

### HOLIDAY TEA FRIENDBRAISER

TCC's monthly fundraiser for December will be held on December 14 from 3 to 7 pm. This fundraiser will be something different... a Sunday afternoon Holiday Tea. Roy and Terry have hosted our December fundraisers for the last three years at their gayly decorated home at 42 Hubbard Ave.

#### DIRECTIONS:

**Via Merritt Parkway: SOUTHBOUND**, take Exit 34, Long Ridge Road. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, make a left. You will then be on Long Ridge Road.

**NORTHBOUND** take Exit 34, Long Ridge Road. At the end of the exit ramp, make a right. You will then be on Long Ridge Road.

**THEN** Go for one mile, through 6 lights (including the blinky one). At the seventh light (which is the one mile point), make a right. Do NOT go to extreme right which goes up a winding hill. Go up the hill which runs right by the nursery (watch for the blue "H" signs for the hospital). The road you are on is Stillwater. Take Stillwater (its winding) for 1.7 miles, through 3 lights (including the blinky one). At the fourth light, where there is a Christian Science Church on the left, make a left turn. This is Bridge Street. Take Bridge Street until the first right turn, which is Hubbard Avenue. After you go through one traffic light on Hubbard the third house on the right is number 42, a white center-hall colonial.

**Via 95: SOUTHBOUND**, take Exit 6, West Avenue. At the light make a right onto West.

**NORTHBOUND** take Exit 6, Harvard Avenue. Go through one light (Harvard Ave). At the next light make a left onto West.

**THEN** Take West until it ends and make a left onto Stillwater, which curves around to the left of a large field and school. At the next intersection, make a right turn onto Broad Street. Take Broad to the first light which is Hubbard, and make a left. The fourth house on the left is number 42 as described above.

When in doubt follow blue signs for the hospital (H).

The address again is 42 Hubbard Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905. Phone (203) 348-2954 if you get lost.

### LESBIAN LIT GROUP

The members of the Lesbian Literature group have chosen "Apparition Alley" by Katherine Forrest as the book for discussion at their January 6 meeting. Many Forrest fans were disappointed with her last mystery, "Liberty Square," but they can rest assured that Forrest has gotten back on track with "Apparition Alley." In her latest escape, Detective Kate Delafield investigates the murder of an LAPD cop who was just about to come out....

The Lesbian Literature group meets the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 at TCC. For more information call Christine (203) 847-8476.

### OUT & ABOUT QUIZ

Are you gay or lesbian?

Are you between 20 and 40?

Do you like socializing with friends?

Do you like to talk about your gay/lesbian experiences?

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, TCC has just the thing for you.... Out & About (20's & 30's). At each meeting members discuss their personal experiences (coming out, family acceptance, workplace worries, etc.) in a setting that is both confidential and supportive. About 20 to 25 people attend each meeting but the group is in need of more lesbians.

Out & About is not just support group. Members are encouraged to see each other between meetings and on the last Saturday of the month they get together for a night of fun. In the past the group has gone hiking, bowling, ice skating; watched movies, gone on hayrides, etc. This month they're going to New York City.

Even if you've never been involved with the Center before, you'll want to check out Out & About's Dec. 12 or Dec. 26 meetings. Don't pass up this wonderful chance to speak your mind and meet new friends. For more information call Jen (203) 736-6417, Dan (203) 227-1755 or TCC (203) 853-0600. Out & About (20's & 30's) meets at 7 pm the 2nd and last Friday of each month.

### SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Why should I become a member of the center? Are there any benefits to becoming a member? What do I "get" from being a member? Maybe these are questions you have either said or heard. I believe the questions are valid. News & Views is full of meetings, gatherings, and activities available to everyone. Even it can be obtained for free from many different establishments So, what's the big deal?

As treasurer, I can assure you that the center's budget has been in the black for the last couple of years. Even though the membership of the center has not increased or decreased during this period of time, we have been able to pay our bills, begin a scholarship program, have a substantial sum of money invested in CD's and continue to support worthy organizations. The center is not in financial difficulty like it was a few years ago. I am not pleading for funds to keep the center afloat. So, what's the big deal?

What if the center didn't exist? Where would the rap groups meet? Would the rap groups even exist? What about this newsletter? If it is important to you, think about what you would miss if it suddenly was unavailable. Where would you go when you needed literature discussing issues of concern to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, etc. community? The local library?

Oh, most of us would survive. After all, it's been a long time since we needed a rap group to feel like we belonged somewhere. BUT, what about people, young and old, who are questioning their sexuality; shunned by religious organizations, harassed by peers, and can't find anyplace where they feel a sense of belonging? That's why you need to become a member. Not for the benefits. Not for a toaster oven. But because the center was there when you needed it. It MUST be there for others who need a community that is welcoming. One that is accepting, and provides a safe place to be. Become a member. Our future depends on it.

-Barb Schade, Treasurer

### GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP

The Northeast Center for Trauma Recovery (NECTR) is sponsoring a GAY Men's Therapy GROUP. The focus of the group will range from Coming Out and Being Out issues to Relationship and Family of Origin issues. Additional areas of focus may be negotiated. The group will meet either in Greenwich, CT or Norwalk, CT one evening each week subject to the convenience of the participants. The group will be facilitated by a professional therapist. For more information contact Dave Walenczyk, L.M.F.T. at 203-227-8331.

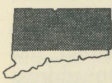
### GETTING HITCHED? INVITE YOUR CONGRESSPERSON

Are you and your true love planning a union ceremony? Inviting friends and relatives to share the moment? Then why not invite your congresspersons as well? If they show, it will be a great opportunity for them to see that there is no need for "Defense of Marriage" type legislation. Your special union merely complements heterosexual marriage; it doesn't take away from it. Even if they don't show, at least they'll be aware that real constituents in their district are forming lasting partnerships, with or without the blessing of Congress. Maybe with enough invitations, those who supported "The Defense of Marriage Act" will have to reconsider their position! Already tied the knot? Have an anniversary party and be sure to invite your member of Congress. And don't forget your Senators! They need some enlightenment as well.

-Peter McKnight

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO FEED THE HUNGRY

TCC has offered to recruit volunteers for a Christmas Eve "Community Suppers Program" that provides dinner to the needy and homeless at Golden Hill United Methodist Church in downtown Bridgeport. The Community Suppers Program involves several area churches that host dinners for the needy on a rotating basis. TCC volunteers have worked in the program in the past and Golden Hill has requested volunteers for the Wednesday December 24th supper because it is a very difficult time to get the usual number of volunteers from participating churches. Volunteers will help prepare and serve food from 3 to 6 P. M. Anyone interested in volunteering for this community project please call John Del Vecchio at (203) 334-3822.



