NEW BOOKS

Several cartons of new books, many of them of special interest to women, have been donated to the TCC Resource Room by a New Haven bookstore that has gone out of business. Resource Room coordinator Walter Dembowski and his assistant Paul have been working overtime to get them all catalogued and shelved — which is not an easy task, as we have quite run out of shelf space. Anyone who would be willing to help donate or install additional shelving should call Walter at (203) 374-6924. And the rest of you can help by visiting the resource room, marveling at the wealth of magazines and books available to our community, fiction and non-fiction, and perhaps checking out a few.

JUNE APPEAL RAISES OVER \$2,400 FOR TCC

The Annual June Pride Appeal for the Triangle Community Center was a great success this year, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Fund Raising Committee and the tremendous response from the Community. As of August 15, over \$2,400 has been received as a result of this fund raising effort. This money is vital to the on-going operations of TCC. Thanks to all of you who responded so generously! - MP

THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE AUGUST PICNIC A SUCCESS

The Special events Committee wishes to thank all those who helped make our second annual Time-Out Picnic last month a resounding success. Special thanks must go those business who donated items for the silent auction: The Brook Cafe, Stonewall Associates, The Ivy Leash, BLOODROOT, The Unbelievable Flower Shop, Westport County Playhouse, The John Randall House, The Sugar Bowl, Village Clock Shop of Darien, Uncle's Deli, Virgin Atlantic and Atlantic Records, and Marriott Resorts.

How's THAT AGAIN, BILL?

"As I understand it, what [the Defense of Marriage Act] does is to state that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman, that, among other things, is used to bring children into the world, but the legal effect of the bill — as I understand it, the only legal effect of the bill is to make it clear that states can deny recognition of gay marriages that occurred in other states. And if that's all it does, then I will sign it. Now, having said that, I do not favor discrimination against people because they're homosexual."

— Bill Clinton, president, at a press conference, May 1996

BENEFIT FOR LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND IN FAIRFIELD

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the nation's oldest and largest lesbian and gay civil rights organization and co-counsel in *Romer v. Evans*, the victorious Supreme Court case against Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, will host a benefit fundraiser in Fairfield, Connecticut on September 29th.

Suzanne Goldberg, a Lambda attorney who worked on the Amendment 2 case, will speak about the major gay rights victory in *Romer* and its impact on the nationwide fight against anti-gay initiatives and other lesbian and gay civil rights issues.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Lambda, a non-profit organization which works to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, and people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

The benefit will take place on Sunday, September 29th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Burr Homestead at 636 Old Post Road in Fairfield, off the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) at exit 22.

Tickets are now available at \$1500, \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100, and \$50 in advance (\$55 minimum at the door).

For information or tickets, call Paul Schneider at (203) 255-5520 or Brian Simons at (212) 995-8585.

POINT OF VIEW

CHOOSE LIFE.

By Rev. Alexander Garbera

As a long-term survivor of HIV/AIDS, I am still perplexed by this disease and the social structures that surround it. Fifteen years into this pandemic, people are still becoming newly infected, others are sick, suffering, and dying for AIDS related complications. Others continue to do well. After observing long-term HIV/AIDS survivors for the last several years and those who transition relatively quickly, it is quite clear that what works for one person may or may not work for another. The trouble is that really healthy long-term survivors are not tracked by the medical system simply because they aren't ill. Much of what we know, what I know, then is very biased. Yet, despite individual, environmental, and pathogenic differences it seems that some common ground is emerging for characteristics of long-term survivors. Medical research focuses on those factors that support the current medical model of HIV — such as long-term survivors having higher levels of antibodies to the AIDS virus, HIV viral loads, and so on. Yet, one still wonders why some individuals without these antibodies do very well for a long time, and others with lots of these antibodies die?

It is great to see that scientists are confirming what long-term survivors have known for some time now: environmental and nutritional factors play an extremely important role in managing HIV. They are even now finding "scientific evidence" that things like prayer and spirituality make a big difference in the healing process. My question is "Why wait?" Why wait for scientists to confirm what we already know?

An often neglected, misunderstood, and controversial aspect of healing is the spiritual component. This is probably becoming worse, as radical religious bigots misuse Christian doctrine to promote their own homophobic and biased agendas. Yet, I know of no long-term survivors that do not have some sort of spiritual component to their healing program. And although there is a lot I do not know or understand about HIV/AIDS, I do know — with absolute certainty — that all healing ultimately occurs on non-physical levels.

Although long-term survivors use a wide variety spiritual programs, healing methods, and practices, some common ground can be seen. In an excellent pamphlet produced by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches called "Choose Life: Taking Action to be Fully Alive with HIV/AIDS." The Rev. Dr. Stephen Pieters suggests that individuals living with AIDS nurture their faith, maintain self esteem, pray, meditate, eat wisely, exercise, rest, laugh daily, stay informed, work with their doctor as a partner, be engaged in life and involved with other people. Interestingly enough, Rev. Pieters has been diagnosed with HIV since 1982, and in 1985 was diagnosed with full blown AIDS, Kaposi's Sarcoma and lymphoma but experienced the complete remission of his cancers.

