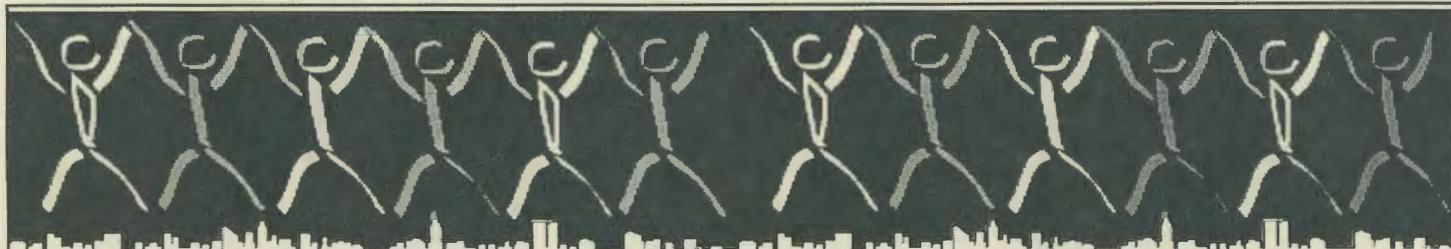
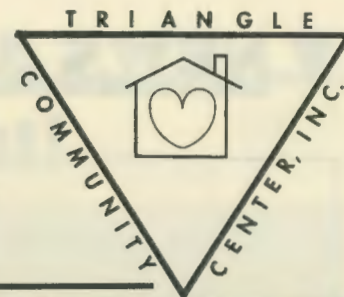


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Connecticut Gay Pride Week '98!

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY is the theme for the 17th annual CT PRIDE celebration. CT PRIDE is expanding this year and will be held in two locations in Connecticut! To help celebrate Gay Pride Month the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center (NHGLCC) is proud to host "FOUR FRIDAYS IN JUNE". In addition, CT PRIDE officials have invited political candidates from several of the state's major campaigns. There will also be musical guests, coming out stories from openly gay local citizens, a vigil and time for meditation.

- June 5th OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING
7:00 PM - Come to NHGLCC's new location for their official Ribbon Cutting ceremony featuring the Undertones! - NHGLCC - 50 Fitch St., New Haven.
- June 12th MOVIE NIGHT & POT LUCK
6:30 PM - "In & Out" the hit comedy about coming out starring Kevin Kline- NHGLCC, 50 Fitch St., New Haven.
- June 13th "BOWLING FOR GOD"
7- 10 PM - Metropolitan Community Church of New Haven's first annual Pride Bowl at AMF Hamden Lanes.. Call (203)389-6750 for more information.
- June 19th PRE-FESTIVAL PRIDE RALLY
8-9:30 PM - The CT PRIDE Committee, has moved a portion of the Hartford-based events down to the New Haven Green. The rally features the Divas of Disco, local coming out stories, political dignitaries, and an AIDS/Breast Cancer Vigil - New Haven Green Bandstand.
- June 20th GAY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL
9:00 AM - Legislative Breakfast at Reader's Feast
10:30 AM - Parade Line-up in Bushnell Park, Hartford
11:30 AM Parade Begins!
1-4 PM - Festival at the Pavillion in Bushnell Park
4-8 PM - Tea Dance at Velvet
8 PM - 2 AM - PRIDE Dance at a place to be announced
- June 20th POST PARADE PARTIES!
6:00 PM - Post parties will be held at three New Haven nightclubs: Gotham Citi, Partners and 168 Café.
- June 21st METROPOLITAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES - 9:30 AM service will feature "Another Octave." The 4:00 PM service will feature the MCC/NH choir. Both services will focus on celebrating the g/l/b/t people that God created us to be. For more info call (203) 389-6750.
- June 26th GAY DAY AT LAKE COMPOUNCE
11 AM-10 PM - Please purchase your tickets in advance in New Haven at Gotham Citi, 168 York Cafe or Partners, or in Hartford at Reader's Feast. Tickets are \$15 - Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information call: NHGLCC at (203) 777-7780, 50 Fitch Street, New Haven or PRIDELINE at (860) 524-8114.

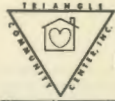
New York City Gay Pride '98!

THE 1998 GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK EVENTS IN NYC will run from Sunday, June 21st through Sunday, June 28th. The theme for this year's New York City's 1998 Gay & Lesbian Pride celebration is "Unity Through Diversity". This theme was also selected by the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators as the international theme for Pride 1998. The logo (as seen on page 1) this year was designed by Carol Mihelik, a graphic designer in New York City and Connecticut.