### STATEWIDE - COLLECTING HIV NAMES

Identifying carriers of the the AIDS-causing HIV virus might keep many people from being tested for the incurable disease argued opponents of the state plan to collect names of the infected people. Connecticut health officials want to follow the lead of 27 other states that collect the names of people infected with HIV, contending it will help them develop prevention programs in communities where they are most needed.

Officials also said indentifying those who have the HIV can help them find treatment for infected people before the disease progresses. But critics warn that identification may have the opposite effect. "HIV name-reporting isn't a very good way to get accurate data because we know it drives people away from care and testing so it's going to mess your data up," said Betty Gallo, lobbyist for the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union.

More than 9,100 Connecticut residents had AIDS as of the end of June according to the state Department of Public Health. The names of people with the full-blown disease have been collected for more than 10 years. Data garnered from the AIDS cases help health officials track trends in how the disease is being transmitted.

"With new medications available, and what can be a decadelong incubation period, it is possible that knowing the names of all people infected with HIV could help them live longer if they are not taking advantage of steady treatment. Prevention programs also could head off people beIng infected. In the first place," said Beth Weinstein, director of AIDS programs for the department.

She used a recent rise in AIDS cases among the Hispanic population as an example of the need to collect names. "We would have increased prevention services (in Hispanic communities) - that's something we would have done earlier had we seen that this problem was beginning," she said. "We found it out after the horse was out of the barn."

Like current AIDS cases, the names of people infected with HIV would be collected from labs that do the testing, or from their physicians, Weinstein said. They would be kept strictly confidential, only available to about six people in the department.

Gallo said the statistics can easily be gathered using anonymous reporting systems. She said the concern of health officials for infected people is not genuine because little help has ever been offered people with full-blown AIDS whose names the state already possess. As for the rising Hispanic infection rate, Gallo said health officials are finding out too late something that advocates knew years ago. "They should have walked out their front door. Everybody knew that - it was clear from all the studies. This was not a secret," Gallo said.

### STATEWIDE - MILITARY BACK ON CAMPUS

Some angry state lawmakers called it blackmail. Others warned that Connecticut was selling the rights of its homosexual citizens to get federal dollars. In the end, the General Assembly grimly approved legislation that will permit the U.S. military to recruit on Connecticut's public college campuses despite its discriminatory policy toward gay men and women. The main reason was money. State Rep. Cameron Staples, D-New Haven, warned the state House that "approximately \$70 million (in federal funding) will be lost if we were not to adopt this proposal."

The dispute was triggered by the federal policy toward gays in the military, and a Connecticut law that banned any employer from recruiting on college campuses if it had a hiring policy that discriminated based on race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. Last year, the state Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. military's policy on gays violated Connecticut's anti-discrimination law. But recent congressional action meant that federal funds for higher education would be withheld unless military recruiters were allowed on campuses.

### STATEWIDE - AIDS QUILT COMING TO SCHOOLS

Thirty-two panels on four giant blocks of fabric from the AIDS Memorial Quilt have arrived for a series of exhibitions at five local high schools. The month long tour has been organized as part of the National High School Quilt Program promoted by the NAMES Project Foundation. It will end in Newtown Dec. 19.

It opened at Pomperaug High school in Southbury from Nov. 17-21, and continued at Shepaug Valley High School in Washington, from Nov 23-26, and will be at Housatonic Valley High School in Falls Village, from Dec. 1-5, New Milford High School, from Dec. 8-12, and Newtown High School from Dec. 13-19. The program is designed to increase AIDS and HIV awareness and prevention among parents, students, and teachers. The panels taken from the quilt are chosen to be meaningful to the young people. In addition schools are provided with lesson plans for teachers, student guides, posters, books and videotapes, materials which the foundation says can be adapted to lit the local curriculum.

Since its inception, the program has reached more than 85,000 high school students in more than 200 schools through the country. The foundation says one study showed that nearly 8 out 10 responding students felt the quilt had made them think more about their own chances of becoming HIV infected. Eighty-four percent said it made the disease "more real" for them. The entire quilt now contains 43,000 panels, each 3-feet-by-6-feet, bearing 77,000 names.

### SHOW A SUCCESS

The Transgender club 'connecticuT View' held their female impersonation show "Boys will be Girls" on Nov. 8 in New Milford CT. Despite the stormy night, over 100 mixed crowd of TVs, gays and straights viewed the 18 act show and collected \$3,125. which was donated to Connecticut Children's Medical Center /Hartford CT for Pediatric AIDS. TV groups from Cape Cod, Springfield and Long Island made the trip. Those interested in joining the cTView may contact Denise Mason P.O. Box 2281 Devon CT 06460.

### NEW HAVEN - QUINNIPIAC PROF ON LEAVE

A Quinnipiac College department head has been relieved of her teaching duties after telling school officials she is undergoing a sex change. Wynd Harris - formerly known as Bill Harris - says the school discriminated against her when it placed her on paid leave, just days after she told them of plans to complete her transition from male to female. Harris, 48, who describes herself as a "transsexual female," has filed a grievance against the college and retained an attorney in a bid to win back her job as chair of the Marketing and International Business Department. Harris is identified as female on her Connecticut driver's license, a designation she asked for and was granted earlier this year. She has applied for a similar change in status on her U.S. passport. "If Connecticut and the U.S. government are willing to recognize me as a woman, why won't Quinnipiac?" she said.

Lynn M. Bushnell, the school's vice president for public affairs, declined to comment on Harris' charges Friday. But in a memo dated Aug. 27, Provost John Bennet indicates that Harris has been targeted for termination because she refused the school's request to undergo a physical examination by an independent physician. Harris' lawyer, Adam Shelton of Hartford, described the case as "simple discrimination." He said last week that his client has undergone extensive medical and psychological assessments since 1993 at the Gender Identity Clinic Of New England, based in Hartford, as part of her ongoing treatments for a "gender disorder."

### NEW HAVEN - GAY PLAYWRIGHT REFUSES THEATER

New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre didn't anticipate a hostile reaction when it asked playwright and gay activist Larry Kramer to host a performance of its upcoming production of David Rabe's "A Question of Mercy," a play about AIDS and assisted suicide. In a letter made public by Kramer, the author of the award-winning 1985 play "The Normal Heart" (about the early days of the AIDS crisis) lashed out at the theater - and regional theaters across America - for not supporting work by gay playwrights that go beyond the subject of AIDS. Calling Long Wharf "a gutless place" Kramer said that theaters want gays in their audience, "but why should we come and see your endless plays about how other people live when you won't put on plays that show how we live? You are more than willing," Kramer wrote in his letter to Long Wharf, "to show dying faggots. Now you want us to come to a play about assisted suicide, about how we kill each other."