This story is nothing short of miraculous, but we must remember that, as St. Augustine pointed out, "Miracles do not happen in contradiction to nature, but only in contradiction to that which is known to us of nature." Miracles happen. Sometimes they don't. My path is to understand why. So far, the best advice I can offer is simply to choose life, and do what you can to support that decision. The rest is in the hands of the powers that be.

About the Author:

Alexander Garbera is founder and president of The Guardian Health Association™, a group of long-term survivors in the New Haven area. He is also the coordinator of MCC/New Haven's Social Action Leadership Team (SALT).

A copy of MCC's pamphlet "Choose Life: Taking Action to be Fully Alive with HIV/AIDS" can be obtained by writing MCC at 566 Whalley Avenue #1D, New Haven CT 06511, or calling (203) 389-6750, or calling your local congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

CLINTON SHOULD SUPPORT DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

A Letter to President Clinton from the Peoples' Action Group

President Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Northwest
Washington, DC 20501

Dear President Clinton:

After reading your recent interview as published in the June 25, 1996 edition of *The Advocate* magazine, I would like to commend you for your support of many of the issues currently facing the gay and lesbian community. However, I am deeply concerned about your position on same-sex marriage. Historically, you have enjoyed significant support from the gay community. However, your recently declared support of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), has caused many gays and lesbians to reconsider their political affiliations, and in fact, their desire to vote in the upcoming elections. The loss of the gay vote has been and will continue to be a significant factor in the success of your re-election campaign. I urge you to reconsider your stance on the DOMA Act.

It seems to me that this bill is addressing a non-existent issue and is nothing more than an opportunity for many politicians to openly "gay bash" to gain popular support. You yourself admitted this fact while simultaneously pledging support for this legislation. The DOMA Act ventures into uncharted territory where by the Federal Government now enters into areas of power previously reserved for State government. As you stated in your *Advocate* interview "...in our country's history we have, and for good reason, looked first to state and local government, as well as the private sector, to consider issues like these involving community values and matters of conscious. I believe that these issues continue to be best resolved at this level of civil discourse". If this is your position on such issues, why then are you in support of federal legislation that would override the states power to define marriage and the transferability of such rights from state to state under the Constitution? This proposed legislation appears to be clearly in violation of the Full Faith and Credit clause of the United States Constitution.

If as you indicated in your interview, "...the challenge in addressing these issues is to remain sensitive to the traditional values of our communities while preserving the fundamental right to live free from unjustified discrimination..." your support of the DOMA Act seems contradictory. This bill specifically singles out one minority group and permits individual states to deny that group of the benefits of marriage that all others have traditionally been afforded. Again, such discrimination is unconstitutional. (??What Amendment???)

If you believe that it is necessary to make same-sex marriage an issue requiring federal legislation, then what should a federal bill on domestic partnership under the Clinton Administration contain? If as you have stated, that a "marriage" is a union between a man and a woman, then you could more equitably resolve this issue, while remaining sensitive to the traditional values of Americans while protecting the rights of minorities, by passing a domestic partnership bill. This bill would, in effect, provide gays and lesbians with equal rights protection under the law in areas such as tax benefits, health insurance and other matters crucial to the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" afforded to all American citizens.

This compromise would allow a fair and equitable solution without jeopardizing your popular support. I believe that both Democrats and Republicans alike would find such legislation to be an acceptable solution to this politically loaded dilemma. I, along with many others in the gay community, consider marriage rights to be fundamental issue and a deciding factor in how I plan to vote in the November elections.

Deadline for the October News & Views is Saturday, Sept 14. Material not received by then can not be included in the October Newsletter. If possible, please transmit your contributions by e-mail (NewsViews@aol.com) or fax (203-846-1225). If you must submit hard copy, please allow an extra few days for transcription. To avoid delay, please send classified and display ads directly to the advertising manager, PO Box 8185, Stamford 06905 or e-mail MicheleVS@aol.com.

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F. Y. I.

Q COLLEGE HOLDS NATIONAL SEMINAR ON SAME GENDER MARRIAGE LAWS

Please call the Quinnipiac Law Review (number at bottom of this message) to reserve a place at this day-long session.

Quinnipiac College School of Law and Quinnipiac Law Review announce a Symposium: Federalism Revisited: Extraterritorial Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage, Friday, September 6, 1996, The Grand Courtroom, Quinnipiac College School of Law Center, Hamden, Connecticut.

8:30 A.M. — Coffee

9 A.M. — Keynote (soon to be announced)

10 A.M. — What's At Stake: Marriage Rights & Responsibilities

- a. Evan Wolfson, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Co-Counsel in Hawaii case. Mr. Wolfson will present an overview of the issues and how the ban on marriage affects gay men and lesbians
- b. Pat Cain, University of Iowa College of Law. Professor Cain will explain why gay men and lesbians need civil marriage, presenting both efficiency and moral reasons to support her claim.

