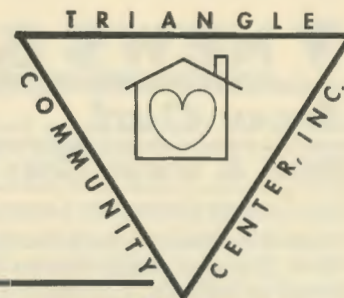


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE - GAY PRIDE MONTH

- SUN, JUNE 1** **Third Annual PRIDE STRIDE Pledge Walk** to benefit the Hartford Health Collective and Project 100/Community Center, MDC Reservoir, RT 4, West Hartford. Registration 11am to noon. For pledge sheet or info call (860) 278-4163 or (860) 724-5542.
- SAT, JUNE 7** **New Haven Gay Lesbian Community Center** kicks off pride month with a "Coffee House Concert Benefit" featuring guitars and harmonies of regional singers/songwriters at the NHGLCC, One Long Warf Dr., Suite 101, New Haven. Suggested donation \$3 members, \$5 non-members.
- FRI, JUNE 20** **Youth Pride Dance** (21 & under) at Educational Center for the Arts, 55 Audubon St, New Haven, 8pm - midnight.
- SAT, JUNE 21** **Connecticut Pride Day in Hartford.** "Equality through Visibility" Legislative Breakfast 8:00 am. Rally 9:30 am. Parade through downtown Hartford on the Capitol side (Trinity & Elm Sts.) of Bushnell Park. Line up from 11-12 pm. Pride Parade from 12-1 pm. Festival at Busnell Park from 1-6 pm. March with the TCC contingent. For details call the Pride Line (860) 524-8114.
- SAT, JUNE 21** **Pride Bash** from 8 pm to 1 am, Educational Center for the Arts, 55 Audubon St., New Haven. BYOB. Suggested donation \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Call NHGLCC (203) 777-7780 for details.
- SUN, JUNE 22** **TCC Pride Friendraiser and Back-yard Barbecue** at Meg & Justine's home in Stratford, 3 to 6pm. See "Friendraiser" article for more info.
- SUN, JUNE 22** **NYC Pride Parade Rally.** Bryant Park at 42nd St. & 6th Ave., 2 to 6 pm. For more info call Heritage of Pride (212) 80-PRIDE.
- FRI, JUNE 27** **Weekends Served By Bread & Roses. "The World Goes Round," 7:30 pm, Westport, CT.** The Westport Community Theater & the Westport/Wilton Friends invite you on a musical tour back in time. See "World" article for more info.
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- SUN, JUNE 29** **Annual New York City Pride Parade.** March starts at 52nd St. & 5th Ave. at noon. Pride Dance follows from 4:30 to 11:30 pm (location TBA). For details call Heritage of Pride (212) 80-PRIDE.

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

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

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## BROOKFIELD

### LAWSUIT UPDATE

As reported last month, Veronica Berrill, a Brookfield, Connecticut

high school teacher who spoke out against anti-gay harassment and discrimination in her classroom, has filed a lawsuit against Neil and Katie Houde, the parents of a Brookfield High student, for allegedly making libelous remarks about her to Brookfield public school officials and the local media. They said that she committed "illegal" and "criminal" acts of "homosexual recruitment" of her students, promoted a "homosexual agenda" and was a "homosexual teacher looking for fresh recruits." After Mrs. Berrill filed suit, documents submitted by the Houdes' attorney in their defense linked her and the Safe Zones program to pornographers, child abusers and sexual predators.

In response, a group of concerned citizens have formed the Committee for the Defense of Classroom Tolerance (CDCT) to provide financial and moral support to Mrs. Berrill in her defamation suit against those who attacked her. CDCT spokesman, Ted LaBonne, noted with alarm that lawyers for the Houdes have obtained legal support and amassed thousands of dollars from right wing organizations, including Rev. Pat Robertson's Virginia-based American Center for Law and Justice and the Family Institute of Connecticut. "With the Far Right mobilizing to fund the Houdes' case, people who care about tolerance and civility cannot afford to remain on the sidelines," said LaBonne.

For further information about CDCT, contact Ted LaBonne, (203) 743-5552 or write to CDCT, 36 Tamarack Avenue, PO Box 311, Danbury, CT 06811.

## BROOKFIELD'S SCHOOL BOARD BACKS OFF PINK TRIANGLES

The Board of Education took action on two controversial issues last week, voting to ban a lesson on the use of condoms, and failing to support "safe zones" at the high school. The zones are established in classrooms and offices, each marked with a tiny pink triangle, to provide students with a safe place to openly discuss issues of sexual orientation with teachers and faculty members.

Students passed out black ribbons at the high school this week following the school board's decisions, which some interpreted as the "death" of condom demonstrations and the safe zones that were established by a peer counseling group four years ago.

The Houdes and their daughter, Krystal, who was at one time a student in Mrs. Berrill's homeroom class, have filed a motion to dismiss the case in Danbury Superior Court, based on their First Amendment rights.

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## SPEAK OUT!

### NEWS & VIEWS GOES SOUTH

Dear Triangle Community Center,

I wanted to personally thank you for sending us copies of your News & Views. We are a smaller version of your community center, and are located in Nashville, Tennessee. You have lots of different ideas and groups that will be helpful to us as our center grows.

We put out an events calendar called Center Happenings, which I am sending out to your organization. Please, if any one there has any other ideas or suggestions for programs or additional groups we could start up let me know. We are lucky to have a wide range of gay & lesbian groups in our area, however, they do not all use our center's facilities.

Again, thank you for your paper. And I will look forward to possibly hearing from you again.

Sharon Jenkins  
Programming Coordinator  
The Center - 703 Berry Road, Nashville, TN 37204

### FAULTY STATISTICS QUOTED ON GAY

#### LIFESPAN

As a gay man in his late fifties, with many gay and lesbian friends in their fifties and sixties and seventies, I was amazed to read in a March 28 Letter that the average life span of gay people is only 44 years! Of course, the "statistics" were false. That 1993 "study" which those writers quoted has been debunked so many times that I am amazed it is still in circulation.

