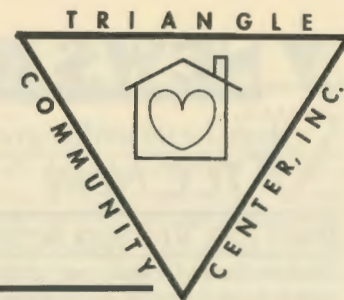


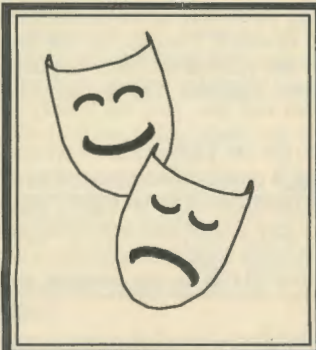
# Triangle Community Center News & Views

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## THE "PAGEANT" NEEDS YOU!



After running to lavish praise at Manhattan's Blue Angel Theatre, the musical comedy "Pageant" will return to the stage this January for five performances. As its name indicates, "Pageant" is a beauty contest in which six contestants vie for the coveted title of Miss Glamourese. Each contestant represents a particular region of the United States: Miss Bible Belt, Miss Industrial Northeast, Miss Deep South, Miss Texas, Miss Great Plains, and Miss West Coast. Their costumes represent each region's stereotype. Each of the six contestants participate in an "exhaustive series of preliminary competitions" one of which is "beauty crisis counseling." They are also asked promote beauty products like Smooth As Marble Facial Spackle "for a deep-down cover-up," and Lip Snack, a nutritious lipstick that comes in 27 shades and flavors. Audience members will serve as judges with different winners at each performance.

"Pageant" is directed by Scott M. Robbins and choreographed by Kathleen Hellrigel of Bridgeport. Mr. Robbins has staged more than 25 large scale productions including TCC's January 1997 production of "Whoop-Dee-Doo" which raised \$17,000 for TCC, Bread & Roses and other AIDS assistance organizations in Fairfield County. He also directed the June 1997 production of "The World Goes Round" in Westport.

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the production. "On Thursday, November 20, there will be a kick-off party which is open to everyone," said Scott M. Robbins, the director. "This will be a good opportunity to meet some of the cast and crew, and find out how to become more involved." Volunteers are needed to sell ads in the playbill, staff the ticket table, help with props, lighting, scenery and dozens of other tasks. The party will be held on Thursday, November 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Triangle Community Center (TCC, the gay and lesbian community center), 25 Van Zant Street in East Norwalk.

"Pageant" will be performed just five times. The dates are: January 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. All performances will be held at the Norwalk Community Technical College Performing Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the performances will go to benefit TCC and Bread and Roses (an AIDS residence in Georgetown, CT). Tickets are \$35 for the show only and \$50 for the show and a post-show reception. Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (203) 857-7271. For more information about the kick-off party or becoming a volunteer, please contact Michael Collins at AMI 220 WQUN radio at (203) 281-8984 days, or at (203) 375-3567 evenings and weekends.

## TCC FRIENDRAISER

This month's TCC Friendraiser will take place on Saturday, November 15, from 6 - 9 pm at Caught In The Act, 1246 Main St. in downtown Bridgeport, Bridgeport's new gay club. The proprietor of Caught In The Act will be providing a scrumptious buffet with a variety of foods. There will also be music and entertainment following the Friendraiser.

TCC's Friendraisers are an opportunity to socialize and meet new friends, while supporting TCC programs. TCC members pay \$8 and non-members pay \$10. Reservations are requested for this month's Friendraiser and can be made by calling (203) 334-3822.

Directions: Via I-95; Take Exit 27A, Route 8/23 Connector. Take first exit and go straight for two blocks to Main Street. Turn left onto Main St and go just one block where you'll see a parking lot on the right. Park in the lot next to Caught In The Act, at # 1246.

Via Route 15: switch to Route 8/25 Connector and take Exit 3, Main Street South. Go past two traffic lights and park in parking lot on the left, which is next to Caught In The Act, at # 1246.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

### SHOWING OUR TRUE COLORS

The beauty of fall is upon us with its canopy of colors above us and with rainbows in our hearts. We all prepare for the onset of cooler weather and the respite of winter. This begins a time when we all head indoors to warm, cozy places. Please remember that one of those places is TCC. We need you and your help to make our fall and winter projects a success.

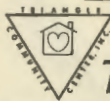
I recently had the opportunity to visit the GLBT Community Center in NYC with board member Denny Burke for the annual conference of regional community centers and was pleased to find that we're not alone in more ways than one. In an effort to get to know one another we shared about our favorite colors, books, movies, songs; our "coming out" stories and our respective visions for our community centers.

Issues discussed included the entire diversity of our community: women, men, transgendered, bisexual, people of color, sage and youth. We discussed the need for a specific mission, an overall vision, the development of financial and political support, the refurbishing of our physical space to create a warm environment conducive to growth and social events and the development of a strong volunteer base dedicated to community services. In essence...working together

In some ways TCC is still a "baby" in comparison to the NYC and Philadelphia Centers whose building spaces have more potential. NYC is getting ready to start a large \$6 million addition while the Philadelphia center is renovating the 26,000 square foot Engineer's Club, complete with ballroom. Yet in other ways, TCC is a maturing center with community outreach, the fundraising success of "Whoop-De-Do" and the strength of time tested bylaws and infrastructure.

So come on in! The heat is on and the hearts are warm. TCC needs your ideas and energy. We need people who are skilled in grant writing, additional board members, more social events and the people to run them, and more program ideas. We need to start searching for a better place to house TCC. Remember you're not too busy to be gay.

