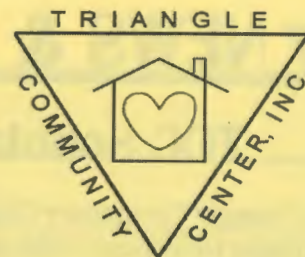


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TCC's FOURTH ANNUAL "TIME OUT" PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 1998
11:37 AM to 4:33 PM

WHERE: Scalzi Park, Stamford, CT

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring the food item indicated by the first initial of your last name (hot dogs, burgers, corn and desserts will be supplied).



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



ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, tennis, basketball, handball, bocce, baseball, general fun (Please bring sports equipment if you have it).

COST: FREE to TCC members and supporters!

INFO: Call Don at: (203) 762-9964 for more info.

Directions to Scalzi Park from I-95

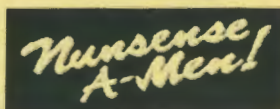
South: Exit 7 (Atlantic Street, Rte. 137). Go straight off ramp through three traffic lights. At fourth light bear right onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Follow Washington Blvd. through town for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi Park will be on the left.

North: Exit 7 (Greenwich Ave., Rte. 137). Go straight through light at the end of exit ramp. At next traffic light, turn left onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Go under highway and follow Washington Blvd. through town for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi Park will be on the left.

"Nunsense A-Men!" Kick Off Party!

Based upon the success of last year's production of Pageant and Whoop Dee Doo in 1997, The Center will produce our third annual theatrical event ... "Nunsense A-Men!" The show is slated to run January 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23, 1999 at the Norwalk Community Technical College. These two shows netted a profit of approximately \$31,000.00 for TCC and Bread and Roses.

So we're calling all actors, stagehands, the-atre lovers and TCC community members to our KICK OFF PARTY to be held at the Center, Thursday, September 24th at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served! Please come out and join us for information on how you can be part of the fun! Let's help those little Sister's of Hoboken put on that talent show and give their dear departed a proper burial!! TCC Fund Raising Committee will be on hand to set out needs for this exciting show! Many hands make for light work! If you have any questions, feel free to call Elliott Arluck (returning as Producer) at 203-330-0616!



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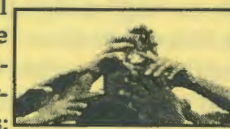
Where Are We Going?

The Center's lease expires in 1999. Do you know if we'll be moving? The Center has a substantial treasury. Do you know how it will be utilized? TCC has a scholarship fund. Do you know how it operates? Several activities are planned for the rest of the year. Do you know how many people volunteered to these and other important questions come to the Triangle Community Center's Annual Town Meeting on October 4th from 3 - 5 PM.



Facilitator Training Workshop

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, from 9am-1pm, TCC will be hosting a free interactive leadership training program for those volunteers who have or will be interested in facilitating support groups for the Triangle and New Haven Community Centers. Ms. Patty Schein will teach ways of running successful support groups and increased leader confidence. Participants will learn how to provide facilitator consistency throughout a network of support groups. They will learn how to structure groups; create and maintain safety within; set appropriate boundaries; handle difficult participants; and manage group emotions; the differences between therapy and support; the role of the support group leader; the ways to handle usual and unusual problems; how to energize and calm the group; and create group cohesion. The acquisition of all of these much-needed skills will be taught, free of charge, by Patty Schein, M.Ed. LMFT.



Ms. Schein is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice in Milford, CT. She has been practicing holistic psychotherapy with individuals, groups, couples and families since 1973. She is also an Approved Supervisor of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, is certified in Gestalt Therapy, EMDR, Reiki Healing, and as an Experiential Therapist. Call Denny at: (203) 367-3911.

Movie Night is Back!

Each month TCC will feature a gay themed film. The first film will be shown on Sunday, September 27th at 7 PM. Soda and popcorn will be provided. Suggested donation is \$3.

The September choice is: *Different for Girls* - 101 min. - 1996

The cast includes Rupert Graves, Steven Mackintosh, Miriam Margolys, Saskia Reeves, Charlotte Coleman. Winner of the Grand Prix of the Americas Award for Best Film at the 1996 Montreal Film Festival, the film is a uniquely poignant and funny film. It focuses on the rekindling of a school relationship but with a new twist. When Paul last saw his old school friend he remembered him as Karl. Fifteen years later they meet again, but Karl is now Kim, a post operative transsexual. Worlds apart in their attitudes, they seem to have nothing in common. But somehow, they fall in love.



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TCC Scholarship Fund Presents Its First Two Awards

The Triangle Community Center's Scholarship Fund made its debut in August by awarding two \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were chosen from among several qualified candidates. TCC President Don Buxton (seen below presenting a check to Heather Weimann) was quoted as saying, "For several years it had been a goal for many of us at TCC to start a scholarship fund.. I'm thrilled to see it become a reality." TCC will present two scholarships again next year. For more information or to apply for a scholarship call the Center and leave a message.



Caitlain Brady

Caitlain graduated from Staples High School in Westport this past June in the top 10% of her class. As a student at Staples she served as chair of the Gay-Straight Alliance for two years and was instrumental in organizing and hosting a state-wide Alliance dance for high schoolers.

In addition to work her with the Alliance, Caitlain also taught sign language, visited a "buddy" at an AIDS hospice, was active in the theater, headed a scholl program that matched students with special needs with other students and worked two part time jobs. Well done and congratulations!

"Nonsense A-Men!" Auditions

"Nonsense A-Men", the all-male version of this play, directed by Scott M. Robbins, will be performed in Norwalk, Connecticut in January 1999

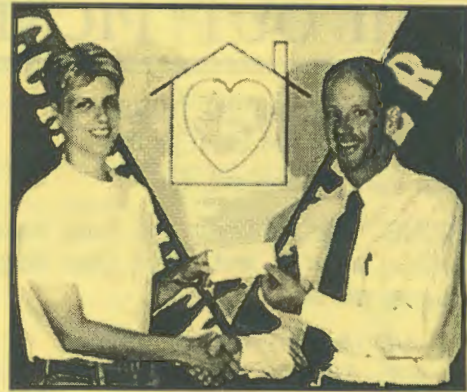


Open auditions for five men who can act, sing and dance. will take place on Friday, October 16th at 7PM and Saturday, October 17th at 10 AM in the Performing Arts Center of the Norwalk Community Technical College at 188 Richards Ave, Norwalk, off the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) exit 13. For more information call Michael Collins at (203) 281-8984 or (203) 375-3567.