In that study, Cameron reviewed over 6,000 obituaries from 16 U.S. gay journals over a period of 12 years. He found that only two percent were over 65 years old when they died, and the average age from deaths of all causes was 42 for gay men, 44 for lesbians.

The letter writers claimed this proved that being homosexual is hazardous to your health and that young people who feel homosexual urges should hie themselves to a psychiatrist and get "cured" before it is too late.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist or even a statistician to see the flaw. The population Cameron counted is not a cross section of all gay people.

Gay people of my generation grew up at a time when homosexuality was something to hide, and most are still in the closet.

Well-known older gays, like columnist Marvin Liebman and poet Allen Ginsberg, who recently died in their seventies, are a rarity. Most of the movers and shakers and celebrities in the gay community are younger.

It is no surprise that younger people are disproportionately represented in the obituary pages of gay newsmagazines, just as they are in all the other pages. Nor is it a surprise that those who die tragically young are written up, while those who die peacefully in old age are not.

The plain fact is that ANY statistic you see about gay people — average life span, average income, even how many of us there are — is probably false, simply because so many gay people will not identify themselves as gay and those who do are not a typical cross section.

Of course, the intent of that letter was not to tell the truth about gay people. It was a piece of homophobic propaganda, filled with lies and half-truths intended to frighten gay and lesbian youth into accepting the writers' own distorted views of homosexuality.

I will never understand how people can be so blinded by fear and hatred of homosexuals that they can believe and promulgate this kind of manifest nonsense. But many do, and we have a duty to protect our children, both straight and gay, from their hate-filled agenda.

Our schools must continue to expose our young people to diversity and teach them to think for themselves. Then they will have no trouble recognizing fools and bigots for what they are.

Incidentally, the full story on Cameron and other propagandists of the radical right can be found on the web at <http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/rrr>.

Roger Hooverman  
Norwalk, CT - Hoobit@aol.com

Reprinted from *The Brookfield Journal* - May 8, 1997

[Ed. Note: This letter was written by two blind lesbians in response to a phone call they received after posting notice at TCC asking for rides to meetings.]

### A NASTY PHONE CALL

Recently, I received a telephone call from a lady (who did not give her name). She said she represented the womens' over 44 (?) group at your center. I was offered a ride but I had to, "Leave my guide dog at home," and "take a sighted escort." Then I was asked if I "was totally helpless without my dog." It appeared that this lady, although meaning well, did not want her car to have any contact with my dog.

I am a proud, blind lesbian who lives in the Stamford area and needs a ride to the Monday night meetings. I could ask that self-same lady how she would like to be told to "walk everywhere you go. I do not want your car around me." However, two wrongs do not make a right. I can only hope that this article and poem helps those who do not understand what we go through.

Kelly Newsted & Julie Hetfield

Inclusion goes both ways.

It is near and it is far.

You don't practice it well

when you'll not let our dogs in your car!

What do you think it will hurt?

What do you think it will do?

For I am a lesbian, just like you!

So you can keep your cars and your rides

I do not need it.

For those that forget the discrimination of Stonewall

are condemned to repeat it!

Ignorance goes both ways.

It's both gay and it's straight.

But your kind of discrimination is  
a sign of your prejudice and hate!

You'll say you don't mind, giving us a ride,

but all we have to do is

"Just leave behind your eyes."

"Take a sighted escort," you will say,

while spouting gay pride.

Wanting no discrimination against yourselves;

you are the one that will hide

behind the banners of your sexuality!

You'll get frustrated and mad. I wish you could've

felt the discriminations,

been made to feel so awfully bad,

yet you too are discriminatory.

Isn't that terribly sad?

We will not be silenced,

nor will we go away.

For we are blind and have dogs,

and we are proudly gay!

So if you have openness about one thing,

you must have it about others.

But was that the way

to treat your gay

sisters? Like lepers?

Just remember 1969.

Don't repeat the practice.

Remember how it felt

And remember the discrimination

in its truest form,

and you've done that to us!

So don't practice free speech.

That's a little bit much,

While you show discrimination

To gay people like us!

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## CENTER NEWS

### JUSTINE MICHAUD, FOUNDING MOTHER, TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Although Justine would be the first one to say she didn't do it alone, she is credited with bringing Fairfield County its first (and only) gay and lesbian community center, the Triangle Community Center in Norwalk.

Justine Michaud's efforts to open a gay and lesbian community center began late in '88. Much of that effort was a result of her involvement in the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights (which at the time was the only major active gay and lesbian organization), and her previous involvement in state GLBT politics in general.

Justine's partner, Meg Bachtel, was one of the co-directors of the coalition at the time, so, in the midst of the planning for the center, together they were actively working to see that pending gay/les legislation was passed. After spending all of '89 laying the foundation and finding a space for the center, TCC opened its doors in January 1990.

Although they kept a low profile coming into the city of Norwalk at the time, their fears of a possible unpleasant reception were unfounded. They encountered much less of a negative response than they had anticipated. The local police department and The Greater Norwalk Community Council—an organization that aids non-profits—were very helpful. Overall, the Norwalk community was supportive.

Justine was president of TCC from '89-'92. During the years that followed, she continued to help with fund-raising efforts, and to assist when needed, where needed. Since '95 she has stepped back to allow others to experience the leadership role.

Presently, Justine is self-employed as a manufacturers' representative for industrial maintenance products companies. She does a considerable amount of volunteer work with Bread and Roses, and is also working on an oral history project of gays and lesbians living in the area between Westchester and New Haven. She continues to participate in the lesbian book group once a month at the center, and is currently writing her own book reflecting her likes and dislikes about the mental health field.

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### SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

May's News & Views contained an editorial I wrote to the *Connecticut Post*. On May 12th, the *Connecticut Post* published some editorials under the headline "Homosexual Christian an Oxymoron."