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## NEW HAVEN - A NEW TIME FOR MIRACLES

Miracles Mondays, A Course In Miracles™ study group, will start meeting at 6:30 pm starting on December 1st, 1997. The group meets in the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center, One Long Wharf Plaza, New Haven, CT. It is open to all, and is free. Donations are accepted to help support the community center.

Meeting since February, the ongoing group explores the book *A Course In Miracles*™ as attendants share their insights and experiences related to it. Co-facilitators Rev. Casey Roberts and Rev. Alexander R. Garbera hope that the time change will make it easier for travelers in the Winter season. For more information about Miracles Mondays please call Rev. Casey Roberts at (203) 230-2050, or Rev. Alexander R. Garbera at (203) 937-8085.

## NEW HAVEN - ALBERTUS DISMISSES GAY DEAN

An openly gay high-ranking officer at Albertus Magnus College has been discharged because school officials say he misrepresented himself on his job application. Officials allege Michael Hartwig, 43, associate dean of continuing education, is a Roman Catholic priest but failed to say so when he applied for work. Hartwig's supporters say his dismissal has more to do with his sexual orientation.

"The decision (to dismiss Hartwig) was made after the president became aware of information that Mr. Hartwig had not been completely honest on his job application," school spokeswoman Betsy Parlato said Tuesday. "His sexual orientation was never an issue."

The controversy has been simmering since August, after the Dallas Morning News published a piece Hartwig wrote about the Holy Trinity seminary in Irving, Texas, where he once served as academic dean. The piece begins: "As a priest of the Dallas Diocese (now on leave)..." Parlato said when Hartwig applied for his job, Hartwig indicated he was a former priest. The phrase "now on leave," suggests he is still active in the priesthood, she added.

Some Hartwig supporters allege another article, this one in a conservative Roman Catholic publication called "The Wanderer," may have provided the impetus for his dismissal. In that article, author Paul Likoudis cast Hartwig as an unconventional priest leading an openly gay lifestyle. The article, which was about the situation in Texas, mentions Hartwig's connection to Albertus Magnus College. "I know of at least one reader in the New Haven area who sent a letter to church officials complaining about Hartwig," Likoudis said. Hartwig's supporters contend many other letters were sent by conservative Catholics who read the piece.

## NEW HAVEN - GAYS' RIGHTS BACKED AT RALLY

About 300 Quinnipiac College students gathered in front of the school's library on October 20 for the "Students' Rights Vigil" aimed at unifying students with different sexual orientations. The event came in the wake of the school administration's decision to remove gay pride signs coincidentally set up during a campus open house for prospective students and their parents.

But speakers didn't rail against the establishment. One by one, students, faculty and gay activists praised Quinnipiac's administration for promoting diversity and openly embracing homosexuals. However, speakers also charged that in this incident the administration trampled on free speech rights and exhibited homophobia.

## NEW HAVEN - THANKING SAMMY

To show gratitude for being the only member of the Connecticut delegation to vote No on Doma (Defense of Marriage Act), a benefit for Sam Gejdenson will be held on Sunday December 7th at 4:30 pm at the Rusty Scupper in New Haven. "Sammy" represents Connecticut's second district which comprises the eastern third of the state. His announced opponent is a man who is using his own millions to run for office, so Representative Gejdenson needs all the help he can get. Massachusetts congressman Barney Frank will also be there. Tickets are \$75/individual \$100/couple. For tickets (but hurry!) call 860-886-0581.

## NEW HAVEN - NOW

The National Organization of Women (NOW), Connecticut Chapter, has organized a Family Advocacy Coalition Task Force (FACT), to address abuses in divorce, child custody, domestic violence and related family law issues. The next meeting will be held on Saturday December 6, 1997 at 10:00 am. The meetings are open to the public. A childcare companion will be available for those with children who would like to attend. The meeting will be held at 100 Wall Street, Room 309, New Haven, CT. For additional information please call (203) 324-3316.

## WATERBURY - COMPREHENSIVE HIV SERVICES

Independence Northwest, the disability rights center for the northwest corner of Connecticut, offers independent living advocacy and support services to people with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Waterbury area. Independence Northwest can assist individuals to locate housing, secure benefits, arrange medical transportation, and coordinate their own services.

If you are a gay or bisexual man living with HIV, Independence Northwest can assist you without the stigma and unease you may feel from traditional social service agencies. Independence Northwest is a nonprofit organization which assists individuals with disabilities to define their own goals and live independently in the community. Independence Northwest is located in Naugatuck and open M-F from 8 AM to 5 PM. If you are interested in finding out more about the center please contact Scott Pidgeon or Patricia Lafayette at 203-729-3299 (V) or 203-729-1281 (TDD).

## THE CONNECTICUT CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 1997

Saturday, December 6 — Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services and Children From the Shadows present "Let's talk about sex...and love...and...", a workshop for g/l/b/t youth, at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. \$3.00 admission includes lunch. For more information or to register call 860-974-1208.

Saturday, December 6 — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Quick Center, Fairfield University, 8:30 PM.

Saturday, December 6 — Meeting of Family Advocacy Coalition Task Force (organized by NOW) to discuss divorce, custody and other family issues. 100 Wall St., Room 309, New Haven, CT. For information call 203-324-3316.

Sunday, December 7 — A reception to recognize Sam Gejdenson for his courageous record defending human rights, with special guest Barney Frank, at the Rusty Scupper, 501 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven. \$75/individual, \$100/couple. For more information please call 860-886-0581.

Monday, December 8 — The Hartford Professional Gay Men's Network presents its Holiday Gathering at The Whitman, Rt. 4, Farmington, 6:30 PM. More details to follow.

Saturday, December 13 — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Lincoln Theater, University of Hartford, 8 PM.

Sunday, December 14 — TCC Friendraiser's afternoon "Holiday Tea." 42 Hubbard St., Stamford, CT.

Sunday, December 14 — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Garde Arts Center, New London, 2 PM.

Saturday, December 20 — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Shubert Theater, New Haven, 8 PM.



### NGLTF CONFERENCE

Gays and lesbians need to concentrate their efforts on the state and local levels of government if they hope to achieve equal treatment, a panel of leaders at the 10th annual National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's conference here yesterday. Strengthening existing gay rights organizations and starting new ones is one of the main purposes of the national conference here, said Kerry Lobel, executive director for the national task force based in Washington, D.C.

