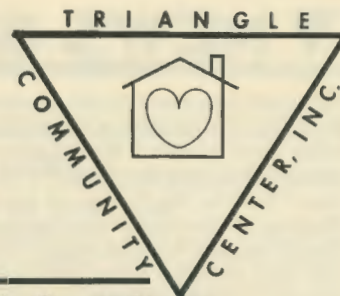


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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY & JUNE

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| WED, APR 30 | Ellen Morgan comes out, whew! 9:30pm, ABC-TV. |
| FRI, MAY 2 | Another Octave, the Connecticut Women's Chorus presents <i>Music in My Mothers House</i> , Unitarian Society of New Haven, Hamden, 8pm. |
| SAT, MAY 3 | Another Octave, the Connecticut Women's Chorus presents <i>Music in My Mothers House</i> , Community Center, Hartford, 8pm. |
| SAT, MAY 3 | Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo at the Shubert Theater, New Haven, 8pm. Call Box office or Protix at 1-800-955-5566. |
| FRI, MAY 16 | TCC Friendraiser , at the home of Damian and Len in Shelton, 6-9pm. See article for directions. |
| SAT, MAY 17 | "Who is Protecting Our Rights?" , panel discussion at TCC, 10-1pm. See article for details. |
| TUE, MAY 20 | Center Forum , How to Plan a Fabulous Party, Jack Miller and Todd Merrill, Party Planners Extradinaire, 7:30ish at the center. |
| SAT, MAY 31 | CT Gay Men's Chorus reprises The Hat Ball , the "Prom Night of your Dreams... with fifty fabulous men and their eighty-three dancing feet." 8:30, Oakdale Theater, Wallingford. Info 1-800-644-CGMC. |
| SUN, JUNE 1 | Queens NY Lesbian & Gay Pride March & Multicultural Festival , starts at 12:30pm at 37th Ave & marches from 89th St. to 75th St. in Jackson Hgts. Info (718) 997-6778. |
| SAT, JUNE 21 | Connecticut Pride in Hartford . Watch for more info. |
| SUN, JUNE 22 | TCC Pride Friendraiser and Back-yard Barbecue - at Meg & Justine's home in Stratford, 3-6pm. Save the date! |
| SUN, JUNE 29 | Annual New York City Pride Parade . Watch for more info. |

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

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

BROOKFIELD AREA GROUP RALLIES TO HELP TEACHER

A group of Brookfield, CT residents has started a legal fund to help a retired Brookfield High School teacher in her lawsuit against a couple who accused her of "recruiting" youth to homosexuality.

Veronica Berrill, a former English teacher and the mother of a gay man, had participated in the high school's "safe zones" program, where certain classrooms are marked with pink triangles and designated safe places where students can talk about their sexuality with understanding teachers. A Brookfield couple, Neal and Katie Houde, objected to the program, and publicly accused Mrs. Berrill of pursuing a "homosexual agenda" and engaging in "homosexual recruiting." She responded by bringing a lawsuit against them for damaging her personal and professional reputation, as well as emotional distress. While this was all going on, her husband, Jack Berrill, died of cancer at age 72.

In January, the Houdes brought in the Family Institute of Connecticut and the Virginia-Based American Center for Law and Justice, founded by Rev. Pat Robertson, to support them. The Center issued a statement expressing horror that Brookfield students were being taught that actually "homosexual conduct... is not only a viable alternative lifestyle, but is actual equal to heterosexual relationships."

The Danbury and Brookfield papers have given substantial coverage to both sides of the controversy, including statements by students and teachers supporting the safe zones program and statements by local

pastors and counselors who claim they can help gay people turn straight. Now friends of Mrs. Berrill have formed a group called the Committee for the Defense of Classroom Tolerance.

"Veronica Berrill is carrying the load all by herself and she needs support," said the group's spokesman, Ted LaBonne. He added that the group's goal is to defend tolerance in all classrooms, not specifically Berrill's case. A second group has since formed that is circulating a petition on support of the safe zones and sex education programs in the school.

Anyone wishing more information or wanting to add their support can call Ted LaBonne at (203) 743-5552. The Committee can also be reached by email at GLAofCT@aol.com. - Roger Hooverman

THE BROOKFIELD HIGH LETTERS

Reprinted from the Danbury News-Times, March 28, 1997

In the coverage of the safe zones controversy, The News-Times ran a transcript of a 1993 talk on being gay that I gave to a group of high school teachers and peer counselors at my alma mater, Brookfield High. As a former delivery boy for The News-Times, I never would have imagined that one day your newspaper would quote me - and misquote me - so extensively.

Disregarding repeated advance warnings to The News-Times that there were numerous errors in the transcript, you published it anyway and failed to advise readers of its source - Neal and Kathleen Houde - the very persons whom my mother, Veronica Berrill, is suing for false and defamatory charges against her in connection with her participation as a teacher in Brookfield High's safe zones program.

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

There are too many errors to recount, but the following are a few examples; I'm quoted as saying homophobia is a weapon of "sexes," when I said "sexism." When I discuss the religious denominations that ordain openly gay clergy, the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations" became the "Union of American People congregations" (sic), "Staying in the closet" was changed to "taking classes," "rare exceptional" became "rare examples." Discharges of lesbians by the military "are two to three times greater than discharges of gay men," was changed to "two to three times favorable to gay men." And so on, ad nauseam.

These and other errors muddled the talk, and made it confusing to follow. Having been warned in advance that there were numerous mistakes, The New-Times should have contacted me to check for accuracy. Doing so would have been easy, not to mention respectful. And it was the least I deserved, especially since you invited your readers to judge the appropriateness of my presentation.