- June 21st** 2PM-6 PM **RALLY:** (10,000-15,000 attendees) - Location: Bryant Park (42nd Street and 6th Avenue) - Emcee: Varla Jean Merman. Featured Artists and Speakers Featured to date are: Cyndi Lauper, cast members of the Broadway musical hit Rent, cast members from Hedwig and the Angry Inch, recording artist and Star Search winner Billy Porter, Nashville-based singer Jazzmyn, Rock R&B band Melissa Reaves and the Willys and Comedian Peggy Shaw. The Rally kicks off New York City's Pride Week celebrations at Bryant Park just one block from Times Square. Bryant Park is a very visible and accessible location to the entire Metropolitan/Tri-State area. Bring a picnic blanket and your favorite people for four hours of uninterrupted music, talk and comedy in this beautiful setting - the best our community has to offer. FREE
- June 24th** 8-10 PM **Out, Loud & Proud** - Location: The Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center - Perspectives on Pride, a history of New York City Gay and Lesbian Pride events. The program traces the history of Pride from the "Day of Remembrance Marches" of the mid-sixties to the present day Pride Week events. FREE
- June 28th** Noon-End **PRIDE MARCH** (700,000 attendees) - The 29th Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride March steps off from 52nd Street and Fifth Avenue and proceeds south on Fifth Avenue to Washington Square and continues west to dispersal at Christopher and Greenwich Streets. The Reviewing stand is located at Fifth Avenue and 25th Street, where groups pause and put on their best for the Judges (everybody wants to win a March Award).. Moment of Silence: 2 PM.
- June 28th** 11 AM-11 PM **PRIDEFEST '98** (350,000 attendees) - Location: Greenwich Village. - PrideFest '98's Market Place brings people together to enjoy fabulous ethnic fare from all over the world. The Market Place also features hundreds of vendors and community groups selling their wares, distributing free information, registering voters and more. But this is not all! From 3 PM to 9 PM, Stagefest features dozens of performances by comedians, singers, drag queens/kings, dancers, bands, and performance artists. FREE.
- June 28th** 4 PM-11 PM **DANCE 12** (the annual Dance on the Pier) (7,000 attendees) - Location: Pier 54 (13th St. and the Hudson River). - DJs: Kris Spirit, the HX for Her "Best DJ" nominee for 1997 will open, and Mark Thomas, the legendary Saint DJ will close. Dance 12 the world's largest annual outdoor dance is the traditional finale to Pride Week in New York City. The gate opens at 4:30 PM and the party goes on until the spectacular Fireworks at 10:30 PM. And in the middle of it all there is a fabulous live performance by a surprise musical guest. Tickets: \$25 May 1st thru June 20th, \$35 June 21st thru June 28th.

For more information contact: Jimmy Riordan, Media Director - Tel: 212-807-7433 - FAX: 212-807-7436 - e-mail: HOPMEDIA1@aol.com Heritage of Pride - 154 Christopher Street, Suite 1-D - NYC, NY 10014.



Check This Out!

We are pleased to announce that the Triangle Community Center is sponsoring a joint workshop on grant writing with the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center. The workshop will take place on Sat., July 18th, from 10 AM-3 PM. The ability to write grants is fast becoming an integral part of all non-profit organizations. Anyone interested in a position with a non-profit group is urged to attend this workshop to learn this valuable and sought after skill.

The workshop will be conducted by Martha Keener, of West Hartford, CT who has so generously volunteered her time. She is self-employed as a facilitator, training designer, proposal developer, project manager and writer. Ms. Keener has successfully secured grants from the US Office of Education, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Grayce Long Foundation.

Anyone interested in helping the center acquire grants for additional programs and funds to hire a potential office person, please contact Denyse Burke at 367-3911. The deadline for registration is June 30th. Seating is limited.

Lesbian Lit Group

For their July discussion, the Lesbian Literature Group has chosen a novel by Dorothy Allison entitled the "Cave Dweller." The group has also tentatively planned a trip to New York in July to attend the newly opened opera version of the classic lesbian romance novel "Patience & Sarah" at the Lincoln Center. The Lit Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at TCC starting at 7:30 PM. Copies of "Cave Dweller" are available at local libraries and Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. For more info call Christine at 847-8476.

Women's Benefit Softball Game

A BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME BETWEEN BLOODROOT AND TCC WILL BE HELD IN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK, NORWALK ON MONDAY, JULY 13TH (RAIN DATE JULY 20TH). THE GAME STARTS AT 7 PM. TICKETS ARE \$5.00. PROCEEDS FROM THE GAME WILL GO TO THE NORWALK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER AND BREAD & ROSES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (860) 584-9219.

TCC Friendraiser

The June TCC Friendraiser will be held on Sunday, June 28th at the home of David Martin and Brian DeLaurentis from 12-4 PM. The address is 505 Cognewaugh Rd. in Cos Cob. Donations of any amount will be appreciated. BYOB.

Directions: Merritt Parkway - North & South - Exit 31 (North St.). Follow sign that says "Business District". Make your 4th left onto Dingleton and follow to the end. Turn left onto Stanwich Road. The 1st right is Cognewaugh.