During the four-day conference, the more than 1,500 participants attended workshops and networked to gain ideas and plan strategies to further their cause, Lobel said. The theme of the session was "Creating Change." This was the largest task force meeting in the organization's 10 years of having these conferences, Lobel said. This year's conference is also the first one held in San Diego.

And now, let's hear from our own correspondent at the conference, Marianne Seggerman.....

Greetings from San Diego! Yesterday it was the Community Centers Institute and today the main conference begins. Since Don and Denyse took the time and made the effort to attend the regional conference at the New York Center earlier this year I am able to build on their work. By the way, the next regional meeting is April 18, 1998 (again a Saturday) and anyone is more than welcome to attend.

The Institute itself was such a welter of information packed into a single day that I don't know where to begin. What I will remember most years from now will be the story of the five-year old daughter of the new head of GLAAD trying to explain to a clueless telemarketer that she had two moms. "Which one do you want to talk to?", one of her moms heard from one end of the line. "Eileen is here but Phyllis is still at work", she added, trying to clarify the situation. Finally in exasperation the child exclaimed, "They're lesbians".

I arrived about 20 minutes late (it must have started on time!) so I missed the introductory remarks by Richard Burns. The first speaker was the woman from GLAAD. In addition to her story about her darling daughter she talked about GLAAD's efforts to stop defamatory elements in the movie *Con Air* (after the fact, alas) and *The Jackal* (caught in time). GLAAD is attending a conference on Internet filtering software, so valuable sites are not blocked from queer youth, who need these resources the most.

We were piled into buses and trucked to Hillcrest and the San Diego center, one of the largest in the country. While munching our lunches we heard from Kate Kendall from the National Center for Lesbian Rights. She sadly told us that her work is increasingly litigating disputes between lesbian ex-lovers where the biological mother is attempting (with the law on her side) to keep her child from the woman who helped raise her. She also told of Gender Identity Disorder, a psychiatric diagnosis which is still used to incarcerate gay and lesbian youth.

We next heard from a man and a woman from Fort Lauderdale Florida, who are donating their time to provide social services to the straight community. Later, we got a tour of the facilities, with literally dozens of rooms for everything for massage to Reiki. There was more to come....A short breakout session on recruiting and maintaining volunteers....A plea from a proud transgendered person....An update about Hawaii from Evan Wolfson (the decision on the gay marriage case is so near he is on beeper so he can literally hop the next plane to Hawaii)....The story of the sign at the 13th street subway stop. The conference is only beginning and already so much! Next year Pittsburgh.

### FDA APPROVES MORE POWERFUL AIDS DRUG

The Food and Drug Administration approved a more powerful version of the AIDS drug saquinavir, setting the stage for thousands of AIDS patients to switch their medicine. Hoffman-La Roche's Fortovase, the improved version of the protease inhibitor saquinavir, was put on pharmacy shelves the week of Nov. 17. The company said it will cost the same as Invirase, the old brand of saquinavir - about \$5,700 a year wholesale.

Saquinavir was the first of a powerful new class of AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors to hit the market in December 1995. But at the time, the FDA cautioned that saquinavir was the weakest of these new drugs, and Roche immediately began strengthening it.

The new Fortovase version comes in a soft gelatin capsule that delivers more drug through the body than Invirase, the FDA said. One study showed that after 16 weeks of treatment, twice as many patients who took Fortovase had undetectable levels of the AIDS virus in their blood as did patients who took Invirase, the FDA said. The original hard capsule of Invirase took so long to dissolve in the digestive tract that enzymes had a chance to degrade it, leaving less to enter the bloodstream and fight HIV.

### TRIPLE THERAPY DOESN'T DESTROY HIV

It appears very unlikely that infection with the AIDS virus can be cured by two or three years of treatment with powerful antiviral medicines, as some researchers and many patients had hoped. Three new studies show that the AIDS virus survives in a few cells — and can be stimulated to emerge from them — years after it has been expunged from the bloodstream. This suggests that to date, antiviral drug therapy is only holding HIV at bay, not eradicating it.

Some AIDS researchers had hoped that combinations of three antiviral drugs — often called "triple therapy" — might cure a person of HIV infection in as little as three years, provided the treatment was followed strictly. Although the new studies make the prospect of an HIV cure more remote, they also demonstrate triple therapy's success in shutting down HIV's prolific life cycle. Virtually none of the virus coaxed out of cells was resistant to the patient's current drug combination. This suggests the recovered virus was a buried relic of the person's pre-treatment past, not the product of ongoing, smoldering growth.

### GAY NOMINEE TO MEET WITH LAWMAKER

James Hormel, the first openly gay person to be nominated to a U.S. ambassadorship, will meet this month with one of the two lawmakers blocking his confirmation. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., "wants to spend some time considering his background and getting some information on Mr. Hormel," the senator's spokeswoman, Susan Hensley, said. Hutchinson and fellow Republican James Inhofe of Oklahoma placed "holds" on the nomination, thus blocking a vote on Hormel's confirmation along with other ambassadorial nominees just before Congress recessed last week. Gary Hoitsima, a spokesman for Inhofe, said he did not expect any movement on the issue before Congress returns in January.

Hormel, a businessman and an heir to the Hormel Meat Co. fortune, is on the board of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's leading gay-rights organization. He has contributed at least \$120,000 to Democratic candidates and causes since 1995. Perhaps surprisingly, he encountered no significant difficulty before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by Sen. Jesse Helms, a vocal opponent of gay rights. The committee recommended Hormel's confirmation at a hearing last month, but it was stalled by Inhofe's and Hutchinson's action.

### DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

The "domestic partners" of U.S. government workers — regardless of sex or marital status — would be eligible for health insurance coverage through the federal employee health program under a bill introduced by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). It also would make them eligible for lifetime survivor benefits under the federal pension program. Frank is one of the few openly gay members of Congress. His proposal has been endorsed by the American Federation of Government Employees, the National Treasury Employees Union and the American Federation of Government Employees.