—Don Buxton; TCC President.



### JOHN DEL VECCHIO ATTENDS CEREMONY

The late Gianni Versace, one of the world's most prominent fashion designers, was honored posthumously at the Gala Awards Dinner of the National Italian American Foundation October 25th at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Over 3,000 prominent Italian Americans attended the event, joined by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Donatella Versace accepted the 1997 NIAF U. S./Italy Friendship Award on behalf of her brother. The NIAF, a national organization representing the interests of 25 million Americans of Italian heritage, will establish a scholarship fund in Versace's memory.

TCC Board member John Del Vecchio commented, "As a gay American of Italian heritage, I am very pleased that the nation's most important Italian organization—the NIAF—has struck a blow against homophobia by honoring a gay Italian-American with one of its most prestigious awards".

### BLANCHE BOYD AT TCC

TCC's Lesbian Literature group is sponsoring a book signing by Blanche Boyd, a local writer, on Sunday, Nov. 23 starting at 1 pm at TCC. Ms. Boyd's latest publication is the mystery "Terminal Velocity."

The Lit group meets at the Center on the first Tues. of each month. Starting time is 7:30 pm. For more information call Christine at (203) 847-8476.

### MOTHERHOOD AND APPLE PIE

On November 18th the Stamford/Greenwich chapter of NOW will hold a potluck/meeting at and with the Triangle Community Center. The topic for discussion will be Parenthood - Arranged, Natural and Otherwise. The potluck will begin at 6:30 followed by the discussion sometime after 7:30. Bring food to feed at least four. With so many children visibly being raised in families different from the "traditional," the question becomes - how much of childrearing is gendered by nature? Is biology destiny and should it be? And who gets to be the Mommy? Bring your thoughts, your experiences, and of course, your children.

### OUTDOOR FUN

Mountain bikers wanted for fun local rides on weekends in Fairfield and Westchester Counties. I'm also interested in cross country skiing. For more information please call Eileen (203) 531-6503.

### SUBJECTS SOUGHT

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has recently opened a new study, "Effects of Repeated Infusions of Adoptively Transferred Syngeneic Lymphocytes on the Immune Systems of HIV-1 Infected Identical Twins". They are seeking identical twins discordant for HIV infection. Betsey Herpin R.N., the research study coordinator assigned to this program, would be happy to answer questions or provide any additional information. Her phone number is 1-800-772-5464 X304.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was a hot lazy Sunday. My friend Carole and I decided to enjoy the afternoon by skating around the area of Fairfield beach on our Rollerblades and then going for a swim. The beach was crowded but we found a spot and laid out our towels. We went swimming twice. When we returned to our belongings the second time, we saw that there was a pasty substance down the middle of Carole's towel. We were so innocent at first. We tried to guess what it was and how it got there.

It looked like feces. From what, we didn't know, but it was definitely not from any bird. It really looked like it had been wiped there on purpose. It hit me suddenly, like a train. Someone on the beach had actually gone out of their way to do this. It hit Carole then too. We stopped talking. I felt the blood leave my face in shock. I began, for the first time, to see the people around us. I examined every face and read all the body language I could. It appeared that people were minding their own business. The day stopped being a lazy Sunday for us.

I threw out Carole's towel and we left. As I skated back to the car, I felt sick and I wanted to cry, but mostly I was incredulous. My head was reeling. I couldn't comprehend what I knew was the truth. I kept asking myself, 'How could somebody be so hateful as to go out of their way to be so unkind?' Carole and I are a gay couple and somebody on that beach recognized and objected to it. Although we never touched each other (we know better than to do that) we figure we must have looked too happy, content, and comfortable in each others company.

For a while afterward, I found myself minimizing the event, but a friend of mine pointed out that the kind of immaturity and hate Carole and I experienced on Fairfield beach that day may vary in degree, but the motivation of superiority, entitlement, and ignorance behind it is the same. This kind of mentality mustn't be tolerated. I wonder how many people on the beach that day saw what happened? I find it hard to believe that no one did. It doesn't matter how it shows up, how it's expressed. It is hate, pure and simple, and it's the kind of hate that none of us can afford to turn our eyes from.

Perhaps people who have been targets of bigotry could write down their stories as I have. Write to let everyone know how insidious it is. Write so that everyone will understand that tolerating differences is a key to maturity and wisdom.

-Kelly Kirby

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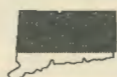
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### THE GAY GOURMET

#### MARINATED TOMATOES WITH FETTUCINE

1 - 28 oz. can, imported Italian plum tomatoes  
1/4 cup snipped parsley  
4 tbsp olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
several basil leaves, chopped  
dash coarse ground pepper  
1 lb. fettucine

Coarsely chop the tomatoes and combine in a bowl with parsley, olive oil, garlic, basil and pepper. Cover and refrigerate 2 - 3 hours. Cook fettucine in a large pot in boiling salted water until al dente; drain. Pour into large serving bowl and toss gently with tomato mixture. Serve with grated cheese. Four main or eight side portions.



### STATEWIDE - MILITARY RECRUITERS ON CAMPUS

Fearing that Connecticut's public universities will lose up to \$70 million a year in federal aid because of a state ban on military recruiting on campus, lawmakers will consider changing state law at a special session of the Legislature. Last year the State Supreme Court found that the state's gay rights law barred the armed forces from campus recruiting because they exclude people who are openly gay. As a result, the federal government said, it would withhold grants and scholarships to military personnel attending state universities, and state officials said they feared that other federal aid might also be in jeopardy. New York state changed its policy last year, and last month, the City College of San Francisco lifted its ban rather than lose about \$1.7 million in federal funds.