Thruway - North & South - Take exit 5. Turn left at the end of ramp onto E. Putnam Ave. You will pass a small waterfall on your right. Cross river bridge and take your 1st right (River Rd. Ext.). Follow it to the end then turn right onto Valley Rd. You will pass Cat Rock Rd. on your right. Continue until you come to a fork. Go directly forward at fork onto Cognewaugh Rd. Lost? Call 629-9462 for help.



Cyber News

Gay Financial Network on the Web

Walter Schubert and GFN Team Officially launch the first and only web site dedicated to the financial security of the gay and lesbian community. Community, Capital, Commitment was the mantra for the much anticipated launch of the Gay Financial Network (www.GFN.com) at the 5th Annual Gay and Lesbian Business and Consumer Expo at the Jacob Javitz Center in New York City.

One of the most prominent interactive features of the network is GFN investments (tm), the online brokerage resource for gay and lesbian investors provided by FarSight Financial Services, a member of the D.E. Shaw family of companies. The competitively priced, user-friendly features of this service include: Secure, online investing - an ATM debit-card - access to more than 5,000 mutual funds - 24-hour access to accounts - real-time stock quotes, historical charts, and fundamental research - online bill-payments and checking.

GFN's "Virtual Community" Features - Chats: Regularly scheduled online chats for GFN members with experts in financial matters important to today's gay and lesbian community and Member Message Boards: To promote dialogue among members, GFN will provide message boards in which advice, news and relevant information can be shared by gays and lesbians nationwide, providing the personal touch and support of a friendly neighborhood. Through links to other important Web sites and original content, GFN members will keep up with topics ranging from federal and state initiatives to corporate policies toward the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

Trivia Question

Answer to May

Richard Jeanrette... recently retired as Chairman of The Equitable.

Question for June

Iris Love has, for decades been the partner/companion/lover of gossip columnist Liz Smith (their names were linked together once - they went together to Morocco for Malcolm Forbes 70th birthday party), but Love in her own right is famous for finding something of value - what? Her name is a hint.



Media News

Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review

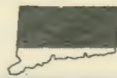
The current issue features an article about gay characters in prime-time television, a review of an anthology of gay Buddhist writings, an essay that asks, "How Gay Was Walt Whitman?" and a series on "The New Sex Wars," (the debate over whether homosexual promiscuity irresponsibly perpetuates the AIDS epidemic). It is the mix that Richard Schneider Jr., the editor in chief, said he wanted five years ago when he started. The Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review is a quarterly compilation of essays, book reviews and poetry. Since it started, the review has featured an impressive lineup of prominent gay writers and thinkers, including Barney Frank, Tony Kushner, Sarah Schulman, Edmund White and Andrew Sullivan. The circulation has grown from about 1,000 to 7,500, most of which is from newsstand sales. The Review grew out of Harvard's gay and lesbian newsletter, which Schneider, 43, edited in the late 1980s. The magazine, a nonprofit organization supported by advertising and subscriptions, operates out of Schneider's home in Boston and does not pay writers.

Gay Magazines— Less Sex, More Families

If you want to know where the gay and lesbian civil rights movement is headed, take a look at its newest publications. "Alternative Family" magazine is the first national parenting magazine for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered parents and their children. "Arrow" is a magazine for monogamous gay men. Both magazines represent a palpable shift in the interests of gay men and women that would have been unthinkable until recently.

"Alternative Family's" first issue includes a story by a lesbian mother who became a surrogate for a gay couple; a series of personal accounts about becoming parents; a profile of an 11-year-old gay rights activist with lesbian moms; regular columns on psychological and legal parenting issues; a Kid's Room with activities; and a Family Resource Guide listing recommended books, videos and family organizations.

Arrow magazine will debut this month. In its first few issues, it plans to carry stories about relationships between gay and straight men, the pitfalls of being 'out' at work and regular features such as Hot Monogamy, a relationship advice column, and Boy Toys, on techno-gadgets. It will also feature the first gay marriage registry for people in all states, although same-sex marriage is not legally recognized anywhere in the country. "Arrow's" web site is www.arrowmag.com. Inquiries about "Alternative Family" can be sent to P.O. Box 7179, Van Nuys, CA, 91409; phone (818) 909-0314; or e-mail at altfammag@aol.com.



Connecticut News

Orange Activist to Help AIDS Ride

Marie Palmieri of Orange launched a project last year to help those with AIDS because she was angry the town rejected a group of cyclists who wanted to stay there during a fund-raising ride for the cause. Palmieri isn't angry anymore, but she's just as motivated to raise money for the Boston to New York AIDS ride, which benefits health and community organizations that treat people with AIDS. So, she's opened Team Orange fund raising to residents of West Haven, Woodbridge, Bethany and Milford.