### P-FLAG SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT TCC

"Big" Monthly Meeting: Every 1st Wednesday, 7:45  
Spouses and Ex Spouses group: Every 3rd Thurs. 7:30

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## LOOKING BACK...THIRTY YEARS

- 1967** ▼ Predating the magazine by several decades, *The Advocate* begins printing in a clandestine operation in the basement of ABC Television's Los Angeles headquarters.
- 1968** ▼ The Metropolitan Community Church is founded by the Rev. Troy Perry to provide a place of worship for gay people. By 1997 MCC has more than 46,000 congregants in over 300 churches.
- 1969** ▼ The Stonewall riots explode in New York City's Greenwich Village. The rebellion is considered the birth of gay liberation.
- 1970** ▼ In Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and San Francisco, the first gay pride events mark the one year anniversary of the Stonewall riots.
- ▼ Voicing the frustrations of lesbians, Del Martin, cofounder of Daughters of Bilitis, the country's first lesbian organization, pens the essay "Good-bye, My Alienated Brothers," bidding adieu to the predominantly male gay-lib movement and committing herself to the women's movement.
- 1971** ▼ Don Teal's *The Gay Militants* documents gay liberation since 1969. The book becomes a critical text for a generation just born to later understand what was going on while they were in diapers.
- 1972** ▼ Women's music finds a home at Olivia Records, and it becomes the model of grassroots feminist music.
- 1973** ▼ "Zaps" by gay activists on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* and *Marcus Welby, MD.* presage later media savvy in getting both attention and results by groups such as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, ACT UP, Queer Nation, and the Lesbian Avengers.
- 1974** ▼ The American Psychiatric Association agrees to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.
- 1975** ▼ Appearing on the cover of *Time*, Sgt. Leonard Matlovich becomes the poster boy for gays in the military.
- 1976** ▼ Two thousand women gather for the first Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, which over the years has brought out countless young lesbians to flaunt their bare breasts.
- 1977** ▼ Florida citrus-industry spokeswoman and fundamentalist Christian Anita Bryant leads a repeal of a gay rights ordinance in Dade County. In doing so, she galvanizes a nation of lesbians and gay men to come out.
- 1978** ▼ San Francisco mayor George Moscone and openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk are slain by ex-supervisor Dan White.
- 1979** ▼ The first march on Washington for lesbians and gay men draws 100,000 people to the nation's capital in a civil rights protest.
- ▼ Frustration erupts into rage as Dan White is found guilty of mere manslaughter for the assassinations of Harvey Milk and George Moscone. The White Night riots shock a nation as an angry San Francisco mob sets police cars ablaze and does over \$1 million worth of damage.
- 1980** ▼ Lesbians and gay men picket the films *Cruising* and *Windows*, each of which features, respectively, a gay and a lesbian psychotic killer.
- ▼ Sixteen servicewomen aboard the USS *Norton Sound* are accused of being gay. Four are discharged before proceedings are dropped.
- 1981** ▼ Early reports of what would later be identified as AIDS appear in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco just as many Generation Q'ers hit puberty.
- 1982** ▼ After short box-office lives, the film *Making Love and Personal Best* make their way to cable TV.
- 1983** ▼ Defiant of the R rating, young lesbians flock to the stylish vampire flick *The Hunger*, starring Catherine Deneuve and Susan Sarandon.
- ▼ Alison Bechdel's comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For" begins appearing in lesbian and gay newspapers.
- 1984** ▼ As the lesbian sex wars continue to rage, *On Our Backs* becomes the journal of note, and JoAnn Loulan's *pens Lesbian Sex*.
- 1985** ▼ Rock Hudson's announcement that he has AIDS takes awareness of the disease into the heartland. The event becomes a media circus, increasing awareness about AIDS and the power of the closet.
- ▼ The HIV antibody test is introduced.
- 1986** ▼ In its most explicitly homophobic decision ever, the U.S. Supreme Court rules in *Bowers v. Hardwick* that sodomy laws are constitutional, condoning states' criminalization of consensual gay sex.
- 1987** ▼ During the second march on Washington, half a million people protest to chants of "Shame! Shame! Shame!" at the White House, occupied by Ronald Reagan, who was mum about AIDS during the early years of the epidemic. The AIDS memorial quilt is unveiled for the first time.
- 1988** ▼ October 11 becomes National Coming Out Day. With a cool logo by graffiti artist Keith Haring, the day becomes an instant hit, especially on college campuses.
- 1989** ▼ The fierce but shortlived magazine *OutWeek* hits the streets with a column of famous names known or rumored to be gay. This lays the seeds for outing, a hotly debated tactic in the early 1990s.
- 1990** ▼ Queer Nation is founded by a group of young gay New Yorkers. Known for flamboyant political acts and attempts to recognize the intersection of sexuality, gender, class, and race, members hold kiss-ins at malls, chanting "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it!"
- 1991** ▼ *BiAny Other Narne: Bisexual People Speak*, an anthology edited by Lani Kaahumanu and Loraine Hutchins, breaks new ground, bringing higher visibility to bisexuals.
- 1992** ▼ "Lesbian chic" comes into vogue as k.d. lang comes out in *The Advocate*, *Newsweek* does a cover story on lesbians, and the group Lesbian Avengers is founded.
- ▼ Young gay people find hope in President Clinton's election, until his "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military leaves many feeling betrayed.
- 1993** ▼ The night before the third march on Washington, the Lesbian Avengers lead more than 20,000 women down Pennsylvania Avenue in the Dyke March, the largest-ever lesbian march. A number of cities subsequently adopt the Dyke March tradition.
- ▼ Drag enjoys a renaissance as RuPaul becomes Supermodel of the World and then a year later *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* cruises through multiplexes across the country.
- 1994** ▼ Pedro Zamora and Sean Sasser become celebrities as the HIV-positive lovers on MTV's *The Real World*. Simply by living their lives, falling in love, and having a commitment ceremony even as Zamora grows ill—the charismatic couple mirror their Generation Q peers. In November Zamora dies of AIDS complications, and an entire generation mourns.
- 1995** ▼ Openly gay Olympic diver Greg Louganis, with whom a whole generation grew up, announces he is gay and has AIDS.
- 1996** ▼ Congress approves the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, which outlaws federal recognition of same-sex marriages.
- ▼ Protease inhibitors change the face of AIDS, giving HIV-positive people hope that the disease may become a manageable condition.
- 1997** ▼ Ellen DeGeneres and the title character on her ABC sitcom step out of the closet and into history after a megahyped coming-out. Over 36 million watch.

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## CLINTON GREETED WARMLY

In becoming the first President to address a gay and lesbian organization with a speech at a sold-out dinner held by the Human Rights Campaign, Bill Clinton was rewarded with thunderous applause. And as he deftly turned aside occasional hecklers with enthusiastic assists from the crowd of 1,500, Mr. Clinton was also thunderously applauded upon restating his support for a law to protect homosexuals from discrimination in the workplace, and upon issuing a peppery defense of Bill Lann Lee, his contested nominee to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Mr. Clinton did not make a routine speech tonight. Instead he called for a redefinition "of the immutable ideals that have guided us from the beginning" to include acceptance of gays and lesbians. Mr. Clinton did not address the group's continuing complaints that gays are harassed in the military, or its objection to the legislation opposing gay marriage. Instead, he focused on his support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which is the top legislative goal of the Human Rights Campaign. Polling has shown broad support for the notion of equal protection for homosexuals under the law.