### STATEWIDE - YOUTH GROUPS

**BGLAD4YOUTH, New Haven** - Weekly meetings, Saturdays 3-5 P.M., at a New Haven church, for g/l/b youth age 22 and under. A safe environment to make friends, discuss common concerns, and ask questions. Adult facilitator. For more information call Kevin (203)624-0947.

**Central Connecticut Youth, Middletown** - Weekly support group for ages 22 and under. G/l/b/t and their friends are welcome. Meetings are Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 in a classroom at a Middletown church. An adult facilitator leads discussions and answers questions; group members provide friendship and social activities. For more information and details call Paul at (860)347-9514.

**Lifestyles United, Bridgeport** - A support group for g/l/b/t and questioning youth in the greater Bridgeport area, meeting every Thursday night at the Bridgeport Health Department, 752 East Main St., Bridgeport. In addition to education and support, the group writes and performs various works about their experiences. Call (203)576-7679 for more information.

**One-In-Ten Youth Group, New London** - This group provides peer and social support to l/g/b and questioning youth in the greater New London area. The group meets Sundays from 4-6 pm. For location and more information call (203)443-3015.

**OutSpoken, Norwalk** - A support group for g/l/b and questioning youths (ages 16-22) that meets every Sunday from 4-6 pm at the Triangle Community Center, 25 Van Zant St., Norwalk. Share stories; discuss issues ranging from coming out and relationships to family, friends, school and work; and occasionally sponsor dances and go to special events like Pride. Youth from throughout Connecticut and Westchester are welcome. For more information call Dan at 203-227-1755.

**YANA, Danbury** - A student-based group at Danbury High School that is open to all g/l/b youth in the area. Meetings are every Tuesday from 2:30-4:00 pm at the school. For more information call faculty advisor Herb Hintze at (203)797-4800.

**Your Turf, Hartford** - A facilitated group that provides support and social connection for l/g/b youth. Your Turf meets Friday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Hartford GLBT Community Center, 1841 Broad St., Hartford.

### HARTFORD - LOWER CAR INSURANCE

Gay couples, widows and divorced people deserve a break on their auto insurance, Hartford Financial Services Group (The Hartford) said. The Hartford said it has identified a category called "diverse households" that has proven to be as deserving of lower auto insurance rates as married couples. The change could affect one in eight U.S. households, or 12 million households in total.

"Married couples generally are responsible drivers, allowing them to enjoy lower premiums," said Bruce Hale, director of diversity marketing for The Hartford. "We now believe domestic partners, as well as widows, widowers or divorcees raising children fall into this category as well," Hale said. "We've named this category 'diverse households,' and we're dropping their auto insurance rates accordingly — in some cases by more than 25 percent."

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### HAMDEN - QUINNIPIAC GAYS, OFFICIALS CLASH

A Quinnipiac College administrator's decision to forcibly remove a student gay rights banner has resulted in campus tension and debates about free speech. The confrontation came as two dates converged; October 11 was proclaimed "Quinnipiac College Coming Out Day" by Gays, Lesbians and Straight Supporters, the college's gay organization, and it was Open House Day for prospective students and their parents.

GLAS members noticed that their first banner, which read, "National Coming Out Day at QC, Monday, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Library Steps, Sponsored by GLAS" was removed from the cafeteria wall. The GLAS officials heard that the college's administration ordered that the banner be removed. GLAS members then decided to make a second, identical sign and post it outside, on the wall of the campus library. About a dozen GLAS members gathered near the sign on the library steps. Within a half hour campus security told them to take the sign down.

The president of GLAS, Molly Scott, then decided to create and hold yet another sign, this one reading: "This sign is not about gay rights - ask me why." Shortly afterward, Donald Blumenthal, the college's senior associate dean of student affairs, arrived. According to Scott, Blumenthal said, "Molly, please don't hold that sign up today. This is not the time or place for this."

Scott recalled that when she protested to Blumenthal he told her, "We're a private university; we have the power to do whatever we want." Blumenthal deferred comment to the college's Public Affairs Department. Vice President for Public Affairs Lynn Bushnell said the incident had nothing to do with free speech or gay rights. "The group posted its sign on the library itself," she said. "The college has a long-standing policy that signs cannot be posted on buildings."

### NEW HAVEN - KRAMER RECALLS YALE

Standing in front of a packed church, nationally known gay playwright Larry Kramer wasn't far from a place that still haunts him. That place is a dorm room in Lawrence Hall at Yale University where, in 1953 with a bottle of aspirin, Kramer tried to commit suicide. "I didn't want to come back to New Haven," Kramer said about the place that made him feel alone and desperate, defeated and sick because he was gay.

Kramer spoke at the United Church on the Green to mark the first birthday of the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Kramer, author of such award-winning plays as "The Normal Heart," "The Destiny of Me" and "Faggots," was the event's keynote speaker.

The founder of ACT-UP, a group that sought to draw national attention to the plight of AIDS sufferers through acts of civil disobedience, talked about the importance of a gay community center and gay studies. Kramer cautioned gays about the hate and discrimination that persists for them and urged gays to fight for their rights.

"In the end, it's up to you. You're not going to get it if you don't pressure for it," Kramer said. "We pushed a few bricks in their faces. It's up to you to knock the walls down."

### STAMFORD - AIDS PLAY

The Stamford Theatre Works presents "Lonely Planet," a compassionate comedy/drama about friendship and fear in the age of AIDS written by Steven Dietz and directed by Steve Karp. The play will run from November 5 - 23; Tuesday - Saturday beginning at 8 p.m.; Sunday beginning at 7 p.m. (first weekend only) and matinees on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. "Lonely Planet" will be performed at the Stamford Theatre Works at the Sacred Heart Academy for the Arts, 200 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford. Tickets range from \$13.50 to \$25.00. Parking is free. For more information call the box office at (203) 359-4414.