In 1997, Palmieri and those who donated to Team Orange raised \$800. The overall event which drew 3,000 riders - including many from the New Haven area - raised \$7.6 million. This year the 275-mile ride is from Sept. 17 to 19. The money from the ride benefits the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston, New York Gay & Lesbian Services Center and other groups.

Orange is thought to be the only town in the country ever to reject hosting an overnight campground for cyclists from the AIDS ride. In a grassroots effort this year, residents in Orange collected hundreds of signatures on a petitions asking ride organizers to consider stopping in Orange. The petition was not successful because the ride is not scheduled to travel through Orange, Palmieri said. To donate money to the fund, send a check made out to: Boston to NY AIDS Ride, P.O. Box 1174, Orange, CT, 06477-7174. The words "Team Orange" should appear in the memo line of the check.

Westport Bookstore Host's Author

The Lambda award winning author, Blanche McCrary Boyd, will be reading from her latest novel, "Terminal Velocity" on Thursday, June 18th at 7:30 PM at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Westport. Boyd, who started out as an unsuccessful music critic for the Village Voice, soon came to write on a wide variety of non-musical subjects for the newspaper. In 1982 her first book, "The Redneck Way of Knowledge", was published followed in 1986 by what was to become the first book of a trilogy entitled, "The Revolution of Little Girls". Her most recent work, "Terminal Velocity", is the second.

New Haven's Yale Appoints Same-Sex Couple

In a move echoing the recent appointment of the two new masters of Lowell House at Harvard, Yale University has appointed a new residential college dean who will be the first to bring a live-in same-sex partner. Peter Novak, who is expected to receive his Master of Fine Arts degree this spring, will serve as dean of Trumbull College, one of Yale's 12 undergraduate colleges.

According to Yale spokesperson Tom Conroy, Novak will serve "as the chief academic and personal advisor to the students." Novak will be responsible for nearly 400 Yale undergraduates in his new position. Novak's partner, Curtis Lee, will live with him. Conroy said Novak's appointment was not made in response to the Lowell House appointments at Harvard, and added that Yale had not felt any pressure as a result of the Harvard appointments.

New Haven's Yale Alters Gender Studies

Yale University is getting a sex change. The Ivy League school has announced it will rename its Women's Studies program "Women's and Gender Studies" and reorganize the undergraduate major into three areas of concentration: Women's Studies; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies; and Gender Studies. The change involves terminology more than anything else, since Yale has offered a major in women's studies for more than a decade and taught courses in all three areas of concentration.

The changes mean that come next fall, students will earn a degree in "women's and gender studies" instead of just "women's studies." But the move has caused grumbling from conservatives on and off campus and reopened a debate that flared less than a year ago, when alumnus Larry Kramer, the playwright and AIDS activist, accused Yale of homophobia for rejecting his \$5 million offer to endow a professorship in gay studies. Yale said that the changes were unrelated to the furor over Kramer's offer and that they are aimed at drawing more students into the field. In past years, only six or seven students per year have majored in women's studies. Kramer, who founded the confrontational AIDS activist group ACT UP, said "the changes are a positive step but not enough."



The Homosexual Exception – NOT!

Author Alan Wolfe has recently written a book that attempts to discover the cultural attitudes of Americans outside of his cocoon of Cambridge Massachusetts (see April N&V's).. He went to the suburbs of San Diego, Tulsa and Atlanta and discovered that the people there were open-minded about everything - except gays and lesbians. Even then, middle class blacks were not as homophobic as their white neighbors. Wolfe found such a high degree of homophobia in the communities he traveled to because he chose as representative of America, three of the most homophobic areas in the country.

Oklahoma is the most homophobic state in the United States - according to the Human Rights Campaign. Cobb County, Georgia is notorious for forfeiting participation in the Atlanta Olympics because of a measure passed by the county board condemning gays and lesbians. And although San Diego might send a lesbian to Congress in '98 the level of homophobia is strongly correlated with age (the younger, the less bigoted) and San Diego is a largely retirement community. His results would have been different had he gone to Maryland, or Iowa, or Wyoming.

Which leads to the recent Nebraska Republican primary for governor. Voters went to the polls in May to elect the Republican candidate which, in a Republican state like Nebraska, is likely to win in the general election in November. The opponents in the three-way race were almost schematic - the front runner, Christensen, was a ultra-conservative congressman who made it a campaign promise not to hire any gays and lesbians in his administration. His competitor, Mike Johanns, a businessman with no political experience but with \$2 million of his own money to pour into the race. Trailing was a local mayor, Mark Gresow, a moderate with little money but who did travel to all 43 counties of Nebraska twice during the primary race. Johnnes, the mayor of Lincoln, scored an upset which left not only his home town cheering but also lifted the spirits of gay Republicans everywhere. Christensen the "family-values" candidate actually came in third behind the businessman. Clearly, one of the things that Nebraska Republicans repudiated was Christensen's unabashed bigotry. If the voters had the attitude that gay is bad (as Wolfe suggested they had), there would have been many more votes for Christensen. -Seggerman

Millennium March Set

Organizers for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community's fourth March on Washington announced the event will be held on April 30, 2000. The March aims to articulate the concerns of the gay community and focus on the nation's attention on our quest for equality in all aspects of life. "We expect one million gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered sisters and brothers and our enlightened allies to stand on the Mall and call upon our nation to live out the promise of equality under the law," said the Rev. Troy D. Perry, long-time gay activist and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Organizers have taken steps to begin incorporation of a non-profit entity to handle planning, production and financial arrangements. For further information regarding accommodations, travel agents and groups please call the March on Washington, (818) 891-1748.