Kevin Berrill

WASHINGTON D.C.

I read with interest the Sunday, March 16 articles on homosexuality, including the two full pages, B6 and B7, given to Kevin Berrill, a homosexual. I am patiently waiting to see when two whole newspaper pages will be given to someone who has come out of the homosexual lifestyle. Teachers, counselors and students could ask questions, as was done in Mr. Berrill's talk. I'm sure Dr. Bill Consiglio, who was mentioned on Page A1, could give you the name of a former homosexual. In the interest of journalistic fairness, another article should be presented.

Mr. Berrill seems to think that the homosexual lifestyle is normal. One has only to consider the design of the human anatomy- male and female - to know what normal is. It's pretty obvious that the male sex organ was created for the female vagina. I don't see how anyone can argue otherwise. Maybe we need more plain old anatomy lessons in the schools.

Claire Siebert

NEW FAIRFIELD

It is sad that the Houdes are spending so much energy to impose their will on the rest of society. To see two adults so disturbed over someone else's sexual orientation is frankly bizarre, if not a little kinky. I'd like to ask Neal Houde to explain exactly how he is being personally harmed by homosexuality? Or by young adults discussing homosexuality? He never once claims to have been damaged by gays in any way and he admits to pursuing this whole ugly affair because his religion is anti-gay and he's offended by the "gay lifestyle."

I was raised Catholic and this sort of non-Christian rejection of so many of God's children is one of the reasons I left the church. When Jesus told us to love our neighbors, I believe he meant all of them, not just the ones we approve of.

The Houdes are offended by gays? I'm more offended by narrow-minded bigots who insist on forcing everyone to conform to their views. Human homosexuality has been around ever since human beings evolved. Homosexual behaviors are found in all the primates, as well as countless other animal species. If God Almighty created homosexuality, who are the Houdes to argue with him?

The faculty and staff of Brookfield High School should be applauded for creating the safe zones, and for trying to raise everyone's consciousness regarding sexual orientation. Gay-bashing is directly fueled by attitudes like the Houdes'. High schools are dangerous places to be gay precisely because homophobic parents continue to teach their children that gays are second-class citizens and worthy targets of abuse.

I hope the Houdes find a way to contribute to their community in a more positive way and cease these attacks on people who don't match their narrow definition of normal.

Richard White

RIDGEFIELD

Congratulations to the Houdes for speaking out against the perversion that's called the gay lifestyle. Just when society should be demanding accountability, legally, from the gay cult for spreading AIDS, pedophilia and generally degrading behavior, they've become politically correct.

Why? Because a society based on condoms and contraceptives must defend any sexual act or admit it's lying. All contraceptive sex is a lie because it separates sex from procreation and the marriage bond for which it is intended.

Fairfield County is supposedly largely Catholic. It is the duty of bishops and priests to make sure the faithful are catechized truthfully, especially today in the areas of church-state relationships and sexual morality. The past failure to preach on the sinfulness of contraception led to the acceptance of all sexual deviation and "tolerance" of murder abortion.

Jesus wants to heal homosexuals not condemn them, but homosexuals and lesbians condemn themselves by carrying out their disordered inclinations. It is not charity to condone evil.

Please read the letter "Nondiscrimination Against Homosexual Persons" by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Selectively, Nos. 10 and 11 state: "Sexual orientation does not constitute a quality comparable to race, ethnic background, etc., in respect to nondiscrimination. Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder and evokes moral concern.

"There are areas where it is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account, for example, in the placement of children for adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or athletic coaches and in military recruitment."

I hope all Christians, Orthodox Jews, Moslems and concerned citizens will oppose the homosexual agenda and state sex education.

Michael Sheehan

DANBURY

Reprinted from the Danbury News Times, March 29, 1997.

While I appreciate that your paper has been willing to tackle the complex and controversial subject of gay and lesbian youth, it makes me sad - and more than a little angry - that so much myth and misinformation are being bandied about regarding the creation of safe zones for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth in school.

As the founder and executive director of Children From the Shadows (where the concept of safe zones was first introduced in Connecticut), I feel competent to provide an accurate working definition of the concept.

Here's what a "safe zone" is: It is a place where all students can feel safe and respected regardless of their orientation. A safe zone is a classroom, a library, a guidance office - or even a hallway - where a clear and enforced policy prohibits "hate language." Words that attack an individual on the basis of his or her race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation are not tolerated.

Here's what a safe zone is not: A special place designed to provide special rights to sexual minority youth. (Did you ever notice how basic human rights are considered "special rights" whenever they are demanded by anyone not of the dominant culture?)

I admire and respect the faculty, administration and staff of Brookfield High School - and obviously, Veronica Berrill - for the courageous stand they have taken in the face of continued (and often inaccurate) attacks. What they are doing is making a difference not only in the lives of lesbian, gay and bisexual children and their families, but in our society as a whole.

Prejudice hurts everyone - those who espouse it and those who are targeted. Justice, tolerance and standing up for what is right makes all of us better human beings. In the light of understanding, shadows disappear.

