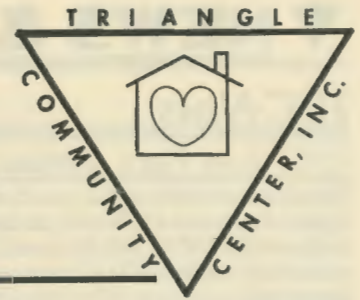


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TCC TIME- OUT PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Plans for the third annual TCC-sponsored "Time-OUT Picnic" are well underway. The picnic is set for Sunday, August 17th at Scalzi Park in Stamford (see directions) and is open to the public. The picnic gets underway at 11:30 and winds up around 4:30. **For the first time, there will be no admission charge!** All TCC members and supporters are welcome.

The picnic is a post-Pride response to the wishes of many people for a large scale event open to the community at large. Nearly 100 people attended last year's lesbian event. This year's picnic promises to be even bigger with more fun and lots of food and sunshine.

A separate area of the park has been reserved expressly for the picnic. The park offers a great picnic area as well as recreation areas—like volleyball and tennis courts, basketball, bocce and baseball. Of course the afternoon will include lots of food. TCC will provide hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to order, fresh corn on the cob and desserts.

WHAT TO BRING

To help make this truly a community and family type picnic, guests are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sports equipment and a food item according the following list:

- Last name beginning A - D: Appetizers / Munchies
- E - I: Soda
- J - N: Bottled water, iced tea, juice
- O - S: A vegetarian main dish
- T - Z: Salads, fruit

INFORMATION

Please call Maria and Cindy at 203-329-3673 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer your help—there are lots of "part-time" duties the day of the picnic—please see the sign-up sheet posted at the Staffer's Desk at the Center or contact Michael Pavlicin at 203-866-6993.

RAIN DATE

In case of rain ("steady rain at 9 am") the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday, August 24th. (For questions about rain postponement call 858-1827 the day of the event only.)

DIRECTIONS TO SCALZI PARK

From I-95 Southbound: Take Exit 7 (Atlantic Street, Rte. 137). Go straight off ramp through first three traffic lights. At fourth light turn right onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Follow Washington Blvd. through downtown Stamford for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi Park will be on the left.

From I-95 Northbound: Take Exit 7 (Greenwich Ave., Rte. 137). Go straight through light at the end of exit ramp. At next traffic light, turn left onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Follow Washington Blvd. through downtown Stamford for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi park will be on the left.

From Merritt Parkway: Take either Exit 34 (Rte. 104) going north or Exit 35 (Rte. 137) going south and follow signs toward downtown Stamford. At the major intersection where Rtes 104 and 137 join, proceed directly forward onto Summer Street (one-way southbound). Just past Ridgeway Shopping Center, turn right onto Bridge Street. Scalzi Park will be on the left.

There is plenty of parking. The picnic will be in the front of the park near the volleyball court. You can't miss it!

See back page for calendar of events

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TCC NEWS

1997 JUNE PRIDE APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to a number of generous donors, TCC's annual June Pride Fund Raising Appeal has raised \$1,750.00 to date. Unfortunately this is only 58% of the budgeted goal of \$3,000.00 for this year's appeal. This year's donors represent only a small number of TCC members and supporters. We still hope to see success in meeting our goal, as we've been able to do in the past. There is still time to give.

The June Appeal is a crucial annual fund raising project. Proceeds from his year's Fund Raising Appeal are earmarked for a specific need—to bolster the Scholarship Fund financed with proceeds from the WHOOP-DEE-DOO! theater production in January.

Your support of this appeal is a way for you to demonstrate pride in your community. You share in the pride of helping the Triangle Community Center give back to the community. By contributing to TCC's Scholarship Fund you share in the pride of helping a gay or bi student pay for books or tuition.

If you have not already given to this year's fund raising appeal, please do so now. Simply return a check or pledge an amount to be billed to you. (Attn: Fund Raising Committee, TCC, PO Box 4062, Norwalk, CT 06855)

Working together we can make this a 100% success...\$3,000!

CONGRATULATIONS!

With great joy the Triangle Community Center celebrates the arrival of Anna Leigh Victoria Robbins Sennewald on July 1. The 7 lb. 8.25 oz bundle of joy was born to Lori Sennewald and Kimberly Robbins. Both mothers and baby are doing fine. "She's such a good baby!" gushed one of her mothers.

LESBIAN LIT GROUP

The reading choice for discussion at the September 2 meeting of the Lesbian Literature Group is entitled, "Stone Butch Blues" written by Leslie Fienberg.

The Lit Group meets at the Center the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Copies of "Stone..." are available at Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. For more info on the group call Christine (203) 847-8476.

ATTENTION:

Due to a lack of participation, the Political Action Group has been disbanded. Our efforts will be joined with those of the CT Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights and the Stonewall Congress. We encourage any interested parties to become involved in these other organizations.

LOST, STRAYED OR.....MISSING IN ACTION?

We do not like obituaries but at this juncture in time we hope not to include the VCR tapes that have been carried out as loans but, sadly, have failed to make it back. They were contributed to TCC for the instruction and, especially, enjoyment of the ENTIRE membership. Search your special hiding and/or storage places where they may be hidden and forgotten so that they may be restored to the realm of the living and be allowed to continue their assigned mission.....Please?

Just drop them in the "Returns" box on the left as you enter the Resource Room. With a heartfelt "Thank you.....thank you.....thank you.....thank you."

The Resource Room (Walt D. And Paul B-K.)

INVESTMENT CLUB

Anyone interested in forming an Investment Club? We could structure it along the same lines as the National Association of Investment Clubs (a la the popular book, "The Beardstown Ladies Investment Club"). Any monthly financial contribution would be small. A possible focus might be common stocks of companies that are socially conscious or who have supportive policies toward gays, women and other minorities. The goals of the group are to learn to make money and have fun doing it!

For further call P.J. Schimmel at (203) 847-2561.

PASSING

The Triangle Community Center is saddened to learn of the passing of long-time member Jeffrey Wylde. He died on December 12, 1996 due to complications of the AIDS virus. He leaves his partner, Daniel Fabrici and one sister, Jane Potter. We extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Fabrici on his loss.