11 A.M. — Lessons from the Past: Historical Analogs to Same-Sex Marriage

- a. Akhil Amar, Yale Law School. Professor Amar will trace historical choice of law dilemmas when various moral issues—slavery, child labor, divorce, abortion—have received different treatment in different states.
- b. Andrew Koppleman, Princeton University. Professor Koppelman will present an historical review of the underpinnings of the "strong public policy" exception, which some states have used to avoid recognizing the judgments and public acts of sibling states.
- c. Seth Kreimer, University of Pennsylvania Law School. Professor Kreimer will discuss the analogies between abortion, slavery, and same-sex marriage, examining the interaction of territoriality and moral controversy of these issues.

12:45 P.M.— Lunch

1:30 P.M.— Predictions of the Future: Extraterritorial Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage

- a. Larry Kramer, New York University Law School. Professor Kramer will argue that the "strong public policy" exception is unconstitutional.
- b. Barbara Cox, California Western School of Law. Professor Cox will discuss her work surveying the several states to determine which states are most likely to recognize same-sex marriages if it is eventually legalized.
- c. Linda Silberman, New York University Law School. Professor Silberman will argue that the full Faith and Credit clause of the United States Constitution does not require extraterritorial recognition of same-sex marriage.

3:00 P.M. - Close

For Registration Information contact: Quinnipiac College School of Law and Quinnipiac Law Review, (203) 287-3225.

AIDS WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 1996

The annual Stamford area AIDS walk will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 12:00 p.m. at Cove Island Park. For information, or to join the TCC team of walkers, call Tom Mariconda (203) 374-6934. Yes, we hope to be finished with the walk in time to attend the presentation by Marvin Liebman at the Center at 4:00. For registration packets, call (203) 977-4387

BOOK SALE FOR BREAD & ROSES

There will be a book sale, for the benefit of Bread & Roses Hospice, during the weekend of the Norwalk Oyster Festival, Sept 6-8. It will be held across the street from the festival location at the home of Mike Roper, 47 Seaview Ave, East Norwalk.

IT'S RAINING FUN!

Mark your calendars for a premier event upcoming on November 8th, 1996. A multi-talented benefit is being planned for Bread & Roses and Family Services Woodfield. Feature artists include comedian Lea DeLea, a cappella singing group The Flirtations, female impersonators The Illusions, and most notably Martha Wash and The Weather Girls who will perform the song "It's Raining Men" as well as other favorite hits. The event will be held at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts in Fairfield, Ct. with a preshow cocktail hour starting at 6pm and showtime at 8pm. Tickets for general admission will sell at \$49 with preferred seating at \$65; cocktails plus show at \$100. Further details to follow. -DB

NEW GAY RADIO SHOW TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

Eastern Connecticut now has its very own gay and lesbian radio program. A new show, Outloud Radio, is now being broadcast on WCNI-FM 91.1 New London every Tuesday afternoon 3 to 6 pm. The new show is hosted by singer/songwriter Julie Nicolay.

"The broadcast includes a diverse array of styles from traditional folk and women's music to jazz, pop, country, rock, comedy, and some that cannot be easily defined," said Ms. Nicolay. There is an "Artist Of The Week" segment from 4 to 4:30 pm. Outloud Radio also features news, information and a community calendar, and an occasional surprise studio guest.

Anyone who would like to promote a local artist or event or who has a request, is invited to call Julie Nicolay before 10 pm. at 860-442-4501.

This is the only gay radio show in eastern Connecticut. Other gay and lesbian radio shows serving Connecticut include:

- The Gay Spirit show Thursdays at 8:30 pm. on WWUH 91.3 West Hartford.
- Amazon Radio with Pam Smith 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 6:35 to 20 pm. on WPKN 89.5 Bridgeport.
- The Lavender Wimmin Radio Show with Gail Polovy and Denise Amato Thursdays 6 to 7 pm. on WUSB 90.1 Stony Brook, Long Island (audible in lower Fairfield and New Haven counties).
- Weekly alternating gay and lesbian shows Sundays 6:30 to 7:30 on WBAI 99.5 New York, transmitting from the Empire State Building, and covering Fairfield and lower New Haven counties.
- An Open View, a gay and lesbian show for western Massachusetts Sundays at 11:30 am on WTTT 1430 AM Amherst MA, audible in north central Connecticut.
- A show that is listed as "gay and lesbian friendly" entitled Wild Woman Radio Sunday evenings 8 to 11 pm. on WNHU 88.7 West Haven.
- Finally, a nationally one-half hour syndicated show, This Way Out, covering gay and lesbian issues, is heard on WWUH 91.3 Thursdays at 8 pm, on WPKN 89.5 Mondays at 7:30 pm. and on WTTT 1430 Sundays at 11 am.