Board Elects New Member

The Board of Directors of TCC is pleased to welcome its newest member, James Bridge. Jim is the Assistant to the Director at Bread & Roses. With a desire to "spread the gospel of disease prevention," Jim hopes to be able to use the Center as a "powerful vehicle for that message."

Jim's volunteer work for community organizations over the years has helped him to work more efficiently and amicably with groups as well as individuals. He hopes to use these skills to motivate more members of the gay community to get involved with Center activities.



Heather Weimann

Heather plans to attend Sacred Heart University in the fall. She attended Fairfield University for two years but had to withdraw when her classes took a back seat to her, "struggle to understand and confirm," her own sexual identity overwhelmed her. After much soul searching Heather began to talk to trusted family and friends. She says it was, "the beginning of my coming out. As those of us who are LGBTQ know, coming out is a process. You never really get done." Heather has been to all five Children From the Shadows' conferences and regularly attends TCC's OutSpoken group. Congratulations Heather!

Author Visits TCC

On Sunday, November 8th, Eric Marcus author of "Together Forever: The Gay Marriage" (see review in Media section), will visit the Triangle Community Center for a reading and book signing. Time will be reserved for questions and answers. Mr. Marcus is the co-author with Greg Louganis of the #1 New York Times Bestseller, "Breaking the Surface". Refreshments (cookies, soda & coffee) will be served. See the October issue of News & Views for more details.

Splinters

TCC just sponsored a wonderful trip to Port Jefferson a few Sundays ago and we had twenty-two very happy people. I would like to thank the nineteen gentlemen who attended not just for their participation, but for their wonderful company aboard ship. But where were all the women...?

Linda, it was good seeing you again. And Rachel and Allen, it was a pleasure meeting you both. I still can't believe you drove to Bridgeport all the way from Plainville, CT. Hope you found enough places to eat so Rachel wouldn't get too hungry. Samuel, I will see to it that you get a copy of our newsletter and do hope that you will consider joining TCC. We do know of resources you can contact to bring your interest in an AIDS buddy system to fruition. I hope you all had a fun day and a pleasant voyage home.

-Denyse Burke

PS...Where ARE all the women? You not only "missed the boat" on a beautiful day...but we miss your help at the Center, too. Ahoy...! We need your participation...! SOS

CONN NEWS

Bridgeport to Welcome Riders

Beginning the afternoon of Sept. 18, the first of more than 3,200 bicyclists will pump their way through Bridgeport on their way to Seaside Park to rest their weary bodies. The riders will be part of the third Boston-to-New York AIDS Ride. It will be a chance for the city to once again show off its better side.

Lisa Tabor, logistics coordinator for the ride, said other municipalities in the state wanted the riders to camp out in their town during the two-day ride to New York. "But I don't think anyone could create the welcome we received in Bridgeport. It just blew us away," Tabor said of last year's - Boston-to-New York AIDS Ride. They then will ride to Sept. 19th for the final leg to New York City. In port people, who will erect tents and bike racks. Last year's ride and overnight at Seaside Park Committee and those who participated in the year," Tabor said of reports of bicyclists having pletely different, with the entire route through town line, adorned with red ribbons and a large raised \$7.5 million most of which went to AIDS research.



Tanqueray is the presenting sponsor of the AIDS ride. Tanqueray's American AIDS Rides began with the first California AIDS Ride in 1994. This year more than 11,000 riders will participate in five AIDS Rides that span the country, and are expected to generate \$25 million in contributions. Other sponsors include American Airlines, Microcity, Bicycling Magazine, Beth Israel Beaconsess Medical Center, and Back Bay Bicycles of Boston. Anyone wanting information on the ride, or to take part, may call 1 (800) 825-1000, or to volunteer call, (212) 620-7310.

The 3,200 bicyclists will leave Boston on Sept. 17th and Seaside Park to stay a second night before leaving on addition to the riders, there will be more than 700 sup-and prepare meals.

was hugely successful, according to the people on the ride. "There were some bad experiences in the first objects thrown at them. But the second year was com-Bridgeport, from the Stratford town line to the Fairfield number of people cheering the riders. Last year's ride

Letter to the New Haven Register

Reading the op-ed piece of Russell Gough entitled "Stop smearing opponents of the gay lifestyle", May 28, 1998, I am reminded of the slogan used by the Nazis and posted around Germany after their takeover in 1933. It said: "Germans: defend yourselves against Jewish atrocity propaganda!" In other words, the Nazis twisted the fact that it was the Jews who were being persecuted and placed the onus upon the Jews for spreading information that they were being persecuted. As a gay person, I know that people everywhere including Connecticut, live in constant fear that a glass ceiling will be created at their place of employment, fear that they might lose their employment, and fear that they will be estranged from family members. Now, those who are trying to perpetuate prejudice and fan the flames of intolerance are claiming they are the victims, just as in Germany in 1933. -Michael Collins

[Michael Collins is an adjunct professor of mass communications at Quinnipiac College and general manager of AM 1220 WQUN Hamden.]

NHGLCC Potluck and Movie Night

Come and check out a most popular event at the Center. Due to popular demand, Movie Night is held EVERY Friday night. As always, Potluck at 6:30, film at 7:15. Some of the titles will include Goldie and Liza Together, Liza with a 'Z', Judy and Liza Live at the London Palladium, Liza in London, Bette Midler Live! Diana Ross in Central Park, just to name a few! Here is the schedule for September: 4th Auntie Mame with Rosalind Russell - 11th Thieves - 18th Tank Girls - 25th Next Stop Greenwich Village

There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 for Movie Night. Come, bring a friend, some wonderful food, and help us have a party! For more info leave a message for Frank at the Center, or send EMAIL to FGDMYO@aol.com

Chorus Open House

The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus is holding its annual Open House for prospective members on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:15 PM. Please call 1-800-644-CGMC for more information on location.

CCLGR Endorses Candidates

The Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights endorsed two more candidates for upcoming elections: State Rep. Evelyn Mantilla, Democrat, for the 4th district in Hartford and Ellen Scalettar, Democrat, for Secretary of State. The Coalition proudly announced its support for State Rep. Evelyn Mantilla who is the first "out" woman legislator in the Connecticut legislature.

Mantilla, who served on the Public Health Committee during her last term, was the leader against a mandated co-pay for Medicaid prescriptions. This was an important victory for people with HIV/AIDS and all low income people. Mantilla has recently been the target of an anti-gay campaign by a Latino Pentecostal minister in her district who is aligning with the Christian Coalition.

Ellen Scalettar, who has a primary on September 15th, is the former State Representative from Woodbridge and the 114th District. Scalettar was the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee and a leader in opposing efforts to pass a DOMA type bill. She helped to pass the changes during this past legislative session which allow sexual orientation discrimination cases to go to court for damages and attorney's fees. Scalettar has been a consistent leader for LGBT and women's issues.