### STAMFORD - CONCERT

Wayne Osborne will perform his original songs and lyrics in a concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, 1101 Bedford St. The date set for the concert is Nov. 9 beginning at 5pm. There is no charge for the concert. But any donations received will go to benefit Bread 'n Roses.

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## THE CONNECTICUT CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 1997

- Wednesday, November 5** — Blanche Boyd will read from her book "Terminal Velocity" at the Reader's Feast, 7:30pm.
- Thursday-Monday, November 6-10** — The Fifth Annual Single Men's Weekend in Provincetown.
- Saturday, November 8** — Project 100/Hartford GLBT Community Center presents True Colors: A Night of Song and Laughter, with special appearances by the Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus, Another Octave, Comedian John Guthrie, Dawn Terese, Sammy, and Kandi Kane. Bulkeley High School Auditorium, 300 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford (secure parking), 8:00 PM. Tickets available at Metrostore, Reader's Feast, the Community Center, or call 1-860-233-8334.
- Saturday, November 8** — the connecticuT View presents Boys Will Be Girls, a fun-filled female impersonator dinner and show to benefit Pediatric AIDS — Connecticut Children's Medical Center, at the North Country Inn and Restaurant, New Milford (junction of rts. 7 and 37). Cash bar at 7:00, dinner at 8:00, show at 9:30. Buffet dinner and show: \$35; show only: \$15. Mail checks payable to "the connecticuT View" to Denise Mason, P.O. Box 2281, Devon CT 06460.
- Monday, November 10** — Scott O'Hara will be signing his book "Autopornography" at the Reader's Feast, 7:00 PM.
- Friday, November 14** — Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus presents "It Takes a Woman: An Evening of Music For and About Women," Pequot Library, Southport, 8:00 PM. \$12 admission/\$8.00 students and seniors. For more information and tickets call Amy Weiss, 203-772-0639.
- Saturday, November 15** — TCC Friendraiser, at Caught In The Act, Bridgeport, 6 - 9 PM. Admission members \$8/ non-members \$10.
- Saturday, November 15** — Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus, First and Summerfield Methodist Church, New Haven Green. See November 14 listing for more details.
- Saturday, November 15** — Gay Bingo to benefit the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective. \$10 admission. Over \$500 in cash and prizes. At the Hartford GLBT Community Center, starting at 7:00 PM. For more information call 1-860-278-4163.
- Thursday, November 20** — "Pageant" kick-off party to get volunteers to help with the production of "Pageant," at Triangle Community Center, starting at 7:00 PM.
- Thursday, November 20** — What's Sex Got to Do With It? Queer Issues and Social Justice, a lecture by Mab Segrest, award-winning author of "Memoir of a Race Traitor," who has written extensively on gender, race, and sexuality. Trinity College, Washington Room, 8:00 PM. Call 297-2408 for more information.

**Friday, November 21** — Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus, Trinity College Mather Hall, Hartford. Sponsored by the Trinity Women's organization to benefit the Hartford Interval House. See November 14 listing for more details.

**Saturday - Sunday, November 22 - 23** — Boston Pride Show '97, featuring products and services from local and national businesses combined with a full schedule of entertainment and special events.

**Saturday, November 22** — Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus, Unitarian Universalist Society, Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, including the Chorus' first ever silent auction. See November 14 listing for more details.

**Sunday, November 23** — Blanche Boyd will read from her book "Terminal Velocity" at the Triangle Community Center starting at 1:00 PM. Sponsored by the Lesbian Literature Group.

**Sunday, November 23** — The Connecticut Gay and Lesbian Film Festival presents a benefit screening of Fire, at Cinestudio, 2:30 PM.

### DECEMBER 1997

**Saturday, December 6, 1997** — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Quick Center, Fairfield University, 8:30 PM.

**Saturday, December 13, 1997** — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Lincoln Theater, University of Hartford, 8 PM

**Sunday, December 14, 1997** — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Garde Arts Center, New London, 2 PM

**Saturday, December 20, 1997** — The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents Christmas With A Legend. Legendary entertainer Julie Wilson joins the fifty merry men of the GGMC for a Christmas celebration nonpareil. Shubert Theater, New Haven, 8 PM.

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### BISHOPS: GAYS 'NOT IMMORAL'

Catholic parents and their supporters applauded a 10-page letter released Sept. 30 by a governing body of U.S. Catholic bishops. The letter tells families to support their Gay children. The letter also states that homosexuality is probably not a choice. "A common opinion of experts is that there are multiple factors — genetic, hormonal, psychological — that may give rise to it," states the letter, which is titled *Always Our*

*Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers.* "Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen. By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes the freedom to choose."

It took four years for the bishops to agree on its content, and it has been sent to all 370 bishops in the United States. It will be sent to the 20,000 Catholic parishes across the country later this month, advising Catholics how to handle this issue but not mandating them to do so.

But while Gay civil rights advocates praised the pastoral letter for addressing a topic the Catholic Church has seemingly shunned in the past, they also criticized language in it that indicates gay people must remain celibate. "It is God's plan that sexual intercourse occur only within marriage between a man and a woman," the letter states. "Second, every act of intercourse must be open to the possible creation of new human life." The letter continues by saying that because two people of the same gender cannot get a marriage license and because sex between them does not create "new human life ... the Church teaches that homogenital behavior is objectively immoral, while making the important distinction between this behavior and a homosexual orientation, which is not immoral in itself."