- MC

GOP PLATFORM STATEMENT ON GAY RIGHTS

Yes, we know nobody reads it. As Mark Russell said, they're waiting for the movie. But, just for the record, here is what the GOP platform said about civil rights:

"The sole source of equal opportunity for all is equality before the law. Therefore, we oppose discrimination based on sex, race, age, creed, or national origin and will vigorously enforce anti-discrimination statutes.

We reject the distortion of those laws to cover sexual preference and endorse the Defense of Marriage Act to prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex unions.

Because we believe rights inhere in individuals, not in groups, we will attain our nation's goal of equal rights without quotas or other forms of preferential treatment. We scorn Bill Clinton's notion that any person should be denied a job, promotion, contract or a chance at higher education because of their race or gender. Instead, we endorse the Dole-Canady Equal Opportunity Act to end discrimination by the federal government. We likewise endorse this year's Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative, to restore to law the original meaning of civil rights."

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=== GAILY FORWARD ===>

I WOULDN'T CHANGE IF I COULD

by Roger Hooverman

On Aug. 10, the Norwalk Hour weekend edition ran a prominent front-page story on Westport psychiatrist Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, who has written a book about curing homosexuality through "faith based programs." The article was balanced with quotes from people who disagreed with Satinover's premise, including some excellent statements by TCC's president Tom Mariconda who said: "It doesn't matter how much therapy you go through — you are who you are... If it is an issue of choice at all, it's choosing to be true to yourself, and there's no turning back after that." Nonetheless, the overall effect of the article was to raise the idea of "curing" gays as a controversial but valid option. I promptly fired off a Letter To The Editor, which the Hour published the following weekend as an op-ed piece in their (aptly named) "Speak Out" column. That letter is reproduced here for your amusement and edification.

I was surprised at the coverage you gave to Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, who claims to be able to "cure" gays of homosexuality. I thought this kind of bigoted crusade had long since been discredited. Why not try to turn left-handed people into right-handers? That is just as impossible, just as pointless and unnecessary, and causes less grief.

I am gay. So far as I know, I was born gay. Thanks to a society which, when I was growing up, denied that gay people exist, it took me a long time to realize that. But after a doomed heterosexual marriage that produced three children and a broken home, I finally figured out who I was.

Coming out was the best thing that ever happened to me. It was like being born again when I finally stopped wasting my energy trying to live a lie, accepted my gayness, and went on from there. Now I am a mature man in my fifties, successful in my career, enjoying a good relationship with my family who all know I am gay, contributing to the betterment of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, and happy in a long term relationship with a fine man. I am okay the way I am. I would not want to change myself even if I could. And I am offended by anyone who presumes to tell me that I should.

Trying to turn homosexuals into heterosexuals is as foolish as trying to teach left-handed children to use their right hand by tying their left behind their backs. Maybe such persons eventually do learn to write with their right hand, but not very well. Some will not learn to write at all, like those poor people under who, trying to suppress their homosexual feelings, end up depriving themselves of any physical or emotional relationship with either sex.

Of course many homosexuals with sufficient motivation can function heterosexually, as I myself did for many years. Likewise, many heterosexuals are capable of having homosexual sex. But that is not the same as being able to fundamentally change one's inborn orientation. One piece of data missing from your article was the statistics on how many supposedly "cured" homosexuals eventually gave up the farce and went back to their normal selves. Two of the most famous cases are Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, the founders of Exodus International, who eventually gave up trying to be straight, fell in love with one another, and denounced Exodus and other "ex-gay ministries" as fraudulent.

Who would want their daughter or son to risk marrying a "cured" homosexual? The cruelest thing I ever did in my life was when I denied my own homosexuality and married a heterosexual woman.

Yes, there are a lot of homosexuals who are unhappy with who they are. But the solution is not to try to turn them into heterosexuals. The solution is to get rid of the hatred and prejudice and oppression that makes them unhappy — much of it produced by people like Satinover and groups like Hope Ministries, the Christian Coalition, and other right-wing religious organizations. It's no coincidence that those who generate the most hatred toward gays are also those who profit the most from it, either by running "ministries" to cure

us or by preaching lies that demonize us and then using the resulting fear as a fund-raising tool.

We do not need so-called religious people trying to force their lifestyles down our throats. What we need is legislation to protect lesbians and gays from job discrimination and hate crimes. We need the social and legal supports to strengthen gay relationships that heterosexuals take for granted. We need to give every woman an man a chance to succeed in any career they are called to, including the clergy and the military. We need accurate representations of the real lives of lesbian and gay people in our media. We need education about tolerance and the diversity of real family structures in our schools. We need to put an end to anti-gay bigotry so pervasive that, according to one study, 30% of gay male teen-agers have been driven to attempt suicide at least once.

We need more people of faith to realize that their traditional teachings about homosexuality are no more unchanging and fundamental to their faith than were the traditional ideas about the place of women in society; or for that matter, slavery. People like Satinover aren't born homophobic, it's a choice they make. With knowledge and prayer, they can change.