This Splitter consists of my editorial response which has been sent to the *Post*. Recently at TCC, spiritually has been a growing topic. The search for "open and confirming" churches is on the rise. We have a need and a desire to practice the faith of our choice. I am a Christian and believe that I have the right to worship my god without being "judged" by other people. Jesus is my only judge. You have a right to whatever beliefs you have. I strongly think that we need to openly demonstrate *love* and *tolerance* for everyone, despite how we feel we are treated. The editorial:

5/15/97

The Letter Editors,

Coming to terms with my own sexuality was a very difficult spiritual experience for me. I became a born-again Christian about 23 years ago and raised my three children accordingly. "God said it. I Believe it. That settles it!" was my motto. Every issue was either black or white; there was no gray. Blind faith? Yes. You see, I was totally focused on what the *people* told me to believe and did little or no thinking for myself about what I believed. When I fell in love, *real/love*, my inner struggles began. These *people* told me that homosexuality was an "abomination before the Lord." I cannot relate in words how painful it was to *really believe* that my best friend, Jesus, now hated me. Countless fervent prayers to change me were all to no avail. I *thought* I was doomed to Hell. I finally came to the agonizing conclusion that, in order to be at peace with *me*, I had to accept an eternity in Hell. I will never forget the heart-wrenching pain burning through my body as I prayed, baring my soul and accepting

as fact that Jesus would turn His back on me because I was gay and neither He nor I could change that. I had chosen to listen to people instead of I Him.

I stopped praying and attending church. I justified my inner void as being Jesus' anger and extreme disappointment. The love I felt continued and grew and was incredible, but something was *very wrong* inside of me. I began to read and study the *Bible*, attend different church services, seek out counseling from ministers, and began to understand that Jesus loved me and always had. He *created* me. Today, we are still best friends; my faith in Him has not changed, but my faith in some "religious" people of today has certainly waned.

This country was founded by people seeking religious freedom. Across our country people worship and express their faith in countless ways. How egotistical to think that *one* very exclusive, path is *the* ticket to everlasting life. How wonderful it would be if people of all faiths and all walks of life were able to learn from one another, share values and morals with one another, and, most importantly, *love one another*. I neither need your approval, nor ask for it. I only ask that God's Word not be used out of context to condemn or mislead anyone.

I have been told by friends that I tend to ramble on and on when trying to make a point. At the risk of sounding redundant, I *am* a born-again Christian and I *am* at peace with Jesus. My personal relationship with Him is just that - personal. Let's get past the notion of trying to "convince" each other that what we believe must be true for everyone.

Enough. Life is too short; there are more pressing issues needing attention than with whom any of us (all Americans) fall in love.

-Barb Schade

### JUNE FRIENDRAISER

#### SUN, JUNE 22, 3-6 PM AT MEG & JUSTINE'S

Like the outdoors? Come on over to Meg & Justine's for a little backyard Barbecue. Hot dogs & hamburgers galore! BYOB. Bring yourself and a salad or dessert to share.

Directions: 1-95, take exit 32, W. Broad St. Northbound, from ramp bear right onto Broad Street. Southbound, turn left at bottom of ramp, then left at first light onto Broad St. Continue south on Broad to end. At light, turn left onto Main St. Follow Main about 2 miles to Paradise Green Shopping Ctr and Mobil Station on your left. Turn right onto Wilcoxson St, second left onto STILES. House is 5th on left, #69.

Merritt Pkwy, take exit 53, Route 110 (River Rd). Northbound, turn right onto 110, Southbound turn left onto 110. Follow Rte 110 south approx 1 mile and at light follow 110 to the left. At next light turn right onto Wilcoxson St. Go past a stop sign and up a small hill. Take a right onto STILES St. It's the 5th house on the left, #69.

### LESBIAN LIT GROUP

The reading choice for discussion at the July 1 meeting of the Lesbian Literature Group is entitled, "Lesbian Love Stories." This anthology was edited by Irene Zahava and published by Crossing Press.

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

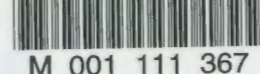


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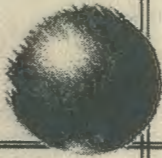
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## STATE NEWS

### WESTPORT - BREAD & ROSES: "THE WORLD GOES ROUND"

The Kander & Ebb musical revue "The World Goes Round" is being performed in Westport in June to benefit Bread and Roses, the Georgetown, Connecticut AIDS residence.

There are two performances of the revue by Kander & Ebb, on Friday June 27 and Saturday June 28, at 7:30 p.m. both evenings at the Westport Community Theatre at Westport Town Hall. Kander & Ebb's new musical review "Steel Pier" opens on Broadway in New York city in May.

The June performances of "The World Goes Round" are directed by Scott M. Robbins of Shelton, Connecticut, who recently directed Howard Crabtree's musical revue "Whoop-Dee-Doo" which raised \$17,000 for several AIDS organizations in Fairfield County, as well as the Triangle Community Center. The performances are sponsored by the Westport Community Theatre, and by the Westport/Weston Friends of Bread and Roses.

The cast of the June performances of "The World Goes Round" include several who appeared in "Whoop-Dee-Doo" in January, including Todd Caporizzo of Stamford, Ron Dreyer of Stamford, Scott Fabri of Fairfield, Scott Sisbarro of Ansonia, and Bobby Torres of Naugatuck. The cast also includes Nancy Brier Alter of Westport, Alicia Braccia of New Canaan, Lisa Caporizzo of Stamford, Eileen Conley of Fairfield, Kristin Graham of Trumbull, and Marilyn Zavidow of Westport.

"The World Goes Round" is a musical review of songs from some of the best loved shows of lyricists and musical composers John Kander and Fred Ebb. Kander & Ebb's many Broadway hit shows include "Chicago" which was recently revived, "Cabaret", "Woman Of The Year", "The Rink", "Kiss Of The Spider", and "The Act" with Liza Minnelli.

The benefit production includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. For tickets call (203) 226-1983. Tickets are \$35 and \$50.

Both performances are at the Westport Community Theatre, at Town Hall at 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, off Connecticut Turnpike (1-95) exit 18.