MEDIA NEWS

TV'S LIFETIME TO AIR "ANY MOTHER'S SON"

Five years ago, Allen Schindler was murdered by shipmates in Japan for being gay. Allen was so brutally beaten that every organ in his body was destroyed. After uncovering the truth about Allen's terrible murder, his mother, Dorothy Hajdys, took on the Navy to bring his killers to justice. Her struggles and triumphs will be depicted in "Any Mother's Son: The Dorothy Hajdys Story."

Air Times:

Monday, August 11	9:00 p.m. ET/PT
Thursday, August 14	9:00 p.m. ET/PT
Sunday, August 17	8:00 p.m. ET/PT
Saturday, August 23	8:00 p.m. ET/PT
Sunday, August 31	12 noon ET/PT

REQUEST....GAY RADIO? GAY TV?

One of our readers has requested that a line-up of gay and lesbian radio and TV shows be listed in the newsletter each month. I thought it to be a grand and noble suggestion. But after having found the little printed here, I'm making a public plea. Does anyone out there have any idea where I might find a programming source(s)? If you do, PLEASE phone or fax me at 964-1133.

GAY RADIO

Bridgeport - WPKN/89.5 FM - 7:30 pm Mon
New Britain - WCFS/107.7 FM - 5:30 pm Mon
Storrs - WHUS/91.7 FM - 7:30 pm Tues
West Hartford - WWUH/91.3 FM - 8:00 om Thurs

THE GAY GOURMET

JOHN & ROLAND'S SUMMER ANTIPASTO

3 - 4 large vineripe tomatoes

3/4 lb. Fresh mozzarella

12 slices thin cut prosciutto

10 - 12 calamata olives

sea salt

coarse ground pepper

1 small onion, sliced thin

balsamic vinegar

extra virgin olive oil

several fresh basil leaves, cut up

Slice the tomatoes evenly and place them individually on a serving dish. Season with a dash of salt, pepper, olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Place sliced onion and some basil on each tomato slice. Slice the mozzarella thin (must be fresh mozzarella) and place one slice on each tomato. Roll the prosciutto and place amidst the tomatoes along with the olives. Refrigerate 15 minutes and serve cool.

CONNECTICUT NEWS

BROOKFIELD - CDCT HAILS STATE LAW

The vote to eliminate pink triangles in Brookfield High School came as no surprise to the Committee for the Defense of Classroom Tolerance (CDCT). On June 25, representatives of the CDCT met with Brookfield Superintendent David Bristol to explore ways to encourage fair and equal treatment of sexual minority youth in the Brookfield school system. Dr. Bristol pledged to recommend a school-wide policy that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He also acknowledged the right of Brookfield High School students to initiate a gay-straight alliance at school, if they wished.

The Brookfield Board of Education voted to ban anti-gay discrimination in Brookfield schools at its July 15 meeting. The vote came only days after the enactment of SB1121, which adds "sexual orientation" to an existing Connecticut law which prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of race, religion, gender and other categories. SB1121 was signed into law by the governor and became effective July 1.

"This new law gives our efforts a tremendous boost," said Ted LaBonne. "Whereas before we only had safe zones, we now have a chance for safe schools for sexual minority youth. Although we are disappointed by the board of education's failure to support safe zones, this law gives us an even more potent weapon against discrimination. We stand ready to assist the students and the faculty in making our schools safe places to learn."

FAIRFIELD COUNTY - GAY FATHERS

For over fifteen years a gay fathers support group of some sort has existed in our area. The current group, Gay Fathers of Western Connecticut, is based in Fairfield County. It is alive and growing with an active membership of approximately fifty fathers. While the members are all fathers, there is a wonderful variety in terms of age and marital status. Most members are biological rather than adoptive fathers. Many are separated or divorced while others are still married and living with their families. The group provides a supportive environment for members to meet and help each other with issues going on in their lives as gay men and fathers.

The GFWC meets once a month on either the fourth Wednesday or Friday. Although not officially a part of TCC, some fathers are members of the Center and occasionally the group will meet there. Usually, though, fathers take turns hosting meetings in their homes. Since the meetings involve a meal and since certain members require more discretion than others, the home environment seems to work the best. After the meal the group meets, allowing each member to introduce himself and explain his situation. Discussion then follows. Members receive a newsletter announcing meeting dates, locations, and directions. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20. For more information call Bob at (203) 866-7051.

HARTFORD - "OUT" AT THE CAPITAL

The number of openly gay State Representatives recently doubled with the announcement by Evelyn Mantilla (D-Hartford) that she is a lesbian. Mantilla came "out" at a legislative breakfast during the Connecticut Gay Pride Celebration on June 21st in Hartford. She joins Art Feltman (D-Hartford), who was openly gay before he was elected a State Representative last November. The only other openly gay member of the General Assembly is Joseph Grabarz, formerly a State Representative from Bridgeport who is currently Director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. Some astute political observers have suggested that there are at least six other gay members of the General Assembly who are not "out" because of personal or political considerations.

NEW HAVEN - MCC 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Metropolitan Community Church of New Haven will celebrate their 20 years of ministry on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21. On Saturday morning at 10:00 am, a group discussion on Homosexuality and the Bible will be held at the church located at 34 Harrison Street. Saturday night will host a banquet/dance starting at 7:00 pm. It will be held at The Brewery, 458 Grand Ave., New Haven.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at (203) 389-6750.

On Sunday two special worship services will be held at 9:30 am and 4:00 pm at 34 Harrison Street. Rev. Frank Beard invites all to attend.

NEW HAVEN - NEW INTERFAITH SERVICE

The One Light Interfaith Circle invites people of all faiths to join in an omnidemonational service Saturday, August 2nd, 1997 at 5 o'clock. The theme of the service will be The Golden Rules. "Honoring all faiths and traditions, we will celebrate how each of the world's major religions speak to the same idea of brotherly love. To love another as ourselves is a universal concept that knows no boundary of language or geography," according to co-founder Casey Roberts, currently studying at The New Seminary.

This month's service will take place Saturday, August 2nd, from 5 to 6 p.m. Beginning in September, the new schedule will be the Second Saturday of each month, at 5 p.m. All services take place at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, located at One Long Wharf Plaza in New Haven. All services are open to all. For further information, please contact Ms. Casey Roberts at (203) 230-2050.