Persons concerned about their sexuality who need help in exploring and affirming who they are may wish to check out some of these area resources:

- Regularly scheduled rap groups for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and questioning youth at the Triangle Community Center in Norwalk (203/853-0600).
- The Metropolitan Community Church in New Haven, a Christ-centered church ministering to self-affirming gays and lesbians, (203/389-6750)
- For a complete list of area resources, including other organizations, physicians, therapists and counselors, the gay/lesbian Guideline (203/327-0767).

EDITOR'S DESK

MORE NEWS, MORE VIEWS

I keep trying to cut back, but people keep sending more stuff in — and so here is yet another newsletter literally overflowing with News and Views from our growing community. This month, for the first time, there is a separate section on news from the New Haven area, and thanks to Tom Mariconda a new feature "AIDS Update" which I hope will continue to appear. I have a feeling we may have seen the last 12-page *News & Views*.

Also, for the first time in my memory, we have actually distributed every single copy of the August *News & Views*. All those not mailed to members and advertisers have been distributed by our volunteers to area merchants and organizations, and there remain a bare handful left at the Center reserved for visitors to pick up. The moral of that story is, if it is important for you to receive a copy of *News & Views* each month and you're not yet a member of the Center, now's the time to send in your membership form so you're not left out!

John Allen, the driving force behind the new New Haven Community Center, has told me he sees *News & Views* becoming a rival to *Metroline* and *In Newsweekly* in providing news to the community in southern Connecticut. Frankly, that's a little more than I intended to take on. But it is true that *News & Views* has certainly grown beyond merely a newsletter for and about the Triangle Community Center. In fact, John and I will soon be looking into the possibility of expanding *News & Views* into a *joint* newsletter covering the activities of both the TCC and the New Haven Center, with coverage of all the other community organizations in both counties.

That's an exciting prospect, because among other things it opens the way for more people to be involved. If in fact a true regional newspaper grows out of this, we will need a lot more staff than we have now, including someone (not me!) to act as publisher or managing editor to organize it all. So if you're turned on to this idea, give a call to me in Norwalk (203/849-1508) or John in New Haven (203 782-2000).

- Roger Hooverman

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

WE DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN ONE PLACE

by Barb Schade, TCC Treasurer

Hi! My name is Barb Schade, and I am the treasurer of TCC. The Board and Finance Committee have decided that a brief financial summary would be published quarterly in *News & Views*. You should find the first summary as you peruse this issue.

TCC is financed solely through contributions and memberships. We believe that the membership has the right to know how the money is spent. Of course we pay operational expenses: rent, utilities, phone, postage, printing costs, paper, maintenance supplies, etc. These are the essentials that provide us with a warm, safe building in which to meet.

Where does the rest of the money go? A lot of it goes to make the rest of the community aware of the TCC, and to support other groups and causes. Some of these expenditures were purchased ads for the TCC, others were outright gifts of modest amounts. Here is a partial list of how the Board has chosen to spend our money since I became treasurer in November, 1995:

- A sum was donated to the "Children of the Shadows" youth conference to help finance it, because previous finding was unavailable.
- A brick was purchased from the Friends of the Norwalk Museum, engraved "The Triangle Community Center, est. 1991." The brick is part of the Norwalk Museum's archives, where it reminds people of our presence in the community.
- Hartford Pride celebration.
- Heritage of Pride and the New York City Pride celebration.
- Gay and Lesbian Expo in NYC — we set up a TCC table and gave away magnets and bumper stickers - a FUN success!
- Postage for including voter registration forms in News and Views mailings.
- The Names Project — TCC has applied to help bring the Quilt to this area.
- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.
- Connecticut Civil Liberties Union — TCC has purchased a day on their fund raising calendar: the day the CT legislature passed the gay civil rights bill. (If you want to know when that was, buy a copy of the calendar - ed.)
- The CT Gay Men's Chorus and CT Women's Chorus,
- CCAG Youth Resource
- CT Stonewall Congress

As you can see, TCC is a very important and effective resource for the gay, lesbian, bisexual transgendered community. We are becoming an ever increasing presence in Fairfield County. None of the above would have been possible without your support. YOU are indeed VERY important to the life of the Center. On behalf of the Board and the Finance Committee, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to my next "splinter" so I can fill you in on the latest "checks in the mail."

[This column is written on a rotating basis by the various members of the TCC Board of Directors.]