Robin M. Passariello
Executive Director
Children From the Shadows
MIDDLETOWN

TCC NEWS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the April 9 meeting of TCC's Board of Directors, new officers were elected to replace the positions vacated by Roger Hooverman, Tom Miraconda and Marianne Segertnan. The list of officers now reads:

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| Don Buxton | President |
| Dave Carroll | Vice-President |
| Barb Schade | Treasurer |
| Len Horey | Corresponding Secretary |
| Dave Carroll | Acting Recording Secretary |

Five board positions are still open. Why not apply? It takes just four hours a month of your time. And unless you work for Arthur Murray, you're dance card can't be that full.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

by Len Horey, TCC Corresponding Secretary

In case you didn't notice, my name magically reappeared on the list of the board of directors a couple of months ago. That's because after a year of retirement, I decided to rejoin the board for one more year. Why would I do something like that? That's a good question. One that I'm still asking myself. But the answer may be contained in the list of the board of directors. As of April there are only five people on the board. That's enough to run the Center but just barely. Despite all of our efforts, we have been unable to attract more people to the board.

I can understand why it is difficult to attract people to the board. Many people are unsure of exactly what the board does. Some imagine that serving on the board will require huge amounts of their time and requires skills that they lack. It isn't like that at all.

The board of directors runs the Center. In many respects it is just like the other committees such as Fundraising or Communications. The board meets on a regular basis and handles the business of the Center. It is the job of the board to see that the bills get paid and to decide on things which will affect the Center. Occasionally those decisions are very important (such as the decision to move the Center to its present location several years ago), but usually they are simple decisions (such as, do we want to advertise an upcoming gay related event or can a particular group use the Center for its meetings). All of the committees report to the board and the board serves as the interface between the committees. You might think that you have to be a business expert to be on the board. There is really no need for that. I'm an electrical engineer (yes, there are gay engineers) and I have no formal business training. Yet, I have never felt overwhelmed by being on the board. Center business simply isn't that complicated. Most of it is just common sense. When we do come across something that is beyond us we get the advice of an expert before making a decision. The board currently meets twice a month and the meetings are usually less than two hours long. Board members must be members of the Center, but we no longer require board members to raise or contribute additional money to the Center. That was important during the early years of the Center, but today the Center is financially sound. What we need today are more volunteers to help fill our committees (including the board).

Joining the board gives you an opportunity to help determine the future of the Center. If you have ever said "why doesn't the Center..." this is a perfect way to have your voice heard. I have heard that some women don't want to join the board because they feel that the Center is run by men. If the Center is run by men (actually four men and one woman) it is only because we don't have more women on the board. Our by-laws say that we are supposed to have gender parity on the board, but we can't have it unless more women join the board. If you feel that women are under represented at the Center then join the board and change that. I would really like to have our next president be a woman, but it can only happen if we get more women to join the board.

I hope that I have given you some idea of what the TCC board does and why you should consider joining it. If you think that you would like to join the board, give me (Len) a call at 925-0366.

MAY FRIENDRAISER

AT DAMIAN & LEN'S IN SHELTON

Our next TCC fundraiser will be Friday, May 16, 6-9 pm, at the home of Damian and Len in Shelton. Food will be provided; BYOB. The usual donation will be requested: \$8 members, \$10 non-members, more if you can, less if you can't.

Directions: From I95 northbound, take to Exit 27A (Route 25 and Route 8). Continue on the highway until the road splits. Bear to the right (Route 8) and take the first exit after the highway splits (Exit 8 - Route 108). At the end of the exit ramp make a left. Continue to the traffic light and make a left at the light onto Route 108 north. Continue on 108 to a stop sign. Continue on 108 north approximately 3 miles from stop sign and make next right onto Bayberry Lane. Continue on Bayberry Lane until it ends and make left onto Mulberry Lane. The house is #25 on the right (gray house).

From Merrit Parkway northbound, to Exit 51. At the end of exit ramp make a left at the light onto Route 108 north. Continue on 108 to a stop sign. Continue on 108 north approximately 3 miles from the stop sign and make the next right onto Bayberry Lane. Continue on Bayberry lane until it ends and make a left onto Mulberry lane. The house is #25 on the right (gray house). If you need more information or get lost, call 925-0366.

LESBIAN LITERATURE GROUP

For its June 3rd meeting, the Lesbian Literature Group has chosen "Chicana Lesbians (The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About)" by Carla Trujillo and is published by 3rd Woman Press. Not one to mince words, Meg Bachtel provides us with her synopsis of the book. It is she says, "an anthology of short stories and poetry by chicana lesbians."

The literature group meets at the Center the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Copies of "Chicana Lesbians" are available at Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. For more information please call Christine (203) 847-8476.

SPEAKING OUT FOR OUTSPOKEN

OutSpoken, the youth support group here at TCC, has entered its fourth year! Over 350 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young people have visited our group. We meet every Sunday from 4-6pm. We talk about what ever is on our minds: fitting in at school, dealing with parents, handling relationships, learning to accept ourselves and others. We talk about movies, music, and "is Ellen finally going to come out!?" We laugh. We support each other. OutSpoken is a "safe place" for young people to communicate and share their feelings. Some members are struggling with issues of sexuality. Others are already very comfortable. One of the greatest joys of working with these extraordinary people is watching a newcomer to the group realize that she/he is not alone. Many scared, withdrawn youths have come to this group only to blossom into self assured, happier people. We are going to start collecting some of their stories. Stay tuned to the newsletter!

-Dan Kelly

WORD'S OUT ABOUT "OUT AND ABOUT"

"Out and About" is new here at the center. It is a group for both women and men age 21-35ish. Members of OutSpoken, the youth group, that were getting more or less too old for those meetings, started it. It meets from 7-8pm on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. But sometimes, it keeps rolling! Whoever wants to can hang in there. The group has in the past gone off to the diner, movies, bowling, or dancing till 1 am. It's a relaxed, comfortable way for young people, many new to the area, to make new friends in the gay community.