### FAIRFIELD - LOCAL POLITICIAN/COLUMNIST COMES OUT

Steve Szost, once a member of the Representative Town Committee of Fairfield, came out in his regular column in the *Fairfield Minuteman* on May 7th. "As a gay man, " was how he began his third paragraph. The column was one of two articles in that issue (placed side-by-side) that dealt positively with the impact of Ellen coming out. Szost went on to write about his parents reaction and to throw some well-deserved jabs at the Defense of Marriage Act.

In addition to serving on the RTM, Szost (several years ago) tried unsuccessfully to challenge John Metsopolous (who was himself rumored to be a closeted homosexual) for his seat in the state legislature. Szost's family are a fixture in the town. There is even a road (Szost Lane) named for the family.

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY - PERKIN-ELMER EXTENDS HEALTH CARE TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS

The Perkin-Elmer Corp. announced that it will offer health care benefits to domestic partners of its U.S. employees effective July 1, 1997. Employees will be able to enroll their partners - whether of the same or opposite sex - as well as eligible children.

"The extension of health care coverage to our employees' domestic partners reflects Perkin-Elmer's strong commitment to the shared value of respect, which in its truest sense recognizes people's right to the lifestyle of their choice," said Tony L. White, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "We reevaluate all our benefits on an ongoing basis to ensure that they meet the needs of our employees and enhance our competitiveness in recruiting and retaining talented employees."

Perkin-Elmer is headquartered in Connecticut. Information is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.perkin-elmer.com> or by contacting Merle Spiegel, 203/761-5292 at Perkin-Elmer Corp. in Norwalk.

### NEW HAVEN - FIRST INTERFAITH SERVICE

The One Light Interfaith Circle invites people of all faiths to celebrate its' first interfaith service on June 7. The theme of the opening service will be The Constancy of Spirit. "This theme was chosen to celebrate our spiritual selves and beliefs and to share that unending joy," stated co-founder Rev. Alexander R. Garbera. "It is a jubilation of who we are and what we believe in as it is a chance to gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and each other."

The purpose of the service is to create a space in which people of all faiths and traditions can discover, share, and strengthen their spiritual beliefs and practices. Founded by Rev. Garbera and Ms. Casey Roberts, Ms. Roberts explains that: "The One Light Interfaith Circle is not meant as a substitute for traditional services, but rather as an addition that supports respect and understanding of all faiths to assist individuals in their own healing journey." Rev. Garbera is an ordained Interfaith Minister from The New Seminary in New York City. Ms. Casey Roberts is also an interfaith seminarian. They are both co-facilitators of Miracles Mondays, a study group for A Course In Miracles®.

The service will take place the first Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. beginning June 7, to be held at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, located at One Long Wharf Plaza in New Haven. It is open to all.

For further information, please contact Ms. Casey Roberts at (203)230-2050, or Rev. Alexander Garbera at (203) 937-8085.

### HARTFORD - UNION NEGOTIATES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS

District 1199, New England Health Care Employees Union, AFL-CIO, has negotiated a new contract with Butler Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, that provides health insurance coverage for the domestic partners of hospital employees represented by the Union. The new agreement, considered a major breakthrough by this union of 19,000 healthcare workers, covers several hundred workers.

According to TCC Board member John Del Vecchio, an organizer with District 1199, the Hartford-based union is attempting to convince the management members of the Union Health & Welfare Fund to provide health insurance coverage for the domestic partners of union members covered by the Fund. The Fund covers several thousand employees in nursing homes and healthcare facilities, as well as the Union's staff.

-John DelVecchio

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Not to forget, —AND THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART — that after all the shouting is over we WILL have a domestic partnership arrangement on a STATE level and that is more than ANY of the other 49 have even considered....Admittedly it has put us at the back of the bus ... it stinks BUT it is, nonetheless, progress. We are now recognized, for the FIRST TIME on a state level as a group of citizens whose situation has been rendered unequal by reason of irrational animus. With this, although we are still in the back of the bus we are at least ON the bus, we are in the game, our pieces have been deployed on the board and the whole thing now moves on.

Hawaiian activist Ward Stewart ([wstewart@hi.net](mailto:wstewart@hi.net)), after the HI legislature passed a constitutional amendment that would prohibit same-sex marriage, but recognize domestic partnerships.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. - THE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act or ENDA (S. 932, H.R. 1863) has been reintroduced and it has strong bi-partisan support, along with the support of President Clinton. A recent poll shows that 68% of Americans support ENDA; a bill that would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment at the federal level. Last year, ENDA failed to pass the Senate by a vote of 49-50.

EVERYONE should contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators and ask them to SUPPORT ENDA. Find out who your senator or representative is by using the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) web site, <http://www.hrc.org> and query based on your zip code.

Then call:

The Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 and ask for the office of your senator or representative.

Or write:

The Honorable Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Honorable Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
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-Marianne Seggerman

### U.S. - CHEVRON EXTENDS HEALTHCARE BENEFITS TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Chevron Corp. will become the first major U.S. oil company to extend domestic partner benefits to most of its American employees, regardless of sexual orientation, a spokesman said. The 117-year-old company follows in the footsteps of Bank of America and other San Francisco-area firms that have offered similar programs since the city passed an ordinance in 1996 requiring companies doing business with the city to offer equal benefits to employees' partners, whether "straight" or same-sex.

Under Chevron's plan, which takes effect in January 1998, employees will be able to enroll partners of the same or opposite sex, as well as the partner's eligible children, the company said. Benefits offered will include medical, dental, dependent life insurance, relocation and leave-time for bereavement or care of sick partners, it said.

### U.S. - SPORTS ILLUSTRATED: GOLF'S LIPSTICK LESBIANS

"Tank-topped, bleached-out, self-described 'lipstick lesbians' downing shots of vodka... See them topless by the shimmering turquoise pools... See the tattoos, the nipple rings... Hordes of them, gaggles of them, giggling and groping and making out with abandon." And a photo of a woman grabbing the bare derriere of her thong-clad partner.

Not your typical Sports Illustrated story. And it didn't go over well in some quarters when SI's Golf Plus supplement published it in April. One major advertiser has pulled out. A top sports agent is urging his clients not to speak to Sports Illustrated. And some parents are angry that their kids saw the article.