### NGLTF ADDS BISEXUALS & TRANSGENDERS

The board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on September 13 added bisexuals and transgendered people to its official mission statement which outlines the goals and scope of its civil rights work. The revised mission statement adopted by the board states, "The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force works to eliminate prejudice, violence, and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people at the local, state, and national level."

The board's action comes at a time when groups representing transgendered persons have been urging gay political groups to ask Congress as well as state and local legislative bodies to include protections for transgendered persons in gay civil rights bills. Most Gay civil rights bills include protections for bisexuals by calling for a ban on discrimination against a person's sexual orientation and defining sexual orientation in the legislation as homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality.

### GAY PRESS FAST GROWING

Advertising spending in the gay press reached \$100.2 million this year, a 35.9% increase over 1996, according to the fourth annual Mulryan/Nash Gay Press Report, a national study of ad spending and editorial content in the 138 gay-targeted print publications across the U.S. In comparison, ad revenues in mainstream newspapers grew just 12.9% over 1996, as reported by the Newspaper Association of America, and ad spending in mainstream magazines grew 11.2%, according to the Publisher's Information Bureau.

Meanwhile, mainstream advertisers continued to show a strong commitment to the gay press. Among the big-name, first-time advertisers in 1997 were the generally conservative Aetna Retirement Services, American Express Financial Services, and IBM. HBO and The Sundance Channel also appeared for the first time, as did the airlines United and Continental. And in the fashion category Perry Ellis, Joe Boxer, Prada and Dolce & Gabbana all placed ads.

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### ANOTHER CHALLENGE

The military's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on homosexuals got a vote of confidence from a fourth federal appeals court when, by a 2-1 vote, a panel of three judges in Seattle rejected a challenge to the law by two gay officers. The decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle means that appeals courts in New York, Virginia, Nebraska and now Washington have upheld part or all of the Clinton administration policy enacted in 1993.

Legal experts believe that the growing agreement among federal courts means that it may be some time before the Supreme Court rules on the law. The high court generally leaves a law alone until there is a conflict between two federal circuit courts. Only then would the justices feel compelled to resolve the conflicting interpretations of law. The courts seem to be saying that although the military's rationale for excluding gays from its ranks may be flawed, it is sound enough to remain as part of the law of the land.

The latest decision came in two cases that the court combined into one — Navy Lt. Richard P. Watson and former California Army National Guard 1st Lt. Andrew Holmes had filed separate challenges to the gay ban in 1995. Both cases have been pending ever since. Both Watson and Holmes had revealed their sexual orientation to commanders. Each refused to "rebut the presumption" that they would engage in homosexual conduct. Under "don't ask, don't tell," gay service members can remain on duty if they demonstrate they did not, will not, nor have a propensity to, engage in homosexual acts. Based on their statements, and subsequent refusals to rebut presumptions, administrative panels voted to discharge both Watson and Holmes. Each filed a federal lawsuit shortly afterward.

### SEARCH AND DESTROY

The Capitol Resource Institute was created in 1987, largely with the support of Rob Hurtt, an Orange County businessman who was later elected to the state Senate, where he serves as Republican leader. Its promotional materials are soothing: "The staff and resources have grown along with our sophistication and effectiveness. Making friends in the Legislature and all over the state, we have become a recognized leader in coalition-building among conservative and family organizations."

But when it comes to the "gay agenda," all Madison Avenue polish is replaced by bare knuckles. A bill lawmakers sent Governor Pete Wilson that would outlaw discrimination based on "sexual orientation" was blasted as "the crown jewel for the homosexual lobby." The measure by Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, "empowers homosexuals to launch taxpayer-funded lawsuits against businesspersons, property owners, Bible book store owners, Christian radio stations, the Boy Scouts and many others who are personally opposed to homosexuality."

"The gay agenda is not the people's agenda," said the group's executive director, Randy Thomasson. Essential to the CRI organization's philosophy is the belief that homosexuality is chosen. "This makes a mockery of true civil rights, by placing sexual behavior on the same level as immutable characteristics such as race and nationality," reads one CRI "statewide action alert" on the Villaraigosa bill (AB 257).

A CRI handout called "Responses to the Gay Rights Agenda" by Thomasson notes, "Homosexuals are among the most advantaged people in our country. There are members of Congress, judges, CEOs, entertainers and persons of high influence. There is no evidence of categorical discrimination preventing them from acquiring jobs with high incomes. Research by marketing firms shows that, as a group, homosexuals have higher-than-average per capita annual incomes (\$36,800 vs. \$12,287), are more likely to hold college degrees (59.6 percent vs. 18 percent) have professional or managerial positions (49 percent vs. 15.9 percent) and are more likely to be overseas and frequent fliers." Frequent fliers?! Is there no end to gay madness?

### PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS GAY GROUP

President Clinton will become the first U.S. president to address a gay and lesbian group when he takes the podium November 8 as the keynote speaker for a gala dinner hosted by the Human Rights Campaign. The organization, the largest lesbian and gay rights group in the nation, announced Clinton's participation yesterday and hailed it as historic.

Clinton will share the stage with actress and comedian Ellen DeGeneres, who came out as a lesbian earlier this year. DeGeneres is being honored by the Human Rights Campaign along with her mother, Betty DeGeneres, who has become a spokeswoman for the group, and Dorothy Height and Wade Henderson, both longtime leaders in the African American civil rights movement.

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## CLINTON TO APPOINT LESBIAN

President Clinton is preparing to appoint former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo, 56, to his senior staff in the White House. The post would make Apuzzo the highest-ranking openly gay person ever to serve in a federal government position. Apuzzo served as head of NGTF for three years, testifying before Congress and becoming one of the most visible and influential figures in a quickly growing Gay civil rights movement.