The Coalition also recently endorsed Miles Rapoport a Democratic candidate for the First Congressional District seat vacated by Barbara Kennelly who is running for Governor. Rapoport, currently the Secretary of State, faces three other Democrats in a hotly contested primary on September 15th. Rapoport is known as a long time supporter of the LGBT community and a progressive. The Coalition urges its supporters to become involved in these important races by contributing to the candidates campaigns and by volunteering for the upcoming September 15th primaries. For further information contact Cheryl Linear at (860) 247-7079 or clh122358@compuserve.com.

NEWS & VIEWS

NHGLCC Connects with SNET

The New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center Connects (NHGLCC) has recently signed up with SNET's promotional effort to support non-profit organizations. This effort, Community Connections, allows SNET all distance customers to donate 5% of their long distance calls to their charity of choice. In order to participate, persons must be either a current SNET all distance (both in-state and out of state) customer, or call to sign up for SNET all distance.

Current all distance customers can call 1-800-635-SNET (7638). The operator will verify your account, and ask the name of your organization you wish to receive the donation. The NHGLCC is listed under "New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community" or use the account number 2549. Persons not currently SNET all distance customers will need to authorize a change of services, after which they can then add NHGLCC as the charity of desired choice.

The 5% will be sent quarterly to the NHGLCC, and each customer will receive a quarterly update that details how much the organization has received from SNET. It's an easy method to support the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Interested persons should call 1-800-635-SNET.

MCC Conference in Nov.

The North-East District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will be holding their annual conference in New Haven, Connecticut, on November 6th, 7th and 8th at the Colony Inn. The conference theme "Feeding the Flame" will focus on helping local MCC congregations learn, grow, and have some fun together. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) is a worldwide fellowship of Christian congregations serving all people, with a special outreach to the world's gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgendered communities.

The MCC North-East District (MCC NED) conference will help position UFMCC as the church of the 21st Century by empowering local congregations to reach out, minister, and grow their congregations. The conference coordinator Thomas O'Loughlin stated that he hopes that "this will be the biggest Northeast District Conference we've ever had." In addition to the workshops there will be small group roundtable discussions, worship services, a banquet dinner and a gratitude awards brunch.

The conference registration fee is \$145.00 if postmarked by October 1st, 1998 with a final deadline of October 29th. Please call the MCC New Haven office for more information at (203) 389-6750, Rev. Frank Beard, Pastor. Or visit their web site at <http://www.mccnh.org/>

Lambda Celebration in Oct.

Founded in 1973, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is the oldest and largest lesbian and gay legal organization in the world. 1998 marks the 25th Anniversary of Lambda's efforts to achieve equality under the law for lesbians, gay men and people with HIV-AIDS. As part of its year long celebration across the country, Lambda will hold the Fifth Annual Connecticut Reception in Stamford on Sunday, October 18th, from 4-6 PM. The cocktail reception with open bar and hors d'oeuvres will be held at the Long Ridge Tavern, 2635 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06903. For reservation and more information call Lambda at (212) 809-8585.

The pricing structure follows:

Sponsorship levels: \$2,500 Admission for eight - \$1,500 Admission for six - \$750 Admission for four - \$500 Admission for two - \$250 Admission for two

General admission: \$100 Admission for one - \$50/\$55 at the door.

Connecticut "Out Awards" in Oct.

"Town of _____ says no to pool rates for gay couples."

"Minister organizes protest of diversity poster in _____."

"Governor of _____ says, "No" for the fourth year to PRIDE proclamation."

These are examples of recent headlines - not from the deep South - but right here in our towns and cities in Connecticut. They remind us of how important it is now more than ever to be strong politically. The work of protecting our rights as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender folk in Connecticut didn't stop when we finally won approval of the "Gay Rights" bill here. As these headlines remind us, our opponents do not think we should have the same rights and benefits as the rest of the people in Connecticut. The CT Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights thinks our opponents are wrong!

As a way to raise funds to do this work and to recognize the OUTstanding contributions of OUT members we are planning the OUT Awards for Saturday evening, October 3, 1998. Ticket prices are \$30 for an individual dinner & ceremony, \$50 for a couple dinner & ceremony and \$15 for the ceremony only. For more information contact the CTCLGTCR in Hartford.

Categories will include:

Bayard Rustin Award for 'Outstanding Community Organizing: To recognize an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions in local or statewide community organizing on behalf of LGBT issues.

Audre Lorde Award for 'Outstanding Achievement in the Arts: To recognize an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions as an artist or creator in any genre, or as a producer or promoter of arts which make our lives visible.

Harvey Milk Award for 'Outstanding Political Action: To recognize an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions in the political arena, either as an elected official or as an advocate for legislative action on behalf of the LGBT community.

Jane Addams Award for 'Outstanding Achievement of a Non-Profit Organization: To recognize a non-profit organization that has made outstanding contributions in providing services or advocating for the rights and needs of the LGBT community.

Gianni Versace Award for 'Outstanding Achievement in Business: To recognize a person or business with an outstanding record of business or employment practices that support the LGBT community.

Paco Martinez Award for 'Outstanding Youth Leadership: To recognize a young person who is demonstrating outstanding leadership in the LGBT community.

Train the Trainer in Sept.

On September 26, 1998, the Safer Schools Task Force of Connecticut will be sponsoring a "Train the Trainer" workshop for people who are interested in providing staff development training on sexual minority youth for faculty, staff, and students in high schools (elementary and middle school levels to follow). Participants in this training will:

- Learn group facilitation skills and the use of visual aids.
- Review adolescent development and sexuality.
- Share their favorite "tools" and "tricks of the trade".
- Discuss components of 101, 201, and 301-level presentations on sexual minority youth.
- Analyze talking points to address difficult questions

The \$49 registration fee includes materials and lunch. Location to be announced (central area of state). Please call (888) 565-5551.

What is GLSEN Connecticut?

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN, pronounced "glisten") is the largest national organization that brings together gay and straight teachers, parents, students, and concerned citizens from all walks of life, in order to end the destructive effects of anti-gay bias in K-12 schools across the country. GLSEN comprises more than 65 Chapters (of which GLSEN Connecticut is one), each of them working to effect positive change on the local level.

GLSEN Connecticut is proud of our sponsorship of several training and programs designed to help educators, parents, students, and concerned citizens to end homophobia in K-12 schools. In each of the five years of Children From the Shadows, we have supported that conference with funds, volunteers, organizers, and presenters. This year — the most successful for CFS — we demonstrated our greatest involvement. Six of our eleven Board Members were presenters and/or facilitators, as were several GLSEN Connecticut members.