The piece, by former Washington Post reporter Stephanie Mansfield, was an up-close look at what it called "lesbian spring break," an annual gathering of 20,000 women in Palm Springs, Calif., that coincides with the Nabisco Dinah Shore golf tournament.

Wally Uihlein, chairman of Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide, a golf ball and shoe company that is one of Golf Plus's largest advertisers, promptly canceled \$1 million worth of ads. "We are reviewing our future advertising with Sports Illustrated-Golf Plus in response to what we consider to be the magazine's change in editorial direction. . . . We believe it is inappropriate for sensational stories to play such a prominent role in the coverage," he said in a statement.

Reprinted from the Washington Post, May 6, 1997.

### U.S. - GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRING PERSONS LAUNCHED

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Retiring Persons (GLARP), an international, nonprofit membership organization, has been launched to enhance the aging experience of gays and lesbians. It fills a void in the gay and lesbian community for retirement-related information and services, as well as providing an ideal environment in which to research, anticipate and provide for its membership's unique needs.

Its ultimate plans include establishment of nonprofit retirement communities — independent and assisted-living — for gays and lesbians in the United States and abroad, as well as development of skilled-nursing facilities. Location of the communities is not set, but a developer in Costa Rica is said to be interested in building the first one. Additional locations are being considered in California and other states. The group hopes to start its first development within a year.

The new nonprofit organization started up a Web site and negotiated preferred member benefits with service providers in categories including legal services, auto rental, cellular phones and home exercise. There are even discounts on funeral caskets.

Research will be a very large part of GLARP's first-year operations. GLARP's leadership plans to pioneer an international collection of information about the retirement-related needs of gays and lesbians.

Membership is open to anyone — there are no age or other restrictions — for a \$25 annual fee. Three-year, \$60 memberships are also available, as are corporate memberships.

For membership or more information about GLARP, call (310) 966-1500; write to 10940 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1600, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024; or visit its Web site at <http://www.gaylesbianretiring.org>.

### ARIZONA - TUCSON'S DOMESTIC PARTNERS GET MEDICAL BENEFITS

The City Council of Tucson Arizona agreed to extend medical insurance benefits to gay and lesbian "domestic partners" of city employees yesterday but refused to do the same for unmarried straight couples.

Employees who want to add same-sex domestic partners to their insurance need only sign an affidavit that they are committed to a long-term monogamous relationship.

Opponents feel limiting insurance benefits to homosexual couples discriminates against other unmarried couples. Mayor George Miller supported City Manager Luis Gutierrez's position that heterosexual couples have the option of getting married to qualify for dependent insurance coverage, which is an option homosexual couples don't enjoy.

### ARKANSAS - ANITA BRYANT AND HUSBAND FILE BANKRUPTCY

Singer and activist Anita Bryant and her husband have filed a petition in Arkansas bankruptcy court to reorganize debts of \$1 million to \$10 million. Bryant and Charles Dry listed their top 20 creditors in an April 4 bankruptcy court filing and said their assets were worth from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Bryant, a runner-up in the 1959 Miss America pageant, is best known as spokeswoman for the Florida Citrus Commission. She lost the job in 1977 after her remarks against homosexuality triggered a boycott of Florida orange juice.

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## **CALIFORNIA - PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC OFFERS DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES**

Pacific Gas & Electric will offer domestic partner benefits to employees next year, in part because of a San Francisco law that requires it for companies doing business with the city. Unmarried PG&E workers with partners — both gay and straight — will be able to sign up for benefits directly with the company and will not have to officially register the partnerships with a government entity. The San Francisco-based utility has 20,000 employees in California.

However, the law — which takes effect next month — was just one reason PG&E decided to offer the benefits, said company spokeswoman Mary Rodrigues. "There are excellent business reasons for doing this," she said Thursday. Those reasons include giving the utility a competitive edge in attracting and retaining employees, she said.

PG&E already offers workers in domestic partnerships bereavement leave, extended-care leave and the designation of pension and life insurance beneficiaries. The new health benefits will include medical, vision and dental insurance.

About 450 other businesses, universities, cities and municipalities across the nation offer domestic partner benefits. Among them are Levi Strauss & Co., Apple Computer and Genentech. Bank of America, the San Francisco Giants and 49ers also offer benefits.

## **CALIFORNIA - LONG BEACH OFFERS DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS**

After more than a year of rhetoric and rallies, Long Beach has become the latest city in California to offer domestic partnerships. There were no crowds and no bright television lights. Instead, in a quiet ceremony that lasted only minutes, two men who have been in a relationship for the past seven years signed up with the City Clerk's Office to register themselves as domestic partners.

The law, approved by the City Council in March, allows unmarried couples to register their relationship by filling out and signing a one-page form and paying a \$70 fee. On April 1, the City Clerk's Office began processing applications.

That effort gained national attention last June when, at a council meeting attended by 500 people, 9th District Councilman Jerry Shultz blasted the proposal and used graphic language to condemn gays and lesbians.

Long Beach is the latest in a growing list of cities and communities that offer domestic partnership registration. Other include Laguna Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, and West Hollywood.

## **COLORADO - GOVERNOR LIKELY TO SIGN MARRIAGE BAN**

Lawmakers in Denver, CO. reached a tentative compromise on a same-sex marriage ban that Gov. Roy Romer apparently would sign. Shortly after a conference committee resolved differences between House and Senate versions, a spokesman for the governor indicated he probably would sign it.

Last year Romer vetoed a similar bill on grounds it was offensive and insulting to the homosexual community, partly because it would have placed the ban in a section of law dealing with incest. Since then, however, Congress enacted legislation allowing states to adopt laws that would prevent them from being forced to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

The compromise would define marriage as a union, "only between one man and one woman, licensed, solemnized and registered." The other change in the bill involved wording that declares any marriage contracted outside Colorado that does not satisfy the same marital requirements as the state will not be recognized as valid.