## UNIVERSITY UNVEILS "INVISIBLE CONDOM"

A prototype for an "invisible condom" to help fight HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases was unveiled by a Canadian university that hopes to make it available in two years. Developed over seven years by Laval University's Infectious Diseases Research Center, the new "condom" is in fact a non-toxic polymer-based liquid that solidifies into a gel at body temperature. A woman or male homosexual partner would apply the liquid to genital or anal parts before a sexual encounter. Laval said tests showed that the gel formed a water-proof film that dramatically reduced transmission of the HIV virus responsible for AIDS, and could also block the virus responsible for genital herpes.

## VATICAN SUPPORTS GAY RIGHTS

Father Gino Concetti, a staunch moralist theologian of 71 could hardly believe his eyes on perusing the latest edition of the Osservatore Romano, the voice of the Vatican. He was being extensively quoted in the official Roman Catholic daily as supporting homosexuals' rights to have children and live in couples — concepts he had spent 30 years combating in his role as the paper's theologian. Worse still, he was being quoted as a gay rights' supporter. Asked to comment on the surprise change of heart, Concetti blamed the policy shift on a computer glitch. A virus called the Forces of Evil had erased the negative notes from the article, he said.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

ANSWER TO NOVEMBER -

Franco Zeffereilli and no, I didn't know he was gay either.

QUESTION FOR DECEMBER -

Two quite different artists have made performance pieces out of recreating/imitating a pop star of the 70's of the opposite gender. One of these performers is John Kelly, recently appearing in Hartford at Real Art Ways, who channels Joni Mitchell. Who is the other (who sings the part as well)?

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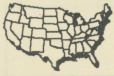
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## STATE BY STATE NEWS

### AK - MEN CHALLENGE MARRIAGE BAN

Jay Brause and Gene Dugan have lived together for nearly two decades, maintaining a home like any married couple. Except they're not married. A state law passed in 1996 specifically bans same-sex marriages, and state policy before then has blocked it. Now the men are asking the state court to declare the law unconstitutional and to force the state to formally recognize their relationship—something only Hawaii now does.

### DE - SECOND GRADE MOCK MARRIAGE

A mock marriage ceremony that paired second-grade pupils of the same sex has drawn protests from some parents, including one family who now plans to home-school their son. Many others supported the teacher who developed the "wedding of friends," and a school curriculum panel recommended 9-2 that the district not change the class at Star Hill Elementary outside Dover.

Teacher Ede Outten told the panel that the ceremony was a creative way to get pupils to promise to care for each other as friends. The lesson went along with readings from "Carry, Go, Bring and Come" - a story about a West Indian wedding. She likened it to the television show "Barney," where children sing "I love you, you love me." "Even Barney's intentions would be suspect in Dover, Del.," said Mrs. Outten.

### GA - COURT UPHOLDS PARTNERS BENEFITS

The Georgia Supreme Court has upheld a policy allowing Atlanta city employees to include aging parents and heterosexual or homosexual partners in the insurance coverage that is one of their job benefits. The Supreme Court's decision overturned a lower court ruling that the ordinance, written in 1996, was unconstitutional. The 1996 ordinance was a rewrite of a law that the state high court had said was unconstitutional because it used the term "family" to describe "domestic relationships," and that conflicted with Georgia law and the state Constitution. The revised and now approved version uses the word "dependent" to describe the covered relationship.

### KY - PRIEST'S FAREWELL

A Catholic priest, who is leaving his parish in the wake of a controversy, during his farewell Mass urged his congregation to have faith that all will turn out according to God's plan. The Rev. Kenneth Waibel, who had been pastor of St. Mark Catholic Church and the Newman Center at Eastern Kentucky University, told a crowd of about 500 people that he did not want the parishes to suffer from the controversy that led to his resignation.

Waibel, 37, stepped down after a Catholic newspaper ran a news story about his remarks at a conference of the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries. Waibel said he had been misquoted and defended his participation in the conference. But the story became a lightning rod for critics who also disagreed with some recent changes at St. Mark. He said he resigned because he did not think he could effectively lead the parish anymore. But the crowd at last night's Mass was clearly supportive of Waibel.

### MD - COURT DECISION AFFIRMS GAYS

The new ruling was considered cause for cheering among lots of civil liberties folks and gay rights organizations who found last year's original legal decision, by Anne Arundel County Circuit Judge Lawrence H. Rushworth, to be homophobic and old-fashioned, plus harmful to Robert G. Boswell of Glen Burnie and his two elementary school-age children.

The kids live with their mom. In the spring of 1996, Boswell asked for the right to have the kids — a boy and a girl — visit him for overnight stays, even with his male companion in the house. Judge Rushworth said no, and went even further. He forbade Boswell to meet with the children in the company of his partner or "anyone having homosexual tendencies or such persuasions." Judge Rushworth, having issued his decision, then recused himself from the case and has refused all comment since.

Maryland's Court of Special Appeals declared that the children were unharmed by their father's sexual orientation, or by his relationship with his lover, and that gay parents are entitled to the same visitation rights as hetero parents.

### MA - PHELPS A FLOP

In all, 13 demonstrators held signs and sang hymns for 90 minutes to protest the Provincetown school's Anti-Bias School and Community Project, which school officials say aims to educate students to respect all minorities. About 100 spectators showed up to see the Rev. Fred Phelps, head of the Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka, Kansas. He and his followers, many from his large family, have made a crusade of protesting homosexuality as anti-Christian. They picketed at funerals of AIDS victims. Seven of the 13 protesters were grandchildren of the Phelps, said James Hockenbarger, a 20-year-old member of the Westboro Baptists Church. The onlookers by and large kept quiet, except for applauding when his group left, as quickly as they arrived, in three cars.

### MN - SAME SEX FAMILIES HEALTHIEST

Gay and lesbian families who participated in the Minnesota Family Strength Project consistently scored as the healthiest and strongest of all the structures studied in the 400-family survey. Traditional heterosexual families came in second behind gay and lesbian families. The Family Strength Project talked to over 2,000 families for their research.

### MS - ACLU APPEALS CUSTODY RULING

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court on behalf of a parent who was denied custody of a child on the grounds that the parent is a homosexual. A DeSoto County judge this month denied a request for a change in custody by the father of a 13-year old boy. The father, a gay man who lives in California, asked the court to award him custody, claiming that the child, who lives with his mother, was being exposed to mental and emotional abuse because of the volatile relationship between the mother and her husband. In denying the father custody, Chancery Judge Percy Lynchard cited the father's "moral fitness," and cited Mississippi laws that prohibit sodomy.