Salaries of AIDS Charities' Directors

Some officials at charitable AIDS organizations are doing well by doing good. At least nine groups pay their top officers more than \$100,000 and that has upset both AIDS activists and at least one member of the House, who spoke out. "I was shocked to discover how many AIDS organizations pay their executives excessive salaries at the expense of those living with HIV," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., a physician who has treated patients with the virus that causes AIDS.

Salaries and other financial information about AIDS organizations nationwide have been posted on the World Wide Web by a San Francisco-based advocacy group, the Accountability Project. Directors of the nine AIDS organizations, which receive \$53 million a year from federal, state and local governments, are in charge of operations, budgets and staff. At the top of the list: is Jerome Radwin, chief executive officer of the New York-based American Foundation for AIDS Research, a national group known as AmFAR. He was paid \$191,729 in 1996. The Gay Men's Health Crisis, also based in New York City, had two employees who earned more than the \$130,000 in 1995. On the West Coast, Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation had at least six employees with salaries exceeding \$100,000 in 1996 - five physicians paid \$127,375 to \$172,366, and the foundation president, Michael Weinstein, paid \$126,548.

Information on Gay Travel

Gay travel is a booming market worth an estimated \$17 billion a year. Below are some of the companies who arrange large and small group travels for gays and lesbians:

Above & Beyond Tours: 1 (800) 397-2681, Web site: www.abovebeyondtours.com; clientele, mostly gay men. Types of trips: group travel to events popular with the gay community, such as Carnival in Rio and Mardi Gras in Sydney.

Atlantis Events: 1 (800) 6-ATLANTIS, Web site: www.atlantisevents.com; clientele, mostly gay men. Types of trips: cruises and resort stays.

Family Abroad: 1 (800) 999-5500, Web site: familyabroad.com; clientele: gay men and lesbians. Types of trips: customized trips all over the world (a recent trip took over an entire sleeper car from St. Petersburg to Moscow).

Olivia Cruises & Resorts: 1 (800) 631-6277, Website: www.oliviatravel.com; price range, \$795-\$1,595; clientele: almost all lesbian. Types of trips: cruises and resort stays.

RSVP Travel Productions: 1 (800) 328-RSVP, Website: www.rsvp.net; clientele: mostly gay men. Types of trips: cruises and resort stays.

GOP Assures Christians Activists

In a closed meeting with Christian activists who had threatened to bolt the Republican Party, house leaders have promised to avidly pursue a conservative social agenda. Conservative leaders said the three-hour session with Speaker Gingrich and his Lieutenants ended in a mutual commitment to push legislation restricting abortions, encouraging school prayer, and blocking expanded rights for homosexuals. House leaders also promised another attempt to eliminate federal funding for the arts.

Liberal groups expressed alarm at the renewed alliance of congressional leaders and Christian activists. Groups represented at the meeting included Focus on the Family, the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America, the Family Research Council, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Home School Legal Defense Association. Moderate Republicans also voiced misgivings. "To have us jump every time a Christian leader speaks means that we'll become a very small party pretty quickly," Rep. Chris Shays (R. Conn.) told CNN.

A Plug for Pittsburgh

This year Pittsburgh, PA will play host to Creating Change (a gathering of activists from all over the country), a weekend long conference by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. In 1990 the conference, with its celebration of diversity, was held in Minneapolis. That year a progressive by the name of Paul Wellstone had unexpectedly upset the incumbent Senator and no one was more jubilant than the local lgbt community. Activist Ann de Groot taught us all how to properly say "uff-dah!" The keynote address was given by the late lamented John Preston, who spoke movingly of his mother who stuck up for him when he got in trouble at school for pushing the envelope. The next year the conference was in Alexandria, where the reception was much more somber. A sizeable contingent from Connecticut went down (from the Hartford area), mostly to pick up an award for helping to get Conn.'s gay rights bill passed.

The following year the conference was in Los Angeles. One of the workshops was conducted by a straight male named Chip Berlet, who had been following the Radical Right for decades -- his research was fascinating and very useful. Newly elected Rhode Island state senator Will Fitzpatrick was there (as was his lover David Anderson). In 1993, it was back to the East Coast -- Jesse Helms's hometown of Durham, North Carolina. The gay community surprised the locals with their warmth and vitality. Mab Secret gave a speech in which she explained all about the dichotomy of Southern hospitality vs. Southern racism. The entertainment was provided by a loud dyke named Lea Delaria, who had the audience in stitches.