NEW HAVEN - YALE REBUFFS OFFER

Larry Kramer relishes a good fight. He helped found the Gay Men's Health Crisis in 1981, only to split with it later. Then he started Act Up to press politicians and pharmaceutical companies to respond more forcefully to AIDS. But recently, Kramer, 62, a novelist and playwright, seized on a way he could get the last word in against his antagonists: He would bequeath Yale University, his alma mater, several million dollars to endow a permanent, tenured professorship in gay studies and possibly to build a gay and lesbian student center.

Yale declined Kramer's offer — at least on his terms — and in a letter from the provost, Alison Richard, explained that Yale has frozen its faculty hiring and cannot add a professorship for Kramer without cutting one elsewhere. Gay and lesbian studies is too narrow a specialty to lock in a professor for life or a professorship in perpetuity, she adds, and decisions about tenure and curriculum are made by the faculty.

Beyond the question of who calls the shots in academia, Kramer's proposal touches on the delicate issues of how colleges treat areas like gay and lesbian studies. The field has grown sharply in the last decade, and despite its maverick status, is pushing on the frontiers of many disciplines.

Today, almost all courses related to gay and lesbian studies at Yale are taught by untenured or visiting professors. A center called the Research Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies, is run by a faculty group that prepares a course guide in the field — courses like AIDS and Society, and Language and Gender in Cultural Perspective. Yale says it wants to expand these efforts, and with the help of members of its gay and lesbian alumni group, known as Yale GALA, is finishing a fund-raising brochure.

NEW LONDON - DIANA JONES CONCERT

Contemporary folk singer/songwriter Diana Jones will perform in New London, CT on Saturday August 9, 1997 at 8 pm at The Crow's Nest, a club located in the Crozier-Williams Student Center on the campus of Connecticut College. Jones, who writes and sings gender-free love songs, is currently touring through New England. Her newly released CD, *Imagine Me*, is receiving critical acclaim.

In May of 1997, Diana Jones won the Tucson Folk Festival Songwriter's Competition as well as the Poor David's Songwriting Contest in Dallas.

This performance is being sponsored by WCNI 91.1 FM in New London. A portion of the proceeds will go to "A Moveable Feast, Inc." An organization that provides nutritious meals to those affected by HIV/AIDS. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call June Nicolay at (860) 442-4501 for more information.

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STAMFORD - LONGO SHAKES UP STAMFORD NITELIFE

Michael Longo, Connecticut's diva club promoter, has reconciled with the owners of Art Bar (84 W. Park Place) in Stamford and has moved his Sunday night party back to Art Bar. If you haven't been, Art Bar has a couple rooms where you can get away from the loud music to talk as well as state of the art lighting and sound on the dance floor. The cover is \$4 and there is an open bar for well drinks and draft beer from 9 to 11 PM.

On July 18, Longo started a new gay party at Symposium (129 Atlantic St.) on Friday nights. Symposium was formerly a bank which gives this club a very NYC feeling. You can view the dance floor from the second floor balcony lounges. The club recently had a name change to Club 203 but Longo will have them change the name back to Symposium. So if you see Club 203 banners flying in front of the club, don't be confused. If you can't make it out to Art Bar on a Sunday because of work Monday morning, stop by the Symposium on Friday.

WESTBROOK - LETTER: BAPISTS WRONG

The news that the Southern Baptist convention in Dallas was calling for a boycott of all things Disney because of the company's apparent support for the gay and lesbian community would be laughable if not for its underlying potential for an escalation of hate crimes and increased discrimination. The Rev. Richard Land, president of the Christian Life Commission, said, "Disney is going to find out just how many regiments and just how many divisions of godly people Southern Baptists have." Could this more aptly be seen as a call to arms against the homosexual community instead of an economic boycott?

Is there a chance that the good reverend would be shocked at the numbers of gay and lesbian members of his own estimated 15.7 million "messengers"? There may be 1.5 million within his own ranks. Citing a same-sex "relationship" between a meerkat and warthog in the "The Lion King" and lamenting the coming out of a television personality are ludicrous.

Disney has rightly determined that homosexuality is not a right or wrong issue but a way of life that deserves understanding and should be protected from the discrimination and hatred that this misguided religious organization is calling for.

[Hartford Courant, July 6, 1997, John Bruce Carrier, Westbrook].

CYBER NEWS

AIDS QUILT UNFOLDS ON THE WEB

The Web site is the latest weapon in the fight against AIDS for the Names Project, a group that marked its 10th anniversary on Pride Weekend. Since Cleve Jones and Mike Smith launched the project from the back porch of Smith's Hartford Street house in 1987, the quilt has grown from two to more than 43,000 panels.

Because of its enormity, the quilt will probably never again be displayed in its entirety. But anyone who wants to learn more and see pieces of the quilt can click onto its Web site. Each month, the site receives about 200,000 hits and about 15,000 new visitors. That puts it in the top 5 percent of Web sites in the country.

Visit the site at <http://www.aidsquilt.org>.

WEB HELPS YOUNG GAYS, LESBIANS FIND EACH OTHER

Mary L. Gray, who helped to found the first Usenet news group for gay and lesbian youth (soc.support.youth.gay-lesbian-bi), said the Internet offers a unique environment for young people coming to terms with sexual identity. "They want to talk to someone, but they don't feel comfortable walking into a room where someone will look at them," said Gray.

The Internet is also a powerful forum for political organizing by gay youth on legislative and school-related issues. A San Francisco-based site called "incite!" (www.incite.org) for California gay youth features advice on activism, networking and using technology plus links to other gay youth Web sites.

STATIONERY ON THE NET

The leading discount printing and cyberstationery shop on the Internet has formed a co-label partnership agreement with onQ (keyword on America Online). OnQ is the largest online gay and lesbian community in the world.

The onQ/iPrint Discount Print Shop enables anyone who visits onQ on AOL to design popularly printed stationery items such as business cards, stationery, and labels online at no charge. iPrint offers a range of customized printed materials with additional products being added weekly. iPrint, Inc. is a privately held software company and can be reached at <http://www.iPrint.com>.