ACLU staff attorney Michael Adams in New York said the case involves an important civil rights issue. Adams said the judge's reference to Mississippi sodomy laws is an example of such bias against homosexuals. "Those laws prohibit certain acts between any two people, not just homosexuals. The judge asked the father a series of questions about his activities, but he never asked the mother and stepfather about these practices," Adams said.

### NJ - VISITATION RIGHTS AWARDED

A woman who raised 3-year-old twins with her lesbian partner can visit the children while awaiting a custody and visitation trial, a judge has ruled. Superior Court Judge Philip Cummis' decision to give visitation rights to the woman, identified only by the initials V. C., could be precedent-setting in New Jersey for gay and lesbian couples, who cannot marry and are not protected by domestic partnership agreements.

V. C. and her partner, identified only as M. B., lived together in Maplewood, bought a house together, and committed to each other in a religious ceremony after M. B. had twins in 1995. They raised the children together until the couple broke up in 1996. "It's unfair to the kids to cut off visitation if I find she's a working part of the family," Cummis said.

### NY - GAY MEN SEEKING FATHERHOOD

Each month, as many as 50 investors, lawyers, child psychologists, banquet managers, therapists, real-estate agents and business owners meet at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center's "Wanna Be Dads" workshop to network, confab and explore the possibilities of fatherhood through adoption, foster parenting, surrogacy or sharing parenting with women. Most of those who attend are in stable relationships of more than seven years' duration, although unattached men also participate.

While the law forbids discrimination by agencies, and a series of court decisions has affirmed the rights of gay parents in New York, one member of "Wanna" cautions aspiring dads that "there's a totem pole of who gets what, and gay men are at the bottom." The greatest obstacle to adopting an infant is usually homophobia on the part of the birth mother. But some birth moms prefer gay parents for their children, usually as a result of having had positive encounters with gay people.

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## UT - PETITION AGAINST GAY TEACHER

Parents of Spanish Fork High School students are looking into ways to keep their children out of a lesbian teacher's classroom. And beyond that, the group calling itself "Citizens for Legal and Moral Values in Nebo School District" wants a policy permitting parents to keep students away from other teachers whose conduct they deem immoral. Specifically, parents intend to pull their children from classes taught by Wendy Weaver, a Spanish Fork High psychology and physical-education teacher. After learning last summer that Weaver is a lesbian, school officials took away her job coaching the girls' volleyball team and ordered her not to discuss her sexual orientation at school or on her own time.

Last month, Weaver sued the school district in federal court, contending the district's gag order violated her free speech and privacy rights. Her suit seeks a declaration that the ban is unconstitutional and an order that school administrators remove it from her personnel file.

## W.VA. - ACCLAIMED BOOK BANNED

A school board in Kenna that yanked 17 books including the Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Color Purple" from high school libraries stands by its act despite the pleas of students, teachers and parents. "I do what's best for the kids, not the parents, not the teachers," said Jackson County School Board member Happy Joe Parsons, who supported removing books including John Grisham's "The Client," "The Hunt for Red October" by Tom Clancy and "100 Q & A About AIDS."

The board ordered the books taken off shelves earlier this month at the behest of Jean Rectenwald, whose two girls attend Ripley High School. Mrs. Rectenwald said she objects to profanity, sexually explicit language and descriptions of rape, molestation and homosexual behavior for young readers.

## WA - Cammermeyer Challenges Metcalf

Margarethe "Grethe" Cammermeyer has staked out her claim to challenge U.S. Rep. Jack Metcalf, R-Langley, in next year's congressional elections. Cammermeyer, the retired Army National Guard colonel who successfully challenged U.S. policy toward lesbians and gays in the military, announced that she will run as a Democrat in the 2nd Congressional District, which extends from Everett to Bellingham. In announcing her candidacy so early, Cammermeyer is warning off other potential Democratic candidates from entering the race, party activists say. It also gives her time to raise cash and drum up support in a race bound to receive national attention.



## CYBER NEWS

## UNTIL IT'S OVER E-MARCH

AIDS Survival Project has announced its support of and participation in the first-ever electronic march on Washington that will send the message that America cares about AIDS "until it's over." The "Until It's Over e-March" is sponsored by AIDS Action, a national HIV/AIDS policy organization based in Washington, and will be hosted on the organization's website at [www.aidsaction.org](http://www.aidsaction.org). Web users visiting the site will be presented with a virtual version of the Washington Mall and can participate by signing an e-mail message to be delivered to America's leaders. A digital counter on the site displays the number of e-marchers. The goal is to enlist as many e-Marchers as possible to speak out in support of a continued national commitment to fight AIDS. The "Until It's Over e-March" kicks off on December 1, 1997 to commemorate World AIDS Day and will continue for a full year, until December 1, 1998.

## GAY LIBRARY ONLINE

Almost thirty-five years ago, a sub-committee of the greater Hartford Council of Churches formed the Rehabilitation Committee which evolved into the ad hoc Project H Committee. Its first task was to study the subject of homosexuality. The committee, as part of its educational mission, began a library of books, journals, newsletters, pamphlets, flyers and other materials.

This collection came to Central Connecticut a few years ago. Spanning the period from the early 1960's through the mid 1980's this collection provides a wealth of historic information concerning homosexuals. At the same time, the Hartford Women's center donated their library to our library. This collection consists of a variety of materials on feminism. About one quarter of this collection contains materials on lesbianism. Both collections have been processed and a bibliography has been added to our library's Web page. The address is <http://library.ctstateu.edu/lib/able/gwhenry.phtml>.

Francis Gagliardi, Assoc. Director of Library Services

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## TRAVEL NEWS

### COLUMBUS, OHIO

Although it's received some press over the years, Columbus remains one of America's best-kept gay secrets. As early as 1990, no less than the esteemed Wall Street Journal offered a gushing profile of this surprisingly hip city with "a large bowling league for homosexuals, the first Henri Bendel store outside of Manhattan, and the kind of avant-garde art that would pique Jesse Helms's interest." Newsweek had named it one of the nation's ten "hot cities" the year before, and Columbus has yet to cool off, nor does it show any signs of doing so. It is the only city in the nation's northern and eastern quadrant to see population gains over each of the last four census counts.

The queer community is active and highly visible, known for its ability to rally behind important causes (the Human Rights Campaign Dinner here is one of the organization's most financially successful) and for having one of the largest intramural gay and lesbian sports programs in the country.

Eastern downtown has a few more worthwhile attractions, including Ohio's Center of Science & Industry (aka "COSI"), which is one of the Midwest's leading such facilities, and the impressive Columbus Museum of Art. A short drive east is the Franklin Park Conservatory, which has a great cafe, renowned seasonal tours, and a year-round tropical rainforest and fine collections of orchids and bonsais.