During the 1997-1998 school year, we co-sponsored a professional development seminar on Tackling Gay Issues in School: Students' Rights, Our Responsibility. The seminar included a legal update (specific to Connecticut statutes), an awareness-raising activity, and a youth/adult panel of people affected by LGBT issues in school.

Under the umbrella organization SANE (Safe and Affirming Network for Education), GLSEN Connecticut advocated strongly — and successfully — for the inclusion of sexual orientation protection in the Student Bill of Rights for Connecticut. Today SANE is known as the Task Force, and we continue our strong involvement. GLSEN Connecticut leaders and members also worked to block a small group of right-affiliated individuals to force a vote by the State Board of Education on a watered-down Health Education Framework. The revised framework ignored years of research and hard work by eliminating the objective "show respect for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation." It also greatly reduced the emphasis on HIV/AIDS education. Through our work with other like-minded organizations and the dedication of those volunteers willing to speak out and write letters, we were successful in defeating the proposed changes. For more information on joining GLSEN write to: GLSEN Connecticut - 10 Cannon Ridge Drive - Watertown, CT 06795-2445.

The Brook - Gone But Not Forgotten

The Brook Cafe, which claimed to be the second oldest continuously operated gay bar in the United States, has closed its doors in blueblood Westport, Connecticut. Though generations of gay and lesbian patrons revered "The Brook," as it was known, it has become more valuable as an office complex. Another factor in its demise might have been the gay community's recent shift away from barroom socializing, partly as a result of the AIDS pandemic.

The Brook Cafe was called the Cedar Brook when it opened in 1939 under original owners Eddie and Millie Bowe. The Bowes did not set out to cater to a gay clientele but because of their easy-going nature — and given Westport's reputation as a tolerant and artistic community — word soon spread through the gay grapevine that the bar was a great place to hang out. The Cedar Brook was patronized not only by gays but also by the "straight but not narrow" crowd, longtime patrons said.

"It was quite a place in its day," said Jane Kealy, 66, of Fairfield, a weekend regular with her husband until his death two years ago. "It was always a gay bar known from coast to coast, from Maine to California," she said. Kealy said the Cedar Brook was where the "swell" people from Greenwich, Connecticut, and New York City hung out on the weekends.

In 1973, the bar's ownership was transferred to Paul Kish. "We completely renovated the bar and added a disco dance floor complete with flashing lights," said Kish, whose changes also included shortening the name to the Brook Cafe. "Everyone flocked to it from the beginning. There was a constant stream of limos on the weekends. It was just like Studio 54," Kish said. During the bar's disco-era heyday, the Brook regularly sold more alcohol than any other bar in Connecticut and was the only gay bar between New York and New Haven, Connecticut, he said. It was located just a few blocks off Interstate 95 at Exit 18 and people planned their vacations and weekend getaways to include a stop.

Many stars both gay and straight have popped in over the years. "Bette Davis came in the mid-'70s with a gentleman friend one Sunday afternoon and had a drink at the bar," Kish said. "Ralph Bellamy, Dan Hartman, who sang the disco song 'Instant Replay,' Harvey Fierstein, Cyndi Lauper, they all came in. Neil Sedaka been in." Kish attributes the place's popularity to a friendly, cozy atmosphere where gay people could relax and feel safe.

Pride and Prejudice

Pride and Prejudice: The 5th Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues will be held at The University of Rhode Island, April 8-10, 1999. Members of GLBT and straight communities, civil rights leaders and activists, and students, faculty and staff are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the 1999 symposium.

Possible submissions might include:

- * Academic and non-academic submissions
- * Artistic submissions (poetry, short narrative, video, photography, etc.)
- * Research-based submissions
- * Discussions of personal experiences

The symposium will focus on the various avenues of gay life in society, and in particular, on the college campus. The symposium will examine the theme of "Pride and Prejudice" in the social, political, spiritual and cultural realms. This theme will also be examined as it is related directly to student and staff experiences and issues at colleges, including URI.

Please submit a one-page description that provides the nature of your presentation, including the title, approximate length, expected audiovisual aids required, and a brief summary. If available, a draft of your presentation may be included. Proposals must be received by November 1, 1998 to be considered. Housing arrangements can be made for symposium presenters.

Submissions should be mailed to: Andrea Herrmann, Chair, 5th Annual GLBT Symposium, University of Rhode Island, 330 Memorial Union, Kingston, RI 02881. For more info call (401) 874-2101.

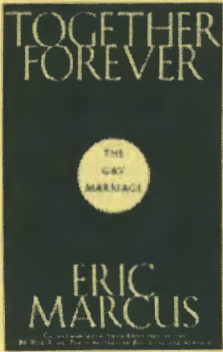
NLGJA Convention in Oct.

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) will hold its 7th annual convention from October 1 through October 4th at the Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 600 media professionals and journalism students are expected. Panels will focus on broadcast and journalism issues, and coverage of gay issues. For more information contact NLGJA at (202) 588-9888 or e-mail: nlgja@aol.com. Their web site is: www.nlgja.org.

NEWS & VIEWS

MEDIA NEWS

"Together Forever – The Gay Marriage"



The gay marriage debate is new. Gay marriage is not. Eric Marcus traveled across the United States and spoke with forty deeply committed, happy gay and lesbian couples who have been together between nine and fifty years. In "Together Forever" (Anchor Books; Cost \$23.95), he takes us on a journey from the high desert of Southern California to the cliffs of Northern New Jersey and into the lives of the remarkable and remarkably ordinary people he met. Stewart and Stanley, two nice middle-aged men from Queens; Majorie and Marian, Vermont dairy farmers who have been together for twenty years; Jim and Martin, who met at beauty school in Detroit in 1946; Ruth and Zenobia, who were friends for fourteen years and then fell in love. These are just four of the couples who welcomed Marcus into their modest apartments, comfortable houses, and double-wide trailers.

Eric Marcus sits down with these forty couples who have successfully built happy, fulfilling lives and asks them how they've accomplished what many thought and often still think is impossible. How did they meet? How have they overcome their differences and survived the rough spots? How great a burden has anti-gay prejudice been on their lives? What kinds of relationships have they forged with their families, children, neighbors and colleagues? Are there any real secrets to having a happy relationship?

What Eric Marcus has found is both astonishing and no great surprise: gay marriage is as messy, complex, and inestimably rewarding as any committed married relationship. The first comprehensive look at gay marriage from the ground up, "Together Forever" is rewarding, compulsively readable, and universal in its message of love and commitment.