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NATIONAL NEWS

ANDREW CUNANAN STILL AT LARGE

Friends said he wore ascots and blazers and smoked 10-inch cigars. He had a penchant for sadomasochism and wealthy gay men. Privately schooled and politically astute, Andrew Cunanan could meet dozens of people at a party and remember all of their names. They would remember his piercing, obnoxious laugh, and how he always had money though he never seemed to have a job. He's a man who was voted "Least Likely to be Forgotten" in high school.

The FBI categorizes him another way: a cold-blooded serial killer. His latest victim, authorities suspect, is world renowned clothing designer Gianni Versace, lord of a multimillion-dollar fashion empire. For months, the cunning Cunanan has kept one step ahead of the law, slipping cross country from murder scene to murder scene, according to authorities.

In April, he made plans to move to San Francisco, but told friends he planned to make a stop in Minneapolis to visit an old lover. It was there, authorities say, that he embarked on a vicious killing rampage. Authorities say in the months before he disappeared, Cunanan deposited and withdrew nearly \$75,000 from his bank accounts.

If you have any information concerning this case take no action yourself. Contact the police.

THREE MORE ANTI-CRIME BILLS!

Hate crimes bills that include sexual orientation hit the desks of three governors in June: Nebraska's governor has already signed, Delaware's governor plans to sign, and Louisiana's governor hasn't decided. If all three bills become law, 20 states plus the District of Columbia will have enhanced penalty hate crimes laws that include sexual orientation, according to information provided by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

U.S. SODOMY LAWS: JULY 1997

Sodomy laws have been repealed by legislature in 23 states:

Alaska 1980, California 1976, Colorado 1972, Connecticut 1971, Delaware 1973, Hawaii 1973, Illinois 1962, Indiana 1977, Iowa 1978, Maine 1976, Nebraska 1978, Nevada 1993, New Hampshire 1975, New Jersey 1979, New Mexico 1975, Ohio 1974, Oregon 1972, South Dakota 1977, Vermont 1977, Washington 1976, West Virginia 1976, Wisconsin 1983, Wyoming 1977.

COUNT OF ANTI-MARRIAGE BILLS

Pending Anti-Marriage Measures: CT, HI, KY, LA, NJ, NY, OH, OR, WI (9)

Anti-Marriage Bills Adopted: AR, FL, IN, ME, MN, MS, MT, ND, VA (9)

Anti-Marriage Bills Blocked: AL, CA, CO, IA, MD, NE, NH, NM, RI, TX, VT, WA, WV, WY (14)

Pro-Marriage Bills Introduced: IL, MD, NE, RI, WA (5)

NEW DEFENSE BILL

On June 17, openly gay Congressman Barney Frank offered a Defense bill that declares that the Pentagon's prevailing moral views are wrong. If passed, the legislation would do away with the military's adultery law, eliminate all legal obstacles to adult consensual sex and make homosexual behavior legal.



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MORE GAY PARTNER BENEFITS

Thirteen percent of all U.S. employers offer health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees at a negligible cost, according to an estimate by the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick. The survey found that very large firms, those with 5,000 or more employees, are more likely to offer the benefits. Of those, 23 % provide health benefits to what Peat Marwick called "nontraditional partners." Of large companies, those with 1,000 to 4,999 employees, 13% of employers offer the coverage. Of mid-size firms, those with from 200 to 999 workers, 12% offer the coverage. Of the total, 13 % offer coverage.

The firm surveyed 1,502 randomly selected firms with more than 200 employees. They divided the companies into categories, and found that technology employers have the highest percentage offering domestic partners coverage (26%). Government is a close second (17%), and retail is third (16%).

Significantly, the survey found that the costs were not major issues for employers. The accounting firm found that the cost of coverage and rates for firms offering and not offering the coverage to nontraditional partners was equivalent.

SPENDING IS SKEWED

[Ed. Note: This piece was written by Rep. Ernest Istook (R-Okla). He is a member of the Appropriations Committee which helps decide AIDS funding.]

Federal funding for medical research is skewed, failing to focus on those diseases that cause the most suffering and death in America. The National Institutes of Health seems to adjust its priorities to respond well to the political and media attention focused upon AIDS and HIV.

Something is wrong when NIH funds research at the rate of \$1,129 per heart disease death, \$723 per stroke death, \$4,995 per diabetes death, \$4,525 per cancer death—but \$31,381 per HIV/AIDS death. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, cardiovascular disease deaths are 22 times higher than AIDS deaths. Cancer is the number-two killer, with the number of deaths 13 times higher than those from AIDS.

Although media coverage of AIDS stresses reports that it is the leading cause of death for males ages 25-44, this segment is only 15 percent of the entire population. We absolutely should provide significant funding for AIDS research. It is a horrible and deadly disease. But we should never forget that it is only one of many horrible and deadly diseases that afflict Americans. Although NIH denies it, spending too often follows today's politics.

Of NIH's nearly \$13 billion annual budget, most goes to basic research and administrative overhead, but controversy centers on the 43 percent spent on disease-specific research. There is no formal consultation process for deciding which diseases to research. For example, NIH does not formally coordinate priorities with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which manages our Medicare and Medicaid spending, or with the Centers for Disease Control, private health care insurance providers, or hospitals. Instead of the current system, federal spending on disease research should consider how many people are affected and the costs of major diseases. This would alleviate more human suffering and reduce the cost of prevention and treatment of our nation's worst diseases.

AIDS is a horrible disease and deserves significant research funding, yet we could alleviate far more human suffering if we also focused on the far larger number of people suffering from other horrible diseases. As a result, Congress and NIH must constantly review whether our current priorities are still justified or have become outdated. This is not "body-count budgeting."

LESBIAN AND GAY TEENS TODAY - (SECOND OF TWO PARTS)

Even teens who aren't shown the street when they come out to their parents fear other, serious, economic repercussions from their families. "My father already suspects [I'm gay]," says Nicole Trivoli, who lives with her lower-middle class family in Florida. "Once he knows, I know he'll stop supporting me and refuse to pay for college."

Similarly, when 17-year-old Alice Williams was a sophomore, her parents stopped paying her college tuition to protest their daughter's admission that she'd had a girlfriend for the past two years. Williams is still in college, but she works two jobs, worries about money "constantly," and her lack of funds will force her to extend her education by a semester.