Triangle Community Center

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

as of July 31, 1996

INCOME

Communications	2792.00
Executive Board	119.17
Fund Raising	4213.60
Membership	8838.00
Operations	1860.05
Program Income	2987.03

TOTAL INCOME 20809.85

EXPENSES

Communications	4799.45
Executive Board	695.50
Fund Raising	564.58
Membership	861.56
Operations	12306.91
Program	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSE 19228.00

NET ORDINARY INCOME 1581.85

CASH IN BANK

People's NOW Checking	5265.84
People's Savings Acct	2569.06
Certificates of Deposit	14131.13

TOTAL ASSETS 21966.03

by Doug Nissing, Finance Chair

TRIVIA

by Seggerman

ANSWER TO AUGUST:

Which nobody got, by the way. It was Cameron Mackintosh, whose numerous theatrical productions have made him one of the richest men in England. The incident he referred to as "burning his bra" was a letter that began "we as gays and lesbians" or something like that, published in the Guardian, a London newspaper. It was in response to a letter by the late director Derek Jarman attacking Ian McKellan for accepting a knighthood from the British government, which had previously passed Clause 28, a measure in spirit similar to the anti-gay initiatives in this country. The other co-signers were many of the leading lights of the British stage and screen - Simon Callow (no shock there), Anthony Sher, director John Schlesinger, Pam StClement - star of the hit series *EastEnders*, and veteran character actor Alec McCowan. Mackintosh had more casually come out in the *New York Times Magazine* profile a few weeks earlier, when he freely admitted to sharing his life with a man but would say no more, insisting on his right to privacy.

QUESTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

Which TCC member won a gold medal at the 1994 Gay Games?

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NEW HAVEN NEWS

COMMUNITY CENTER 3RD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On Wednesday, September 25, the organizers of the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center will hold their third annual Town Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Public Hearing Room at City Hall, 200 Orange Street, New Haven, from 7 to 9 pm.

The agenda includes reports on the progress of the community center and on the state of the community. Participants will have opportunity to network with people from the over 40 identified gay and gay friendly groups thriving in greater New Haven. Mayor John DeStefano has promised to put in an appearance.

There will be an after-party at 168 York Street.

COMMITTEE PLANNING NOW FOR 1997

PRIDE CELEBRATION

A committee to coordinate a major gay pride celebration for gay pride month next year - June 1997 - in the city of New Haven, is being formed now.

The committee's first meeting has been scheduled for Friday evening, September 20, 6 to 8 pm, at Elm City Roasters, at 59 Elm Street in downtown New Haven.

Everyone from throughout New Haven County and the region interested in taking part and volunteering help is invited to take part. Individuals, local business owners and non-profit organizations from the New Haven County region are invited and urged to attend.

Cities and towns such as Hartford and Danbury, Connecticut and Huntington, Long Island, and Winston Salem, North Carolina have had major gay pride celebrations in June in recent years, and the committee is working to put New Haven on the map.

Future meetings will be held once a month at Elm City Roasters, right up until the weekend of New Haven Gay Pride events next June.

For information call Bryon H. at (203) 234-0820.

AYAUP RESUMES GAY COFFEE NIGHTS

Alternative Young Adults United and Proud (AYAUP), a New Haven area organization of Generation X gays and lesbians, and Cafe Diesel of New Haven are proud to announce a "Gay Coffee Night" being held every Thursday evening, starting September 5th.

The coffee nights, every Thursday from 8 pm to 12 midnight, are open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and gay friendly people of all ages. Cafe Diesel is located at 944 State Street in downtown New Haven.

AYAUP also reports attendance at its New Haven area meetings has skyrocketed. AYAUP is so pleased with the high level of interest that it is planning to start expanding so that AYAUP meetings and functions can happen in other parts of Connecticut and in Westchester County and Western Massachusetts.

In a statement, AYAUP said "We are currently seeking motivated, energetic and detail-oriented individuals of all ages to help us get AYAUP up and running in the following areas: Fairfield County, Hartford County, New London County, all in Connecticut, as well as Westchester County, New York and Western Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in taking part in this expansion is invited to contact Bryon of AYAUP at (203) 234-0820, or write to AYAUP, P.O. Box 464, North Haven CT 06473-0464.

There is a web page on the Internet as well: <http://home:aol.com/AYAUP>.

AYAUP is a non-profit alliance of young adults of varied sexual orientations, their families and friends, and its primary purpose is to unite individuals of alternative lifestyles. AYAUP offers support for young adults and social activities for people of all ages and identities.

CABARET FUNDRAISER "NIGHT OF ILLUSIONS"

There is a special night of cabaret entertainment on Thursday evening, September 12, to benefit the new New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Alternative Young Adults United and Proud (AYAUP) and the Beach Club of West Haven proudly present "Night of Illusions," a night of cabaret "Le Cage" style.

The show will feature Mr. Tori Dion ("The Laziest Gal") and Veronica Van Cleef (female impersonator title winner known as "The Mouth of the South"). Also appearing will be a "very special guest" plus drag queens and stunning male vocalists.

The performance is Thursday evening, September 12, at 8 pm, at the Beach Club at 295 Beach Street in West Haven. You must be 21 or older to be admitted. Admission is \$5 per person.

Anyone wanting more information may call Bryon at (203) 234-0820, or write PO Box 464, North Haven CT 06473-0464.