The next year the conference was held in Dallas, in a state that had seen seven murders of gay men in that year alone. Proposition 197 had just passed; the measure which denied education and medical services to illegal aliens, and their children. The Latina lesbians who were the main speakers, were understandably grieving. My most memorable experience that year came not at the conference but at the Catholic church across the street. The Saturday mass was in Spanish but I could pick out from the sermon to *nuestro hermanos y hermanas* (brothers and sisters) *en California*. The following year the conference was held in Detroit, where the cold weather contrasted with the warmth of the welcome, not just by the local activists but by the mayor himself who sent a tape welcoming us to his fair city.

If it was an election year the conference must have been in Alexandria, so 1996 saw us back in that DC suburb. Barney Frank was one of the speakers, who simply echoed Melinda Paras, who spoke movingly of the fight against rolling back affirmative action. At the closing brunch I sat at a table with some activists from Arizona, who were well, smug. "It's something in the water" they assured me, explaining how not one but two Arizona Republicans (Congressman Jim Kolbe and the mayor of Tempe) had come out as gay in the months preceding the conference. Finally, last year's conference was held in sunny San Diego. What was most amazing was how a community so well organized and so large could be so powerless, and so invisible. There was one dynamic lesbian on the City Council (Christine Kehoe, running for the US House) and an out lesbian judge but the community as a whole was basically ignored by the remainder of the population. We heard both sides of the Sex Panic debate from Tony Valenzuela, who spoke with pride (!) of engaging in sexual behaviors that resulted in his seroconversion, and Roland Sintos, who called it genocide and said it had to stop, by whatever means necessary. And this year the NGLTF will hold its conference in Pittsburgh, November 13th to 15th -- a five hour drive or a quick hop by plane. More information about the conference can be obtained through the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force web site at www.nglftf.org.

-Marianne Seggerman

22 Pastors Want to Quit

Saying they are tired of fighting a liberal church bureaucracy and rising gay rights movement, 22 conservative Northern California pastors are threatening to leave the United Methodist Church and take their flocks with them. Although the evangelical/liberal rift is decades in the making, it came to a head last month when a church court failed to discipline a Nebraska pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Creech, for performing a marriage service for two lesbians.

Even before the Creech verdict, regional leaders of the Methodist church publicly announced they would continue to allow same-sex ceremonies in Bay Area churches. In response, 22 conservative clergy and 25 lay leaders signed a statement asking that they be allowed to separate from the California-Nevada Annual Conference, which stretches from Fresno to the Oregon border and includes 375 Methodist churches with 93,000 members. National church spokesmen said the threatened Northern California defections are "unprecedented," although smaller protests are breaking out in New England and Georgia, where two large churches have begun withholding money from the 8.5 million-member denomination.

Transgender

The Transition of Debra

[Minneapolis, MN] - Debra Davis illuminates the growing diversity within the transcommunity. Davis, 51, a 28-year veteran high school librarian, was born and raised a male, as David Nielsen. Now a grandparent, She has legally changed her name and is living as a woman. She also has no interest in sexual reassignment surgery (SRS).

Like a growing number of transpeople, she is identified as transgender, not transexual. People are classified transexual when they seek SRS. Transgender also differs from crossdresser, which refers to people who occasionally dress in clothing typically worn by people of the 'opposite' sex. To further confound the matter, many trans-people no longer accept any trans-identity, preferring to contest societal labels that they feel are oppressive.

Ms. Davis had been working as a man and spending her life away from school as a woman. "One of the hardest things for me is being in this in-between stage," she said. "After a while, you get tired of hiding in shame, and I just won't live in shame any more. I like who I am, I'm proud of who I am." Robert McCauley, Principal of Southwest High, said reaction at the school has been fairly subdued and calls from parents have been supportive. "We support Debra 100 percent," he said. "People have responded very well to the strength and courage that she's showing."

Announcements from Church Bulletins

1. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
2. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church..
3. Mrs. Johnson will be entering the hospital soon for testes.
4. Scouts are collecting bottles and cans for redemption. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
5. The church's new tithing campaign slogan reads.... "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!"

Deadline for the July Newsletter will be Saturday, June 13. We cannot guarantee that material received after that date will be included in July News&Views.



IN - Resignation of Gay Priest at Notre Dame

"I felt I had come home," said the Rev. David Garrick, 53, recalling the day he became a theater professor at Notre Dame in 1992. "And I planned to spend the rest of my life here." But Garrick has resigned, saying that the university has failed to embrace part of the broader Catholic family, those who are gay and lesbian.