[Ed. Note: Eric Marcus will be appearing at TCC in Oct.]

New Magazine

'Alternative Families', a bimonthly magazine debuted a few months ago. It is apparently the only national publication geared toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered parents and their children. Though a plethora of publications already serve the gay and lesbian community, this magazine is the first to target its own niche so specifically. To be sure, the circulations of "Alternative Family" is small (4,500) but growing. It is an example of the profound changes reshaping the magazine world, with publications seeking narrower markets. In the last 15 years, according to experts, the number of magazines has doubled to about 5,000. The growth is mainly attributed to the launching of specialty magazines.

Six months ago, the editors of "Alternative Family" sent the word out about their ideas via the World Wide Web; despite their shoe-string budget, they quickly drew freelance writers, story suggestions, investors, distributors, advertisers and subscribers across the globe. With relatively little capital, the decision to publish was based more on instinct than exhaustive market research.

Books, Books, Books

Last year, John Morgan Wilson won the prestigious Edgar Award for best new mystery for "Simple Justice," the latest Benjamin Justice novel centering on a disgraced Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter whose gay partner dies of AIDS. Wilson's mainstream honor is just one more sign that gay-theme mysteries — largely confined to small print runs of trade paperbacks — may be gaining wider acceptance.

Richard Lipez of Pittsfield, who writes the Donald Strachey series under the nom de plume Richard Stevenson, said the genre has made great strides since he published his first book, "Death Trick," in 1981, which sold largely in gay bookstores. Until the 1970s, the portrayal of gays in mystery novels was, Lipez said, "pathetic."

Although a few mainstream mystery authors such as Patricia Cornwell have included lesbians in their best-selling books, most books about gay women detectives are put out by specialty publishers. Among Naiad's most successful authors is Claire McNab, author of the Detective Inspector Carol Ashton series, about a Sydney, Australia-based investigator. Also popular among lesbian readers is the Robin Miller series by Jaye Maiman, about a New York-based insurance investigator, and the Maris Middleton series by Kaye Davis, about a forensic scientist and her lesbian partner.

Monogamy's Role in Couple's Life

Gay Pride parades, being out, fathers, the debate on monogamy in the gay press. There are so many timely topics for a column. I'm going to talk about them all. But I'm going to do it by walking away from them. I want to focus on 18 years of my life, the last 18. In the summer of 1980 I met Garrett. He was in Washington, D.C., for an educational conference. I had lived there for 14 years. After a relationship of 12 years, I was single. After a similar relationship, so was he.

We met at a gay bar.... We courted for a year and a half via the New Jersey Turnpike. Finally, it was time to call it off or somebody, had to relocate. In terms of job and property it made the most sense for it to be me....

Nearly 20 years have seen us evolve into men in our 50s. Through the crucible of a relationship we have both become new men. The give and take of daily life, the compromises required in becoming a couple, have forced us to grow into more than we each were singly. Garrett is now more responsive to my needs. He is still nonplused from time to time when I get angry about an offensive omission or commission of his that he claims not to even be aware of. I, in turn, have learned to shed some of my absolutism in assessing his behavior. It's not just women who are from a different planet than men. Many a time his Mars is light years from my Venus, or vice versa. This complex man is avid about music, and passionate about helping kids learn and develop character at the elementary school where he is principal. He's a mechanic, a plumber, a gardener, a gourmet cook and crazy about cars. And this is the man who gives me his last shrimp in every shrimp cocktail. And yes, he loves shrimp. One of love's little rituals. But then, I heat his slippers in the winter before I wake him for work with a cup of coffee.... This man has supported and encouraged my courses in Spanish, my visits to Kripalu Yoga Center, my writing, my explorations of spirituality, in short, all my interests. I support his long hours of rehearsing and performing with the Connecticut Gay Mens Chorus, his biweekly radio show on WMNR, a demanding principalship, in short, all his interests.

We talk about the good times and analyze and try to improve the bad times. It's hard. It's a full-time undertaking. But the emotional riches, the growth, the happiness are worth it. This is our experience with monogamy, our effort to be out, our Gay Pride parade. Come, join the parade.

-John D. Anderson, Ph.D

NEWS & VIEWS

NATIONAL NEWS

Same-Sex Desire in 2400 B.C.

Gay people can be found throughout recorded history, and the stereotypes about them may have been around just as long, Egyptologist Greg Reeder said in a speech in Dallas. His proof: the tomb of Niankhkhnum and Khnumhotep. The two men were royal court manicurists who lived about 2400 B.C. in the ancient Egyptian city of Saqqara and were buried together much like a married couple.

Niankhkhnum had a wife, who is depicted sitting behind him in a banquet scene in the tomb, but her image was almost totally erased during ancient times for unknown reasons, he said. In other scenes, Khnumhotep occupies the place normally associated with wives. And in some hieroglyphs, Niankhkhnum and Khnumhotep's names are strung together in a word play that could mean "joined in life and joined in death."

Reeder figures Niankhkhnum and Khnumhotep — listed in the hieroglyphics as "royal confidants" — occupied a privileged position, one of the few people who could actually touch the pharaoh. Very few people of that era got tombs built in their honor, and it usually took a favor from the pharaoh or a religious leader to get one, Dr. Ossian noted.

House Supports Ban on Bias

The House soundly rejected a measure that would have blocked President Clinton's directive banning job discrimination against federal workers who are gay. In an emotional, heartfelt debate that prompted some conservatives to side with liberals, the House voted 252-176 to cast aside the amendment, rejecting arguments that Clinton's measure would lead to affirmative action for homosexuals. The vote also revealed a degree of discomfort among some Republicans toward the party's recent radical salvos against homosexuality. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., believes that this particular executive order banning discrimination will lead to affirmative action, quotas and special privileges for homosexuals, a contention that a number of conservative Republicans flat-out rejected.

This is the second time in as many weeks that the House has grappled with issues relating to homosexuality. Last week, the House passed a measure that would prevent San Francisco from using federal housing money to implement that city's policies supporting live-in homosexual partners. The amendment passed by two votes. The two proposals are part of a larger effort on the part of some Republicans to take a more vocal stance against homosexuality. House Republicans quoted Scripture to make their point. And Republicans have succeeded in blocking the nomination of a wealthy gay contributor, James Hormel, as ambassador to Luxembourg.

Dear Ann Landers:

Clipped from the Dallas News. - A 24-year-old Michigan man, who complained that a rear-end auto collision had turned him into a homosexual has been awarded \$200,000 by a jury. The man claimed the accident four years ago left him unable to carry on a normal sexual relationship with his wife. Although his only physical injury was to his back he said the accident had a jarring effect on his personality and altered his sexuality.