AIDS UPDATE

KEY AIDS MOLECULE IDENTIFIED

A key molecule that allows the AIDS virus to infect human cells has been identified by researchers, after ten years of intense searching. The discovery promises a new approach to treating the deadly disease and yields insight into why some persons are apparently more resistant to the virus than others. Identification of this "co-factor" should also make it possible to develop inexpensive animal models for the disease, thus accelerating the testing of new drugs and vaccines.

The newly identified co-factor, which was announced independently last month by five research teams in three journals, plays a role in the vast majority of HIV infections.

The HIV virus is incapable of simply passing through the walls of a cell to spread its lethal DNA. Rather, it must capture the cell's own machinery and subvert it to the virus' own purpose. Researchers have known that HIV hijacks a protein called CD4 on the surface of blood and other cells, and uses it to bind tightly to the cell surface. But the insertion of the virus into the cell itself requires still another, second, protein: the one just identified as CKR5, or chemokine receptor-5, the elusive HIV co-factor.

The identification of CKR5 as the HIV co-factor may make it possible to produce inexpensive laboratory animals, such as mice and rabbits, that can be infected by the AIDS virus.

Currently, only expensive and increasingly rare primates are susceptible to such infections. It may also make it possible to use the discovery to bolster the body's ability to fight off an HIV infection, or, alternatively, to design drugs or vaccines that bind to CKR5 and prevent it from assisting in the virus' entry.

This information is reprinted from AIDS Health Update

WORLD AIDS DAY

The American Association for World Health has announced the 1996 theme of World AIDS Day: "One World. One Hope." The theme was designated by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to "emphasize the need for people everywhere to put aside their differences and work together to face the challenge of slowing down the epidemic and alleviating its impact. At the same time, it reflects a universal aspiration to find the means to prevent and cure HIV/AIDS." World AIDS Day is observed annually on December 1.

UNAIDS estimates that there are over 20 million people currently living with HIV/AIDS, with over five new infections occurring every minute. Through December 1995, in the U.S. there have been more than 513,000 cumulative AIDS cases reported. The Office of National AIDS Policy stated that one quarter of all new HIV infections in the United States are estimated to occur in young people between the ages of 13 and 20.

This article is reprinted from AIDS Health Update

AIDS UPDATE (CONTINUED)

PEER PROGRAMS FOR SAFER SEX REDUCE HIV RISK

Prevention programs that involve entire social systems to encourage and support young gay men to practice safer sex are successful in reducing HIV risk behavior, according to a UCSF study published in the August issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

The UCSF study is the first controlled study to evaluate HIV prevention programs designed specifically for young gay men, according to Susan M. Kegeles, Ph.D., a researcher at the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS).

"We have found it is far more effective for peers to support and encourage each other in spreading the HIV prevention message through young gay men's social networks," Kegeles said.

"Furthermore, we found that to most effectively reach young gay men who are engaging in high risk activities, programs need to go beyond traditional health education approaches," she added. "HIV prevention efforts need to be conducted within the context of broader issues of importance to young gay men, such as meeting social needs and having a place to get support from each other."

Young gay men are engaging in alarming rates of unsafe sex, according to Kegeles, and HIV rates in this population continue to climb.

"Young gay men are not being effectively reached by HIV prevention efforts," she said. "The HIV prevention program we evaluated in the study should be used as a model for mid-sized communities aiming to reduce HIV-risk behavior among its young gay and bisexual men."

Kegeles and other CAPS researchers developed and implemented an eight-month peer-led HIV prevention program for young gay men in two midsize communities in the United States.

The program involved five elements designed to increase support for safer sex and to change community norms: a young gay men's community center created for the study, a core group of young gay or bisexual men who ran the project, informal outreach conducted among friends, formal outreach conducted at gay venues and social events, and small groups that focused on safer sex and informal outreach.

The study involved 242 gay and bisexual men ages 18 to 27 from both communities (Eugene, Ore., and Santa Barbara, Calif.). Participants were interviewed twice before the program intervention and twice afterward.

Study results showed no significant difference between the levels of unprotected anal sex reported at each interview before the intervention, showing that there was no trend towards risk reduction. Two months after the program intervention, study findings indicated a 26 percent reduction in reported unsafe sex with casual partners and a 28 percent reduction in unsafe sex with boyfriends. The reduction in unsafe sex with casual partners was sustained one year after the intervention, findings showed. There was, however, a return to unsafe sex with boyfriends, many of whom were new relationships, Kegeles said.

"Since new young men will continue to come out as gay each year, it is critical that there be an ongoing system to socialize them about the need for safer sex," Kegeles said. "Additional efforts need to focus on risk reduction among boyfriends."

From Business Wire - Reuters - Aug. 13, 1996

REVIEWS

BOYS IN THE BAND — HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

by Marianne Seggerman

The current production is actually almost light in spirit, certainly more so than the darkly lit black and white movie. Has anything changed, from then to now?