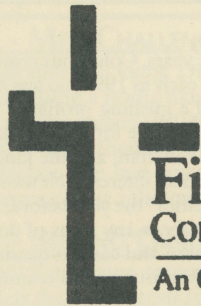
Bordering downtown is the Short North, a neighborhood that as recently as the mid-'80s harbored crack dens and prostitutes but is today a successful arts community and vibrant business district. Along High Street you'll find several queer bars and restaurants and one of the nation's leading gay and lesbian bookstores, An Open Book. Head north to reach Ohio State University, a virtual city in itself, whose Wexner Center for the Arts is internationally acclaimed for its contemporary visual and performing arts museum; it often hosts gay-themed exhibits and events. Residents are quick to dub the neighborhood just north, Clintonville, "the largest lesbian neighborhood in the country."

Walk south of downtown to discover the delights of German Village, a 233-acre haven of cobbled lanes, wrought-iron fences, flower gardens, and red brick cottages and two-story homes. Be sure to wander through beautifully landscaped 23-acre Schiller Park, whose Huntington Gardens bloom with perennials spring through fall.

Columbus, which owns the somewhat dubious distinction of being the fast-food capital of the nation (home to Wendy's, White Castle, Bob Evans, etc.), may soon be better-known, in queer circles anyway, for opening the first gay theme restaurant, Out on Main. This smartly decorated eatery is a repository of souvenirs and artifacts ranging from Elton John costumes to an African-American lesbian and gay pride mural to autographed book jackets of gay celebrity writers. It's also a romantic spot for dinner, serving such first-rate New American fare as vegan risotto to rich chicken gorgonzola.

The Short North has several hot restaurants, including the sophisticated contemporary French bistro, L'Antibes, and the casual New American restaurant, Frenzno. The owners of the latter recently opened Dagwoodz Diner, a quirky place that redefines the traditional diner experience with such offbeat creations as chocolate chip focaccia French toast and fried bologna barbecue sandwiches. Another terrific nearby option is the pan-Latin American restaurant, Tapatio, which is famous for its irresistible fresh-baked bread and inventive spicy cooking (plus its cute waiters). After your meal, grab a seat and a cup of espresso at the relentless cruisy Coffee Table and sit and watch the world stroll by.

Where partying is concerned, Columbus is mostly about down-home neighborhood bars, but there are a few high-energy exceptions downtown. The Garage and the Columbus Eagle are tops among the guys, with a younger stand-and-model crowd favoring the former and a more mixed-age less-intense bunch of guys fond of the Eagle. The dyke hot spot is Wall Street, comedienne Suzanne Westenhoffer's favorite all-time lesbian venue. Hard-core leather hounds hang out at the Eagle in Exile, and neighborhood janes and joes play pool and dish at the Clubhouse, an attractive basement bar beneath Out On Main. In the Short North, men and women like to clink glasses at the upscale video bar Havana and its cruiser cousin Union Station.



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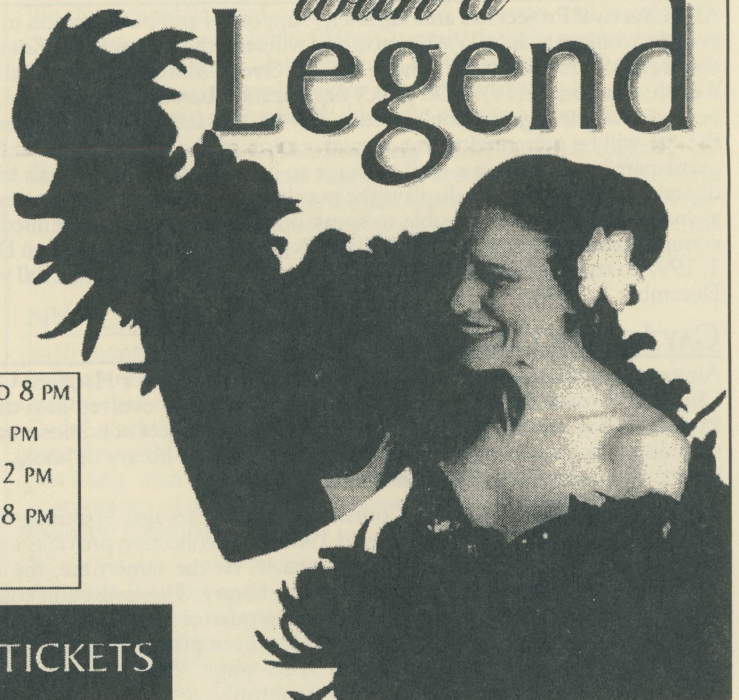
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First on my list is David Dey. His software expertise brings the articles to life. Second, I'd like to thank John DelVecchio. When a deadline is near and I'm missing specific articles or I have a question about the newsletter budget, I give John a call and within 24 hrs I have what I need. Last I forget, his recipes are not only on time; they are also delicious (I know, I've tried a couple). Then there are Len Horey & Damian Kane. Every month in spite of weather, illness, holidays, etc. they stuff and mail the newsletter. Next on my list is Marianne Seggerman. Not only does she generate the mailing labels for the newsletter; she personally delivers many of the free copies we distribute throughout the area. I'll bet that in one of her past lives she rode for the Pony Express.

Last but not least, I'd like to send out a big Dinah Shore kiss to all of our News & Views advertisers and especially to those who have been running their ads month after month (and paying month after month). To me, you are the backbone of News & Views. Without your faith in the Center, without your willingness to commit, and without your dollars, I doubt that News & Views would have a very long life span.

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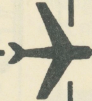
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Rap 7:30	2 Lesbian Lit 7:30 Fund Raising 7:30	3 P-FLAG 7:45	4 Men's Rap 7:30	5 Bowling 9:00 Circle Lanes	6 Gay Men's Chorus, 8pm, Fairfield
7 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Benefit Gejdenson, 4:30 New Haven	8 Women's Rap 7:30	9	10	11 Men's Rap 7:30	12 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes Out & About (20's & 30's) 7:00	13 Gay Men's Chorus, 8pm, Hartford
14 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 TCC Friendraiser, Stamford Gay Men's Chorus, 2pm, New London	15 Women's Rap 7:30	16 TCC Board 7:30	17 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	18 Men's Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex- Spouses 7:30	19 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes	20 Gay Men's Chorus, 8pm, New Haven
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OutSpoken (Youth) - Barb 259-8171; Dan 227-1755;  
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P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) -  
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