The litigant's attorney told the jury that his client left his wife, moved in with his parents and started hanging around gay bars and reading homosexual literature. The jury awarded him \$200,000.

For Gay Students, a Special Class of Abuse

A changing climate shaped by laws banning anti-gay bias and rising social acceptance of gay men and women is leading principals and teachers to grapple with an issue that makes many uncomfortable and for which there are few clear guideposts. Harassment laws are in flux, attitudes among parents vary widely, and there is no consensus about how schools should respond to openly gay students. Nationally, school districts are aggressively trying to respond. They concentrate foremost on comprehensive approaches that include staff training and explicit policies and mechanisms for dealing with anti-gay bias that foster safe physical and emotional environments.

In 1993, Massachusetts became the first state to ban anti-gay discrimination in public schools and establish a statewide "safe schools" program. Since then, court decisions and federal rules have made school officials take anti-gay discrimination seriously. In a landmark 1996 case, a Wisconsin school district paid nearly \$1 million to a young man and his attorneys after a federal jury held school officials liable for failing to protect him from anti-gay abuse. The U.S. Department of Education issued guidelines in March 1997 spelling out that "gay or lesbian students" are covered by federal prohibitions against sexual harassment. And a complaint by a gay student under Title IX — the federal statute that prohibits sex discrimination in schools that receive federal funds — prompted a school district in socially conservative Arkansas to agree to overhaul policies and train its staff and students about sexual harassment.

One difficulty administrators face is that anti-gay bias sometimes blends into the general schoolyard taunts, even among very young students who barely know what sexuality is. Anti-gay epithets are common insults in elementary schools.

Even in districts that explicitly ban anti-gay bias, there is fear that a school system may be endorsing a "lifestyle" by training staff about gay students' issues. That type of training "could be interpreted by some as acceptance of homosexuality ... simply by drawing attention to it," said D.A. Higham, who oversees family life education for Fairfax County schools. Several federally funded and community-based studies have found that gay and bisexual teens are far more likely to be targets of harassment and assaults and more likely to engage in suicide attempts and drug use than their heterosexual peers. Many teachers and students said that boys tend to have a harder time than girls, and that black and Latino boys have the hardest time of all.

Church Leaders Condemn Homosexual Activity

Leaders of the Episcopal and Anglican churches have approved a resolution that says homosexual activity is "incompatible with Scripture" and forbids sexual activity except between husband and wife. The resolution, passed by a vote of 526-70 by Anglican bishops gathered at Canterbury, England rules out the blessing of same-sex marriages and the ordination of practicing homosexuals as priests. It is not binding on the various regions of the church, but it likely will be influential — and, in many branches of the church, controversial.

The vote at the Lambeth Conference — a world gathering of Anglican bishops held every 10 years — demonstrated vividly the forceful divisions splitting the branches of the faith. Bishops from African and Asian nations pushed for the language disapproving of homosexuality, while many bishops from the United States, Britain and other Western countries tried in vain to halt the resolution.

NEWS & VIEWS

Senior Gay Housing

The construction of gay and lesbian senior communities is underway in traditional retirement havens from Florida—where the country's first such facility has been in business for more than a year—to California, future home of Our Town. Such communities have existed in de facto forms for years. The Phoenix area is home to a handful of trailer and RV parks that cater to lesbians with a "don't ask, don't tell" type of arrangement. The same sort of unofficial gay communities exist in Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama—the front-line states for senior migration. Mostly, state and civic leaders are delighted to accommodate retirees, but this new wave of identified gay and lesbian housing developments sometimes clashes with local mores.

The lesbian and gay retirement community poses a potential problem for Arizona: Along with its warm weather, moderate cost of living and pro-growth development climate, Arizona harbors a deeply conservative populace. Its cultural clash is echoed around the country. A lesbian commune in Mississippi was burned out when locals learned of its existence. Bill Laing expected some local turbulence a few years ago when he began to build the Palms of Manasota on 22 acres in Palmetto, Fla., near Sarasota. It is believed to be the nation's first gay and lesbian retirement village. But Laing, a former clinical psychologist, said there was no trouble once it became clear that he would be a good neighbor.

Boy Scouts, Church Spar on Gay Issue

The Boy Scouts of America has ordered the Unitarian Universalist Association, a liberal denomination with long roots in New England, to stop giving out religious awards to scouts who are Unitarians because the church promotes gay rights. The Boy Scouts considers homosexuality immoral and forbids gays from joining the organization, a position that has been roundly criticized by human-rights groups and a number of religious denominations. The Unitarian church went one step further and condemned the Boy Scouts' stance on homosexuality in a widely disseminated manual on Unitarian practices and beliefs.

Angered by the manual, Boy Scout officials recently told the Unitarian church not to dispense the religious award emblems that are given by many religious denominations to Boy Scouts who are members of their faith. While these emblems are not the well-known merit badges that scouts earn for mastering specific tasks, they can still be worn on scouting uniforms as badges of honor. Hundreds of Unitarian religious awards are given out every year, denomination officials said. John Buehrens, president of the Boston-based, 250,000-member Unitarian Universalist Association, said Unitarians had no intention of abiding by the Boy Scouts' demand. He called the Scouts' order "outrageous."

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STATE BY STATE NEWS

DC – House Would Ban Gay Adoptions

In the latest of a series of measures that gay rights advocates view as anti-homosexual, the House has passed a bill that would forbid unmarried couples — including gays and lesbians — in the nation's capital to adopt a child. The measure — an amendment sponsored by Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla., to a \$6.8 billion spending bill for the District of Columbia — passed by a 227-192 vote shortly before the House adjourned for its August recess. Prospects in the Senate are unclear. No corresponding adoption provision exists in that chamber's D.C. spending bill, but one could be added once the measure goes to the floor for a vote. President Clinton has threatened to veto the D.C. bill. This is the fourth consecutive year that the House Appropriations Committee has considered a measure to bar gays and lesbians from adopting, but the first time one has passed the House.

MA – Mayor Ignores Veto

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino has ignored a veto by Acting Governor Paul Cellucci and issued an executive order extending health care benefits to domestic partners of city employees. Cellucci had vetoed the proposal that was passed in the Legislature as a home-rule petition, saying the law could be used by unmarried heterosexual partners to obtain health coverage and thus would undermine marriage. Seeking to quench a firestorm of criticism from gay-rights groups, Menino in effect overrode Cellucci by taking the unusual step of issuing the executive order despite the city's own legal opinion that Legislative approval was needed to adopt the domestic partner law.