Apuzzo will be appointed as assistant to the president for management and administration. She is currently assistant deputy assistant secretary for the Department of Labor. As assistant to the president for management and administration, Apuzzo would be responsible for the operation of the White House and its office complexes, and supervise its nonpolitical and non-policy personnel, including security guards.

## GAY AMBASSADOR

President Clinton has nominated James Hormel, a gay San Francisco businessman and wealthy Democratic donor, to become ambassador to Luxembourg. If confirmed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Hormel would become the first openly homosexual envoy for the United States. The committee, chaired by conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has previously confirmed Hormel as an alternate delegate to the United Nations. Hormel, 64, has donated at least \$120,000 to party candidates and causes since 1995. An heir to the Hormel Meat Co. fortune, he sits on the boards of the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

## "CURE" CAUSES DAMAGE

With the support of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, psychologist Ariel Shidlo and fellow psychologist Michael Schroeder are researching what happens to people who undergo so-called "reparative" therapy and fail to change their sexual orientation. Halfway to his goal of interviewing 200 people who furtively attempted to become heterosexual with the help of a licensed therapist or an "ex-gay" counseling group, Shidlo can provide a preliminary damage estimate:

A significant proportion of reparative therapy patients sustain serious, lasting injuries. Having been misled into thinking that being gay is a mental disorder and something that can be changed if they'll only try hard enough, many people feel doubly flawed when a "cure" eludes them.

Reparative therapy not only encourages self-hatred but often sours family relationships by spreading the myth that homosexuality results from poor parenting. Some patients suffer spiritually when they cannot do what they're told God requires. And a great many temporarily lose their capacity for real human intimacy. Repressing gay desires creates a void, not a true heterosexual, Shidlo finds.

Ironically, the one way reparative therapy beneficial to a few people is proving to them that they really are gay and should accept themselves, Shidlo's research shows. The healthiest journey for gay people is toward self-acceptance. Therapists can mark the path or stay out of the way. Clearly, there's no other ethical option.

## BRITISH AIRWAYS AND GAY MARKET

British Airways, in its first consumer advertising and promotion aimed at the gay and lesbian market, has signed a multiyear agreement to sponsor the Rainbow Card, a Visa affinity credit card, and the annual Rainbow Card Leadership Award presented by Do Tell Inc. in Conshohocken, Pa., which operates the Rainbow Card. Terms were not disclosed.

The agreement was signed with the Rainbow Endowment, a nonprofit organization that distributes charitable grants financed by donations from Rainbow Card users. It comes after British Airways began promotions aimed at travel agents in the gay and lesbian market. British Airways is the card's second sponsor after the Subaru of America unit of Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd.

## CHINA

Discrimination against gay men and women in China has decreased in the last few years, especially in urban areas, where more and more places are openly known as gay hang-outs and their denizens no longer fear the king of police roundups that were common only a few years ago.

## TRAVEL NEWS

### SAVANNAH, GA

Begin your explorations of Savannah inside the restored 1860s rail terminal that houses both the Savannah Visitors Center and the Savannah History Museum. From here it's a short walk north to the one part of Savannah with a significant number of gay-frequented businesses, City Market, a three-block pedestrian mall. The nearby gay disco, Club One, is the performing home of The Lady Chablis, who figured so prominently in *The Book*, as *Midnight in The Garden of Good and Evil*. Of particular note is the privately-owned Mercer House, in which *Midnight's* central figure, antiques dealer Jim Williams, shot and killed his young lover, Danny Hansford, in 1981.

Savannah still rivals any Southern destination for historic architecture and dazzling house-museums. If you have time for only one, visit the Owens-Thomas House, a splendidly restored 1819 Regency mansion built by the renowned British architect William Jay. At the north end of the district, the city's riverfront is lined with a beautiful row of restored cotton warehouses - now containing a slew of touristy businesses.

For dining, stick to one of the several gay-friendly local favorites. Head to one of the most famous restaurants in the nation, Elizabeth on 37th, which specializes in subtly sublime regional cooking, such as sauteed Georgia shrimp with thyme, garlic, vegetables, an eggplant cake, and vinegar butter. A bit more affordable, chic Il Pasticcio presents contemporary Northern Italian cuisine - sample veal medallions with gorgonzola and a sundried tomato demi-glace.

For either lunch or dinner, the trendy City Market Cafe is a consistently outstanding choice, serving parmesan-crusting crab cakes that will melt in your mouth. You'll find the best burgers in town, at the Crystal Beer Parlour, an old-fashioned tavern on the southwestern edge of the Historic District. Stop by the Savannah Coffeehouse to quell your caffeine cravings or catch live music. Although some locals shun the increasingly touristy Club One, at 30,000 square feet, it's one of the most impressive clubs in the Southeast. Neighborhood bars include relatively new Felicia's and the cozy Faces II.

Savannah's old hotels have become increasingly hospitable to the community. Of affordable chain properties, Days Inn is clean, pleasantly furnished, and centrally located. Rooms at the Foley House Inn contain antiques and Oriental rugs. Joan's on Jones lets out two 19th-century studio apartments. The only gay/lesbian-oriented B&B in Savannah, 912 Barnard is also one of the least expensive. This dramatic turn-of-the-century house has been handsomely restored to its original splendor, with antiques and authentic colors that fully convey the ambiance of the city.

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### AZ - AIDS DRUGS STOP

The day after the government reported a nationwide decline in deaths from AIDS, the state health department said it can no longer supply the very expensive drugs that are keeping people with HIV and AIDS alive. The Arizona Department of Health Services said yesterday that a \$1 million funding shortage will force it to stop providing the drugs, called protease inhibitors, as of Nov. 1.