Self-sufficiency is even more difficult for gay teens who never make it to college or a trade school. Wages for uneducated, unskilled workers—who labor primarily in the service sector—are woefully disproportionate to a self-supporting teen's basic needs. Unfortunately, as a result of the homophobic atmosphere tacitly condoned by most school systems, nearly a third of lesbian and gay students drop out before they even finish high school, an act which circumvents their options for both higher education and, perhaps more importantly, any chance for earning a living wage.

Many gay teens drop out of school because of the flagrant abuse they receive at the hands of their peers. Any connection to queers is grounds for attack: Ryan Estes, a 12-year-old who attends Woodland Junior High in Fayetteville, Arkansas, doesn't consider herself a lesbian, but was targeted by classmates because her mothers are lesbians. Since she was 10, classmates have called Estes names; hit her in the head and back; pulled her hair; written sexual epithets on her locker; slammed her fingers in doors; and strangled her.

In spite of this treatment, Estes intends to remain in school, attend college. This desire to stay in school is a testament to her bravery and heroic will. Her decision will also have concrete economic repercussions. If Estes makes it through high school only, statistics predict that she'll earn 40 percent less than if she graduates from college. If she doesn't, the gap in wages is even more dramatic.

Whether gay kids drop out of school because they experience harassment, or because they come out to their parents and are forced to leave home, the meager job opportunities afforded by an unfinished education have repercussions besides the most obvious side effect of unemployment and subsequent poverty. The rates of gay and lesbian suicide are astounding: gay male youths are more than 13 times at risk of committing suicide than their peers, and young lesbians are twice as likely to commit suicide as are heterosexual females. These rates are usually attributed to low self esteem and paralyzing struggles over sexual identity. But severe economic impoverishment may also play a role. Specialists cite financial difficulties as either a "chronic state or participating factor" in the backgrounds of up to 62 percent of adult men who commit suicide.

High suicide rates, significant numbers of drop-outs, homelessness, economic insecurity, and the lack of a social support system—none of these problems are intrinsic to being lesbian and young. Rather these experiences are a direct result of two things: a homophobic society's hatred of queer youth and the gay community's failure to address the impoverishment of young lesbians and gays as a specific issue.

"There aren't a lot of ways for people to contribute to the well being of youth in general," says Rev Carey, Director of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition. "There are simply very few mechanisms through which older gays and lesbians can support younger gays." But that can change. And change begins with a step. Young gays have a long wish list; shelters; vocational training; financial counseling; safe, low-income housing; scholarships and financial aid for trade schools and colleges. Why not help just one wish come true?

[Ed Note: The first part of this article appeared in the July N&V's. It was written by Athena Douris and appeared in *Girlfriends*, a national magazine featuring culture, politics & sexuality from a lesbian perspective.]

WANTED: Female graduate student (33) NEEDS studio apt., apt. to share or unfurnished room in or around the Stamford area. I teach during the day and go to school at night. \$Money\$ is a big consideration. Contact Claire at (914) 566-9643.

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RELIGIOUS ROUND ROBIN

CATHOLICS - A GROWING ACCEPTANCE

They are out, proud, and feel increasingly free to express their faith. That was the theme among hundreds of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics who convened in Boston in July amid what they described as growing acceptance of gays among the Catholic community.

A majority of US Roman Catholics support giving homosexuals full rights in the church, including the right to marry, according to a poll last year in National Catholic Reporter, a weekly newspaper.

In New York, Dignity leaders note they are meeting regularly with Cardinal John J. O'Connor to discuss issues of concern. These meetings, Dignity members said, played a role in O'Connor's decision to decrease the police presence in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral during New York's annual Gay Pride Parade, and to end the church's opposition to a recent New York State bill dealing with hate crimes against homosexuals.

EPISCOPALIANS - A DIVIDED HOUSE

As the Protestant Episcopal Church heads into its triennial General Convention, Episcopalians are perilously close to ecclesiastical chaos. They are deeply divided over homosexuality. One resolution before the convention would leave the ordination of active homosexuals and lesbians to the discretion of individual bishops. A contrary resolution would have the convention reaffirm traditional teaching that all members of the clergy "are to abstain from sexual relations outside marriage."

An even more explosive issue is whether the church should add a blessing ceremony for same-sex couples to its Book of Occasional Services. Officials of Integrity, the church's powerful gay-and-lesbian lobby, are confident that homosexual marriages will be accepted by the church-if not at this convention, then at the next. Gay Episcopalians have a staunch ally in the Rt. Rev. Edmond Browning, the church's presiding bishop. But his pro-gay stance has alienated the church's conservative wing and fueled murmurs of schism in a dozen of the church's 113 dioceses.

JUDIASM - GAY AND LESBIAN STYLE

Much of mainstream Judaism is further along than the major Christian denominations in welcoming gays and lesbians into the fold. Gay and lesbian synagogues, for instance, have led the way on a topic that many mainstream congregations are still grappling with: making worship gender-neutral. In another area, lesbian and gay synagogues are following the lead of their mainstream counterparts. As more gay men and especially lesbians become parents, their synagogues are starting religious schools; one gay synagogue, Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco, has had a school for five years.

Reform Judaism, one of the religion's four major branches, began admitting gay and lesbian synagogues in the 1970s and ordains openly gay rabbis. Its rabbis publicly endorsed civil marriage for same-sex couples last year and are moving toward encouraging their colleagues to perform religious wedding ceremonies.

Conservative Judaism, unlike Reform and the smaller Reconstructionist movement, neither ordains openly gay rabbis nor officially sanctions same-sex marriages. But its governing body, the Rabbinical Assembly, has long welcomed gays and lesbians as synagogue members.

Orthodox Jews at present have no hope of having their relationships blessed in synagogues so traditional on sexual matters that men and women are not even allowed to sit together

METHODISTS - ANTI-BIAS STATEMENT

When United Methodist clergy from throughout New England, gathered for their annual conference, they were asked to join 1,350 United Methodist clergy nationwide, including 60 from the church's New England Conference, who have signed "In All Things Charity," a statement of conscience opposing United Methodist discrimination against gay men and lesbian women. Clergy from sister conferences in New England as well as laity supporters have pushed the regional total to more than 100 signers from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

First released in January by 15 prominent United Methodist clergy, the statement calls for the ordination of qualified gay and lesbian persons and an end to the prohibition of "holy unions" voted at the denomination's quadrennial General Conference in Denver last year.