It seems hard to believe that with two characters with such antagonism toward each other as Michael and Howard, one would be giving the other a birthday party, but then Michael may have been the only one who felt safe enough those days to play hostess. There still are Emorys around, and Arts who will attack them out of their own insecurities.

The one thing which may have changed is the treatment of Bernard. I can't imagine anyone allowing those sorts of personal attacks any more. As for the self-loathing that has been seen as the overweening character of the play, there seemed to be more disagreements over differences in attitudes toward monogamy (has that dated?) and unrequited loves (which nobody has anymore, right?).

The play ends with two images — Michael coming to grips with the reality that the former roommate he has loved really is straight and Larry and Hank, having just declared their love for each other, upstairs in each other's arms in Michael's bed. The latter was done with more restraint than the audience needed, but the almost mime show quality, done not to distract from the climax of another sort going on downstairs, was commendable. It imbued the viewer with the impression that, after all the heartache and lost loves, will men find and love each other, a far more hopeful message than the play's reputation.

One last thing: What was missing from the production, or perhaps the play, was Art's reaction to the information that his former roommate was gay. If the character was real he would have visibly been in a state of shock from the time the truth dawned on him until long after he left the party. His only action, beating up Emory, was unconnected to his discovery. The heterosexual as the stock character, whose inner life is irrelevant to the action — this was quite a change, even today.

MISS MANNERS COLUMN

By JUDITH MARTIN

DEAR MISS MANNERS: Not only gays, but also our friends and family seem to stammer when introductions are needed. I do not know what title to give the man who I have chosen to spend my life with when I am introducing him; he is just as uncomfortable when having to introduce me.

"I over" seems to imply that the basis for our relationship is sex. "Friend" doesn't work; we are more than just friends. "Boyfriend/girlfriend"? Those don't sound permanent enough. "Partner" draws puzzled looks. "Significant other," nobody seems to like. We are not "spouses." "Domestic partner" sounds like "roommates," which we are not. And saying, "This is the old ball and chain, Brad," just sounds, well... stupid. Could you offer a title that will not offend anyone and at the same time not devalue our relationship?

If things go well, gays will be able to legally marry in the next two to 30 years. I'll probably be writing you then to help me word the invitations and make the guest list.

GENTLE READER: Oh, so you're engaged. Whew.

Miss Manners is relieved, and not only because she believes all true love should culminate in the respectability of florists, guest lists and engravers. The main reason is that she used to wrestle with the question of nomenclature for unwed couples of whatever combination, and finally just stopped, exhausted. She had rejected all the suggestions you mention and hundreds more besides, as being too silly, vivid or difficult to spell.

However, there is a standard term — "fiance" — for people who plan to marry, whether or not they eventually succeed. Most people misspell that, too, but heck, it's better than POSSIQ (persons of opposite sex sharing living quarters).

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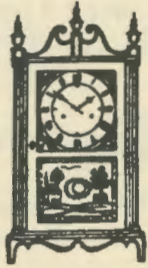
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Calendar

September, 1996

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 1 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	2 Women's Rap 7:30 Labor Day	3 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30	4 P-FLAG 7:45	5 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	6 Boston-NY AIDS Ride leaves Boston Same-sex Marriage seminar Q College	7 Boston-NY AIDS Ride in Connecticut
8 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Boston-NY AIDS Ride arrives NYC	9 Women's Rap, 7:30	10 Gmosaic 7:30	11 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30	12 Men's Rap 7:30 AYAUP fundraiser at Beach Club	13 Triangle Bowling League 8:30 Circle Lanes Fairfield	14 Triangle Kids Pool Party Rosh Hashonah N&V Deadline
15 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	16 Women's Rap 7:30	27 Fundraising/Spec Events Comm 7:30	18 Political Action Grp 7pm (new time slot)	19 Mens' Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex- spouses 7:30	20 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes	21 TCC Friendraiser Tom & Walter's 6-9
22 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Autumn begins	23 Women's Rap 7:30 Yom Kippur	24 Gmosaic 7:30	25 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30 New Haven Center Town Meeting	26 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	27 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes	28
29 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Lambda Legal Def fundraiser in Fairfield	30 Women's Rap 7:30	Oct 1 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30	2 P-FLAG 7:45	3 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	4 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes	5
6 AA 9-10 am AIDS Walk Stamford Cove Island Pk noon Marvin Liebman 4:00 at TCC	7 Women's Rap 7:30	8 Gmosaic 7:30	9 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30	10 Men's Rap 7:30	11 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes	12 N&V Deadline

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- Connecticut Business Guild - 225-6464
- CT Outreach Society - (816) 657-4344
- Free Association of Fairfield County - John (203) 268-8858 x304
- Gay Men's Rap Group - Dave 838-1881; John 926-8971
- Gmosaic (People of Color) - 853-0600
- Lesbian Literature Reading Group - Karen, 371-8487
- OutSpoken (Youth) - Barb 259-8171; Dan 227-1755;
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- Political Action Group - Michele, 438-4465; Charlie, 226-8652
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