## **FLORIDA - BAN PASSED ON SAME SEX MARRIAGES**

Florida would not recognize gay marriages approved in other states under a bill the Senate sent to Gov. Lawton Chiles. The state, which already prohibits gay marriages, would join 18 other states that have passed similar laws to offset a move in Hawaii to challenge a ban on same-sex marriages.

## **HAWAII - S-SEX MARRIAGE BILL GOES TO VOTERS**

Although state lawmakers claim to have resolved the same-sex marriage issue, the state's legal team will most likely pressure the Supreme Court to delay its ruling on the same-sex marriage issue until after the proposed constitutional amendment goes to the voters next year. (Hawaii's voters are now evenly divided on that amendment, which would authorize the legislature to restrict marriage to mixed-sex couples.) Lawmakers have given final approval to a proposed constitutional amendment affirming that the state has the power to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples, and to a package of "reciprocal beneficiaries" rights and benefits for gay and lesbian as well as other couples. Medical benefits for reciprocal beneficiaries will take effect on July 1, 1997, but only for state government employees.

Specifically, the proposed amendment is creating a new legal status known as "reciprocal beneficiaries" for couples who cannot now get marriage licenses. If passed, for a mere \$8 fee, a pair of unmarried adults (including visitors) will be able to get a state certificate designating them reciprocal beneficiaries - RBs for short - and automatically entitle them to a host of benefits on equal footing with married couples.

For example, every private employer in Hawaii who has a health insurance program covering workers' spouses would have to expand it to include their workers' RBs, plus any children in the RB family. Likewise, Hawaii's state and local government employees would be eligible for family health insurance coverage for their RBs.

In Hawaii's legal code, the word "spouse" would be followed by "or reciprocal beneficiary." The changes mean same-sex couples would have many of the same legal rights as married couples, including ones involving hospital visitation, medical decisions, inheritance, joint ownership of property, family and funeral leave, car insurance, wrongful death lawsuits, domestic violence protections, disaster relief loans and university housing.

## **ILLINOIS - INSURANCE COMPANY OFFERS POLICIES TO PEOPLE WITH HIV**

Acknowledging extraordinary medical advances against AIDS, Guarantee Trust Life Insurance, a Glenview, IL based company that specializes in insuring high-risk individuals, is test-marketing the coverage. They are the first company in the nation to offer life insurance to people infected with HIV.

"From a life insurance risk perspective, we believe many otherwise healthy HIV-positive individuals are more appropriately viewed as having a treatable chronic illness rather than a terminal disease," said Richard Holson, president of the 60-year-old company.

Guarantee Trust's policies range from \$25,000 to \$250,000 of whole-life coverage. Those who qualify must be under 49, have certain levels of the virus and infection-fighting T-cells and not have full blown AIDS.

Guarantee Trust initially will offer the coverage only to Illinois residents. The price will be substantially higher than insurance for an average person without an illness. State Farm and Allstate, two of the nation's largest insurers, said they have no plans to offer life insurance to HIV-positive individuals.

## **MAINE - HOUSE PASSES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL**

The Maine House of Representatives gave gay rights advocates one more reason to celebrate when it passed a civil rights bill that would ban discrimination in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. The bill, which passed by a vote of 84-61 came one day after the Senate approved the measure by a 28-5 vote. Maine would become the 11th state to offer gays and lesbians civil rights protection. The New Hampshire legislature passed the measure earlier in the week.

*With the expected signature of both Maine and New Hampshire governors, every state in New England would ban civil rights discrimination against gays.*

The nine other states that have passed similar legislation are Rhode Island (1995); Minnesota (1993); Vermont, New Jersey and California (1992); Connecticut and Hawaii (1991); Massachusetts (1989) and Wisconsin (1982).

## MONTANA - GAYS PLAN MASS WEDDING

On the day Montana's governor signed a bill outlawing same sex marriages, a state group representing gays and lesbians confirmed that a mass single sex marriage ceremony is planned for Bozeman, MT in June. Sandy Hale, executive director of Pride!, said that gays and lesbians attending the state Pride! celebration can participate in a public wedding ceremony on June 8 if enough people sign up for the event. At a time when many gays and lesbians in Montana are still afraid to admit they are gay, such a public ceremony would be unprecedented in the state.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE - ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL OK'D

The New Hampshire legislature put a nail in the coffin of its image as a bastion of conservatism when the state Senate passed a bill prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in jobs, housing and public places. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen said she will sign it.

The bill, which has already passed the House, adds sexual orientation to existing anti-discrimination protections based on age, sex, race, color, ethnic background, physical or mental disability, marital status, religious or political beliefs. It also protects state workers. Existing exemptions for small family businesses and some rentals would not be affected, and the bill also exempts religious institutions.

## VIRGINIA - ARLINGTON OFFERS HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Arlington has become the first Virginia county, and one of the few governments in the Washington area, to extend health benefits to unmarried domestic partners, including same-sex partners. Effective July 1, county employees can claim medical and dental coverage for adults who are not married to them, which also could include coverage for a relative or a partner's children.

The new provision allows an employee to claim a partner who has lived with the employee for one year, shares basic living expenses, is not married to anyone and is "involved with the employee in a mutually exclusive relationship of support and commitment," said a letter to employees.

Nationwide, more than 40 governments and close to 130 colleges and universities provide domestic-partner benefits, according to statistics from the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"More and more private employers are extending health coverage to domestic partners, mainly because it makes good business sense," said Mark F. Johnson, a task force spokesman. Johnson said. Walt Disney Co., International Business Machines Corp., Coors Brewing Co., Dow Chemical Co. and Apple Computer Inc. are among the major corporations with similar policies.