Cellucci said he would have signed the bill if it extended health-care benefits to same-sex couples only. He cited examples of other cities, including Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Bangor, and Tuscon, that have drafted such laws.

MN – City to Attract Gay, Lesbian Tourists

Scott Mayer, a gay businessman in Minneapolis has encouraged the Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association to court gay and lesbian tourists, and the association is responding. The association invited seven gay and lesbian travel writers to the city last year, leading to recent articles that generally praised the area — except for the nightlife.

Bill Deef, the convention and visitors association's director of tourism and group sales, said the city had not specifically pursued the gay and lesbian market previously but "it's a substantial percent of the U.S. travel market," and inviting travel writers and travel pros to the city is necessary to pitch the area successfully. Mayer said that because gay travelers often have favored cities on the U.S. coasts, he figures that many may be looking for a new vacation spot.

NY – Yankees Sued for Gay-Bashing

A former Yankee clubhouse worker is suing the team for \$165 million, claiming that he was fired because he has the AIDS virus and accusing players of crudely mocking him because he's gay. The lawsuit, filed in State Supreme Court in the Bronx, says relief pitchers Mariano Rivera and Jeff Nelson and former Yankees pitcher Bob Wickman made anti-gay remarks and played cruel pranks on equipment worker Paul Priore. It accuses the three players of threatening "to perform assaultive and sexual acts" on Priore between April and July 1996. Priore was fired Aug. 1, 1997. The lawsuit also accuses two team executives, of ignoring the alleged abuse and falsely accusing Priore of theft so they could fire him.

RI - Hate-Crimes Protection

The Rhode Island General Assembly has passed hate crimes legislation that stiffens penalties and eliminates constitutionality problems with existing statutes. The new law protects potential victims of crimes committed because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, as well as disability, religion, color, race, gender, national origin or ancestry. The legislation represents the third major victory this year for the state's gay and lesbian community, the best record in the nation, according to the Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Statewide Political Organizations. The new law imposes mandatory additional penalties on people convicted of criminal acts where there is a preponderance of evidence that the crime was motivated by hatred for gays, lesbians or other protected categories.

WA - Gay Programs Come Under Fire

Lawmakers want to abolish WSU's programs for gays. Conservative lawmakers want to abolish all Washington State University gay and lesbian programs, saying cancellation of a controversial gay youth conference this summer was just the first step. WSU officials said they have no plans to disband the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies program but lawmakers say they'll bring the matter up during the next legislative session and that it could affect the university's funding.

A group of lawmakers had written WSU when it learned about the planned "We are Family II" conference and was one of many messages of opposition the university received about the conference. The June 9 letter to the WSU Board of Regents, however, came after the conference was canceled and urged the regents go further and fire the conference organizers and abolish the entire GLBA program. Carmen Otera, president of the board of regents, answered the caucus' letter with one of her own, stating the regents and university support a diverse campus and want programs to support all students and faculty.

WI - Gay Alumni Honored at UW

In many ways, the brunch resembled those of alumni associations everywhere. Old friends hugged and waved. There were reminiscences, and talk of new passions - golf, bridge. Here, however, there also was talk of jobs lost and places avoided. Alienated parents, depression, self-hatred. The brunch was the seventh - and, with about 160 guests, the largest - in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alumni Association's history. Like all such gatherings, it was meant as an opportunity for alumni both to renew old friendships and work on behalf of younger generations. But according to Russell Betts of the UW Alumni Association, the event also was part of an ongoing effort to make minority groups feel more connected with the university.

After an update on current campus life and a pitch for contributions for the scholarship fund, the event reached its highlight: the distinguished alumni awards. The first was presented to David Adamany, a law and political science professor who tried several precedent-setting anti-discrimination cases before becoming president of Wayne State University in Detroit. The second went to Karla Dobinski, whose law career has taken her to the top echelons of the U.S. Justice Department. The third went to Dick Wagner, a longtime proponent of nondiscrimination legislation and Dane County's first openly gay County Board supervisor.

WORLD NEWS

Direct from Amsterdam

Greetings! How do I encapsulate so many wonderful Gay Games experiences in ten minutes? What a trip it was entering Amsterdam Arena with the lights flashing with the Dutch athletes in tennis outfits on either side! There were 12 athletes from Team Connecticut, not counting me, Harvey, and the three who competed with Team New York, nor the two who just showed up. The Figure Skating event was almost a disaster (a long story there) but with skaters, skates and fans it went on regardless. I spent the last two days assigned to Tafel Tennis (that's ping pong, if you



don't speak Dutch), which was organized as well as anything that I've seen stateside. Well, on to Aerobics, then watching Sport Climbing later this morning. Maybe I'll head out to see Track and Field this afternoon. There's a German student who wants to use this machine so I've gotta go now. -Marianne Seggerman

Gay Games in Financial Trouble

Amsterdam City Council said it would guarantee an emergency five million guilder (\$2.5 million) loan to the financially troubled Gay Games, after it became clear that the event's former director had spent beyond his budget. The organizers of the fifth International Gay Games told a hastily organized press conference that the full sports program would go ahead as a result of the additional cash. The Games' original budget was 14 million guilders.

Gay Games Biased

The Gay Games, founded 16 years ago as a way to bring together through sports competition people who were being excluded from mainstream life, have found themselves on the eve of the fifth "Gay Olympiad" in Amsterdam being accused of the very thing they were created to fight: sexual discrimination. From within the Games' ranks, newly vocal sexual minorities - led by athletes who have changed their sex - have arisen to denounce what they say is bias against them by tradition-minded Gay Games organizers.

This year, local organizers in the Netherlands have banned mixed-sex couples from competing, in the ballroom dance competition - an event that will also be held at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia as a demonstration sport. The goal, they say, is to present the event as a kind of international showcase for homosexual athletes - men dancing with men, women with women. What that means, however, is that a lesbian schoolteacher from Brooklyn and her gay male dance partner will not be allowed onto the floor. Gay or not, they are of the opposite sex, and that has been deemed inappropriate.

The change that is drawing the most fire is a rule that affects only a tiny minority: a requirement that athletes who have changed their sex provide proof of "completed gender transition." Organizers say that concerns over fairness and legal liability have made it imperative that transgender athletes be put into the proper category, especially so that men, with their greater body strength - whether born or created do not compete unfairly against women. The dance competition rules on gender, are even more exacting. Officials have said that a man may legally dance with another man who is dressed as a woman. It is also fine if both are dressed as women. Two women can similarly compete looking like a mixed-sex or same-sex couple so long as both are, beneath their costumes, of the same gender.