-Dan Kelly

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NEWS WORTHY

CT SCHOOL ANTI-HARASSMENT BILL VOTED OUT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The education committee of the CT legislature voted out SBI 121 which includes a section prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in public schools (K-12). During discussion on the bill Rep. Elaine Hammers, R 123-Trumbull, introduced a motion to strike this section from the bill. Her motion was seconded by Rep. Christopher Scalzo, R 111-Ridgefield. Rep. Pamela Sawyer, R 55-Bolton, also spoke against this section. Co-Chairs of the committee, Sen. Tom Gaffey, D 13-Meriden and Rep. Cam Staples, D 96-New Haven both spoke in favor of the section. Rep. Art Feltman, D 6-Hartford, the only openly gay legislator, spoke about the importance of this section in order to provide safety for our kids in school as did Rep. Richard Veltri, R 9-East Hartford. The motion was defeated by a voice vote and the full bill was voted out of committee. "We are extremely pleased that this bill came out of committee and we are looking forward to its passage in the Senate and then the House," said Jeff Carstens, Co-Chair of SANE (Safe and Affirming Network for Education) the political action arm of GLSTN CT. The bill will go to the Senate first so people are urged to contact their Senator and then their Representative for their support of the bill. For further information contact Carolyn Gabel, CT Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights (860-521-4710 or CGFEMINIST@AOL.COM).

STATEWIDE CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION FIGHTS ON

The Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights is a statewide organization that has recently reorganized to protect and strengthen our civil rights. Expanding the vision of the old statewide coalition that successfully fought for passage of our gay rights bill, the new coalition has added "bisexual and transgender" to our name, in order to be more inclusive of our entire community. Our goals are to work at the state legislature as well as with our Connecticut members of Congress. This year's agenda includes support for legislation insuring protection against discrimination in schools, equal access to the courts for discriminatory cases; domestic partnership benefits; adequate funding and services for our health needs, including HIV/AIDS and breast cancer. We are also working to protect our community against anti-gay proposals, especially efforts to enact laws prohibiting same gender marriage and efforts to amend our gay rights law to allow discriminatory military recruiters on state campuses.

The Coalition (CCLGBTCCR) has organized a steering committee of representatives from each of the six congressional districts in Connecticut. Steering Committee members have been meeting monthly at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center In New Haven. In some congressional districts, we have organized meetings with state legislators in people's homes or in other settings, in order to familiarize them with our concerns and issues. We have held meetings with Speaker of the House Tom Ritter, and with Senate Majority Leader George Jepsen, both of whom have committed their support to our rights.

In addition, we have also organized the Connecticut Stonewall Congress, as a forum for all types of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups; In Connecticut to meet together and share information. The Stonewall Congress is not political in nature. Meetings have been held several times per year, usually at Wesleyan University in Middletown, to have presenters address a topic of interest. Time is always set aside for groups to make announcements and share information with each other. The next Stonewall Congress event is being planned for next fall. Also, look for us at Gay Pride in Hartford!

These two organizations are vital and growing, because we need to stay in touch and work together. As you can see from the announcement in this newsletter, the Stonewall Congress, the Coalition, the local chapter of PFLAG and the Triangle Community Center are jointly sponsoring a panel discussion on Sat, May 17, from 10-1pm, at TCC, entitled "Who is Protecting Our Rights?" We hope you will join us!

We need members to join the Connecticut Coalition so that we can be stronger! Dues, are only \$5 - please send a check, your name and address, phone (e-mail and fax, if you have one) to: Paul Hartung, 31 Woodland Street, 2A, Hartford, CT 06105-4302. Thanks!

-Leslie Brett & Carolyn Gabel

AIR SUPPORT

American Airlines is a major sponsor to and supporter of groups like GLADD, the Human Rights Campaign, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the AIDS Action Foundation, DIFFA, AMFAR, and scores of community-based groups representing gays and lesbians. It is also the first airline to adopt a written non-discrimination policy covering sexual orientation in its employment practices. The airline is also well represented by the leadership of its gay and lesbian employee group, GLEAM. For these pioneering efforts, and its sales and marketing outreach to the gay and lesbian traveler, American has become the next bull's eye for hard-hitting, anti-gay corporate attacks.

- ▼ **THE PROBLEM:** An unusual joint letter was released to the media on Friday, March 14th from the Family Research Council, Concerned Women of America, American Family Association and Coral Ridge Ministries. Radical right leader Beverly LaHaye also went on Christian "talk radio" on Friday to blast American Airlines because "American's sponsorship of homosexual 'pride' events constitutes an open endorsement of promiscuous homosexuality." She and the other groups have written Bob Crandall at American to complain that the airline has "gone beyond mere tolerance" of gays and lesbians. (the full article appeared in Friday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and possibly picked up by other newspapers around the country).
- ▼ **THE RESULT:** It has come to the attention of the gay and Lesbian community that American Airline's switchboard and e-mails are being bombarded now by homophobic and hateful callers who have been urged by LaHaye and others to DEMAND the company terminate its gay-friendly policies.
- ▼ **THE NEED:** We need to send our messages of support and encouragement to American Airlines. It is critical that we counteract this attack and end the impression that we are silent and unconcerned when the vicious attacks are unleashed. Even if you do not fly frequently or have not flown in some time PLEASE write to express your support.
- ▼ **THE MEANS:** E-mail to this address: Webmaster@amrcorp.com or call personally to the American switchboard in Dallas at (817) 963-1234, then hit "O" and request the operator to send your caller comment to their executive offices. You should be able to reach an individual with whom you may register your views.