### OTHER AREA GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bare & Gay (B&G) gay nudists	(860) 644-4305
Bisexually Curious Support Group Bpt	(203) 264-5605
Chiltern Mountain Club	(203) 899-0270
Connecticut Kids and Families	(203) 256-8414
Connecticut Freedom to Marry Coalition	(203) 791-9553
40-Up Club. (Social Grp.-call Dale before 10pm)	(203) 261-4019
Gay Fathers Group	(203) 866-7051
Gay Mens Association of Danbury	(203) 778-7016
GEMS (Mature GLBT)	(860) 688-1881
GuideLine (gay/lesbian phone info)	(203) 366-3734
Hartford Community Center	(203) 724 5542
Married Men's Bisexual Suppt Grp Htfd	(203) 262-1555
Metropolitan Community Church	(203) 389-6750
The Loft, White Plains NY,	(914) 948-4922
Triangle Bowling League	(203) 931-8789
Triangle Kids	(203) 255-6229
	(203) 323-6278
Western Connecticut Gay Men's Group	(203) 773-9947

We're glad to list your non-profit gay/lesbian/bi/tg group free of charge. Call (203) 849-1508. Please keep us informed of changes.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

Answer to May - Paula Vogel, the play was *The Baltimore Waltz*. Her most current play, *How I Learned to Drive*, a lighthearted but disturbing look at pedophilia, is currently playing in New York.

## QUESTION FOR JUNE

In Honor of Gay Pride Month, a Contest! Match the list of public figures with the publication (or other forum) in which they "came out." The person who gets the most correct answers (minimum of 60%) wins a free one year membership to TCC! By the way, if you're name is on the list, the answer that applies to you doesn't count toward your total.

HINTS: Names and publications may be used more than once (but the number of times used is listed for the publications only). There is one unmatched clue. Only one of these "outings" was involuntary and in only one case was the person not allowed to "come out (which is indicated below)."

Send completed entries to: Trivia Contest, c/o TCC, P.O. Box 4062, East Norwalk 06855. Contest ends July 9th.

### The List

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Steve Camara           | A. The Advocate (2)                           |
| 2. David Cruise           | B. AIDS Project LA Benefit                    |
| 3. Ellen DeGeneres        | C. The Boston Globe                           |
| 4. Melissa Etheridge      | D. The Bridgeport Post                        |
| 5. Will Fitzpatrick       | E. The Clinton Gay and Lesbian Inaugural Ball |
| 6. Barney Frank           | F. The Danbury News-Times                     |
| 7. Sandy Gallin           | G. The Fall River Herald News                 |
| 8. David Geffen           | H. The Guardian (3)                           |
| 9. Joseph S. Grabarz, Jr. | I. The floor of the U.S. Senate               |
| 10. Steve Gunderson       | J. The Houston Post (censored)                |
| 11. Elton John            | K. The Meriden Record Journal                 |
| 12. Phillip Johnson       | L. The National Review                        |
| 13. Nathan Lane           | M. NewYorkTimes Magazine (2)                  |
| 14. k.d. lang             | N. The Oliver Awards                          |
| 15. Marvin Liebman        | O. OUT Magazine                               |
| 16. Cameron Macintosh     | P. The Providence Journal                     |
| 17. Sir Ian McKellan      | Q. The Rolling Stone                          |
| 18. Alex McCowen          | R. Time Magazine                              |
| 19. Bob Mould             | S. Vanity Fair (2)                            |
| 20. Juan Palumbo          | T. The Wall Street Journal                    |
| 21. John Schlesinger      | U. The Waterbury Republican                   |
| 22. Gerry Studts          | V. The Westport News                          |
| 23. Jann Wenner           | W. The Woonsocket Call                        |
| 24. Dan Woog              | X. Spin Magazine                              |

## 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

**Deadline for the July Newsletter will be Friday 5 June. We cannot guarantee that material received after that date will be included in June News&Views.**

## TRAVEL NEWS

### FIRE ISLAND VS. PROVINCETOWN

The Northeast's two premier gay vacation destinations both evolved in isolated, tip-of-the-universe communities within an afternoon's drive of major cities, but that's where their similarities end. It's not uncommon to find a lesbian or gay man who loves both towns, albeit for different reasons, but most travelers who spend time in both communities develop a clear, stubborn preference.

Somewhat complicating this matter is the fact that Fire Island's queer communities, Cherry Grove and the Pines, are separated both geographically (by a cruisy swath of sand and forest) and philosophically (by a vast gulf of attitude). Cherry Grove is the senior of the two villages, catering to a motley crowd: dykes with tykes, retirees, campy queens, African-Americans - everyone is extremely welcome. Houses here are generally funkier and more affordable than those in the Pines, which was developed more recently and is home to an almost exclusively male community. Domiciles in the Pines are almost all angular, sleek, and palatial; the crowd at restaurants and bars tends to be gorgeous, muscular, affluent, and at times arrogant. You'll find elements of both these populations in Provincetown, but without these sharp divisions.

If truly getting away from civilization is your intent, either community on Fire Island is a better choice than the whole of Provincetown. The Pines and Cherry Grove are accessible only by boat and are without streets or automobiles; they're also virtually devoid of heteros (which can be fun for a few days but can grow a little Twilight Zonish after a week or two). P-town is certainly remote (it's at the tip of Cape Cod), but even during its summer peak, it's still only about 50% gay, drawing hordes of breeders to its several museums, scads of shops, dozens of restaurants, and many other diversions.

If you're traveling with your lover or with friends, you'll find that both destinations have plenty going for them, but on Fire Island your day may revolve more closely around your companions - there simply aren't many opportunities to wander off and do your own thing. It's a good place to read, lie in the sun, and relax. In Provincetown, it's not unheard of for a group of friends to arrive together and see each other only three or four more times during the rest of their stay. This is a sprawling town with numerous distractions and plenty of chances to meet new friends. For these reasons, if you're traveling alone, P-town is probably your better choice.

Because it has only a few hundred hotel rooms (which average a staggering \$150 to \$200 nightly), Fire Island draws fewer short-term visitors than it does weekly, monthly, and seasonal guests. If you're an outsider, you may find it somewhat difficult to crack such an established, cliquy social scene; on the other hand, newcomers, especially by summer's end, are often ogled enthusiastically by the regulars who've by now soured on the island's insularity. P-town has more than 60 gay-oriented guest houses and inns, and therefore sees a steady turnover of visitors - you rarely see the same folks in the same bars every night, at least on more than a few consecutive days.