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TRANSGENDER NEWS

Triumph of the Divine Ms. Dana

The morning after Dana International's stunning victory in the Eurovision song contest in May, the British newspapers were jam-packed with details of her life history, including the sex-change operation, the controversy she arouses in Israeli society, even the story of the court injunction that almost prevented her from participating in the contest. Dana International's popularity in the United Kingdom was strongly felt at the betting shops, where she was the odds-on favorite, far outdistancing her competitors from France, the Netherlands, Malta, Switzerland, even the U.K. itself. Dana won first place for Israel in a tough, nail-biting near-photo-finish that she fought out with the representatives of Malta and the U.K. This was Israel's third win in the Eurovision, comparing quite favorably with France and the U.K. (each with five wins) and with Ireland (with seven).

Dana, who appeared in a tight-fitting dress (for her victory reprise, she switched to a feather creation designed by Jean-Paul Gaultier), was a natural in this year's song contest, which was dominated by raven-haired women with beautiful figures and skin-tight gowns. Dana was unquestionably the undeclared star of the evening and, even before her win, had already become a cult figure among the patrons of the U.K.'s gay bars and nightclubs.

TRIVIA

Answer to August - Susan Hyde (Hartford), Sue Hyde (Boston)

Question for September - American movie makers are notorious for making gay characters from books straight, but can you identify when a British televised dramatization of a novel by a New Zealand author introduced gay characters when the novel had none? In the book they were: a lawyer, an actor and an artist - with the lawyer and the actor cousins and the lawyer and the artist both interested in the same young woman. In the televised version, originally broadcast 10 years ago, not on cable and with no warnings, the lawyer was the uncle of the actor and the artist and the actor were lovers.

One scene especially comes to mind. The actor (played by the always excellent David Yelland) is sitting up in bed in his underwear and the artist is undressing for bed. The couple is having a fight - it seems the lawyer, who has died recently (hint) had unexpectedly left his substantial estate divided between his nephew, who fully expected to get everything, and the artist. The actor wonders what the artist did to get such a bequest. When the artist is down to the early 20th century equivalent of t-shirt and briefs he climbs into bed with the actor and the scene ends.

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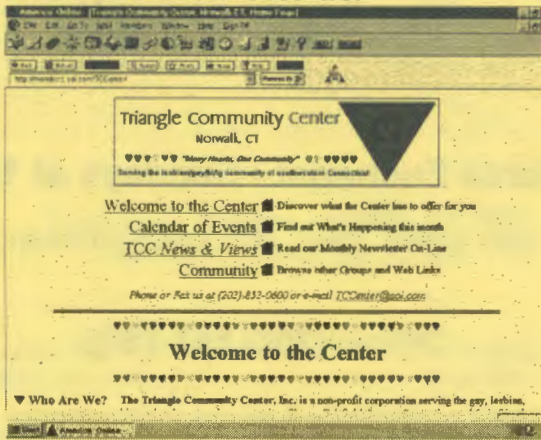
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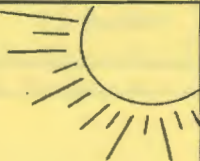
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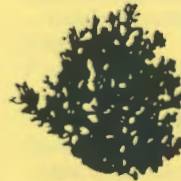
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lesbian Lit 7:30	2 P-FLAG 7:45	3 Men's Rap 7:30	4 G-Mosaic 7:30 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	5
6 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	7 Women's Rap 7:30	8 TCC Board 7:30 Fundraising 7:30	9 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	10 Men's Rap 7:30	11 Out & About 7:00 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	12 Workshop 9 am N&V's Deadline
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20 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 TCC Picnic 11 AM	21 Women's Rap 7:30	22 TCC Board 7:30	23 Bi Rap Grp 7:30	24 Men's Rap-Cancelled "Nonsense" Party 4-6	25 Out & About 7:00 Bowl 9:30 Circle Lanes	26
27 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 Movie Night 7-9	28 Women's Rap 7:30	29	30			

Connecticut Calendar

Friday - Monday, September 4 - 7 — The North East Women's Musical Retreat in Marleborough, CT. Ferron, Teresa Trull and Barbera Higby, and Ubaka Hill will be appearing. For more information call (860) 293-8026.

Friday - Monday, September 4 - 7 — Labor Day Retreat for Gay and Bisexual Men at the Rowe Camp and Conference Center. One of the largest and oldest gay retreats in the country. For more information call (413) 339-4954.

Friday - Sunday, September 11 - 13 — Youth Leadership Training Conference retreat weekend for youth and adult advisors, at Camp Mariah, in Fishkill, New York. Sponsored by the Hudson Valley, NY, chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network. 200 high school students and their adult advocates/advisors are expected to attend, with the goal of developing plans to make their schools safer for students of all sexual orientations. The cost is \$75. per person; some scholarship money is available. For information and application, write to GLSEN - Hudson Valley, P.O. Box 477, Piermont, N.Y. 10968.

Friday, September 11 — Potluck and Movie Night at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 50 Fitch Street, New Haven. Feature: "Thieves." Potluck at 6:30 PM, film at 7:15 PM. Suggested donation \$3.00.

Friday - Sunday, September 11 - 13 — End of Summer Gay Men's Weekend, a weekend of personal growth, fun, and new friendships, in the Berkshires.

Saturday, September 12 — Gay Bingo returns to the Project 100/Hartford GLBT Community Center, 1841 Broad Street, Hartford, CT. Over \$500 in cash and prizes. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. — \$10 admission. All proceeds benefit the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective. For more information call (860) 278-4163.

Saturday, September 12 — Stephanie's Living Room presents its September Dance, at the Stratford Ramada Inn, 8:00 PM. For more information call (203) 377-2119.

Thursday - Saturday, September 17 - 19 — Boston to New York AIDS Ride 4, to benefit the Fenway Community Health Center, Boston. Call (617) 859-8282 for more information.

Saturday, September 19 — Women After Hours Dance (women only), Holiday Inn, East Hartford, 8:30 PM - 1:00 AM, \$10.00 cover. Call (860) 528-9611 for directions.

Sunday, September 20 — The Gay Men's Book Club will be discussing a title to be announced. In Ridgefield, 7:00 PM. For location and more information e-mail gaybookct@aol.com.

Friday, Sept. 25 — The "Art From the Heart" concert series sponsors an evening of piano with Dan Diego Adams featuring classical, theatre and original musical compositions. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. At the Pequot Library, 720 Pequot Ave., Southport, 8PM. For more information phone (203) 855-7922.

Friday, September 25 — Potluck and Movie Night at the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Feature: "Next Stop Greenwich Village." Potluck at 6:30 PM, film at 7:15 PM. Suggested donation \$3.00. For more info e-mail FGDMYO@aol.com.

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