The department also put an immediate cap on the number of people who receive other, less powerful anti-HIV medications through its federally funded AIDS Drug Assistance Program. As of yesterday, no new patients will be added to the program unless someone dies or goes off their medication.

### CA - GAY BILL UNNECESSARY

Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed a bill that would have given gays and lesbians more legal protection from discrimination on the job and in housing, calling it unnecessary. The bill, by Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, would have repealed the provision in the state Labor Code that prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation and added a similar provision to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Current law prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation. But the law, part of the state Labor Code, doesn't cover nonprofit organizations. Villaraigosa's bill would have extended the law's prohibitions to cover nonprofit groups that aren't church-related.

### DC - JEB'S POWERFUL LENS

The most powerful weapon for Joan E. Biren in her fight for Gay civil rights during the past two decades is sitting in Room 207 at George Washington University's Gelman Library. People say "JEB" started a revolution around 1971 when she taught herself to use a 35mm camera to shoot photos that publicized the lives of Lesbians.

"The most important thing about JEB was that she was open and the women in her photographs were openly Lesbian," said gay artist and writer Tee A. Corinne. "Before then, there was almost nothing."

During the 1970s and 1980s, Biren drove across the country meeting gay people and taking their pictures at community gatherings, sporting events, concerts, and conferences, among other venues. Because of those photographs an entire generation began to view itself proudly and was empowered politically.

Sixty-one of JEB's best photographs of women and men are on display at the library until Nov. 21 as part of: *Queerly Visible, 1971-1991*, The Work of JEB (Joan E. Biren), a Washington, D.C., photographer. The last Nikon camera she used, a mound of her press passes, and books that contain her photos also are displayed.

### FLORIDA - FACING CHARGES

William Calvert, computer programs manager for the AIDS surveillance division of the Florida Department of Health Rehabilitative Services, faces charges of misusing confidential information as a public official after allegedly copying the names of nearly 4,000 HIV-positive and AIDS patients into his laptop computer and illegally using the list as a reference to inform his gay friends about their dates' HIV status.

### HI - BENEFITS LIMITED

A new controversial law intended to extend health benefits to adults who can't marry will not apply to most private companies, based on a settlement between the state and five companies that sued in federal court to challenge the so-call reciprocal beneficiaries law that took effect July 8.

The companies had challenged the new law, saying a federal law preempted the state law. But the settlement doesn't address that issue, only who will have to pay under the new law. Under the settlement, the parties agree that the law only applies to employers who have contracted with insurance companies directly. Most employers contract with health maintenance organizations or mutual benefit societies, such as Hawaii Medical Services Association. Currently, 318,000 of 320,000 employers in the state are covered by such health plans, leaving only about 1,800 who would have to pay health benefits to reciprocal beneficiaries.

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### IN - NEW NOTRE DAME POLICY

The University of Notre Dame has adopted a "statement of inclusion" that affirms the Roman Catholic school's regard for all persons, specifically mentioning gays and lesbians. The statement, "The Spirit of Inclusion at Notre Dame," in part reads: "We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality ... precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated. We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community." The statement will be published in all major university publications.

### MA - CLASH POSTPONED

Reverend Fred Phelps has decided to postpone his March on Provincetown. The reverend had planned to lead members of his Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church into "the most perverted spot on earth" (his words) today, to protest a school antibias program he says is designed to foster acceptance of gays and lesbians. Phelps's visit would have coincided with Provincetown's festive Women's Week, a celebration of alternative lifestyles that brings 2,000 to 3,000 lesbians into town. Phelps said that he will still "picket the pants off Provincetown," but at a later date.

### MA - BOSTON PRIDE SHOW '97

Nearly one hundred national and local businesses are taking advantage of an opportunity to access New England's lucrative and visible gay and lesbian market at an upcoming business and entertainment expo. Boston Pride Show '97 is an all-new, weekend-long showcase for businesses friendly to the gay community held in a festive and entertaining environment. The show is scheduled for November 22 and 23, 1997 at the Boston Center for the Arts' Cyclorama.

National and regional sponsors of the event include American Airlines, American Express Financial Advisors, BankBoston, Ira Motor Group, Poland Spring, Tower Records, Copley Place, Wainwright Bank and Waterstone's Booksellers, among others. A limited number of additional exhibitor spaces are still available.

The show boasts a weekend full of activities including product demonstrations, a live and silent auction, book signings, musical guests and a range of exciting entertainment including "Disco Sunday." Three New England charitable organizations, AIDS Action Committee, Community Servings and Fenway Community Health Center, have joined Boston Pride Show '97 as community partners.

### ME - PEOPLE'S VETO

Saying it was a miracle they reached their goal, Maine gay rights foes have gathered more than enough signatures to force a referendum on a new law barring discrimination against homosexuals. Once the petitions were checked over by state election officials, the gay rights law that was supposed to take effect was put on hold. Volunteers all over the state gathered 58,750 voters' signatures. A total of 51,131 were needed to force a "people's veto" referendum and put what was promoted as a civil rights law in abeyance.

The law, which was approved by the Legislature earlier this year after a two-decade effort, bars discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in housing, public accommodations, credit and employment. A leader of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance said she was surprised the opponents were able to round up the signatures they needed, but remained confident that voters will uphold the law when they vote on it at a special election on a yet-undefined date after November but before next April.