Both towns offer plenty of dance clubs and bars, but, again, on Fire Island you'll have a more difficult time meeting other singles. And should you meet somebody interesting, the odds that either of you have a single, private bedroom are rather slim, given how many visitors share rooms or crash with friends. Because rooms are cheaper in Provincetown, there's a better chance that you'll meet somebody with a single. Also, P-town has two great dyke bars, and a couple of others with a mixed following or women's nights once a week. Single lesbians will definitely find more to do here.

Fire Island makes for an ideal day-trip from New York City, but Provincetown requires at least an overnight stay even from Boston or another New England city. Total travel time (by car or train) from Manhattan to Sayville (site of the ferry terminals to Cherry Grove and to the Pines) is a bit more than an hour; add another 30 to 45 minutes for the ferry ride. To get from Boston to Provincetown (which you can reach by ferry or by car), you'll need three or four hours. If you are in Boston and seek a quick gay retreat, make the 75-minute drive north to Ogunquit, Maine, a low-key, smaller cousin to Provincetown.

Finally, although both communities enjoy maximum crowds from about Memorial Day through Labor Day, Provincetown continues to draw a significant number of visitors through the late fall, and even into the barren but broodingly romantic winter months. Fire Island is a ghost town from October through April.

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## CYBER NEWS

### NEW MASS MEDIA LAUNCHES INSIDE OUT

New Mass. Media, publisher of six alternative newsweeklies in the Northeast (New York, Connecticut & Massachusetts), announces Inside Out, the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered section of our World Wide Web site. Web site editor Laura Fedele said, "As a well-established online presence, expanding our reach within the gay community is something we are very excited about."

Inside Out includes:

The "Guide" section that will help you find information on Bars & Clubs, Support Services/Groups, Health/AIDS/HIV Resources, Political Groups, Social Groups, College Groups, Youth Information & Resources, and Religious Groups.

The "Warehouse" section allows you to search for GLBT and GLBT friendly businesses and professionals, or add your own.

Our original soap, "Gays of our Lives," is an ongoing story, updated weekly, where you can vote on the plot of the next episode.

The "Features" section presents different writers each week, and their take on the GLBT lifestyle. Read the essays, and then talk about them in our "Talk" section. Post as often as you like! And, last but not least, there's a very extensive list of links.

Web site writer Kim Ficera is extremely optimistic about the future of Inside Out. "Although our primary focus is on the northeast, we are well aware that the World Wide Web audience has no geographical boundaries. The gay audience on the net is substantial, and looking for entertainment, news, controversy and conversation. We'll provide it."

Since its April launch, the response to Inside Out has been extremely positive. Community leaders in New Mass. Media's publishing region and beyond have expressed their support and enthusiasm for Inside Out, and have acknowledged this endeavor as one long overdue. Inside Out received a promising start of over 11,000 page requests per week in its first few weeks online.

Inside Out can be found at: <http://www.newmassmedia.com/insideout/>

[Note: I have added links to the Fairfield Weekly and to the InsideOut page to the "Links" section of the TCC web site. The site's address is: <http://members.aol.com.tcccenter>. And I highly recommend that those of you with web access check them out. - Roger Hooverman, TCC "Webmaster"]

### NEW AND IMPROVED WEB PAGE

Check out the New and Improved OutSpoken Web Page at:

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

Thanks to Elizabeth we now have a vastly improved (and much more fun) way of making our presence felt on the World Wide Web! Way to go, Elizabeth, and thanks from all of us.

Doug Nissing - for OutSpoken

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Whether the safe zones would be allowed to continue was unclear after the Board of Education defeated a motion to reaffirm the presence of the zones at Brookfield High School on a 3-3-1 vote. A vote taken by the board last year supported the program 5-2. Superintendent David Bristol said the board's bylaws interpret tie votes as defeats. "The board has in essence said to me we're not reaffirming what we have but we're not giving you any particular direction," he added. Dr. Bristol said none of the pink triangles had been removed from the school.

But William Tinsley, vice chairman of the Board of Education and one of the three members who voted against the safe zones, said the pink triangle symbol must be changed even if the program is to remain.

Mr. Tinsley said, "The pink triangle has basically its modern-day significance as a symbol of gay pride. If we want to provide a safety net for kids who need help...let's provide help for kids who have all different kinds of needs, even needs different than being gay."

When asked why the school board had changed its views in the pink triangle issue from its vote a years ago, Mr. Tinsley said a lot of information about the program had come to light through the Berrill lawsuit. "Of course we also had some new board members in the interim," he noted. "I also think it had to do with the public. We had some citizen petitions where we had about 500 adult signatures asking us to change the program. We wanted to do it in a more acceptable and broader based fashion. It wasn't a motion to stop the program. It was a motion to modify it," he added.

One faculty member who participates in the safe program but declined to be named for this article said, "The school's saying, 'It's too controversial.' If gays were truly accepted, if it was really O.K., then why can't we have the pink triangles up?"

A sex education expert, Judith Reisman, who was hired by the Houdes to analyze the safe zones as part of the lawsuit against them, found in a 30-page report that the program "promoted confused teenagers to engage in homosexual, sexual activity" and posed "a potential danger for students." Superintendent Bristol commented, "I do not believe that the existence of four to six safe zones or pink triangles cause or contribute to students' being homosexual."

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## THE GAY GOURMET

### CHICKEN AMARETTO

by John DelVecchio

*4 boneless chicken breasts*

*coarse ground pepper*

*garlic powder*

*curry powder*

*1/4 cup butter*

*small pkg. mushrooms, sliced*

*1/2 cup Amaretto liqueur*

*juice of one lemon*

*lemon rind*

*1 1/2 cups chicken broth*

*flour*

*Cut chicken into strips. Season with pepper, garlic powder and curry powder. Dip in flour. Brown in butter in a large skillet. Add mushrooms, liquer, lemon juice, and season with lemon rind. Simmer 5 minutes. Add broth and simmer until chicken is tender. Serves 4.*

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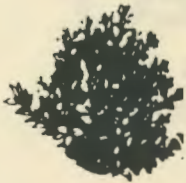


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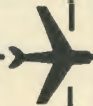
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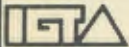
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