PRESBYTERIANS - AMEND GAY STANCE

Presbyterian Church (USA) leaders agreed to amend their constitution to support "fidelity ... in all relationships of life," in an attempt to temper a rule that bars homosexuals from the pulpit. The measure does not lift a 1978 policy that bans ordaining "self-affirming, practicing homosexuals." But gay and lesbian rights supporters say easing the "fidelity and chastity" rule broadens the definition of acceptable relationships under the church's constitution. They say that it could open the door to the church's sanctioning of same-sex marriage and homosexual ministers. It still needs approval by a majority of the denomination's 172 presbyteries before it would go into effect.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS - DISNEY BOYCOTT

A June Newsweek poll showed that few Americans agree with the Southern Baptist church's boycott of the Disney Company because of their policies toward gays. Results of a poll reveal that only 29 % of the people surveyed have joined the church's boycott of Disney movies, theme parks and products because they feel the company has moved away from wholesome family entertainment. Two-thirds of the 753 adults surveyed say the presence of gay couples at Disney theme parks doesn't reduce the enjoyment of heterosexual visitors.

There is overwhelming support for equal rights for gays when it comes to job opportunities and housing and the poll indicates the majority of the public believes gay partnerships should be legally recognized in matters such as inheritance rights and health or social security benefits. Only one-third however, believe in legally sanctioned gay marriages.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Answer to July - Stuart Elliott, who writes the Advertising column in Business Day.

Question for August - This British gay icon (meaning: meaning a woman with many gay male fans), a pop idol in the 60's, had a comeback when the Pet Shop Boys sought her out to join them on a record of theirs a few years back.

Who is she? There were no entries in the **Trivia Contest in the June News & Views** but you may be curious about the answers anyway. Here they are. 1.G, 2.W, 3.R (duh), 4.E, 5.P, 6.C, 7.O, 8.S & B 9.D, F, K, U, 10.A & M, 11.Q, 12. S, 13.the unmatched clue, 14.A, 15.L, 16.M & H, 17.N, 18.H, 19.X, 20.J (or tried to), 21.H, 22.I (should read floor of the House), 23.T (outed). 24.V

Support Group For Single Lesbians will begin in September. The group will meet for 4-5 Saturday mornings at the Monroe office of Maria C. Castillo, MSW, LCSW. Topics will include: learning from past relationships, deciding what you want in a new relationship, the different stages of dating, and how to be with yourself—alone vs. Lonely. Very low fee and insurance accepted. Space is limited. For more information please call Maria at (203) 261-3492 or (203) 336-2708.

STATE BY STATE NEWS

CA - MARRIAGE INITIATIVE PROPOSED

A proposed ballot initiative to define marriage in California only as the union of a man and a woman is being prepared for circulation, the Attorney General's Office said. The measure would amend the Family Code to read: "Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California."

Once certified to start circulating petitions, backers will have 150 days to collect at least 433,269 signatures of registered voters to place the measure on the June 1998 ballot.

CA - GAYS AND LESBIANS TAKE VOWS

Recently in West Hollywood about 70 gay and lesbian couples marched forward as members of the City Council took turns reading vows just. It was the second year that the city hosted the giant commitment ceremony as part of the Christopher Street West Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival.

The city, which has a large homosexual population, enacted its domestic partnership program in 1985, awarding unmarried adult partners some of the rights — such as hospital and jail visitations — granted married couples. In May, the city passed a reciprocity ordinance recognizing the domestic partnerships of couples registered in other cities as well.

FL - CHALLENGE ADOPTION LAW

Seeking to strike one of two anti-gay adoption bans in the nation off the books, the American Civil Liberties Union opened its case against a 1977 Florida statute that explicitly bars lesbian and gay parents in the state from adopting any children.

"No other group in Florida is completely shut out of adoption proceedings," said Michael Adams, a staff attorney with the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "Even citizens who present obvious problems, like career felons, are evaluated on an individual basis."

The ACLU will present a battery of leading psychologists who will bring to bear existing research on gay parenting, and argue that there is not a single credible shred of evidence suggesting that lesbian and gay adoptions are harmful to children.

Attorneys for Florida, on the other hand, plan to defend the law by relying almost exclusively on a team of anti-gay extremists. The experts will claim it is better to leave children in permanent foster care than place them in loving homes with lesbian or gay parents. Only two states in the nation — Florida and New Hampshire — explicitly prohibit gay adoptions by law.

FL - GAY, LESBIAN RETIREMENT HOME

A retired professor has received permits to build a housing complex in northern Manatee County that will cater to gay and lesbian retirees. Palms of Manasota will include 24 single-family homes, 44 apartments and a 20-unit assisted-living facility on 22 acres. Laing, who is gay, said he has customers lined up as word spreads that he is creating a complex welcoming homosexuals. The first homes should be finished in six months. Laing intends to request county rezoning to allow a 25-bed nursing home on the site.

HI - SAME-SEX LAW IN EFFECT

As of July 9, many of the benefits available to married people in Hawaii will also be offered to gay couples, siblings and roommates, under a first-in-the-nation law that was enacted to head off homosexual marriages. Gov. Ben Cayetano allowed the bill to take effect at midnight without his signature. The law would give any two adults who can't legally marry the right to share medical insurance and state pensions. They would also get inheritance rights, the right to joint property ownership and the right to sue for wrongful death.

Under the same-sex benefits law, couples don't even have to know each other, live together, or be state residents to apply. They only have to be 18 and legally barred from marrying each other. That makes a vast number of people eligible for the benefits, and that's creating confusion.

LA - HATE CRIMES BILL APPROVED

The Louisiana House approved a Senate-passed "hate crimes" bill Tuesday after turning back an attempt to exclude sexual orientation as a possible motive for a hate crime. SB914 would impose extra penalties for crimes against people or property when the crimes are motivated by hatred based on race, gender, age, disability, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, employment or membership in an organization. SB914 now goes back to the Senate for consideration of amendments that were added by a House committee.