In a letter to the student newspaper, he announced that while he faithfully kept the vow of celibacy, he is gay. The disclosure followed a protest at Notre Dame over the university's refusal to give space on campus to an organization for gay and lesbian students. Not long after his disclosure, Garrick was no longer asked to say Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. The treatment of Garrick, which has become a prominent issue since his resignation, has provoked widespread criticism from Notre Dame students, especially from gay students, who considered him a hero.

The official reason given for Garrick's removal from the Mass schedule was the poor quality of his homilies. That amused many Catholics here, who observed that plenty of priests would be out of jobs if that were the criterion. Garrick, a professor of drama, was considered by many to be eloquent. Garrick said he had steered away from issues of sexuality in his homilies. In hearing confession, he said, he never veered from church teaching, noting that he emphasized the spiritual emptiness of promiscuity, homosexual or heterosexual.

MA - Youths Uplifted

The 140 publicly funded Gay/Straight Alliances in Massachusetts high schools have given new life to gay students who are lonely, terrified of being found out, and even suicidal, advocates said. On May 16th, a handful of student leaders, some of them victims of gay-bashing who had considered suicide, pumped the already soaring spirits of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, parents, and teachers at the fourth annual Gay & Straight Youth Pride Day in Boston. Organizers had expected about 2,000 to turn out, but Boston Police estimated the crowd at 7,500. Massachusetts is the only state with a commission for gay youth and a Gay and Lesbian Student Rights law, signed by Governor William F. Weld in 1993.

ME - Human Rights Ordinance Passes

With a Town Council vote of 6 to 1, Bar Harbor became the first town in Maine to once again protect people of all sexual orientations against discrimination in housing, credit and employment since the protection was stripped out of Maine's Human Rights Act by public referendum in February. Bar Harbor's newest ordinance is modeled after similar measures that Portland and Long Island passed in 1992. It is the town's first and only human rights ordinance, according to Town Manager Dana Reed, who said other protected categories such as race, gender, and religion are covered by Maine's Human Rights Act. Following the Feb. 10 repeal of Maine's 1-year-old law banning discrimination in housing, employment, credit and public accommodation, several towns took up the idea of enacting locally protective measures. Once it becomes effective in 30 days, Bar Harbor's ordinance will enable people who believe they have been discriminated against because of sexual orientation the opportunity to file a civil lawsuit against the alleged discriminator in court. Whether it will last remains to be seen. In 1993, when the Lewiston Town Council passed a similar ordinance, residents petitioned to put it to a town vote. At the polls nine months later, voters repealed it by a vote of 2 to 1.

ME - Gay Prom

Like other high school sweethearts, Vanessa Morgan and Jenn York just wanted to have fun when they started going to dances together at Telstar High in Bethel. Instead, the two girls got harassed. In June, Morgan and York will go to a prom where they won't worry about fitting in. The Summer Nights Prom at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland is for youths who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or unsure about their sexual orientation. The alcohol-free, semiformal event is sponsored by Outright, a Portland organization that provides support for people 22 and younger.

NB - Creech to Lose Position as Pastor

The Rev. Jimmy Creech, the Methodist minister who set off a firestorm last year by performing a union ceremony for two women, learned that he has lost his job. Creech said he was stunned when Nebraska Bishop Joel Martinez told him he would not be reappointed as pastor of First United Methodist Church. The decision comes after a jury of Nebraska pastors ruled in March that Creech did not disobey the United Methodist Church when he performed the ceremony. Each church has a committee that makes recommendations on appointments, but the ultimate decision belongs to the bishop. Creech said the staff parish relations committee at First United Methodist never recommended to Martinez that Creech not be reappointed. "Quite the contrary," he said, "there's been a strong output of support from the church."

NY - What Gay School?

A school for gay and lesbian teenagers, which would have been the first on Long Island and one of the few in the world, was getting ready to open in Bay Shore. But at the last minute, the program was canceled by top officials of the sponsoring government agency, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Eastern Suffolk County, who said they only learned about the planned school when a newspaper reporter asked about it. Dr. Bruce G. Brodsky, the president of the board, said staff members had gone ahead with the plans without getting prior approval from the board, which serves youngsters with special needs, including those who are pregnant or handicapped. He said the staff members will be reprimanded.

The decision leaves unresolved what to do about homosexual youngsters who say they feel forced out of regular schools on Long Island. Advocates say such youths need a safe haven to complete their education, while critics oppose schools for gay students as unnecessary special treatment. Future board approval of the Bay Shore school appears doubtful, at least not as originally planned. While acknowledging that gay students may need help, Dr. Brodsky opposes putting them in a program by themselves.