It is essential that we counter the attack that American is under, and stand up for those that support us!! Please e-mail American and show your support for their outreach to the gay and lesbian traveler, support of gay and lesbian groups, and their gay-friendly policies.

GAYS SEEK AID FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

A gay delegation met with Swiss officials Thursday to urge that gays receive a fair share of a new \$71 million humanitarian fund for needy Holocaust victims. Gays were among those groups including Jews, gypsies, Slavs and communists - targeted by the Nazis for concentration camps and extermination.

The meeting in the Swiss capital of Bern came a day after the Swiss government formally founded the fund. The gay organization Pink Cross argued that money should aid any Holocaust victim, regardless of race or religion, or political or sexual orientation.

"We had the feeling that we were met with open ears," said Pink Cross spokesman Rolf Gerber. He said the meeting with the government's task force on Holocaust victims was "very open and productive."

FEATURES

A FEW SELECTED TERMS FROM GABONICS PAST AND PRESENT:

In Oakland, Calif., they started the debate about Ebonics: Is it a language, a dialect or just some kind of strange slang? In South Florida there's Cubonics and where ever gays and lesbians gather you're likely to hear "gaybonics."

The experts tell us that groups who feel left out of the majority develop their own terminology either because they're isolated or because they feel the need to speak in code. In days gone by this lingo might have been referred to as camp, but younger gays and lesbians are adding to, and using, the language as well.

Here are a few examples of commonly used "gaybonic" terms. This list is by no means all inclusive, but represents a sampling of the terminology that many in the community have grown accustomed to using over the years. Sources include conversations with you, phrases overheard at the bar, on the beach and at the community center, as well as "The Queen's Vernacular" by Bruce Rodgers.

AC-DC: bisexual

Angel Food: a gay member of the Air Force

Bareback: sex without a condom

Basket: the outline of male genitals crammed into pants

BB: bump buddy or butt buddy; a sex partner

BD: Baby Dyke

Bear: a hairy-chested man

Betty and Barney: term for women and men heard in gay bars

Brown Berry: (mid '60s) a virginal ass hole

Chicken Hawk: a gay man who goes after young men

Chicken of the Sea: a gay member of the Navy

Closet Case: a gay or lesbian in denial about sexual orientation

Cornflakes: (Southwest, late '60s) lovable, big, dumb farm boy

Kissing Fish: (from novel by the same name by Monique Lange) lesbians

Lampshade Queen: inferior decorator

Leather Crowd: subculture of leather boys

Lipstick Lesbian: a lesbian who wears makeup and feminine clothes

Local Talent: the local gay crowd

Make Mudpies: (1970) have sex in the bushes while it rains or drizzles

Mary: a gay man

Miss Thing: someone who thinks they are "all that"; conceited

Motel Time: the last frantic minutes before a bar closes last call for alcohol

Norma: a heterosexual or a gay man that says he's returning to the straight world

Octopus Disease: the symptoms include fondling others in public places

Our Miss Brooks. (from the television series) gay male teacher

Pansy without a Stem:(camp, mid '60s) lesbian

Pap-nibbler: nipple sucker

POU: Positively One of Us

Press the Dress: get ready for social activities

Put on Pink (or Purple) Pants: to dress up for a gala event

Queen: an effeminate gay man; or just a general slang term among gay men for each other

Queer Dear: straight woman who hangs out with gay men (also, fag hag)

Rice Queen: any gay man that's attracted to Asian men

Run in the Nylons: clue that one's homosexuality is showing

Safari: (dated, '50s) a younger entourage surrounding an older person

Set the Table: to change the bed linen

Sister of the Inclination: lesbian

Snow Blindness. (from San Francisco, 1970) being dazzled by a friend's newly dyed blond hair

Snow Queen: any non-white gay man that pursues anglo men (also known as Potato Queen)

Sticky Rice: two Asian men together

Sugar Daddy: (from '20s slang, sugar money) an older man, who supports a younger Jover

Sweet Leech: (dates the user) lesbian who sponges off her lover

Trade: non-reciprocal sex partner: usually thinks they're straight

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LESBIAN AND GAY COUPLES NEEDED!!

A lesbian and a gay male researcher at the University of Maryland are conducting a gay-affirmative study of same-sex couples. This will be the first major study to look at the impact of factors unique to the LGB identity process on same-sex relationship functioning. It will also be the first major study to look at a racially ethnically diverse sample of same-sex couples.

We need your help in finding possible participants. If you or anyone you know of might be willing to participate, please contact us or pass along this message. (Our contact info is below.) What follows is information about participating in the study:

People who participate must be in a relationship that has lasted at least three months. Also, we are focusing on people who identify (at least partially) as lesbian or gay (as opposed to primarily identifying as bisexual). Both members of each couple are sent questionnaires to complete. Questionnaires are returned separately in stamped return envelopes. All responses are completely confidential and anonymous. We are eager to hear from couples of a variety of ages, race/ethnicities, income levels, communities, outlooks, etc.

When questionnaires are received from both partners of a couple, they are automatically entered into a lottery to win prizes from national and local LGB affirmative businesses.

I would greatly appreciate any help that you could offer us in our efforts. If you are in a relationship and would like to participate, just e-mail me or Glenna Chang.

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WANT SOME WORTHWHILE E-MAIL?

If you're like me, nothing can be more discouraging than checking your email and finding nothing but a bunch of junk mail telling you how to get rich quick. How about some regular mail that is worth reading and keeps you up to date on what's happening in the world of interest to lesbian/gay people?