### MN - PASTOR MAY FACE TRIAL

To the Rev. Jimmy Creech, it was "a very simple and very meaningful service." But to others, the ceremony uniting two lesbian members of his United Methodist congregation was an assault on church policy. Following the "covenanting" ceremony Sept. 14, a member of Creech's congregation filed a formal complaint against the pastor, the first step in a disciplinary procedure that could lead to a church trial. "I cannot imagine as a pastor saying 'no' to two people who say they want to make a commitment to each other in the context of their faith," said Creech, despite the ban on such practices.

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During its 1996 General Conference, the top legislative body of the United Methodist Church, the nation's second-largest Protestant church, added to its set of Social Principles a statement saying, "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in churches." Official church policy is set by the General Conference, but it is uncertain whether the Social Principles have the same status as church law, contained in the Book of Discipline. On the issue of homosexuality, the Discipline simply states that it is "incompatible with Christian teaching" and makes no mention of same-sex unions. "I don't think that I'm in violation of church law, but I do stand in opposition to the church's unjust position that singles out and discriminates against committed members of this denomination," Creech said.

## NY - COP SUSPENDED

A New York City police officer who won a medal from a gay cops' group has been suspended for 30 days for allegedly using sexual epithets when he gave the medal back after the ceremony, police said. The Gay Officers Action League gave Officer Lawrence Johnston a medal for valor at the NYPD's annual Medal Day ceremony at police headquarters. He allegedly used "some very vulgar language with sexual innuendoes" when he returned the medal shortly after ceremony. He has been suspended without pay. It was not immediately clear why Johnston was given the medal or why he returned it.

## TX - LIFEWALK

Police estimated more than 7,000 people followed the 5-kilometer oval AIDS LifeWalk '97 route through Oak Lawn. The walkers raised more than \$700,000 for Oak Lawn Community Service and other area AIDS charities, organizations and health centers, organizers said. That's about \$100,000 more than the record amount raised last year, LifeWalk officials said. Participants raised money by getting friends, neighbors and businesses to sponsor their walk. Area high schools and church ministries also sponsored walk teams.

Some volunteers credited Sunday's big numbers to the good news about improved treatments with drugs known as protease inhibitors. Combinations of those drugs have led to the first decrease in the AIDS death rate since the epidemic was identified 16 years ago. LifeWalk T-shirts repeated that message with the slogan: "I walk because I care, and because AIDS is not over."

## RHS ACTS TO SUPPORT GAY STUDENTS

Rutland High School will work to support gay and lesbian teenagers as the result of a petition signed by 200 students. "We are tired of watching our friends get harassed," read the petition sent to staff. "We are tired of seeing people depressed because they have no one to turn to. We are tired of students going to Rutland High School in fear and we want an end to it." Administrators responded by allowing petition organizers to speak with the school's 70 faculty members.

The petition said although the school wouldn't tolerate racial or ethnic slurs, the staff wasn't addressing attacks against sexual orientation. The petition said that gay and lesbian students were afraid to protest because of fear of harassment. City school Superintendent David Wolk said, "It was a helpful wake-up call for all of us. We were the students and they were the teachers."

## WA - CAMMERMEYER INTO POLITICS

Retired Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who once called herself "one of the most famous lesbians in the country," said Monday she's inclined to run for Congress and doesn't worry about becoming a lightning rod. Democrat Cammermeyer, who drew national attention with her successful fight to stay in the Washington National Guard despite the military's policy of discharging gay men and lesbians, said she's mulling a challenge of two-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf. The 2nd District includes Western Washington from Everett to the Canadian border.



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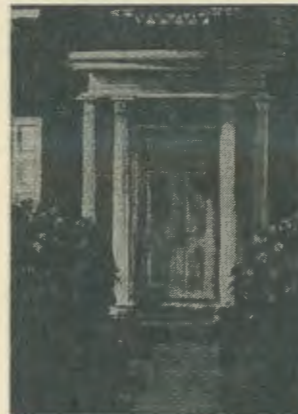
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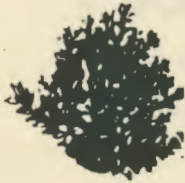


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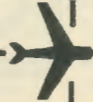
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 26 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	27 Women's Rap 7:30	28 HIV couns 3:30-6:30	29 P-FLAG 7:45	30 Men's Rap 7:30	31 Bowling 9:15 pm Circle Lanes NLPF Halloween Party New London Berkshire Weekend	1
2 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	3 Women's Rap 7:30	4 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 Lesbian Lit 7:30 Fund Raising 7:30	5 P-FLAG 7:45	6 Men's Rap 7:30	7 Bowling 9:15 Circle Lanes	8
9 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Concert-Stamford, 5:00	10 Women's Rap 7:30	11 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 TCC Board 7:30	12 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	13 Mens' Rap 7:30	14 Out & About 6:30-8 Bowling 9:15 Circle Lanes	15 TCC Friendraiser- Bridgeport, 3-6pm
16 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	17 Women's Rap 7:30	18 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 Invest Club 7:30	19	20 Men's Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex- Spouses 7:30 "Pageant" party-TCC, 7:00	21 Bowling 9:15 Circle Lanes	22
23 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Blanche Boyd 1:00	24 Women's Rap 7:30	25 HIV couns 3:30-6:30 TCC Board 7:30	26 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	27 Men's Rap 7:30	28 Bowling 9:15 pm Circle Lanes	29
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### GROUPS MEETING AT OR SPONSORED BY TCC

A.A. - Don 762-9964

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35+ Womens Pot Luck - Judy 227-7162

Free Association of Fairfield County - John 268-8858 x304

Gay Men's Rap Group - Dave 838-1881; John 261-7349

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

Lesbian Literature Reading Group - Christine, 847-8476

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

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

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

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

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

Women's Rap Group - Chandra 228-8652; Linda 866-4598;  
Michele 438-4465

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