NY - Holy Union Ceremony

Rabbi Lippman and the Rev. Allen V. Harris of the Park Avenue Christian Church will make history on Sunday, June 21st at 7 PM when they co-officiate at a group Holy Union Same-Sex Wedding Ceremony in the Church-Temple Sanctuary. Both the Rabbi and the Minister have officiated and co-officiated at such ceremonies before, but this will be the first "group" ceremony for either of them. Jewish-Christian, Jewish-Jewish, and Christian-Christian gay and lesbian couples will exchange vows and rings and will be blessed by both officiants. A reception will follow in the Social Hall. Pre-registration for couples is necessary. For information, call Rabbi Lippman at (212) 580-2458 or the Rev. Harris at (212) 288-3246 ext 30. Well-wishers are invited to attend!

PA - PrideFest A \$2 Million Success

A ripple of an idea that launched the first PrideFest five years ago has turned into a \$2 million wave, the chief organizer of the annual gay and lesbian festival said. According to daily counts conducted during the event, which lasted five days, total attendance was between 35,000 and 40,000, said Malcolm Lazin, founder of PrideFest. The visitors spent an average of \$50 each, he said. That works out to \$2 million spent on food, entertainment, souvenirs and lodging. The festival, which began in 1993, this year featured an array of events ranging from workshops to a body-building competition. Former talk-show host Phil Donahue won PrideFest's national role model award for bringing gay issues into mainstream debate.

SC - Pride98

The ninth annual S.C. Gay and Lesbian Pride March and Festival started April 30 and ended May 3 without many protests, problems or incidents. However, some local business owners were disappointed in the weekend, saying they expected business to be better during Pride98. But Pride organizers were happy with the turnout. They estimated that about 15,000 people were in town for the festival.

The weather was sunny and highs were in the mid-70s through May 2. But on Sunday, May 3, a chance of a heavy rain, hail and damaging wind developed in the afternoon. Still, that didn't stop more than 100 same-sex couples from participating in a commitment ceremony. The festival ended Sunday with a interdenominational church service, a picnic and the mass commitment ceremony at Myrtle Beach State Park. About 1,500 people attended Sunday's events.

TN - Germantown High Bans Indigo Girls

Only days before the Indigo Girls, a Grammy-winning duo, were to perform at Germantown High School, its principal decided to cancel the free concert, saying the act is too profane. Principal Ernest Chism, who had never heard of the Indigo Girls or their music, said it had nothing to do with the duo's homosexuality and everything to do with vulgarity. He learned that the singer/guitarists Amy Ray and Emily Saliers had used profanity in one of their songs during a high school concert in Logansville, Ga.

Germantown's cancellation is the second among high schools for which the duo offered to perform free concerts as a warm-up for their appearance in next month's Lilith Fair - an all-women summer music tour that also includes such acts as Bonnie Raitt, Queen Latifah, Sheryl Crow and Emmylou Harris.

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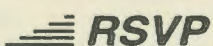
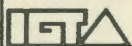
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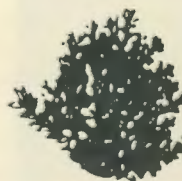
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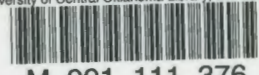
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- Fri., June 5** – Open House & Ribbon Cutting for the new location of the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 50 Fitch St., New Haven, 7:00 PM. For more info see page 1.
- Fri. – Sat., June 5 - 13** – The Eleventh Annual Connecticut Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at Cinestudio, on the campus of Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford. Opening and closing nights are \$10, students and seniors, \$8. Tickets for regular shows are \$8, students and seniors, \$6. Three day passes for regular shows are \$20; a Festival Pass for all 12 shows is \$60. All evening shows begin at 7:30pm. On both Saturdays and on Sunday there are also matinees starting at 2:30pm. Tickets available in North Haven at The Sober Camel, and in Hartford at The Reader's feast, the Metro Store, and at the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective. For more info call the festival info Line (860) 586-1136.
- Sat., June 6** – Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund celebrates its 25th anniversary with a Gala Dinner Party, Hartford's Union Train Station Great Hall, 6:00-10:00 PM. \$50 per person; "creative" formal attire. For more info call Anne Stanback at CWEALF, 860-247-6090, or e-mail CWEALFAS@aol.com.
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- Sat., June 13** – Sons and Lovers, a gay male a capella group, performs at University of Hartford Konover Hall, 8 PM, to benefit Children From the Shadows. Tickets available at The Readers Feast and at the Metro Store, by e-mail at rpassariello@snet.net, or by telephone at 860-649-7386. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.
- Sat., June 13** – "Bowling for God", MCC/New Haven's first annual Pride Bowl, AMF Hamden Lanes, 7 - 10 PM. For more info call 203-389-6750.
- Sat., June 13** – Women After Hours presents its Black and White Anniversary Dance (or come as you are) (women only), Holiday Inn, East Hartford, 8:30 PM - 1:00 AM, \$10.00 cover. Call 860-528-9611 for directions.
- Fri., June 19** – CT PRIDE Rally at New Haven Green, 8-10 PM. For more info see page 1.
- Sat., June 20** – CT PRIDE 1998 PRIDEFEST, Bushnell Park, Hartford. For more information see page 1.
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