The way to do that is subscribe to a news-group or mailing list. One of my favorites is put out by a guy right here in Connecticut; and he offers three separate mailing lists: one on issues of same-sex marriage, one on issues of spirituality and religion, and one on youth issues. Each mailing is a collection of articles culled from various newspapers and magazines around the country, usually from on-line sources or other news-groups. They are sent out BCC (blind copy) which means no one sees the e-mail addresses of the other recipients. If you're interested, e-mail him at CTFreedom@aol.com.

If you want lots of e-mail, my other favorite list is put out by a pair of dedicated women in Iowa. They send out up to 10 sets of articles a day relating to lesbian/gay issues: news items, editorials, theater reviews, letters to the editor, from major metropolitan papers and national magazines to college papers and small town weeklys, in Hawaii and California and Iowa and Alabama and New York and all around the world. It's a real cross section of what society is thinking and saying about gay people. It takes me about a half hour a day to get through it all, but it's fascinating and well worth it. Their e-mail address is: Fenceberry@aol.com. Just write and ask to be put on their list. There's no charge for any of this, and it's all completely confidential.

- Roger Hooverman

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

COOL STUFF ONLINE FOR YOUNGSTERS

A new Web site offers education and entertainment for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and their children. Open Prairie Syndicate, located at <http://www.visi.com/~oprairie>, is a Minneapolis-based collective that showcases cartoonists who work outside of the mainstream press, including Alison Bechdel's Dykes to Watch out For and Jennifer Camper's SubGURLZ

A new addition to the site is an online picture book for children with gay and lesbian parents. "If the Sun Were Queer," written by Open Prairie founder Joe Hoover, a political cartoonist whose work has been published in 23 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender publications nationwide, is inspired by the Sharon Bottoms case as well as other cases where children have been taken away from parent's homes because of the parent's sexual orientation.

Please thank Joe Hoover for his wonderful book and for making it available to all via the Internet. It is appreciated and will certainly touch the lives of children with gay and lesbian parents everywhere.

Contact: Joe Hoover, Open Prairie Syndicate, P.O. Box 8117, Minneapolis, MN, 55408; e-mail:

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PARTNERS TASK FORCE FOR GAY & LESBIAN COUPLES

The latest items to be added to our extensive Web site for same-sex couples:

- 1] Same-Sex Marriage Pride Day Project.
A great way to capture attention for legal marriage issues during Pride Day parades.
- 2] Domestic Partner Benefit List compiled by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Updated as of February 1997. Can be downloaded as a PDF paginated file.
- 3] Quick Facts on Legal Marriage.
Basics on the status of legal marriage for U.S. same-sex couples.
www.buddybuddy.com

"GET OVER IT — ELLEN'S COMING OUT—SO WHAT?"

Bob Harris, from the Sonoma County (CA) Independent

So Ellen is coming out. Why is this big news? We all know that both Ellen DeGeneres — and her fictional, ABC-TV sitcom counterpart — are gay. We've known it for a long time, even though Disney made the poor girl hop in and out of the closet faster than Imelda Marcos in full slipper frenzy. The media have buzzed for months with subtle clues proving that Ellen Is a Lesbian the way a previous generation proved that Paul Is Dead. (Which he still hasn't admitted. The wanker.)

The real news here isn't Ellen. It's us—no longer pretending that we don't know.

We straights are all aware that gay people share our schools, homes, and workplaces. But somehow a lot of us seem to hope that if we keep our eyes closed, maybe they'll all just go away.

When you're three years old, behaving like this is usually accompanied by putting fingers in your ears and screaming "Mommeeeee!" Psychologists call this a neurotic avoidance reaction, although the U.S. military prefers the phrase "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Opening your eyes, however, reveals the obvious: Gays and bisexuals are and always have been part of American life.

What would American culture be without the music of Cole Porter, the poetry of Walt Whitman, and the plays of Tennessee Williams? What would our history be without Susan B. Anthony and J. Edgar Hoover? Ironically, what would our image of masculinity itself be without James Dean, Rock Hudson, and Errol Flynn?

Contrary to the parroted PR that passes for reporting, Ellen Morgan isn't even the first gay title character on the network prime time. She's just the first we've agreed to acknowledge. Sixteen years ago, Tony Randall starred in NBC's "Love Sidney," a series adaptation of a TV movie in which Sidney was openly gay. No one watched, and it went off the air quietly. Sidney Shorr's sexuality remained largely unaddressed. As NBC entertainment president Brandon Tartikoff explained at the time, "We have no plans of bringing it up, dealing with it, or mentioning it." Or, more plainly: Mommeeeee!

At least this was an improvement from the '70s, when Marcus Welby "treated" a gay man by advising him not to talk about his "problem," to stay in the closet, and to start seeing a psychiatrist!

It should not be a radical act for Ellen simply to be who she is. What's the big deal anyway? Why do we have difficulty dealing with friends, family, and even fictional characters whose preferences are never going to intersect with our own bedrooms in any case?

A recent study published in the "Journal of Abnormal Psychology" might have the answer. In the study, participants filled out personality questionnaires before viewing a variety of erotic videos while wearing "genital strain gauges" to measure their arousal. (This is actually true, I swear. I think I went to the wrong college.)

Guess what? Turns out there's a striking, direct correlation between homophobia and latent homoerotic impulses. The very folks who revealed genuine fear or hostility toward gays on the written test were consistently more stimulated by gay images than heterosexual ones. Apparently, the myth is true: Homophobes really do have closets to explore, or at least a desk drawer or two.