MA - KUEHL ELECTED TO HARVARD

Open lesbian Sheila James Kuehl has become the first open gay or lesbian ever elected to one of the governing boards of 364-year-old Harvard University. A campaign to place an open gay or lesbian on a Harvard Board has been underway for about four years. Kuehl was elected in June to a two-year term on the distinguished Massachusetts institution's most senior governing board, the Board of Overseers.

Kuehl is a 1978 alumna of Harvard Law School who went on to become a dean of Southern California's Loyola Law School. She currently serves as the speaker pro tem of the California state Assembly, where she was also the first open gay or lesbian to serve.

Despite her impressive list of accomplishments, Kuehl remains most familiar to the nationwide public for the work she did in her youth as the character "Zelda" on the TV sitcom "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

ME - DRIVE AGAINST GAY-RIGHTS

In Maine, two anti-gay rights groups officially kicked off a campaign to gather enough signatures to halt a law prohibiting certain forms of discrimination against homosexuals. The Christian Coalition of Maine is working with the Christian Civic League of Maine to collect the signatures of more than 51,000 certified voters within 90 days. If the groups succeed, the bill passed by the legislature must go to a statewide vote.

MN - GAY PRIDE 'S 25TH YEAR

More than 200,000 people attended the Pride Festival, a national celebration marking its 25th year in Minneapolis. Some men wore thick makeup and tight dresses, and some women wore motorcycle gear, but a lot more had windbreakers, shorts and big umbrellas. The parade, had more than 150 entries. Representatives of several metro-area churches marched, one after the other, bearing signs of acceptance and welcome. They were joined by gay-oriented college groups.

MT - BAN ON GAY SEX OVERTURNED

Montana Supreme Court threw out a 24-year-old ban on homosexual sex, rejecting all of the state's arguments and concluding that government has no business meddling in the sexual activity of consenting adults. The Montana law violates the right to privacy guaranteed in the state's Constitution, the court said.

NB - GAY PRIDE MARCH

The 13th annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender pride celebration began with a parade, complete with candy, balloons, and a drag queen riding atop a jeep. Mark Allen, an organizer of the march, estimated that more than 700 people participated.

NC - GAY ADOPTION CASE

Durham District Court Judge Elaine O'Neal postponed a decision on whether an out-of-state adoption involving two women should be recognized in North Carolina. The case involves two women who lived together in Washington state. One of the women, Sheryl Rose Erez, gave birth in 1993. The other woman, Aviva Shira Starr, became an adoptive parent of the child the following year. The couple moved to North Carolina with their child in 1995. But in 1996, the couple separated and Erez moved to another state for a new job, leaving the child with Starr. Starr then filed for custody of the child, sparking a court fight with Erez.

Starr's attorneys contend that her adoption was properly finalized in the state of Washington and thus North Carolina is bound by the constitutional doctrine of "full faith and credit" to honor it. But Erez argues that the adoption is void because it was obtained unconstitutionally and because it violates "a decided public policy against protecting homosexual 'families' " in North Carolina.

On March 27 of this year, Judge O'Neal signed an order that gave temporary, joint legal custody to both women, but temporary physical custody to Starr. Erez also agreed to pay \$715 a month to Starr for child support. Still, the validity of the child's adoption remains an open question.

NH - FIRED GAY OFFICER SUING TOWN

An Allentown police officer who says he was fired because he is gay is suing the town to get his job back. Bruce Nadeau also is asking for back pay and benefits. He maintains Police Chief James McGonigle fired him illegally in January. McGonigle has said Nadeau was fired because he violated policy and then lied about it.

NJ - "BERGEN RECORD" EDITORIAL

The word "outrage" is often overused, but it is truly an outrage that the state will not let Michael Gallucio and Jon Holden adopt the little boy the two men have cared for since infancy. The gay couple from Maywood took him in as a foster child under the supervision of the state Division of Youth and Family Services when he was 3 months old and suffering from severe problems. The tiny, sickly baby was addicted to cocaine, had lung damage, and carried antibodies for both hepatitis C and the AIDS virus. No one else wanted him. Mr. Gallucio and Mr. Holden not only loved him, they also nursed him through many long days and nights. And eventually, the baby's condition began to improve.

Today he is almost 2 years old, healthy, happy, and thriving, and ready to start nursery school. The state should be bending over backward to allow the two men to adopt this child. Obviously, DYFS considers them ideal foster parents, since it has allowed them to care for three foster children altogether.

Mr. Gallucio and Mr. Holden say they told DYFS all along that they wanted to adopt jointly and were told repeatedly it was no problem. In fact, the agency sent them a letter of congratulations in 1995 for passing all state requirements and becoming "an approved adoptive family."

If DYFS was happy to have them as parents when the child was sickly and frail, it should be equally happy to have them as permanent parents now that they have done such a good job. Instead, the agency says its regulations do not allow unmarried couples — gay or straight — to adopt; only married couples or unmarried singles can do that.

These men, who have done such an admirable thing, should not have to jump through all those hoops. They should be able to adopt jointly now. The little boy is already truly their son. All that remains to be done is to make it official.

[Ed. Note: The Record received many responses to this editorial. They all agreed that they two men should be allowed to adopt this child.]

NY - GAY PRIDE DAY IN NEW YORK

Gay men and lesbians marched and danced and sang their way up Fifth Avenue in a serious and saucy celebration of Gay Pride Day. The city's top politicians marched alongside drag queens on floats, nearly naked dancers and men wearing sequined gowns, feathered boas and tight miniskirts.

Thousands of spectators cheered the spectacle through the heart of Manhattan on a hot, sunny afternoon. The 28th annual march was used to launch an effort to help healthy people "stay free of HIV as we enter the 21st century. Got 2 B There" — for the millennium — said T-shirts.

The New York marchers reserved some of their whistles and boos for Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani (R), who has said he opposes legally sanctioned gay marriages. He responded with a broad smile but picked up his pace.

But most of those celebrating weren't there to watch politicians. "I adore my lesbian daughters, keep them safe," said a sign held by 73-year-old Frances Goldin who said that people had approached her with their phone numbers, asking: "Can I adopt you as my mother?" She said she'll call them. "Difference enriches us all," she said.