The rest of us are letting their ignorance influence us, for whatever reason.

So perhaps we should cease talking about gays and lesbians "gaining" mainstream acceptance, as if coexistence is entirely their responsibility. Instead, let's just begin thinking honestly and compassionately about our own motivations and phobias. I couldn't have been the only guy in high school who pretended to laugh at gay-bashing jokes just so the vicious ones wouldn't turn their venom on me.

Ellen isn't changing; she's just not pretending anymore. Neither should the rest of us.

TCC News continued

A CORRECTION IS IN ORDER

Last month, my essay was edited for space reasons and as a result the meaning of the last paragraph got somehow garbled. What I had said was that in the four years of managing the database for the Center we, as a community, had only lost two men to AIDS, the same number of women who had died from natural causes. I'm not stupid — I know men living with AIDS who for very good reasons have not made their HIV status general knowledge. But in sheer numbers the extent to which AIDS has ravaged the communities I have been in contact with and know best is far from the 50% infection rate of New York City and San Francisco or even the 33% rate of cities of Boston and Chicago.

Marianne Seggerman

METROLINE FOLDS

Mounting debt and dwindling income has forced the bi-weekly, Metroline magazine to cease publication. The demise of this publication is a loss not only for those directly involved with Metroline but for the entire gay and lesbian community as well. It provided a wealth of regional information for our community including feature and news articles, personals, classified, organizational listings, housing, entertainment, etc., etc.

It will be sorely missed. Look in the June issue of News & Views for an in depth article on the history of Metroline.

THE NORTHEAST CENTER FOR TRAUMA RECOVERY

will be sponsoring a gay men's therapy group. The focus of this group will be on coming out issues, relationship issues, and other aspects of gay life affecting men's lives. For more information contact Dave Walenozyk, L,M.F.T. at 203-227-8331.

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SPEAKUP!

Reprinted from the Connecticut Post, April 5, 1997

YOU CAN BE GAY AND A CHRISTIAN

I have followed the "bantering" back and forth in the *Connecticut Post* letters column over the issue of homosexuality. Each one of us has the right to our own thoughts and opinions concerning this issue. It is unconscionable, however, for a person to misrepresent Christ, possibly influencing others to believe that he knows what he is talking about. I implore writer Joseph DeCaro to study Christ's life, words, and teachings. He should read the Book he implies he knows, so well. I guarantee that Jesus never even mentioned homosexuality.

Judge not, that ye be not judged (Matthew 7:1), DeCaro must get his facts straight. Using the Bible to support bigoted; ignorant opinion is a sin! Ask Jesus what He thinks; I believe you'll be enlightened.

Not that I owe an explanation, but I am a born-again Christian. I have studied God's word and believe in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and I am gay.

I will no longer sit back and cringe silently while people like DeCaro "preach"

Barb Schade
Fairfield

News Worthy continued

MARVIN LIEBMAN DIES AT 73

Marvin Liebman, a one-time Communist turned conservative Reaganite turned gay activist, writer and commentator, died of heart failure March 30 in Washington, DC. He was 73.

Many TCC members had a chance to meet and speak with Liebman and hear his life story last October, when he was our guest at a special program at the Triangle Community Center in Norwalk.

As a young man, Liebman served in the U.S. military in Africa and Italy during World War II, but was discharged in 1944 as a homosexual and denied all veteran benefits. In the years prior to and immediately following World War II, he was an avid Communist. He worked in what was then the Palestine underground to help build what was to become the state of Israel.

Later he made an abrupt about face, became a leading anti-Communist organizer and started a number of right-wing organizations. In 1968 he worked on Ronald Reagan's first campaign for the Presidency. Liebman then 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 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. Toward the end of his life, he was actively devoting his time, talent and energy to the American lesbian and gay community and a monthly column, "Independently Speaking" and to gay and lesbian publications throughout the United States, including *News & Views*.

-RH

HERE'S MY TWO CENTS!

Did you know that JCPenny has withdrawn their advertising dollars from the sitcom "Ellen" because Ellen Morgan comes out as a lesbian? Want to blast them for the pull-out? Visit their website at: <http://www.jcpenny.com>. Go to the area called "pushing the envelope," general comments link, and fill in the blanks. You may want to compose and save your comments before going to the web site, then just paste them into the comment field. How about sending back cut up JC Penney charge cards, as well?

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ELLEN QUOTE

"I always thought I could keep my personal life separate from my professional life. I mean, I really tried to figure out every way to avoid answering that question for as long as I could.... Now I feel completely comfortable with myself and I don't have to be fearful about something damaging my career if it gets out, because now I'm in control of it — sort of.... No one can hurt me now."

- Ellen DeGeneres, self-affirming lesbian, in a Time interview.

TRIVIA QUESTION

ANSWER TO APRIL

Richard Rodriguez, who in addition to giving heartfelt essays on the Jim Lehrer News Hour about Catholicism, his Mexican-American heritage and other topics, writes occasional essays for magazines like *Harpers* and the *Atlantic Monthly*.

QUESTION FOR MAY

Because I could not sew" was the reason she gave for not creating a Names Project Quilt panel so instead she memorialized her late brother, dead of AIDS, by writing a play about a trip to Europe they never got to take with each other. Who is the playwright?

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Deadline for the June Newsletter will be Friday 9 May. We cannot guarantee that material received after that date will be included in June News&Views.