NY - AIDS ADVISER CRITICIZED

An appointee of Gov. George Pataki who serves on the panel that advises the state on AIDS policy has suggested that people infected with HIV have sex only with other people who have the virus as a way to end the epidemic. The appointee, Dr. David S. Hodes, the chief of the infectious diseases division in the pediatrics department at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, made his remarks at the monthly meeting of the State AIDS Advisory Council, angering advocates of AIDS patients and stunning into silence other council members who hastily sought to distance themselves from his position.

In interviews after the meeting Hodes said he also advocated mandatory HIV testing as a last resort, if the voluntary approach does not work, "in the same way that we test for tuberculosis when you go for employment."

The governor's press secretary and a spokesman for the state Health Department expressed disapproval of Hodes' position.

The opposing opinions, however, did not deter the council member. He further elaborated in an interview that there were strategies to prevent the disease from attacking a new generation. For example, he said that an HIV-infected person born before 1977 could decide not to have sex with anyone born after that year. "It's a fairly simple thing that can be done without too much inconvenience to anybody."

Hodes said he was less certain of a strategy for intravenous drug users, who are fueling the epidemic with dirty needles. "It's a far more difficult problem because you're not dealing with rational people," he said.

NY - COURT PROTECTS GAY CONDUCT

In the 48-page ruling, Judge Eugene Nickerson of the Eastern District of New York has ruled that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is unconstitutional and serves solely to cater to the biases of many heterosexuals. He derided the government's argument that discriminating against homosexuals was necessary to maintain military morale.

"It is hard to imagine why the mere holding of hands off base and in private is dangerous to the mission of the Armed Forces if done by a homosexual but not if done by a heterosexual," he wrote.

The case, filed by six gay and lesbian service members, is one of a number around the country challenging the Clinton policy, including two currently before the U.S. Court of Appeal in San Francisco. To date, the U.S. Supreme Court has declined to review the issue. The Justice Department will appeal the judge's ruling.

OH - MARCHERS SAY THEY'RE PROUD

Individuals, churches, businesses and politicians join for the 16th annual Pride March in Columbus. Seven friends wore Mickey Mouse ears yesterday to the annual Pride March to thank the Walt Disney Co.

Freedom, tolerance and pride were common themes in the annual parade. The day ended with a mass ceremony in which same-sex couples exchanged vows and recognized their relationships publicly. The 16th annual gathering drew participants from churches, businesses and organizations as well as politicians and people marching for their own sake or in support of friends.

OR - DOMA DEFEATED

The 69th session of the Oregon Legislature adjourned without approving the Defense Of Marriage Act. RTP's Executive Director hails the session a remarkable success.

While conservative Republicans sought an all-out ban on gay marriages, moderate Republicans and Democrats banded together in opposition. When the Right attempted to place the divisive and conservative rallying cause on the primary election ballot as a tactic to elect more conservative lawmakers, RTP and its allies acted quickly — killing the bill many thought was inevitable.

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PA - WORKERS WANT BENEFITS

A little more than a year ago, when the City was having an enrollment period for its employees to add spouses to their medical benefits policy, one Pittsburgh police officer filled out the application. It was returned along with a letter of rejection. The reason: the officer is gay. Laura Dunhoff, the officer's attorney, said that her client has filed a complaint with the city's Human Relations Commission.

But the issue could hit the public eye even before the commission makes a ruling in Dunhoff's case. Councilman Dan Cohen, plans to sponsor legislation before the year is out that, if passed by council and approved by the mayor, will guarantee that city employees who are gay are offered the same benefits as heterosexual city workers.

TX - LESBIAN CAN SUE FOR VISITATION

A lesbian is entitled to sue for visitation rights to her ex-lover's child, Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals ruled. The decision did not turn on the question of Lisa Ann Fowler's sexual orientation. Rather, it was based on a provision in state law that says such a lawsuit may be brought by a person "who has had actual care, control and possession of the child for not less than six months preceding the filing of the petition." The woman who gave birth to the child while the two lived together, Tonia Jones, will appeal, said her lawyer.

WA - GAY PRIDE PARADE IN SEATTLE

From the political banners to the pro-family marchers to the strains of the national anthem, it was an All-American parade that rolled down Broadway on June 29 with 30,000 marchers or onlookers. But this slice of apple-pie Americana was none other than the Annual Lesbian /Gay/ Bisexual/Transgender Pride Parade, which once claimed a reputation as the most audacious and ostentatious in the city.

The gay-and-lesbian community's celebration seems to have reached middle age, preoccupied more with traditional themes involving work, family, church and service than in sexual expression. There were still the requisite men in pumps and fishnets, but drawing more attention was a proliferation of children among the marchers drawing shouts of support.

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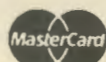
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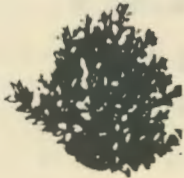
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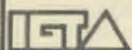
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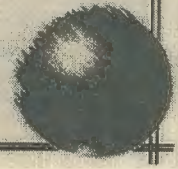
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 27 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	28 Women's Rap 7:30	29 HIV couns 3:30-6:30	30	31 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	1 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes	2 Interfaith Service 5:00, New Haven
3 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	4 Women's Rap 7:30	5 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 Lesbian Lit Group 7:30	6 P-FLAG 7:45	7 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	8 Out & About 6:30-8 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes	9 N&V Deadline Diana Jones Concert, New London 8 pm
10 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	11 Women's Rap 7:30 TV-"Any Mother's Son," 9:00	12 HIV couns 3:30-6:30	13 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30	14 Mens' Rap 7:30 TV-"Any Mother's Son," 9:00	15 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes	16
17 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 TCC Annual Picnic, Stamford 11:30-4:30 TV-"Any Mother's Son,"	18 Women's Rap 7:30	19 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 Fundraising/Spec Event Comm 7:30	20 Gay Fathers Meeting	21 Mens' Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex- spouses 7:30	22 Bowling 9:30 Circle Lanes	23 TV-"Any Mother's Son," 8:00
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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

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

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

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

Women's Rap Group - Chandra 228-8652; Michele 438-4465

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