A MID-SPRING'S

NIGHT'S DREAM

After I got Roger Hooverman's e-mail suggesting that I be the new editor of News and Views I had a serious debate with myself. And if you know me, you know that this is no small feat. No matter how much I reasoned with myself I still had this nebulous fear. In an effort to name it I analyzed the most obvious possibilities. Was it my ability to do the job? No.....I knew I had the experience. After all, for two years I had been editor of "Talking Triangles," the newsletter for the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. Was I afraid that my health wouldn't hold up. No.....my health was not a major concern. I felt that, with help, I could make it a mostly-done-from-my-home job.

What then, still gave me the heebie jeebies? I decided to sleep on it. Lo, that very night I had a dream. In the dream I was being chased by the dreaded Giant Vacuum Fairy. Humming and whirring, it was closing in on me; trying to suck me in! I tried to run but to no avail. Looking at my feet I saw that my shoes were at least ten sizes too big. All I could do was slosh around in them. The Giant Vacuum Fairy whirred closer and closer.....always with that relentless hum. Just as it was about to swallow me up, I recognized the hum for what it was. It was a song.....a song from my distant past! I awoke with a start. "Golly," I exclaimed. "That song. I know that song. Its 'Happy Trails to You!' The Giant Vacuum Fairy was humming 'Happy Trails to You!'"

Suddenly, my fear had a name and that name was Roger Hooverman! (All right, so my dreams lack a certain subtly.) Yes! I was terrified at the thought of trying to fill Hooverman's shoes. "How can I ever be as good an editor as he?" I moaned. "Woe is me. Woe is me," I cried, beating my breasts (Ouch!). This kind of behavior continued until my wailing time was used up. I found my moaning so exhausting that I fell asleep. Yes, I had another dream. Just like before, the Giant Vacuum Fairy was coming after me and just like before it was trying to suck me in! But this time I had a weapon. Turning quickly, I threw several lit joints in the direction of the whirring and humming, bellowing defiantly, "Here you Giant Vacuum Fairy. Suck on these!" Well, I don't need to tell you what happened next. After a few moments the Giant Vacuum Fairy was as Stoned as Stoned can be. Its whirring and humming turned to uncontrolled tittering and twittering. It turned on its little Stoned wheels and headed for the refrigerator. I awoke bursting with joy! "I'm not alone here, I cried." I have John Del Vecchio & David Dey to help me. And besides, all I have to do is be the best editor I can be. So maybe I can never be a Roger Hooverman. But then again, if I can never be a Roger Hooverman I can never be a Giant Vacuum Fairy either.

-Michele Stone

P-FLAG SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT TCC

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GAY GORMET

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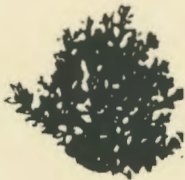
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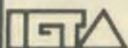
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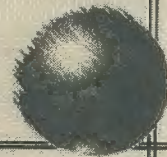
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Calendar

May, 1997

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Apr 27 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 | 28 Women's Rap 7:30 | 29 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 | 30 "Ellen" ABC TV | May 1 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30 | 2 40+ Women 7-9 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes Women's Chorus, Hamden 8pm | 3 Les Ballets, New Haven 8:00 Women's Chorus, Hartford 8pm |
| 4 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Sunday at Center | 5 Women's Rap 7:30 | 6 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30 | 7 P-FLAG 7:45 | 8 Men's Rap 7:30 | 9 N&V Deadline Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes Out & About 7-8pm | 10 |
| 11 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 | 12 Women's Rap 7:30 | 13 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 Political Action Grp 7:30 | 14 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30 | 15 Mens' Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex-spouses 7:30 | 16 40+ Women 7-9 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes TCC Friendraiser, Damian & Len's in Shelton see article | 17 "Who is Protecting Our Rights?" Panel discussion, TCC 10-1pm |
| 18 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 | 19 Women's Rap 7:30 see article | 20 Center Forum, Fabulous Parties 7:30 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 Fundraising/Spec Events Comm 7:30 | 21 | 22 Men's Rap 7:30 | 23 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes Out & About 7-8pm | 24 |
| 25 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 | 26 Women's Rap 7:30 | 27 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 | 28 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30 | 29 Men's Rap 7:30 | 30 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes | 31 CT Gay Men's Chorus, Oakdale Theater, Wallingford 8:30pm |
| June 1 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Queens, NY Pride March & Festival 12:30 | 2 Women's Rap 7:30 | 3 HIV Couns 3:30-6:30 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30 | 4 P-FLAG 7:45 | 5 Men's Rap 7:30 | 6 Bowling 8:30 Circle Lanes | 7 |

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GROUPS MEETING AT OR SPONSORED BY TCC

A.A. - Don 762-9964

Bi Rap Group - Peter 838-2806; Robin 358-8391

Connecticut Business Guild - 225-6464

40+ Womens Group - Judy 227-5566

Free Association of Fairfield County - John 268-8858 x304

Gay Men's Rap Group - Dave 838-1881; John 926-8971

Gmosaic (People of Color) - not currently active call TCC 853-0600

Lesbian Literature Reading Group - Christine, 847-8476

Out & About (Gen.X Group) - Jen 736-6417 or Dan 838-2367

OutSpoken (Youth) - Barb 259-8171; Dan 227-1755;
Doug 838-2367

Political Action Group - Michele, 438-4465; Charlie, 226-8652

P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) -
Joan 544-8724; Lester 322-5380; Belinda 855-1203

P-FLAG Spouses & Ex Spouses Group - Joan 544-8724

Triangle Bowling League (Circle Lanes, Fairfield) - Lisa 333-
3113; Roseann 931-8789

Women's Rap Group - Linda 866-4598; Charlie 226-8652

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